

Assessment Schedule – 2017

Calculus: Apply differentiation methods in solving problems (91578)

Evidence Statement

Q 1	Evidence	Achievement	Merit	Excellence
(a)	$\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} + 2\sec^2(2x)$	Correct solution.		
(b)	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(x+2).2e^{2x} - e^{2x}}{(x+2)^2}$ At $x = 0$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2 \times 2 - 1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$	Correct solution with correct derivative.		
(c)	$y = 0.5(x-3)^2 + 2$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \times 0.5 \times (x-3)$ $= x - 3$ At $x = 1$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = -2$ \therefore For normal $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}$ Through (1, 4) \therefore Eqn of normal $y = \frac{1}{2}x + 3.5$ At point P: $\frac{1}{2}x + 3.5 = 0.5(x-3)^2 + 2$ $x + 7 = (x-3)^2 + 4$ $x + 7 = x^2 - 6x + 9 + 4$ $x^2 - 7x + 6 = 0$ $(x-6)(x-1) = 0$ At point P $x = 6$	Correct expression for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ (i.e. correct derivative).	Correct solution with correct derivative.	
(d)	$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}(t+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t+1}}$ $\frac{dy}{dt} = 2\cos 2t$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2\cos 2t \cdot 2\sqrt{t+1}$ $= 4\cos 2t \cdot \sqrt{t+1}$ At $t = 0$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4\cos 0 \times \sqrt{1}$ $= 4$	$\frac{dx}{dt}$ or $\frac{dy}{dt}$ correct.	Correct solution with correct derivatives.	
(e)	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(x^2-1).a - (ax-b).2x}{(x^2-1)^2}$ At $x = 3$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow 8a - (3a-b) \times 6 = 0$ $-10a + 6b = 0$ $5a = 3b$	Correct derivative.	Correct derivative plus one of the two equations relating a and b .	Correct solution with correct derivative.

	<p>The curve passes through (3,1)</p> $\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{3a-b}{8}$ $8 = 3a - b$ $24 = 9a - 3b$ $= 9a - 5a$ $= 4a$ <p>$\therefore a = 6$ and $b = 10$</p>			
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No response; no relevant evidence.	ONE answer demonstrating limited knowledge of differentiation techniques.	1u	2u	3u	1r	2r	1t with minor error(s).	1t

Q 2	Evidence	Achievement	Merit	Excellence
(a)	$\frac{dy}{dx} = 10(x^2 - 4x)^4 \cdot (2x - 4)$	Correct derivative.		
(b)	$P(w) = 96 \ln(w + 1.25) - 16w - 12$ $\frac{dP}{dw} = \frac{96}{w + 1.25} - 16$ <p>Maximum when $\frac{dP}{dw} = 0$</p> $\frac{96}{w + 1.25} - 16 = 0$ $96 = 16(w + 1.25)$ $76 = 16w$ $w = 4.75$	Correct solution with correct derivative.		
(c)	$y = \sqrt{x}$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$ <p>At (4, 2) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4}} = \frac{1}{4}$</p> <p>Tangent: $y = \frac{1}{4}x + c$ through (4,2)</p> $2 = 1 + c$ $c = 1$ $y = \frac{1}{4}x + 1$ <p>$y = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = \frac{1}{4}x + 1$</p> $x = -4$ <p>Point Q is (-4,0).</p>	Correct derivative.	Correct solution with correct derivative. Accept $x = -4$.	
(d)	$d^2 = (4 - x)^2 + (\sqrt{x})^2$ $= 16 - 8x + x^2 + x$ $= 16 - 7x + x^2$ <p>Minimum distance $\Rightarrow \frac{d(d^2)}{dx} = 0$</p> $\frac{d(d^2)}{dx} = -7 + 2x = 0$ $x = 3.5$ $y = \sqrt{x} = \sqrt{3.5}$ $P = (3.5, \sqrt{3.5})$	Correct expression for $\frac{dd}{dx}$ or $\frac{d(d^2)}{dx}$	Correct solution with correct derivative.	

	<p>Alternative: $d = (x^2 - 7x + 16)^{\frac{1}{2}}$</p> $\frac{dd}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 7x + 16)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (2x - 7)$ $= \frac{2x - 7}{2\sqrt{x^2 - 7x + 16}}$ <p>Minimum when $\frac{dd}{dx} = 0$</p> $2x - 7 = 0$ <p>etc</p>			
(e)	<p>Area = $2x\sqrt{r^2 - x^2}$</p> $A(x) = 2x(r^2 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $A'(x) = 2(r^2 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2x \cdot \frac{1}{2}(r^2 - x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (-2x)$ $= 2\sqrt{r^2 - x^2} - \frac{2x^2}{\sqrt{r^2 - x^2}}$ $A'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \sqrt{r^2 - x^2} = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{r^2 - x^2}}$ $r^2 - x^2 = x^2$ $2x^2 = r^2$ $x^2 = \frac{r^2}{2}$ $x = \frac{r}{\sqrt{2}}$		Correct derivative.	Correct solution presented in a correct mathematical manner.

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Q 3	Evidence	Achievement	Merit	Excellence
(a)	$\frac{dy}{dx} = x \cdot \frac{3}{3x-1} + \ln(3x-1)$	Correct derivative.		
(b)	$y = x^{-1} - x^{-2}$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = -x^{-2} + 2x^{-3}$ $= \frac{-1}{x^2} + \frac{2}{x^3}$ <p>At $x = 2$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-1}{4} + \frac{2}{8} = 0$</p>	Correct solution with correct derivative.		
(c)	<p>(i) 1. $x < -2$, $x = 2$ 2. -2, 1 3. -1, 0 4. $x > 1$</p> <p>(ii) 2</p>	2 correct answers.	3 correct answers.	
(d)	<p>Let h = height above Sarah's eye level.</p> $\tan \theta = \frac{h}{30}$ $h = 30 \tan \theta$ $\frac{dh}{d\theta} = 30 \sec^2 \theta$ $\frac{dh}{dt} = 2$ $\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{dh}{dt} \times \frac{d\theta}{dh}$ $= 2 \times \frac{1}{30 \sec^2 \theta}$ $= \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{15}$ <p>At $h = 20$</p> $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{20}{30} \right) = 0.588$ $\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{(\cos 0.588)^2}{15}$ $= 0.046 \text{ radians per second}$	Correct expression for $\frac{dh}{d\theta}$	Correct solution with correct derivatives. Ignore units in the solution.	

(e)	<p>(i) $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^x \cdot \cos kx + e^x (-k \sin kx)$ $= e^x (\cos kx - k \sin kx)$</p> <p>$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = e^x (\cos kx - k \sin kx)$ $+ e^x (-k \sin kx - k^2 \cos kx)$ $= e^x (\cos kx - 2k \sin kx - k^2 \cos kx)$</p> <p>(ii) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 0.$ $\Rightarrow e^x (\cos kx - 2k \sin kx - k^2 \cos kx)$ $- 2e^x (\cos kx - k \sin kx) + 2e^x \cos kx = 0$ $\Rightarrow e^x (\cos kx - k^2 \cos kx) = 0$ $e^x \cos kx (1 - k^2) = 0$ $k = \pm 1$</p>	Correct expression for $\frac{dy}{dx}$	Correct expression for $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$	Correct solution with correct derivatives.
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Cut Scores

Not Achieved	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
0 – 7	8 – 13	14 – 19	20 – 24