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INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

Read the following instructions carefully before answering the questions.

- 1 This question paper consists of 8 questions three diagram sheets and formular sheet.
- 2 Answer ALL the questions.
- 3 Clearly show ALL calculations, diagrams, graphs, et cetera, that you have used in determining your answers.
- 4 An approved scientific calculator (non-programmable and non-graphical) may be used, unless stated otherwise.
- 5 If necessary, ALL answers should be rounded off to TWO decimal places, unless stated otherwise.
- 6 Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
- 7 Diagrams are NOT necessarily drawn to scale.
- 8 Write neatly and legibly.

QUESTION 1

Given the quadratic pattern: 5;12;21; 32;...

- 1.1 Determine the general term T_n of the pattern. (4)
- 1.2 Calculate the value of the 25th term. (2)
- 1.3 Which term of the sequence has the value of 1152? (4)
- 1.4 Show that the difference between any two consecutive terms will always be an odd number (3)

[13]**QUESTION 2**

- 2.1 The sum of the first n terms of an arithmetic series is $S_n = \frac{3n^2 - 5n}{2}$
- 2.1.1 Determine the first three terms of the sequence. (3)
- 2.1.2 Calculate the 20th term (T_{20}) using the S_n formula. (3)
- 2.2 For which value(s) of k will $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 4(k-1)^i$ converges. (3)
- 2.3 Given a geometric series with first term a and common ratio r . (5)
Let S_n be the sum of the first n terms and S_{2n} be the sum of the first $2n$ terms.
Prove that the sum of the terms from T_{n+1} to T_{2n} is given by $S_n \cdot r^n$

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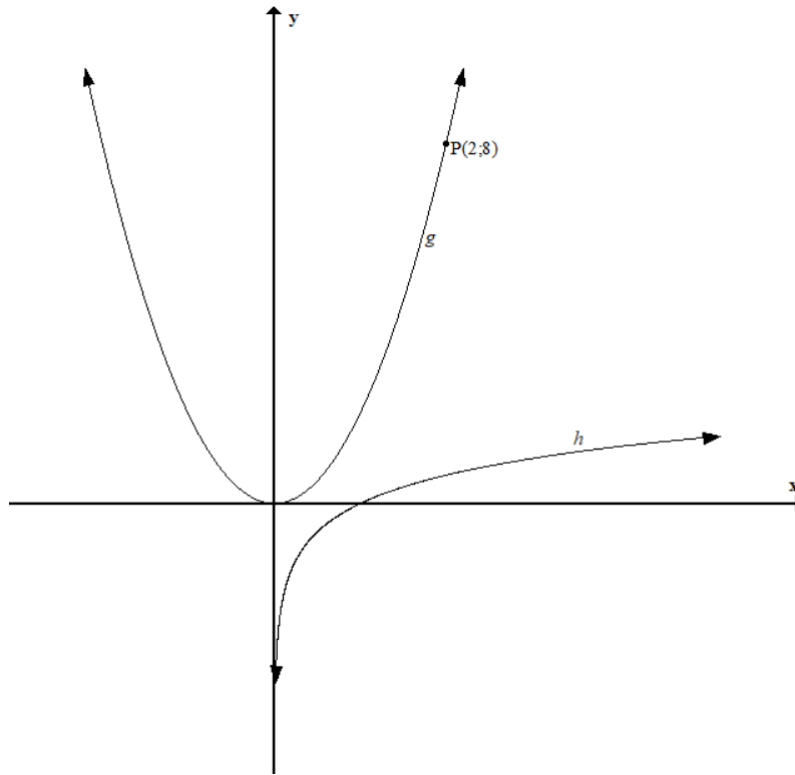
QUESTION 3

Given $f(x) = \frac{2}{x-1} + 3$

- 3.1 Write down the equation:
- 3.1.1 Vertical asymptote (1)
- 3.1.2 Horizontal asymptote (1)
- 3.2 Calculate the x and y intercepts of f . (3)
- 3.3 Sketch the graph of f , showing all intercepts and asymptotes. (4)
- 3.4 For which values of x is $f(x) \leq 0$ (2)
- [11]**

QUESTION 4

The diagrams below show the graphs of $g(x) = ax^2$ and $h(x) = \log_b x$. The point P(2;8) lies on the graph of g .



