10. Trigonometric Identities and Equations

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10.Solutions

9. Solve, for $360° \leqslant x < 540°$,

$$12\sin^2 x + 7\cos x - 13 = 0$$

Give your answers to one decimal place.

(*Solutions based entirely on graphical or numerical methods are not acceptable.*)

(5)

9. (a) Prove that

$$\tan\theta + \cot\theta \equiv 2\operatorname{cosec}2\theta, \qquad \theta \neq \frac{n\pi}{2}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

(4)

(b) Hence explain why the equation

$$\tan\theta + \cot\theta = 1$$

does not have any real solutions.

(1)

(Total for Question 9 is 5 marks)

2. Some A level students were given the following question.

Solve, for $-90° < \theta < 90°$, the equation

$$\cos\theta = 2\sin\theta$$

The attempts of two of the students are shown below.

Student *A*	Student *B*
$\cos\theta = 2\sin\theta$ $\tan\theta = 2$ $\theta = 63.4°$	$\cos\theta = 2\sin\theta$ $\cos^2\theta = 4\sin^2\theta$ $1 - \sin^2\theta = 4\sin^2\theta$ $\sin^2\theta = \frac{1}{5}$ $\sin\theta = \pm\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$ $\theta = \pm 26.6°$

(a) Identify an error made by student *A*.

(1)

Student *B* gives $\theta = -26.6°$ as one of the answers to $\cos\theta = 2\sin\theta$.

(b) (i) Explain why this answer is incorrect.

(ii) Explain how this incorrect answer arose.

(2)

(Total for Question 2 is 3 marks)

12. (a) Solve, for $-180° \leqslant x < 180°$, the equation

$$3\sin^2 x + \sin x + 8 = 9\cos^2 x$$

giving your answers to 2 decimal places.

(6)

(b) Hence find the smallest positive solution of the equation

$$3\sin^2(2\theta - 30°) + \sin(2\theta - 30°) + 8 = 9\cos^2(2\theta - 30°)$$

giving your answer to 2 decimal places.

(2)

13. (a) Express $10\cos\theta - 3\sin\theta$ in the form $R\cos(\theta + \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < 90°$
Give the exact value of R and give the value of α, in degrees, to 2 decimal places.
(3)

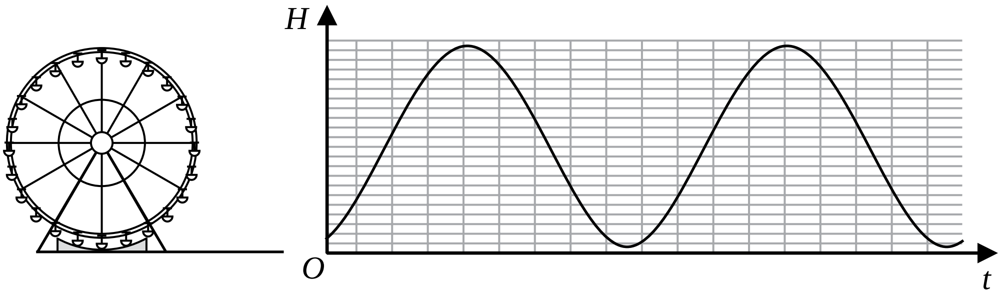

Figure 3

The height above the ground, H metres, of a passenger on a Ferris wheel t minutes after the wheel starts turning, is modelled by the equation

$$H = a - 10\cos(80t)° + 3\sin(80t)°$$

where a is a constant.

Figure 3 shows the graph of H against t for two complete cycles of the wheel.

Given that the initial height of the passenger above the ground is 1 metre,

(b) (i) find a complete equation for the model,

(ii) hence find the maximum height of the passenger above the ground.
(2)

(c) Find the time taken, to the nearest second, for the passenger to reach the maximum height on the second cycle.

(*Solutions based entirely on graphical or numerical methods are not acceptable*.)
(3)

It is decided that, to increase profits, the speed of the wheel is to be increased.

