

**FOUNDATION DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE**  
**Assignment I (02/03)**

Module Title : Foundation Mathematics  
Module Code : CMV6111  
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**Section A** Multiple Choice (20 marks)

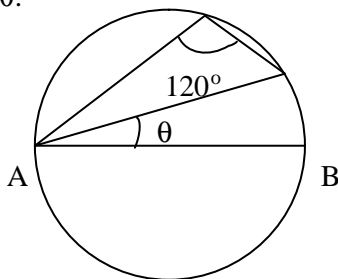
Answer ALL questions in this section.. Each question carries 4 marks.

1. If  $\frac{5x+2y}{x+2y} = 3$ , express  $x$  in terms of  $y$ .

- a.  $x = 2y$
- b.  $x = -2y$
- c.  $x = 3y$
- d.  $x = -3y$

2. In the figure, AB is a diameter. Find  $\theta$ .

- A.  $20^\circ$
- B.  $30^\circ$
- C.  $40^\circ$
- D.  $60^\circ$



3.  $a^4 - y^4 =$

- A.  $(a+y)(a-y)(a^2-y^2)$
- B.  $(a-y)(a+y)(a^2+y^2)$
- C.  $(a+2y)(a-2y)(a^2-y^2)$
- D.  $(a^2+y^2)(a^2-2ay-y^2)$

4.  $x^2 - 3x - 18$  equals

- A.  $(x+2)(x-9)$
- B.  $(x-2)(x+9)$
- C.  $(x+3)(x-6)$
- D.  $(x-3)(x+6)$

5. If  $a : b = 2 : 3$  and  $c : a = 3 : 1$ , then  $a : b : c$  equals

- A. 2:3:1
- B. 3:3:1
- C. 6:3:2
- D. 2:3:6

**Section B** Short Questions

(40 marks)

Answer ALL questions in this section. Each question carries 10 marks.

6. (a) Factorize  $x^2 - 9x - 36$ . (4 marks)  
(b) Hence, factorize  $y^4 - 9y^2 - 36$ . (6 marks)

7. Solve the simultaneous equations:

$$\begin{cases} 2x - y = 5 \\ x^2 + xy = 2 \end{cases}$$

(10 marks)

8. In figure 1, AB is a diameter of the circle and A, B, C, D and E are points on the circumference of the circle.

Given  $\angle CAB = 33^\circ$ ,

- (a) find  $\angle ABC$  (4 marks)  
(b) find  $\angle ADC$  (4 marks)  
(c) find  $\angle AEC$  (2 marks)

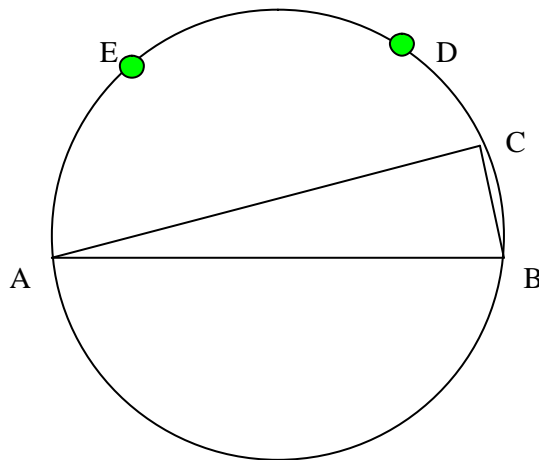


figure 1

9. Solve the following inequalities:

(a)  $\frac{2x+1}{3} > 1-x$

(4 marks)

(b)  $2x^2 - 7x > -6$

(6 marks)

**Section C**

## Long Questions

(40 marks)

Answer All questions in this section. Each question carries 20 marks.

10. Given  $10x^2 + 4x + 1 = 2ax(2-x)$

- (a) Find the range of values of  $a$  for which the equation has real roots. (10 marks)
- (b) Find the values of  $a$  for which the equation has repeated (equal) roots. (5 marks)
- (c) Find the range of values of  $a$  for which the equation has no real roots. (5 marks)

11. The unit cost of a lunch box is partly constant and partly varies inversely as the number of people buying lunch boxes. The unit cost is \$15 when 100 people buy lunch boxes and the unit cost is \$25.50 when the number of people becomes 50.

- (a) Find a mathematical formula connecting the unit cost of a lunch box and the number of people buying lunch boxes. (10 marks)
- (b) Calculate the unit cost of a lunch box when the number of people become 200. (4 marks)
- (c) Calculate the minimum number of people buying lunch boxes when the unit cost is \$13. (6 marks)

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## Suggested Solutions to Assignment I (02/03)

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1.A      2.B      3.B      4.C      5.D

6. (a)  $x^2 - 9x - 36 = (x-12)(x+3)$

(b) Let  $y^2 = x$ ,  
 $y^4 - 9y^2 - 36 = x^2 - 9x - 36$   
 $= (x-12)(x+3)$

Substitute  $y^2 = x$ ,  
 $y^4 - 9y^2 - 36 = (y^2 - 12)(y^2 + 3)$

7.  $2x - y = 5 \Rightarrow y = 2x - 5$

Substitute into  $x^2 + xy = 2$

$$x^2 + (2x^2 - 5x) = 2$$

$$3x^2 - 5x - 2 = 0$$

$$(x - 2)(3x + 1) = 0$$

$$x = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$x = 2, \quad y = -1 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -\frac{1}{3}, \quad y = -\frac{17}{3}$$

8.

(a)  $\angle ACB = 90^\circ$

$$\angle ABC + 90^\circ + 33^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle ABC = 57^\circ$$

(b)  $\angle ADC + \angle ABC = 180^\circ$

$$\angle ADC = 123^\circ$$

(c)  $\angle AEC = \angle ADC = 123^\circ$

9. (a) From  $\frac{2x+1}{3} > 1-x$

$$2x + 1 > 3 - 3x$$

$$x > 0.4$$

(b) From  $2x^2 - 7x > -6$

$$2x^2 - 7x + 6 > 0$$

$$(2x - 3)(x - 2) > 0$$

$$x > 2 \quad \text{or} \quad x < 1.5$$

10. (a) Equation is  $(10+2a)x^2 + (4-4a)x+1=0$  , ]  
 discriminant =  $4^2(1-a)^2 - 4 \cdot 2(a+5)$   
 $= 8(2a+1)(a-3)$   
 For real roots, discriminant  $\geq 0$   
 $a \geq 3$  or  $a \leq -1/2$

(b) For equal roots, discriminant = 0  
 $a = 3$  or  $-1/2$

(c) For no real roots, discriminant  $< 0$   
 $-1/2 < a < 3$

7. (a) Let  $c$  = unit cost;  $n$  = number of people;  $a$  = constant;  $k$  = proportionality constant

Hence,  $c = a + \frac{k}{n}$ ; from data  $15 = a + \frac{k}{100} \dots(1)$  and  $25.5 = a + \frac{k}{50} \dots(2)$

Solving,  $k = 1050$  and  $a = 4.5$

(b) From  $c = 4.5 + \frac{1050}{n}$  and  $n = 200$ , unit cost = \$9.75

(c) From  $c = 4.5 + \frac{1050}{n}$  and  $c = 13$ , minimum number is 124

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