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**MAS152 Essential Mathematical Skills and
Techniques**

3 hours

Attempt ALL questions.

*Each question in Section A carries 3 marks,
each question in Section B carries 8 marks.*

Section A

A1 Let $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{x-3}$. Sketch the curve $y = f(x)$.

A2 Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^{x^3+1}$. Find $f^{-1}(x)$ and state its domain and range.

A3 If $f(x, y) = x \ln(x^2 + y^2)$, find $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$.

A4 Use l'Hôpital's Rule to evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x \sin x}{\sinh^2 x} \right)$.

A5 Find all the complex numbers z for which $|z - 1| = \sqrt{3}$ and $z \cdot \bar{z} = 4$, where \bar{z} is the complex conjugate of z .

A6 Find the value of t for which $\mathbf{a} = (3, -1, 2)$ and $\mathbf{b} = (4, 2, t)$ are perpendicular. For this value of t , evaluate $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ and find a unit vector in the direction of $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$.

A7 Find the definite integral $\int_1^e x(\ln x)^2 dx$ using integration by parts.

A8 Find the indefinite integral $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{4x - x^2}} dx$.

A9 Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$. For each of $A^{-1}B$ and $B^{-1}A$, either calculate it or say why it doesn't exist.

A10 Find the particular solution of the differential equation

$$(1 + x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} = 2xy + 2x$$

for which $y = 1$ when $x = 0$.

A11 For which real values of α does the system of linear equations below have infinitely many solutions for x , y and z ? You do not need to find x , y and z .

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + \alpha y &= 0 \\ x - y + \alpha z &= 0 \\ x + 3y + z &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

A12 Find the values of k for which $y = e^{kx}$ is a solution to

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} - 4\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 0.$$

Section B

B1 Find the Maclaurin expansion of $f(x) = \sin^{-1} x$ up to and including the term involving x^3 . By considering the expansion of $(1 + y)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ or otherwise, find the Maclaurin expansion of $(1 - \sin^{-1} x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ up to and including the x^3 -term.

B2 Find and classify the stationary points of $f(x, y) = x^3 + 4xy - 2y^2 - 7x$.

B3 (i) Let $z = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$. By calculating z^5 in two different ways, show that $\cos(5\theta) = 16 \cos^5 \theta - 20 \cos^3 \theta + 5 \cos \theta$.

(ii) Use part (i) to show that $\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{10}\right)$ is a solution to $16x^4 - 20x^2 + 5 = 0$, and hence find its precise value (expressed using square-roots, not as a decimal).

(You may use without justification that $\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{10}\right)$ is the smallest positive root of this equation.)

B4 Particles A and B have position vectors \mathbf{r}_A and \mathbf{r}_B at time t given by

$$\mathbf{r}_A = (\cos(\pi t), \sin(\pi t), t)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_B = (1 - 2t, 0, t^2).$$

(i) Show that at $t = 0$, particles A and B are in the same position and that the velocity of A is perpendicular to the velocity of B .

(ii) Determine whether the particles collide at some value of $t > 0$.

(iii) Describe the path taken by particle A assuming its path is unaffected by any collision with particle B , and draw a rough sketch.

B5 Let $t = \tanh(x)$. Show that $\cosh(2x) = (1 + t^2)/(1 - t^2)$, $\sinh(2x) = 2t/(1 - t^2)$ and $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{1 - t^2}$. Hence show that

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sinh(2x)} = \frac{1}{2} \ln |\tanh x| + c$$

and find $\int \frac{dx}{\cosh(2x)}$.

(Note: there are formulas for hyperbolic functions on the formula sheet.)

B6 Recall that a 2×2 matrix A represents a transformation of the plane: given a point with coordinates (x, y) , the new coordinates are given by $A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$.

By working out their effects on the square with corners at $(1, 1)$, $(1, -1)$, $(-1, 1)$ and $(-1, -1)$ (or otherwise), describe the transformations represented by the matrices below.

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ A_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ A_3 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ A_4 &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

B7 Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 6 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$. Find all eigenvalues and eigenvectors of A .

B8 Find the general solution to the differential equation

$$y'' - 4y' + 4y = e^x \cos x.$$

End of Question Paper