(d) How would you adapt the equation of the model to reflect this increase in speed?
(1)

Question 13 continued

(Total for Question 13 is 9 marks)

12. (a) Show that the equation

$$4\cos\theta - 1 = 2\sin\theta\tan\theta$$

can be written in the form

$$6\cos^2\theta - \cos\theta - 2 = 0$$

(4)

(b) Hence solve, for $0 \leqslant x < 90°$

$$4\cos 3x - 1 = 2\sin 3x\tan 3x$$

giving your answers, where appropriate, to one decimal place.
(*Solutions based entirely on graphical or numerical methods are not acceptable*.)

(4)

Question 12 continued

Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

1. Given that θ is small and is measured in radians, use the small angle approximations to find an approximate value of

$$\frac{1-\cos 4\theta}{2\theta \sin 3\theta}$$

(3)

8. The depth of water, D metres, in a harbour on a particular day is modelled by the formula

$$D = 5 + 2\sin(30t)^\circ \qquad 0 \leqslant t < 24$$

where t is the number of hours after midnight.

A boat enters the harbour at 6:30 am and it takes 2 hours to load its cargo.
The boat requires the depth of water to be at least 3.8 metres before it can leave the harbour.

(a) Find the depth of the water in the harbour when the boat enters the harbour.

(1)

(b) Find, to the nearest minute, the earliest time the boat can leave the harbour.
(*Solutions based entirely on graphical or numerical methods are not acceptable*.)

(4)

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7. (i) Solve, for $0 \leqslant x < \frac{\pi}{2}$, the equation

$$4\sin x = \sec x$$

(4)

(ii) Solve, for $0 \leqslant \theta < 360°$, the equation

$$5\sin\theta - 5\cos\theta = 2$$

giving your answers to one decimal place.

(*Solutions based entirely on graphical or numerical methods are not acceptable*.)

(5)

Question 7 continued

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12. (a) Prove that

$$1 - \cos 2\theta \equiv \tan\theta \sin 2\theta, \quad \theta \neq \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

(3)

(b) Hence solve, for $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$, the equation

$$(\sec^2 x - 5)(1 - \cos 2x) = 3\tan^2 x \sin 2x$$

Give any non-exact answer to 3 decimal places where appropriate.

(6)

Question 12 continued

12. (a) Show that

$$\frac{10\sin^2\theta - 7\cos\theta + 2}{3 + 2\cos\theta} \equiv 4 - 5\cos\theta$$

(4)

(b) Hence, or otherwise, solve, for $0 \leqslant x < 360°$, the equation

$$\frac{10\sin^2 x - 7\cos x + 2}{3 + 2\cos x} = 4 + 3\sin x$$

(3)

Question 12 continued

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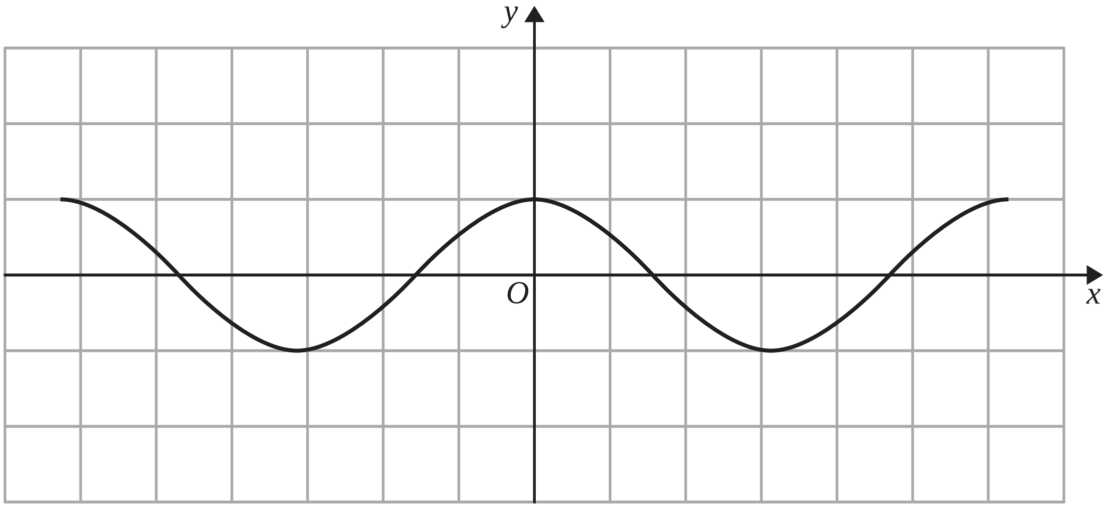

