General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination

MATHEMATICS **MPC2**
Unit Pure Core 2

Tuesday 10 January 2006 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:
- an 8-page answer book
- the **blue** AQA booklet of formulae and statistical tables

You may use a graphics calculator.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions
- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen. Pencil should only be used for drawing.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is MPC2.
- Answer **all** questions.
- All necessary working should be shown; otherwise marks for method may be lost.

Information
- The maximum mark for this paper is 75.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.

Advice
- Unless stated otherwise, formulae may be quoted, without proof, from the booklet.

Answer **all** questions.

1 Given that $y = 16x + x^{-1}$, find the two values of x for which $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = 0$. *(5 marks)*

2 (a) Use the trapezium rule with five ordinates (four strips) to find an approximate value for

$$\int_0^4 \frac{1}{x^2 + 1}\,dx$$

giving your answer to four significant figures. *(4 marks)*

(b) State how you could obtain a better approximation to the value of the integral using the trapezium rule. *(1 mark)*

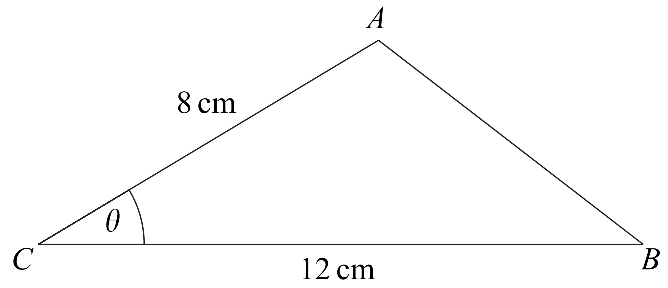
3 (a) Use logarithms to solve the equation $0.8^x = 0.05$, giving your answer to three decimal places. *(3 marks)*

(b) An infinite geometric series has common ratio r. The sum to infinity of the series is five times the first term of the series.

(i) Show that $r = 0.8$. *(3 marks)*

(ii) Given that the first term of the series is 20, find the least value of n such that the nth term of the series is less than 1. *(3 marks)*

4 The triangle ABC, shown in the diagram, is such that $AC = 8$ cm, $CB = 12$ cm and angle $ACB = \theta$ radians.

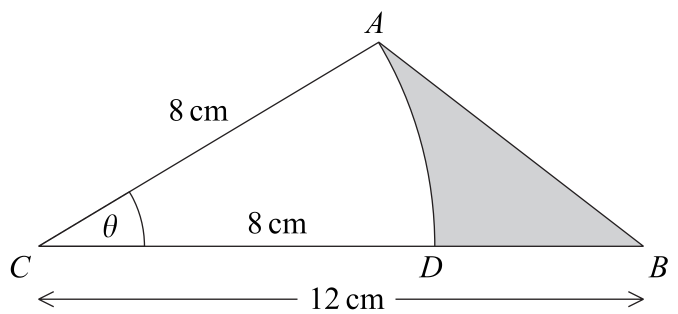


The area of triangle $ABC = 20\text{ cm}^2$.

(a) Show that $\theta = 0.430$ correct to three significant figures. *(3 marks)*

(b) Use the cosine rule to calculate the length of AB, giving your answer to two significant figures. *(3 marks)*

(c) The point D lies on CB such that AD is an arc of a circle centre C and radius 8 cm. The region bounded by the arc AD and the straight lines DB and AB is shaded in the diagram.



Calculate, to two significant figures:

(i) the length of the arc AD; *(2 marks)*

(ii) the area of the shaded region. *(3 marks)*

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5 The nth term of a sequence is u_n.

The sequence is defined by

$$u_{n+1} = pu_n + q$$

where p and q are constants.

The first three terms of the sequence are given by

$$u_1 = 200 \qquad u_2 = 150 \qquad u_3 = 120$$

(a) Show that $p = 0.6$ and find the value of q. *(5 marks)*

(b) Find the value of u_4. *(1 mark)*

(c) The limit of u_n as n tends to infinity is L. Write down an equation for L and hence find the value of L. *(3 marks)*

6 (a) Describe the geometrical transformation that maps the curve with equation $y = \sin x$ onto the curve with equation:

(i) $y = 2\sin x$; *(2 marks)*

(ii) $y = -\sin x$; *(2 marks)*

(iii) $y = \sin(x - 30°)$. *(2 marks)*

(b) Solve the equation $\sin(\theta - 30°) = 0.7$, giving your answers to the nearest 0.1° in the interval $0° \leqslant \theta \leqslant 360°$. *(3 marks)*

(c) Prove that $(\cos x + \sin x)^2 + (\cos x - \sin x)^2 = 2$. *(4 marks)*

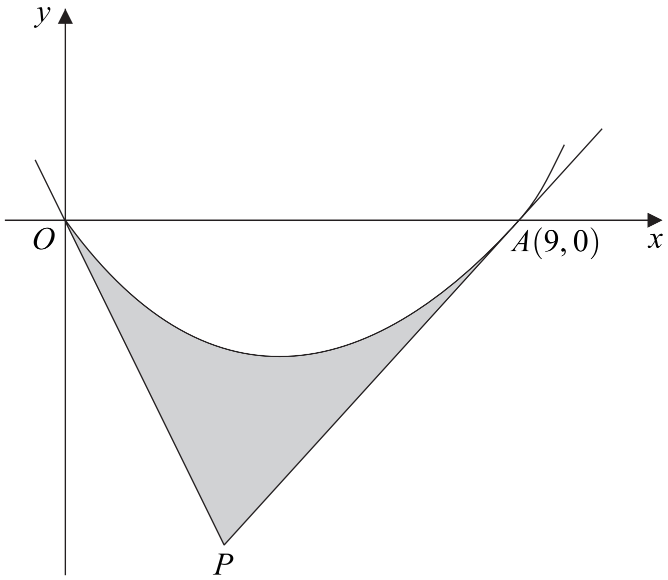
7 It is given that n satisfies the equation

$$2\log_a n - \log_a(5n - 24) = \log_a 4$$

(a) Show that $n^2 - 20n + 96 = 0$. *(3 marks)*

(b) Hence find the possible values of n. *(2 marks)*

8 A curve, drawn from the origin O, crosses the x-axis at the point $A(9, 0)$. Tangents to the curve at O and A meet at the point P, as shown in the diagram.



The curve, defined for $x \geqslant 0$, has equation

$$y = x^{\frac{3}{2}} - 3x$$

(a) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$. *(2 marks)*

(b) (i) Find the value of $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ at the point O and hence write down an equation of the tangent at O. *(2 marks)*

(ii) Show that the equation of the tangent at $A(9, 0)$ is $2y = 3x - 27$. *(3 marks)*

(iii) Hence find the coordinates of the point P where the two tangents meet. *(3 marks)*

(c) Find $\displaystyle\int \left(x^{\frac{3}{2}} - 3x\right) dx$. *(3 marks)*

(d) Calculate the area of the shaded region bounded by the curve and the tangents OP and AP. *(5 marks)*

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