- 4.1 Determine the value of a (2)
- 4.2 If h passes through (8;3), find the value of b . (2)
- 4.3 Write down the equation of $h^{-1}(x)$ in the form $y = \dots$ (2)
- 4.4 Determine the domain of h . (2)
- 4.5 Determine the value(s) of x for which
- 4.5.1 $g(x) \cdot h(x) < 0$ (2)
- 4.5.2 $x \cdot h(x) \geq 0$ (2)

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QUESTION 5

Given $f(x) = 2x^2 - 4x - 6$

5.1 Rewrite $f(x)$ in the form $f(x) = a(x - p)^2 + q$ by completing the square. (3)

5.2 Determine the coordinates of the:

5.2.1 turning point of f . (2)

5.2.2 x -intercepts of f . (3)

5.3 Sketch the graph of f (3)

5.4 Write down the y -intercepts of f^{-1} (2)

5.5 Write down the domain of f^{-1} (2)

5.6 If $f(x)$ is shifted 2 units to the right and 5 units up, write down the new equation (2)

[17]**QUESTION 6**

6.1 Simplify without using a calculator:

$$\frac{\sin(x - 180^\circ) \cdot \tan(x + 180^\circ) \cdot \cos(90 + x)}{\sin^2(180^\circ + x)} \quad (6)$$

6.2 If $\cos 25^\circ = \sqrt{1 - k^2}$, determine the following in terms of k :

6.2.1 $\sin 25^\circ$ (2)

6.2.2 $\sin 50^\circ$ (3)

6.2.3 $\cos 70^\circ$ (5)

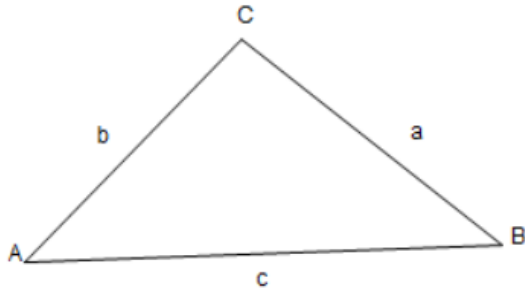
6.3 Prove that $\frac{\sin 3\theta}{\sin \theta} - \frac{\cos 3\theta}{\cos \theta} = 2$ (5)

6.4 If $\cos(A + B) = m$ and $\cos(A - B) = n$, prove that $\cos A \cos B = \frac{m + n}{2}$ (3)

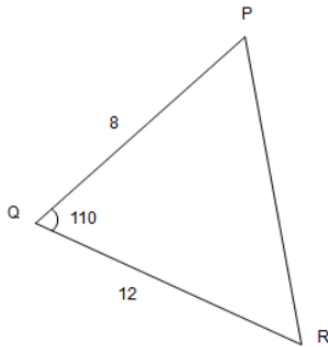
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QUESTION 7

Given $\triangle ABC$, use the triangle to prove that $a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$ (4)