Figure 1

Figure 1 shows a plot of part of the curve with equation $y = \cos x$ where x is measured in radians. Diagram 1, on the opposite page, is a copy of Figure 1.

(a) Use Diagram 1 to show why the equation

$$\cos x - 2x - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

has only one real root, giving a reason for your answer.

(2)

Given that the root of the equation is α, and that α is small,

(b) use the small angle approximation for $\cos x$ to estimate the value of α to 3 decimal places.

(3)

Question 2 continued

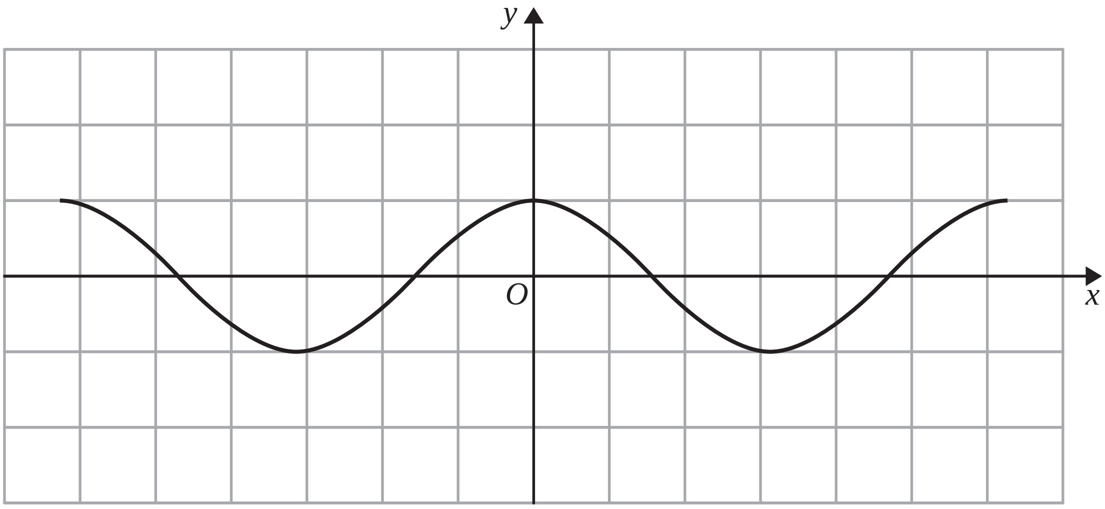

Diagram 1

(Total for Question 2 is 5 marks)

6. (a) Solve, for $-180° \leqslant \theta \leqslant 180°$, the equation

$$5\sin 2\theta = 9\tan\theta$$

giving your answers, where necessary, to one decimal place.

[*Solutions based entirely on graphical or numerical methods are not acceptable.*]

(6)

(b) Deduce the smallest positive solution to the equation

$$5\sin(2x - 50°) = 9\tan(x - 25°)$$

(2)

Question 6 continued

12. (a) Prove

$$\frac{\cos 3\theta}{\sin\theta} + \frac{\sin 3\theta}{\cos\theta} \equiv 2\cot 2\theta \qquad \theta \neq (90n)°,\ n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

(4)

(b) Hence solve, for $90° < \theta < 180°$, the equation

$$\frac{\cos 3\theta}{\sin\theta} + \frac{\sin 3\theta}{\cos\theta} = 4$$

giving any solutions to one decimal place.

