

**Helen Liang Memorial Secondary School (Shatin)**  
**Mock Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination 1999/2000**

**PURE MATHEMATICS PAPER II**

Date: 1-3-2000

Max. Marks: 100

Time allowed: 3 hours (1:00 to 4:00 p.m.)

Secondary 7S      Name: \_\_\_\_\_      Class No.: \_\_\_\_\_

1. This paper consists of Section A and Section B.
2. Answer ALL questions in Section A.
3. Answer any FOUR questions in Section B.

**FORMULAS FOR REFERENCE**

$$\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$$

$$\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$$

$$\tan(A \pm B) = \frac{\tan A \pm \tan B}{1 \mp \tan A \tan B}$$

$$2 \sin A \cos B = \sin(A + B) + \sin(A - B)$$

$$2 \cos A \cos B = \cos(A + B) + \cos(A - B)$$

$$2 \sin A \sin B = \cos(A - B) - \cos(A + B)$$

$$\sin A + \sin B = 2 \sin \frac{A+B}{2} \cos \frac{A-B}{2}$$

$$\sin A - \sin B = 2 \cos \frac{A+B}{2} \sin \frac{A-B}{2}$$

$$\cos A + \cos B = 2 \cos \frac{A+B}{2} \cos \frac{A-B}{2}$$

$$\cos A - \cos B = -2 \sin \frac{A+B}{2} \sin \frac{A-B}{2}$$

**SECTION A (40 marks)****Answer ALL questions in this section.**

1. Suppose that the function  $f$  satisfies

$$f(\alpha + \beta) = f(\alpha) + f(\beta)$$

for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $f$  is continuous at 0. Prove that  $f$  is continuous at  $x$  for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ . (5 marks)

2. Prove that the equation  $x^7 + x^5 + x^3 + 1 = 0$  has exactly one real root. (4 marks)

3. Consider the lines

$$L_1 : \frac{x+2}{-1} = \frac{y-2}{2} = \frac{z}{2}$$

$$L_2 : x+3=0=3y+2z-18$$

- (a) Prove that  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are non-coplanar. (3 marks)  
(b)  $S$  is a sphere with centre at  $C(3, -1, 4)$  and touching the line  $L_1$ .  
(i) Find the radius of the sphere.  
(ii) Hence deduce that for any point  $P(x, y, z)$  on  $S$ ,

$$(x-3)^2 + (y+1)^2 + (z-4)^2 = 49.$$

(4 marks)

4. Figure 1 shows the graph of  $r = a \sin^3 \frac{\theta}{3}$ , ( $a > 0$ ). Find the area of the shaded region. (6 marks)

FIGURE 1

5. (a) Evaluate  $\int_0^1 e^{\sqrt{x}} dx$ .  
(b) Evaluate  $\int_0^\infty e^{-x} \sin x dx$ .  
(6 marks)

6. Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$  for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ . Let  $f^{(n)}$  denote the  $n$ -th derivative of  $f$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $f^{(0)} = f$ .

- (a) Prove that  $(1+x^2)f'(x) + xf(x) = 0$ . (2 marks)  
(b) Hence, or otherwise, evaluate  $f^{(2n-1)}(0)$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . (5 marks)

7. Evaluate

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n(n+1)}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n(2n-1)}} \right).$$

(5 marks)

**SECTION B (60 marks)**

Answer any **FOUR** questions from this section. Each question carries **15 marks**.

8. Define

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x(x+1)^2}.$$

(a) Write down the domain of  $f$ . (2 mark)

(b) Determine all  $x$  such that

(i)  $f'(x) > 0$

(ii)  $f'(x) < 0$

(iii)  $f''(x) > 0$

(iv)  $f''(x) < 0$

(5 marks)

(c) Find all the relative maxima, relative minima, and inflexion points of  $f(x)$ . (2 marks)

(d) Find all the vertical asymptote(s) and horizontal asymptote(s) of  $f(x)$ , if any. (3 marks)

(e) Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$ . (3 marks)

9. (a) Prove that the equation  $x = 2 + \ln x$  has two unequal positive real roots. (5 marks)

(b) The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is defined by

$$x_{n+1} = 2 + \ln x_n,$$

where  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , and  $a < x_1 < b$  where  $a, b$  are the roots of the equation  $x = 2 + \ln x$ . By mathematical induction, or otherwise, prove that

(i)  $\{x_n\}$  is an increasing sequence.

(ii)  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded above by  $b$ .

(7 marks)

(c) Show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = b$ . (3 marks)

10. (a) Let

$$S_n = 1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!}.$$

Prove that

(i)  $\{S_n\}$  is an increasing sequence, i.e.  $S_n < S_{n+1}$ .

(ii)  $\{S_n\}$  is bounded; in fact,  $S_n < 3$

(3 marks)

(b) Let

$$e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!} \right).$$

Define the exponential function  $e^x$  as

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots$$

Prove that if  $\alpha$  is any fixed real number then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^\alpha e^{-x} = 0.$$

(6 marks)

(c) Determine the constants  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  such that

$$r^3 \equiv A(r-1)(r-2)(r-3) + B(r-1)(r-2) + C(r-1) + D.$$

Hence, or otherwise, evaluate

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1^3 + \frac{2^3}{1!} + \frac{3^3}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{n^3}{(n-1)!} \right)$$

(6 marks)

11. (a) Let  $f : [1, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  be a monotonic decreasing non-negative function.

(i) Prove that for any  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ,

$$f(n+1) \leq \int_n^{n+1} f(x) dx \leq f(n).$$

(ii) Let

$$a_n = \sum_{k=1}^n f(k) - \int_1^n f(x) dx,$$

where  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Show that the sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is convergent.

(9 marks)

(b) Hence, or otherwise, deduce that the limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n+1} - \ln n \right)$$

exists. (6 marks)

12. (a) Let

$$I_{(p,q)} = \int_a^b (x-a)^p (b-x)^q dx$$

where  $b > a$ , show that, if  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ,

(i)  $I_{(n,n-1)} = I_{(n-1,n)}$ ;

(ii)  $2(2n+1)I_{(n,n)} = 2n(b-a)I_{(n,n-1)} = n(b-a)^2 I_{(n-1,n-1)}$ .

(7 marks)

(b) Deduce the value of  $I_{(n,n)}$  when  $n$  is a positive integer. (5 marks)

(c) Hence, or otherwise, evaluate

$$\int_{-1}^1 (1 - x^2)^6 dx.$$

(3 marks)

13. Consider the parabola

$$\Gamma : y^2 = 4ax,$$

where  $a > 0$ .  $\Gamma$  is rotated anticlockwise about the origin  $O$  through an acute angle  $\theta$ . In its rotated position, the parabola intersects the  $y$ -axis at  $Q$ . Let  $R$  be the point on the parabola which is symmetrical to  $Q$  with respect to the axis of the parabola,  $L$ .

FIGURE 2

(a) Find the equation of  $\Gamma$  in its rotated position. (4 marks)

(b) Hence show that the coordinates of  $R$  is

$$(8a \sin \theta \tan \theta, 4a \sin \theta (\tan^2 \theta - 1)).$$

(6 marks)

(c) Find the value of  $\theta$  when the  $y$ -coordinate of the point  $R$  attains its minimum value. (5 marks)

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