

Mathematics: analysis and approaches

Standard level

Paper 1

15 May 2025

Zone A afternoon | Zone B afternoon | Zone C afternoon

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Instructions to candidates

- Write your session number in the boxes above.
- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- You are not permitted access to any calculator for this paper.
- Section A: answer all questions. Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.
- Section B: answer all questions in the answer booklet provided. Fill in your session number on the front of the answer booklet, and attach it to this examination paper and your cover sheet using the tag provided.
- Unless otherwise stated in the question, all numerical answers should be given exactly or correct to three significant figures.
- A clean copy of the **mathematics: analysis and approaches SL formula booklet** is required for this paper.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[80 marks]**.



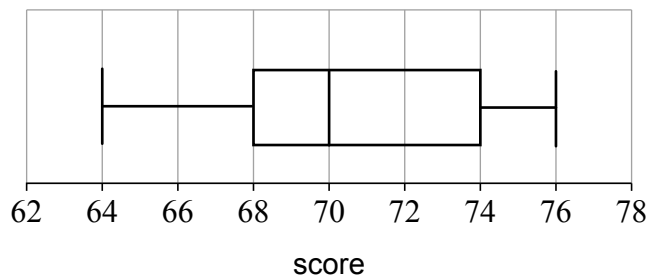
Full marks are not necessarily awarded for a correct answer with no working. Answers must be supported by working and/or explanations. Where an answer is incorrect, some marks may be given for a correct method, provided this is shown by written working. You are therefore advised to show all working.

Section A

Answer **all** questions. Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided. Working may be continued below the lines, if necessary.

1. [Maximum mark: 4]

The scores achieved by 80 golfers in a competition are summarized in the following box and whisker diagram.



(a) Find the interquartile range. [2]

(b) Find the number of golfers that scored between 70 and 74. [2]

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2. [Maximum mark: 5]

Let $\log_{10} 2 = p$ and $\log_{10} 3 = q$.

(a) Find an expression for $\log_{10} 24$ in terms of p and q . [3]

(b) Find an expression for $\log_3 8$ in terms of p and q . [2]

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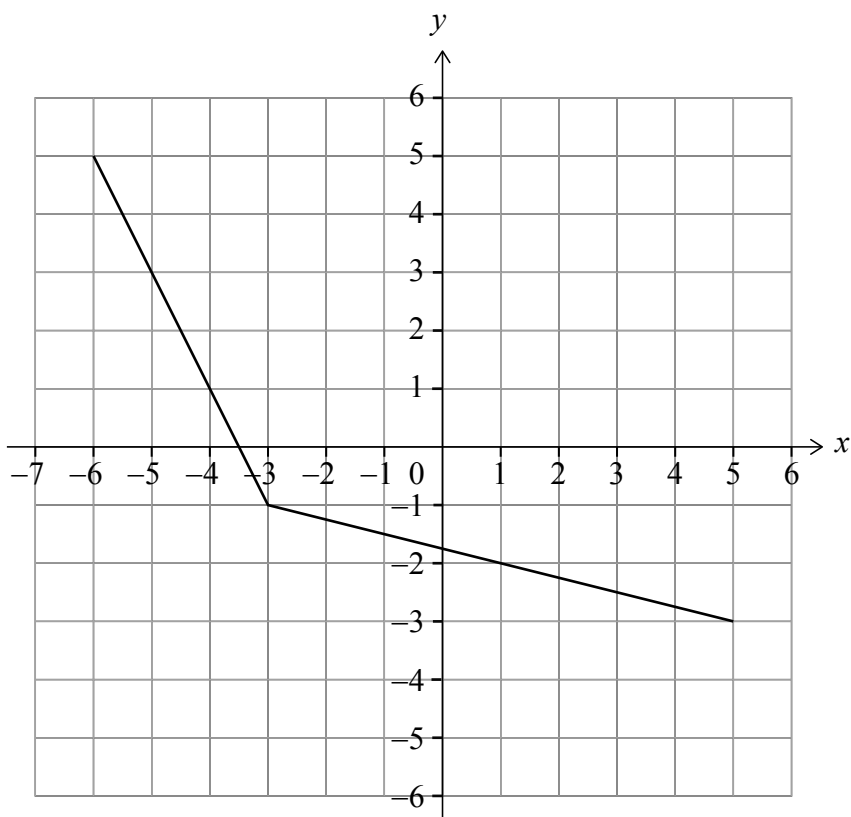
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3. [Maximum mark: 5]

The following diagram shows the graph of $y = f(x)$, for $-6 \leq x \leq 5$.



- (a) Write down the value of $f(-3)$. [1]
- (b) State the domain of f^{-1} , the inverse function of f . [1]
- (c) Find the value of x that satisfies $f^{-1}(2x - 7) = -3$. [3]

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4. [Maximum mark: 6]

(a) Show that $\cos^4 x - \sin^4 x = \cos 2x$. [3]

(b) Hence, find $\int (\cos^4 x - \sin^4 x) dx$. [3]

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5. [Maximum mark: 7]

Consider the curve $y = x^2 - x - 1$ and the line $y = mx - 3$, where $m \in \mathbb{R}$.

(a) Show that the curve and the line meet when $x^2 - (m + 1)x + 2 = 0$. [2]

(b) Hence, find the values of m when the line is tangent to the curve. [5]

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6. [Maximum mark: 6]

The random variables X and Y are normally distributed with $X \sim N(7, a^2)$ and $Y \sim N(19, a^2)$, where $a > 0$.