(3)

Question 12 continued

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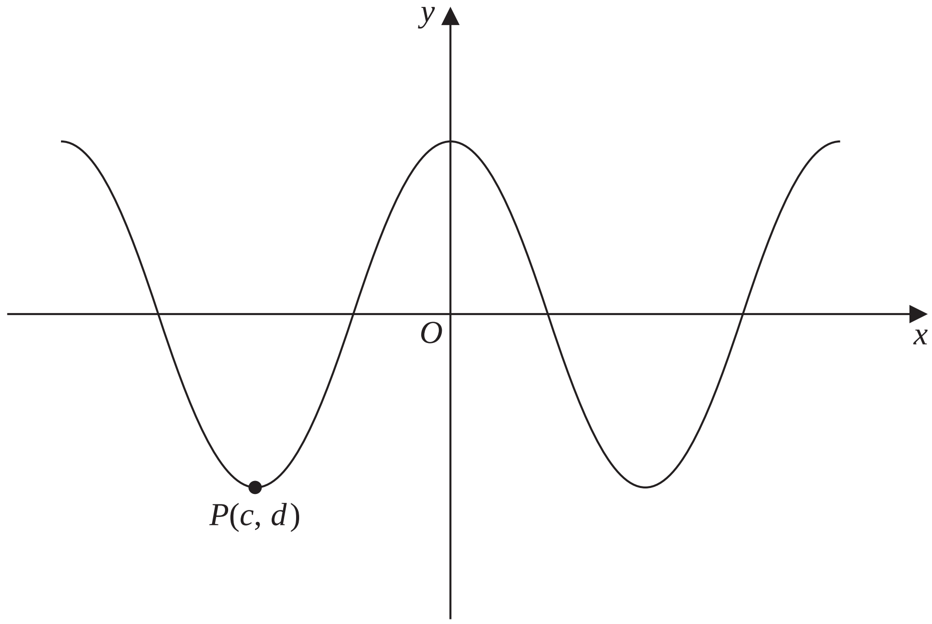

Figure 3

Figure 3 shows part of the curve with equation $y = 3\cos x°$.

The point $P(c, d)$ is a minimum point on the curve with c being the smallest negative value of x at which a minimum occurs.

(a) State the value of c and the value of d.

(1)

(b) State the coordinates of the point to which P is mapped by the transformation which transforms the curve with equation $y = 3\cos x°$ to the curve with equation

(i) $y = 3\cos\left(\dfrac{x°}{4}\right)$

(ii) $y = 3\cos(x - 36)°$

(2)

(c) Solve, for $450° \leqslant \theta < 720°$,

$$3\cos\theta = 8\tan\theta$$

giving your solution to one decimal place.

In part (c) you must show all stages of your working.

Solutions relying entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable.

(5)

Question 9 continued

6. (a) Express $\sin x + 2\cos x$ in the form $R\sin(x + \alpha)$ where R and α are constants, $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$

Give the exact value of R and give the value of α in radians to 3 decimal places.

(3)

The temperature, θ°C, inside a room on a given day is modelled by the equation

$$\theta = 5 + \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{12} - 3\right) + 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{12} - 3\right) \qquad 0 \leqslant t < 24$$

where t is the number of hours after midnight.

Using the equation of the model and your answer to part (a),

(b) deduce the maximum temperature of the room during this day,

(1)

(c) find the time of day when the maximum temperature occurs, giving your answer to the nearest minute.

(3)

Question 6 continued

10. **In this question you must show all stages of your working.**

Solutions relying entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable.

(a) Show that

$$\cos 3A \equiv 4\cos^3 A - 3\cos A$$

(4)

(b) Hence solve, for $-90° \leqslant x \leqslant 180°$, the equation

$$1 - \cos 3x = \sin^2 x$$

(4)

Question 10 continued

12. **In this question you should show all stages of your working.**

Solutions relying entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable.

(i) Solve, for $0 < \theta \leqslant 450°$, the equation

$$5\cos^2\theta = 6\sin\theta$$

giving your answers to one decimal place.