**[4]****QUESTION 8**

Given $\triangle PQR$ with $PQ=8$ units, $QR=12$ units and $\hat{Q} = 110^\circ$

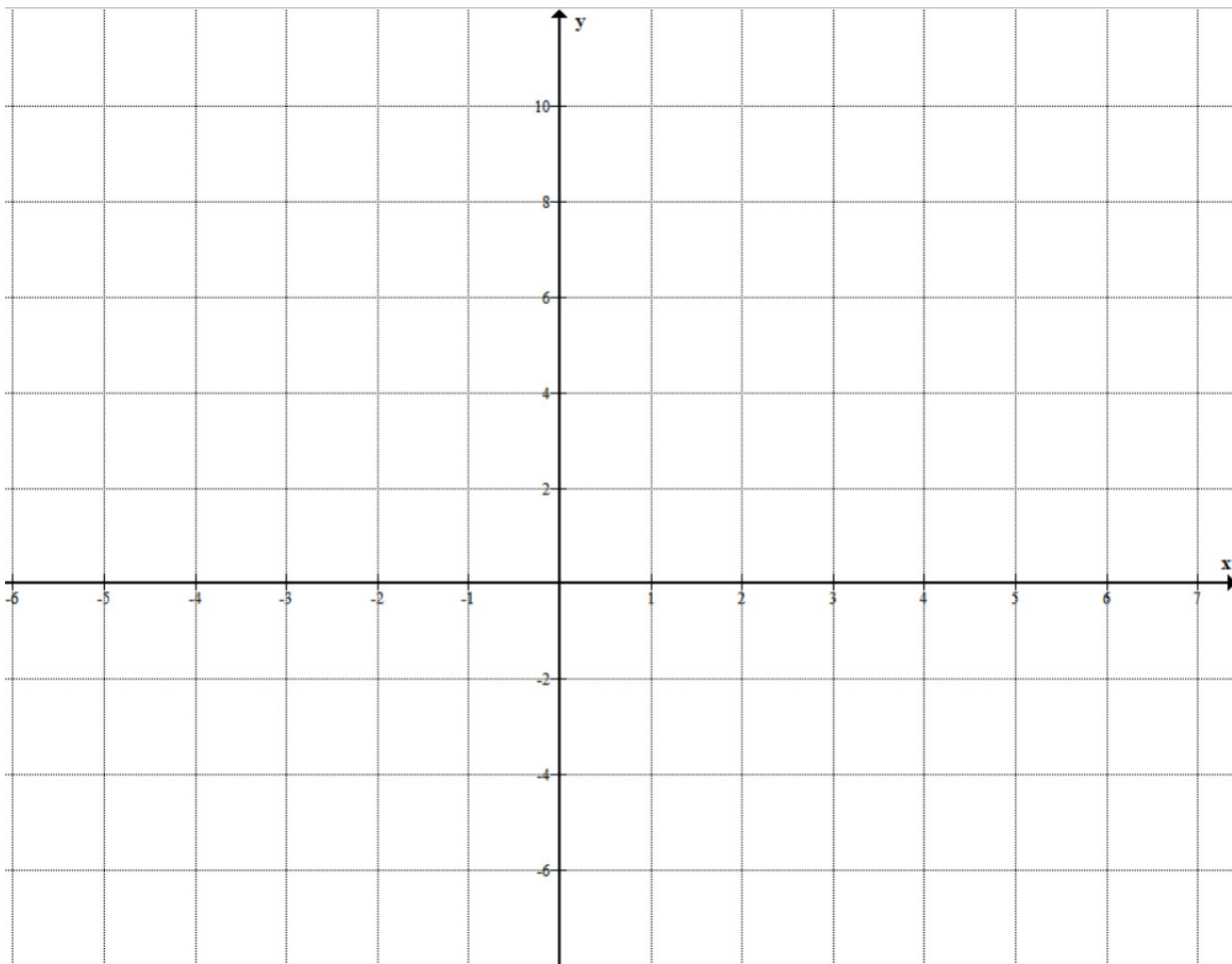


8.1 Calculate the area of $\triangle PQR$ (2)

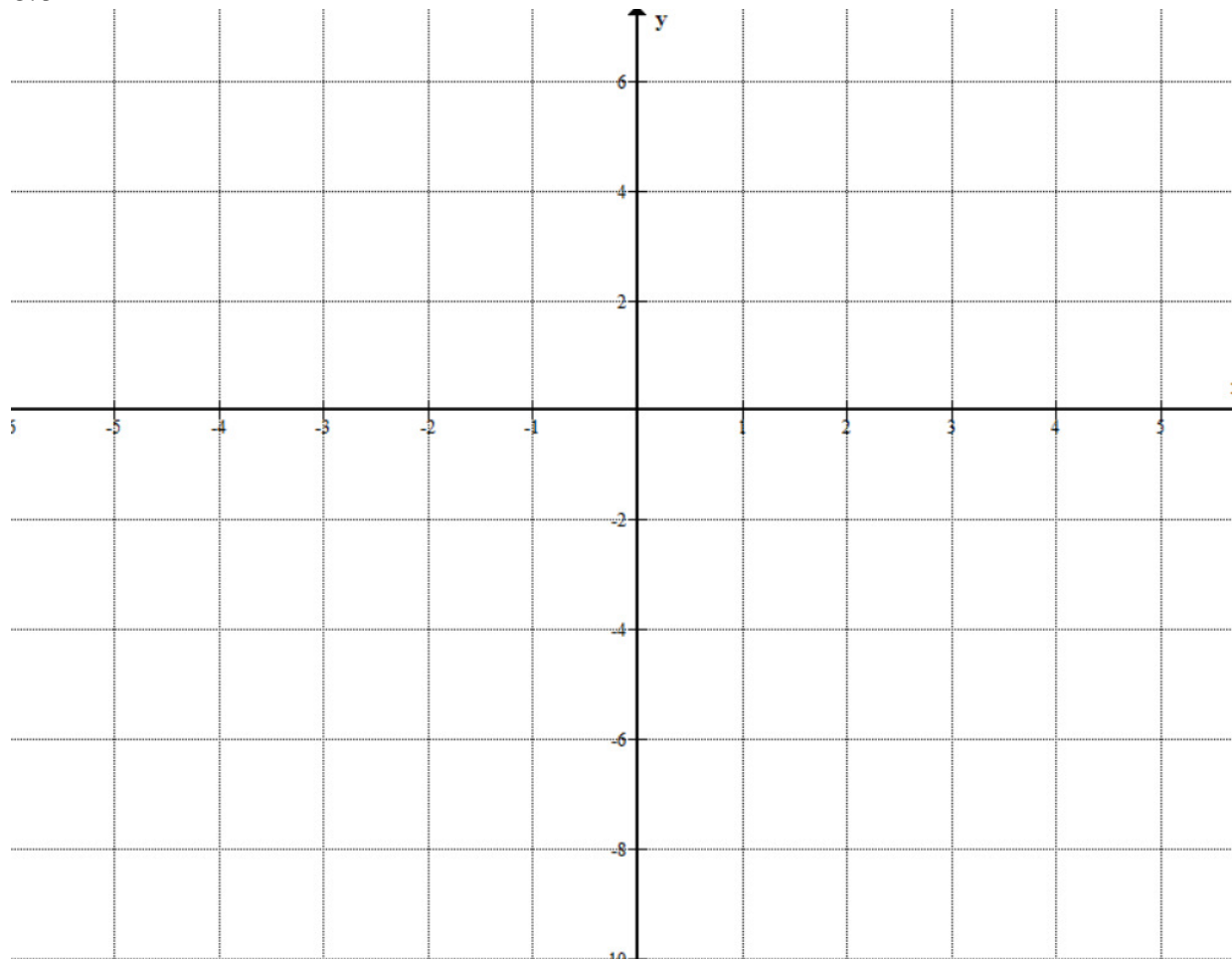
8.2 Calculate the length of PR (3)

[5]**TOTAL 100**

3.3



5.3



INFORMATION SHEET

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$A = P(1 + ni)$$

$$A = P(1 - ni)$$

$$A = P(1 - i)^n$$

$$A = P(1 + i)^n$$

$$T_n = a + (n - 1)d$$

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2} [2a + (n - 1)d]$$

$$T_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}; r \neq 1$$

$$S_n = \frac{a}{1 - r}; -1 < r < 1$$

$$F = \frac{x[(1 + i)^n - 1]}{i}$$

$$P = \frac{x[1 - (1 + i)^{-n}]}{i}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$M\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right)$$

$$y = mx + c$$

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$m = \tan \theta$$

$$(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$$

$$\text{In } \triangle ABC: \frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cdot \cos A$$

$$\text{area } \triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2} ab \cdot \sin C$$

$$\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin \alpha \cdot \cos \beta + \cos \alpha \cdot \sin \beta$$

$$\sin(\alpha - \beta) = \sin \alpha \cdot \cos \beta - \cos \alpha \cdot \sin \beta$$

$$\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \cdot \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \cdot \sin \beta$$

$$\cos(\alpha - \beta) = \cos \alpha \cdot \cos \beta + \sin \alpha \cdot \sin \beta$$

$$\cos 2\alpha = \begin{cases} \cos^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha \\ 1 - 2\sin^2 \alpha \\ 2\cos^2 \alpha - 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\sin 2\alpha = 2\sin \alpha \cdot \cos \alpha$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x}{n}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n}$$

$$P(A) = \frac{n(A)}{n(S)}$$

$$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$$

$$\hat{y} = a + bx$$

$$b = \frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})(y - \bar{y})}{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}$$