- (a) Find b such that $P(X > b) = P(Y > 22)$. [2]
- (b) Write down the approximate value of $P(7 - a < X < 7 + a)$, correct to two significant figures. [1]
- (c) Given that $a = 3$, calculate the approximate value of $P(Y < 22)$, correct to two significant figures. [3]

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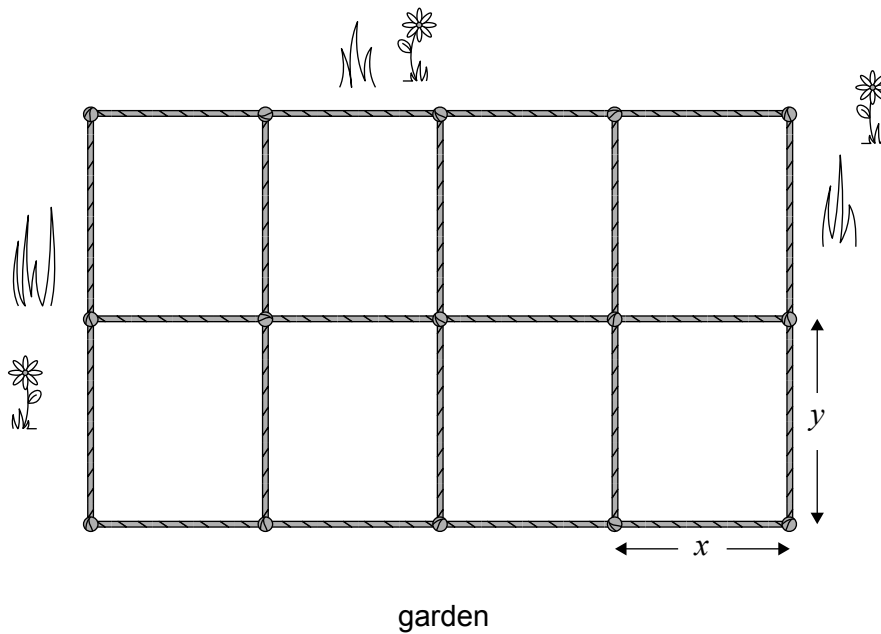
Section B

Answer **all** questions in the answer booklet provided. Please start each question on a new page.

7. [Maximum mark: 15]

A gardener plans to enclose part of their garden with rope. The total area being enclosed is 60 m^2 . This will be further divided by rope to make eight identical rectangular areas, each measuring x metres by y metres, where $x, y > 0$. This is shown in the following diagram.

diagram not to scale



- (a) Find an expression for y in terms of x . [2]
- (b) Show that the total length, T metres, of rope required is given by

$$T = 12x + \frac{75}{x}. \quad [2]$$

- (c) Find an expression for $\frac{dT}{dx}$. [2]

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When $x = k$, $\frac{dT}{dx} = 0$.

- (d) (i) Find the value of k .
- (ii) Hence, calculate the value of T when $x = k$.
- (iii) Find the value of y when $x = k$. [7]
- (e) (i) Find an expression for $\frac{d^2T}{dx^2}$.
- (ii) Hence, justify whether T has a local minimum or a local maximum when $x = k$. [2]



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8. [Maximum mark: 16]

Consider the sequence $\{u_n\}$, with n th term given by u_n . The first three terms are

$$u_1 = k - 5, u_2 = 3 - 2k \text{ and } u_3 = 5k + 3, \text{ where } k \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(a) Consider the case when $\{u_n\}$ is arithmetic.

(i) Find the value of k .

(ii) Hence, or otherwise, find u_3 .

[5]

(b) Consider the case where $k = 12$.

(i) Show that the first three terms of $\{u_n\}$ form a geometric sequence.

(ii) Given that $\{u_n\}$ is geometric, state a reason why the sum of an infinite number of terms of this sequence does not exist.

[4]

(c) The sequence, $\{u_n\}$, is geometric for a second value of k .

(i) Show that $k^2 - 10k - 24 = 0$.

(ii) Find the first three terms of $\{u_n\}$ for this second value of k .

(iii) Hence, write down the value of S_{2m} , the sum of the first $2m$ terms, for this second value of k .

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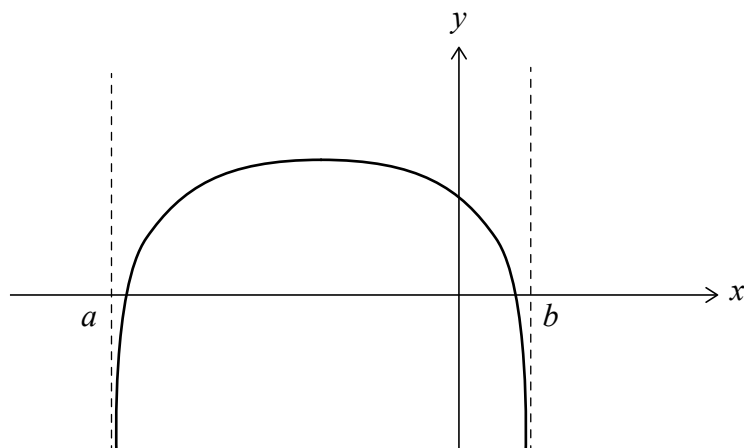
9. [Maximum mark: 16]

(a) (i) Solve $5 - 4x - x^2 = 0$.

(ii) Hence, find the values of x such that $5 - 4x - x^2 > 0$.

[4]

Consider the function $f(x) = \log_k(5 - 4x - x^2)$, where $a < x < b$ and $k > 1$. Part of the graph of f is shown in the following diagram.



The graph of f has vertical asymptotes at $x = a$ and $x = b$.

(b) Write down the value of

(i) a ;

(ii) b .

[2]

(c) Find the exact values of x such that $f(x) = 0$.

[4]

The graph of f has a maximum value of 2.

(d) Find the value of k .

[6]



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