(5)

(ii) (a) A student's attempt to solve the question

"Solve, for $-90° < x < 90°$, the equation $3\tan x - 5\sin x = 0$"

is set out below.

$$3\tan x - 5\sin x = 0$$
$$3\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} - 5\sin x = 0$$
$$3\sin x - 5\sin x\cos x = 0$$
$$3 - 5\cos x = 0$$
$$\cos x = \frac{3}{5}$$
$$x = 53.1°$$

Identify two errors or omissions made by this student, giving a brief explanation of each.

(2)

The first four positive solutions, in order of size, of the equation

$$\cos(5\alpha + 40°) = \frac{3}{5}$$

are α_1, α_2, α_3 and α_4

(b) Find, to the nearest degree, the value of α_4

(2)

Question 12 continued

10. **In this question you should show all stages of your working.**

Solutions relying entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable.

(a) Given that $1 + \cos 2\theta + \sin 2\theta \neq 0$ prove that

$$\frac{1 - \cos 2\theta + \sin 2\theta}{1 + \cos 2\theta + \sin 2\theta} \equiv \tan\theta$$

(4)

(b) Hence solve, for $0 < x < 180°$

$$\frac{1 - \cos 4x + \sin 4x}{1 + \cos 4x + \sin 4x} = 3\sin 2x$$

giving your answers to one decimal place where appropriate.

(4)

Question 10 continued

4. Given that θ is small and measured in radians, use the small angle approximations to show that

$$4\sin\frac{\theta}{2} + 3\cos^2\theta \approx a + b\theta + c\theta^2$$

where a, b and c are integers to be found.

(3)

15. (a) Express $2\cos\theta - \sin\theta$ in the form $R\cos(\theta + \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$

Give the exact value of R and the value of α in radians to 3 decimal places.

(3)

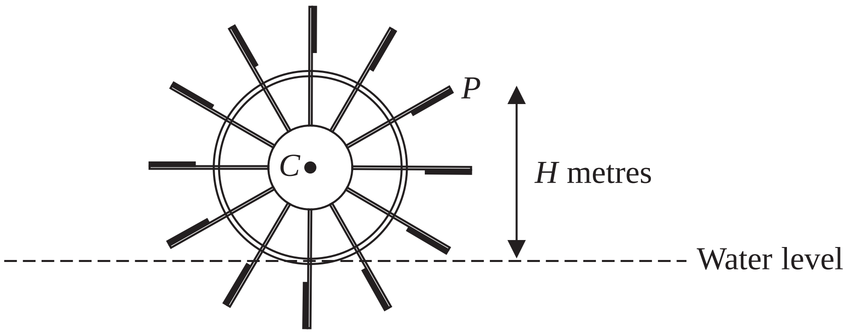

Figure 6

Figure 6 shows the cross-section of a water wheel.

The wheel is free to rotate about a fixed axis through the point C.

The point P is at the end of one of the paddles of the wheel, as shown in Figure 6.

The water level is assumed to be horizontal and of constant height.

The vertical height, H metres, of P above the water level is modelled by the equation

$$H = 3 + 4\cos(0.5t) - 2\sin(0.5t)$$

where t is the time in seconds after the wheel starts rotating.

Using the model, find

(b) (i) the maximum height of P above the water level,

(ii) the value of t when this maximum height first occurs, giving your answer to one decimal place.

(3)

In a single revolution of the wheel, P is below the water level for a total of T seconds.

According to the model,

(c) find the value of T giving your answer to 3 significant figures.

(*Solutions based entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable*.)

(4)

In reality, the water level may not be of constant height.

(d) Explain how the equation of the model should be refined to take this into account.

(1)

Question 15 continued

13. **In this question you must show all stages of your working.**

Solutions relying entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable.

