

# Solomon Practice Paper

## Core Mathematics 3K

Time allowed: 90 minutes

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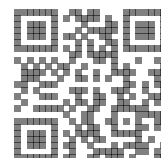
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1. (a) Find the exact value of  $x$  such that

[3]

$$3 \arctan(x - 2) + \pi = 0.$$

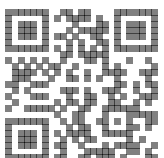
(b) Solve, for  $-\pi < \theta < \pi$ , the equation

[5]

$$\cos(2\theta) - \sin(\theta) - 1 = 0,$$

giving your answers in terms of  $\pi$ .

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2. (a) Express

$$\frac{4x}{x^2 - 9} - \frac{2}{x + 3}$$

[4]

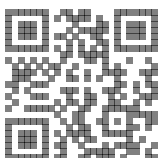
as a single fraction in its simplest form.

(b) Simplify

$$\frac{x^3 - 8}{3x^2 - 8x + 4}$$

[5]

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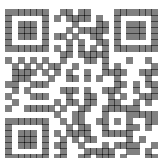
3. Differentiate each of the following with respect to  $x$  and simplify your answers.

(a)  $\cot(x^2)$  [2]

(b)  $x^2e^{-x}$  [3]

(c)  $\frac{\sin(x)}{3 + 2 \cos(x)}$  [4]

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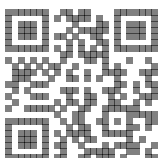


4. (a) Find, as natural logarithms, the solutions of the equation [4]

$$e^{2x} - 8e^x + 15 = 0.$$

- (b) Use proof by contradiction to prove that  $\log_2(3)$  is irrational. [6]

Total: 10



5. The function  $f$  is defined by

$$f: x \rightarrow 3e^{x-1}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(a) State the range of  $f$ . [1]

(b) Find an expression for  $f^{-1}(x)$  and state its domain. [4]

The function  $g$  is defined by

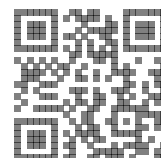
$$g: x \rightarrow 5x - 2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Find, in terms of  $e$ ,

(c) the value of  $gf(\ln(2))$ , [3]

(d) the solution of the equation  $f^{-1}g(x) = 4$ . [4]

Total: 12



6.

$$f(x) = 2x^2 + 3 \ln(2 - x) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, x < 2.$$

(a) Show that the equation  $f(x) = 0$  can be written in the form

[3]

$$x = 2 - e^{kx^2},$$

where  $k$  is a constant to be found.

The root,  $\alpha$ , of the equation  $f(x) = 0$  is 1.9 correct to 1 decimal place.

(b) Use the iteration formula

[5]

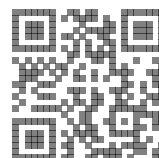
$$x_{n+1} = 2 - e^{kx_n^2},$$

with  $x_0 = 1.9$  and your value of  $k$ , to find  $\alpha$  to 3 decimal places and justify the accuracy of your answer.

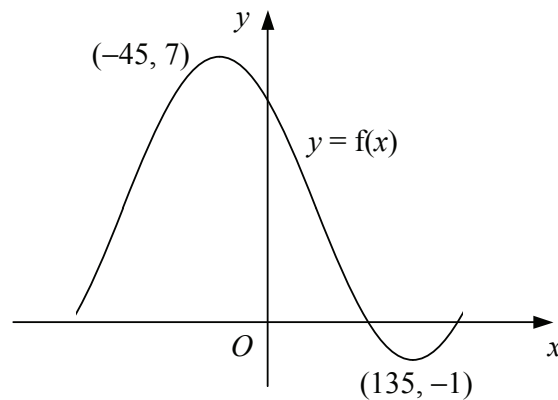
(c) Solve the equation  $f'(x) = 0$ .

[5]

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7. Figure shows the curve  $y = f(x)$  which has



a maximum point at  $(-45, 7)$  and a minimum point at  $(135, -1)$ .

- (a) Showing the coordinates of any stationary points, sketch on separate diagrams the graphs of [6]
- $y = f(|x|)$ ,
  - $y = 1 + 2f(x)$ .

Given that

$$f(x) = A + 2\sqrt{2} \cos(x^\circ) - 2\sqrt{2} \sin(x^\circ), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, -180 \leq x \leq 180,$$

where  $A$  is a constant,

- (b) show that  $f(x)$  can be expressed in the form [3]

$$f(x) = A + R \cos(x + \alpha)^\circ,$$

where  $R > 0$  and  $0 < \alpha < 90$ ,

- (c) state the value of  $A$ , [1]
- (d) find, to 1 decimal place, the  $x$ -coordinates of the points where the curve  $y = f(x)$  crosses the  $x$ -axis. [4]

Total: 14

