Solomon Practice Paper

Further Pure Mathematics 1B

Time allowed: 90 **minutes**

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1. Find the set of values of x for which [6]

$$\left|2x^2 - 5x\right| < x.$$

2. (a) Sketch the curve C with the polar equation [3]

$$r^2 = a^2 \sin^2(2\theta), \qquad 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi.$$

(b) Find the exact area of the region enclosed by one loop of the curve C. [5]

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3. (a) Show that [6]

$$\sum_{r=1}^{n} \left(r^2+1\right)(r-1) = \frac{1}{12}n(n-1)\left(3n^2+5n+8\right).$$

(b) Hence evaluate [3]

$$\sum_{r=5}^{25} \left(r^2+1\right)(r-1).$$

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4. (a) Find the general solution of the differential equation [6]

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} - y\cot(x) = \sin(2x).$$

(b) Given also that $y = 2$ when $x = \frac{\pi}{6}$, find the exact value of y when $x = \frac{2\pi}{3}$. [3]

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5.

$$\mathrm{f}(x) = x^3 - \ln(4 - x^2), \quad x \in \mathbb{R},\ -2 < x < 2.$$

(a) Show that one root, α, of the equation $\mathrm{f}(x) = 0$ lies in the interval $1.0 < \alpha < 1.1$. [2]

(b) Starting with $x = 1.0$, show that using the Newton–Raphson method twice gives an approximation to α that is correct to 6 decimal places. [8]

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6. The complex numbers z_1, z_2 and z_3 are given by

$$z_1 = 7 - \mathbf{i} \quad \text{and} \quad z_2 = 1 + \mathbf{i}\sqrt{3} \quad \text{and} \quad z_3 = a + \mathbf{i}b,$$

where a and b are rational constants.

Given that the modulus of $z_1 z_3$ is 50,

(a) find the modulus of z_3. [3]

Given also that the argument of $\dfrac{z_2}{z_3}$ is $\dfrac{7\pi}{12}$,

(b) find the argument of z_3. [3]

(c) Find the values of a and b. [2]

(d) Show that $\dfrac{z_1}{z_3} = \dfrac{1}{5}(4 + 3\mathbf{i})$. [3]

(e) Represent z_1, z_3 and $\dfrac{z_1}{z_3}$ on the same Argand diagram. [2]

(f) By considering the modulus and argument of z_1 and z_3, explain why $\dfrac{z_3}{z_1} = \left(\dfrac{z_1}{z_3}\right)^{\star}$. [2]

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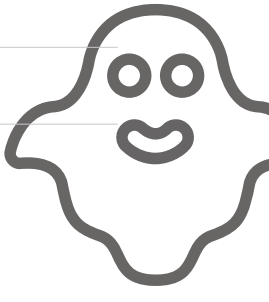

7. (a) Given that $x = \mathrm{e}^t$, find $\dfrac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}$ in terms of $\dfrac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t}$ and show that [5]

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2y}{\mathrm{d}x^2} = \mathrm{e}^{-2t}\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}^2y}{\mathrm{d}t^2} - \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t}\right).$$

(b) Show that the substitution $x = \mathrm{e}^t$ transforms the differential equation [3]

$$x^2\frac{\mathrm{d}^2y}{\mathrm{d}x^2} - x\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} - 3y = 6x^2$$

into the differential equation

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2y}{\mathrm{d}t^2} - 2\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t} - 3y = 6\mathrm{e}^{2t}.$$

(c) Given that when $x = 1, y = 3$ and $\dfrac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = -5$, solve the differential equation [10]

$$x^2\frac{\mathrm{d}^2y}{\mathrm{d}x^2} - x\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} - 3y = 6x^2.$$

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