(a) Show that

$$\frac{1}{\cos\theta} + \tan\theta \equiv \frac{\cos\theta}{1 - \sin\theta} \qquad \theta \neq (2n + 1)90^\circ \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

(3)

Given that $\cos 2x \neq 0$

(b) solve for $0 < x < 90^\circ$

$$\frac{1}{\cos 2x} + \tan 2x = 3\cos 2x$$

giving your answers to one decimal place.

(5)

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Question 13 continued

14. **In this question you must show all stages of your working.**

Solutions relying entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable.

(a) Given that

$$2\sin(x - 60°) = \cos(x - 30°)$$

show that

$$\tan x = 3\sqrt{3}$$

(4)

(b) Hence or otherwise solve, for $0 \leqslant \theta < 180°$

$$2\sin 2\theta = \cos(2\theta + 30°)$$

giving your answers to one decimal place.

(4)

Question 14 continued

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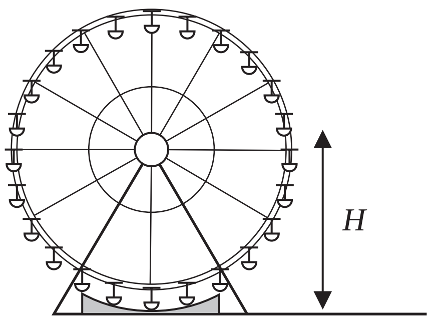

Figure 4

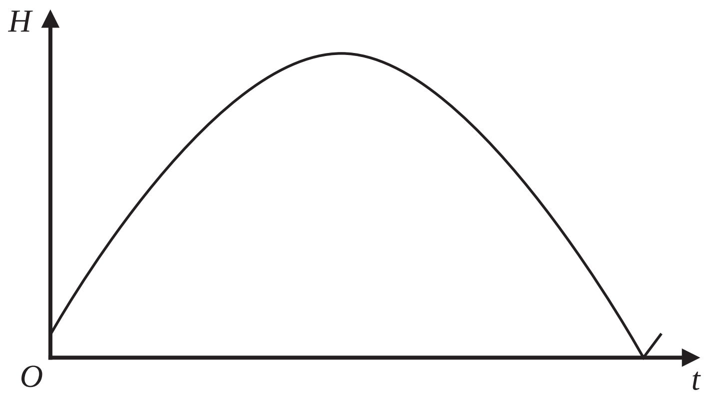

Figure 5

Figure 4 shows a sketch of a Ferris wheel.

The height above the ground, H m, of a passenger on the Ferris wheel, t seconds after the wheel starts turning, is modelled by the equation

$$H = \left|A \sin(bt + \alpha)°\right|$$

where A, b and α are constants.

Figure 5 shows a sketch of the graph of H against t, for one revolution of the wheel.

Given that

- the maximum height of the passenger above the ground is 50 m
- the passenger is 1 m above the ground when the wheel starts turning
- the wheel takes 720 seconds to complete one revolution

(a) find a complete equation for the model, giving the exact value of A, the exact value of b and the value of α to 3 significant figures.

(4)

(b) Explain why an equation of the form

$$H = \left|A \sin(bt + \alpha)°\right| + d$$

where d is a positive constant, would be a more appropriate model.

(1)

Question 9 continued

(Total for Question 9 is 5 marks)

12. **In this question you must show detailed reasoning.**

Solutions relying entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable.

(a) Show that the equation

$$4\tan x = 5\cos x$$

can be written as

$$5\sin^2 x + 4\sin x - 5 = 0$$

(3)

(b) Hence solve, for $0 < x \leqslant 360°$

$$4\tan x = 5\cos x$$

giving your answers to one decimal place.

(4)

(c) Hence find the **number of solutions** of the equation

$$4\tan 3x = 5\cos 3x$$

in the interval $0 < x \leqslant 1800°$, explaining briefly the reason for your answer.

(2)

Question 12 continued

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4. **In this question you must show all stages of your working.**

Solutions relying entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable.

The curve C has equation $y = \mathrm{f}(x)$ where $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Given that

- $\mathrm{f}'(x) = 2x + \dfrac{1}{2}\cos x$
- the curve has a stationary point with x coordinate α
- α is small

(a) use the small angle approximation for $\cos x$ to estimate the value of α to 3 decimal places.

