



Upper School entrance examination SPECIMEN PAPER Mathematics

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Time allowed for this paper 90 minutes

Do all your written work on this paper, **showing all your working**.

Calculators are allowed

You should attempt all questions

Formulae

Quadratic Equation:

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0, a \neq 0$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Sine Rule:

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

Cosine Rule:

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A \quad \text{or}$$

$$\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$$

Volumes:

Cone: $\frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$

Cylinder: $\pi r^2 h$

Sphere: $\frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$

Section A

The questions in this section test standard algebra (such as factorising, indices, solving equations, completing the square, algebraic manipulation), coordinate geometry & trigonometry

1. Simplify the following expressions as much as possible:

(i) $\frac{5x + 25}{10x - 20}$

Answer: _____

(ii) $\frac{2x^2 + 2x - 12}{x^2 - x - 12}$

Answer: _____

(iii) $\frac{x^3 - x^2}{x - 1}$

Answer: _____

2. Find the equation of the straight line through $(2, -4)$ and $(-9, 7)$, writing your answer in the form $y = mx + c$.

Answer: _____

3. Expand $(3 + 3\sqrt{2})(5 - 2\sqrt{2})$ and simplify your answer as far as possible.

Answer: _____

4. Solve the following equations for x where $0^\circ \leq x \leq 180^\circ$ (**make sure you find all the angles in this range**):

(i) $\sin x = \sin 50^\circ$

Answer: $x =$ _____[°]

(ii) $\cos 2x = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Answer: $x =$ _____[°]

- 5.(a) Express each of the following as a power of 2 (i.e. in the form 2^x):

(i) $\frac{1}{16}$

Answer: _____

(ii) 64^a

Answer: _____

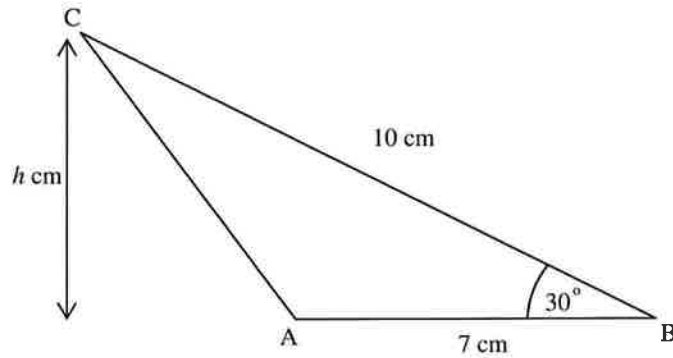
(iii) $\frac{8^b}{4^c}$

Answer: _____

- (b) Solve the equation for x : $25^{3x} = \frac{1}{625}$.

Answer: _____

6. In triangle ABC shown below (not drawn to scale), $AB = 7$ cm, $BC = 10$ cm and angle $ABC = 30^\circ$. The perpendicular height of the triangle is h cm



Giving your answers to 3 significant figures where appropriate, calculate the:

- (i) length AC;

Answer: AC = _____ cm

- (ii) area of triangle ABC;

Answer: Area ABC = _____ cm^2

- (iii) perpendicular height, h , of the triangle as shown in the diagram.

Answer: $h =$ _____ cm

7. Solve the following equation for x , giving your answers to 1 decimal place:

$$\frac{2}{x-1} - \frac{3}{x+1} = 4$$

Answer: _____

Section B

The questions in this section are more stretching than those in section A and even though you may not have seen questions like these before they can all be answered with a little thought.

- 1.(i) Simplify the following $\frac{4}{x-3} + \frac{3x-3}{(x^2-x-6)}$ expressing your answer as a single fraction.

Answer: _____

- (ii) Hence solve $\frac{4}{x-3} + \frac{3x-3}{(x^2-x-6)} = \frac{2-20x}{2x+4}$

Answer: _____

2. The lines with equations $y = 5x - 6$ and $10x + cy = 8$ are perpendicular. Find the value of c .

Answer: $c =$ _____

3. Solve the simultaneous equations:

$$\begin{aligned}x - 2y &= 1 \\x^2 - xy + y^2 &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Answer: _____

4. You are given that $\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$.

Use this to solve: $\sin x + \cos x = 0$, for **all** x where $0^\circ \leq x \leq 180^\circ$.

Answer: $x =$ _____

5. You are given that $x^3 - 2x^2 - 25x + 50 = (x - 2)(ax^2 + bx + c)$ where a , b and c are integers.

(i) **Write down the values of a , c .**

Answer: $a =$ _____ $c =$ _____

(ii) Calculate the value of b .

Answer: $b =$ _____

(iii) Hence solve the equation $x^3 - 2x^2 - 25x + 50 = 0$.

Answer: $x =$ _____

6. You are given that $(x + y)^5 = x^5 + 5x^4y + 10x^3y^2 + 10x^2y^3 + 5xy^4 + y^5$.

Use this to expand the brackets and then simplify your answers in:

(i) $(1 - y)^5$

Answer: $(1 - y)^5 =$ _____

(ii) $(2x - y)^5$

Answer: $(2x - y)^5 =$ _____

(iii) $(x - \sqrt{2})^5 (x + \sqrt{2})^5$

Answer: $(x - \sqrt{2})^5 (x + \sqrt{2})^5 =$ _____

Section C

This section contains questions on basic calculus (differentiation and integration). Only attempt this section if you have studied this material before.

1. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$:

(i) $y = 5x^4 - x - 2,$

Answer: $\frac{dy}{dx} =$ _____

(ii) $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}},$

Answer: $\frac{dy}{dx} =$ _____

2.(i) Find $\int x^3(x-4) dx$

Answer: _____

(ii) Evaluate $\int_0^1 \left(\frac{x^3 + x^2}{x^2} \right) dx$

Answer: _____

END OF EXAMINATION