(3)

The point $P(0, 3)$ lies on C

(b) Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at P, giving your answer in the form $y = mx + c$, where m and c are constants to be found.

(2)

8. (a) Express $2\cos\theta + 8\sin\theta$ in the form $R\cos(\theta - \alpha)$, where R and α are constants, $R > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$

Give the exact value of R and give the value of α in radians to 3 decimal places.

(3)

The first three terms of an arithmetic sequence are

$$\cos x \qquad \cos x + \sin x \qquad \cos x + 2\sin x \qquad x \neq n\pi$$

Given that S_9 represents the sum of the first 9 terms of this sequence as x varies,

(b) (i) find the exact maximum value of S_9

(ii) deduce the smallest positive value of x at which this maximum value of S_9 occurs.

(3)

Question 8 continued

14. **In this question you must show all stages of your working.**

Solutions relying entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable.

(a) Show that the equation

$$2\tan\theta(8\cos\theta + 23\sin^2\theta) = 8\sin 2\theta(1 + \tan^2\theta)$$

may be written as

$$\sin 2\theta(A\cos^2\theta + B\cos\theta + C) = 0$$

where A, B and C are constants to be found.

(3)

(b) Hence, solve for $360° \leqslant x \leqslant 540°$

$$2\tan x(8\cos x + 23\sin^2 x) = 8\sin 2x(1 + \tan^2 x) \qquad x \in \mathbb{R} \qquad x \neq 450°$$

(4)

13. **In this question you must show all stages of your working.**

Solutions relying entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable.

(a) Show that the equation

$$\sin\theta(7\sin\theta - 4\cos\theta) = 4$$

can be written as

$$3\tan^2\theta - 4\tan\theta - 4 = 0$$

(4)

(b) Hence solve, for $0 < x < 360°$

$$\sin x(7\sin x - 4\cos x) = 4$$

giving your answers to one decimal place.

(4)

(c) Hence find the smallest solution of the equation

$$\sin 4\alpha(7\sin 4\alpha - 4\cos 4\alpha) = 4$$

in the range $720° < \alpha < 1080°$, giving your answer to one decimal place.

(1)

Question 13 continued

12. (a) Express $140\cos\theta - 480\sin\theta$ in the form $K\cos(\theta + \alpha)$

where $K > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < 90°$

State the value of K and give the value of α, in degrees, to 2 decimal places.

(3)

A scientist studies the number of rabbits and the number of foxes in a wood for one year.

The number of rabbits, R, is modelled by the equation

$$R = A + 140\cos(30t)° - 480\sin(30t)°$$

where t months is the time after the start of the year and A is a constant.

Given that, during the year, the maximum number of rabbits in the wood is 1500

(b) (i) find a complete equation for this model.

(ii) Hence write down the minimum number of rabbits in the wood during the year according to the model.

(2)

The actual number of rabbits in the wood is at its minimum value in the middle of April.

(c) Use this information to comment on the model for the number of rabbits.

(2)

The number of foxes, F, in the wood during the same year is modelled by the equation

$$F = 100 + 70\sin(30t + 70)°$$

The number of foxes is at its minimum value after T months.

(d) Find, according to the models, the number of **rabbits** in the wood at time T months.

(4)

Question 12 continued

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8. **In this question you must show all stages of your working.**

Solutions relying entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable.

(a) Prove that

$$\frac{1}{\operatorname{cosec}\theta - 1} + \frac{1}{\operatorname{cosec}\theta + 1} \equiv 2\tan\theta\sec\theta \qquad \theta \neq (90n)^{\circ},\ n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

(3)

(b) Hence solve, for $0 < x < 90°$, the equation

$$\frac{1}{\operatorname{cosec}2x - 1} + \frac{1}{\operatorname{cosec}2x + 1} = \cot 2x \sec 2x$$

Give each answer, in degrees, to one decimal place.

(4)

Question 8 continued

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