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**141 BASIC APPLIED MATHEMATICS**

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

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**ANSWERS**

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**Instructions**

1. This paper consists of TEN questions.
2. Answer all questions.

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1. Use a non-programmable calculator to:

- (a) Compute the value of  $\sin^{-1}(2/3) / [7.4(\ln\sqrt{87}) + 2817 \log 6289]$  correct to 4 decimal places.

$$\sin^{-1}(2/3) \approx 0.7297$$

$$\ln\sqrt{87} = \ln(87^{1/2}) = \frac{1}{2} \ln 87 \approx 2.2287$$

$$\text{So } 7.4 \times 2.2287 \approx 16.4924$$

$$\log 6289 \approx 3.7985$$

$$2817 \times 3.7985 \approx 10691.8845$$

$$\text{Denominator: } 16.4924 + 10691.8845 \approx 10708.3769$$

$$\text{So full expression} = 0.7297 / 10708.3769 \approx 0.0000681$$

- (b) Evaluate  $\int_0^1 (3x - 2^5) dx$

$$\text{Note: } 2^5 = 32$$

$$\text{So expression} = \int_0^1 (3x - 32) dx$$

$$= [3x^2/2 - 32x] \text{ from 0 to 1}$$

$$= (3/2 \times 1^2 - 32 \times 1) - 0 = 1.5 - 32 = -30.5$$

- (c) Solve the equation  $x^2 + 6x - 8 = 0$  correct to 3 decimal places.

Use quadratic formula:

$$x = [-6 \pm \sqrt{(36 + 32)}] / 2 = [-6 \pm \sqrt{68}] / 2$$

$$\sqrt{68} \approx 8.2462$$

$$x_1 = (-6 + 8.2462) / 2 = 2.2462 / 2 \approx 1.123$$

$$x_2 = (-6 - 8.2462) / 2 = -14.2462 / 2 \approx -7.123$$

$$\text{Roots: } x \approx 1.123 \text{ and } x \approx -7.123$$

- (d) Find  $2h(4) + f(4.5)$  correct to 4 decimal places, given that

$$h(x) = \sqrt{[(x + 4 + (3 + e^x)) / (x + \sqrt{x})]}$$

and

$$f(x) = \sqrt{[(x - 3)^{1/3} + (x + 1)^6] / (1 + x)}$$

First compute  $h(4)$ :

$$e^4 \approx 54.5981$$

$$\text{Numerator: } 4 + 4 + (3 + 54.5981) = 8 + 57.5981 = 65.5981$$

$$\text{Denominator: } 4 + \sqrt{4} = 4 + 2 = 6$$

$$h(4) = \sqrt{(65.5981 / 6)} \approx \sqrt{10.933} = 3.305$$

$$2h(4) = 2 \times 3.305 = 6.610$$

Now  $f(4.5)$ :

$$x - 3 = 1.5 \rightarrow (1.5)^{1/3} \approx 1.145$$

$$x + 1 = 5.5 \rightarrow (5.5)^6 \approx 25000$$

$$\text{Numerator} \approx 1.145 + 25000 = 25001.145$$

$$\text{Denominator} = 1 + 4.5 = 5.5$$

$$f(4.5) = \sqrt[3]{(25001.145 / 5.5)} = \sqrt[3]{4545.66} \approx 67.39$$

$$\text{Total} = 6.610 + 67.39 = 74.00$$

2. (a) The function is defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1 & \text{for } x > 1 \\ |x| & \text{for } -2 < x \leq 1 \\ x + 2 & \text{for } x \leq -2 \end{cases}$$

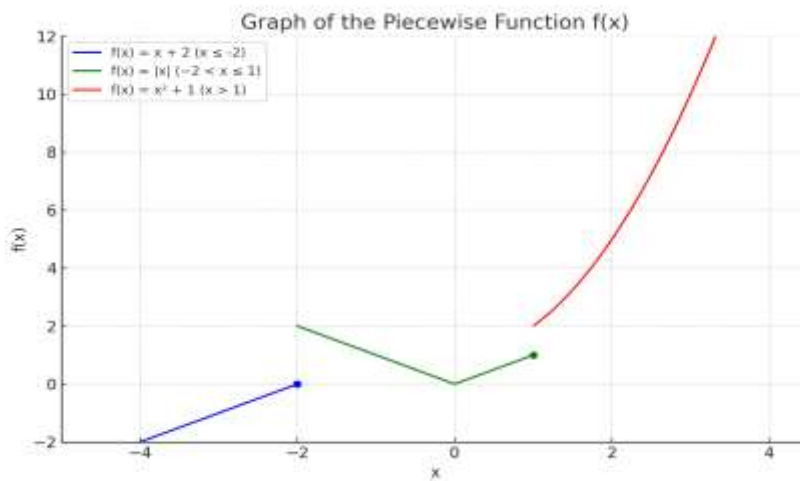
(i) Sketch the graph of  $f(x)$

Break into three parts:

-  $x > 1$ :  $f(x) = x^2 + 1 \rightarrow$  starts at open point  $(1, 2)$ , rises upward as parabola

-  $-2 < x \leq 1$ :  $f(x) = |x| \rightarrow$  V-shaped graph, turning at  $(0, 0)$ , defined up to  $(1, 1)$

-  $x \leq -2$ :  $f(x) = x + 2 \rightarrow$  line with slope 1, passes through  $(-2, 0)$



Key points:

- $(-3, -1), (-2, 0)$  closed, from  $f(x) = x + 2$
- $(-1, 1), (0, 0), (1, 1)$  from  $f(x) = |x|$  with  $(1, 1)$  closed
- Open circle at  $x = 1$  for  $x^2 + 1$ :  $(1, 2)$  open
- e.g.,  $(2, 5), (3, 10)$  for  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$

(ii) Determine the domain and range of  $f(x)$

Domain:  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  (all  $x$  are covered by the three pieces)

Range:

$$x + 2 \text{ for } x \leq -2 \rightarrow \text{values} \leq 0$$

$$|x| \text{ for } -2 < x \leq 1 \rightarrow \text{values from 0 to 1}$$

$$x^2 + 1 \text{ for } x > 1 \rightarrow \text{values} > 2$$

So:

$$\text{Range} = (-\infty, 0] \cup [0, 1] \cup (2, \infty)$$

(iii) Find the value of  $f(-3)$ ,  $f(0.5)$  and  $f(2)$

$$f(-3) = (-3) + 2 = -1$$

$$f(0.5) = |0.5| = 0.5$$

$$f(2) = 2^2 + 1 = 5$$

(b) If  $f(x) = x + 1/x$ , show that  $[f(x)]^3 = f(x^3) + 3f(x)$

$$\text{LHS: } [f(x)]^3 = (x + 1/x)^3$$

$$\text{Use identity: } (a + b)^3 = a^3 + b^3 + 3ab(a + b)$$

$$= x^3 + 1/x^3 + 3x(1/x)(x + 1/x)$$

$$= x^3 + 1/x^3 + 3(x + 1/x)$$

$$\text{RHS: } f(x^3) + 3f(x) = (x^3 + 1/x^3) + 3(x + 1/x)$$

So LHS = RHS  $\rightarrow$  proven

3. (a) The difference of two numbers is 1 and the difference of their squares is 7. Find the two numbers.

Let the two numbers be  $x$  and  $y$  such that:

$$x - y = 1 \dots (1)$$

$$x^2 - y^2 = 7 \dots (2)$$

$$\text{From identity: } x^2 - y^2 = (x - y)(x + y)$$

Substitute (1) into (2):

$$1(x + y) = 7 \rightarrow x + y = 7 \dots (3)$$

Now solve equations (1) and (3) simultaneously:

$$x - y = 1$$

$$x + y = 7$$

Add the equations:

$$2x = 8 \rightarrow x = 4$$

$$\text{Then from (1): } 4 - y = 1 \rightarrow y = 3$$

The two numbers are 4 and 3.

3. (b) If the first term of a geometric progression exceeds the second term by 4 and the sum of the second and third terms is  $2\frac{2}{3}$ , find the first three terms of the progression.

Let the first term be  $a$  and the common ratio be  $r$ .

Second term =  $ar$

Third term =  $ar^2$

Given:

$$a - ar = 4 \rightarrow a(1 - r) = 4 \dots(1)$$

$$ar + ar^2 = 8/3 \dots(2)$$

Factor (2):

$$ar(1 + r) = 8/3$$

$$\text{From (1): } a = 4 / (1 - r)$$

Substitute into (2):

$$(4 / (1 - r)) \times r(1 + r) = 8/3$$

$$4r(1 + r) = 8(1 - r)/3$$

Multiply both sides by 3:

$$12r(1 + r) = 8(1 - r)$$

$$12r + 12r^2 = 8 - 8r$$

$$12r^2 + 20r - 8 = 0$$

$$\text{Divide by 4: } 3r^2 + 5r - 2 = 0$$

Use quadratic formula:

$$r = [-5 \pm \sqrt{(25 + 24)}] / 6 = [-5 \pm \sqrt{49}] / 6$$

$$r = (-5 + 7)/6 = 2/6 = 1/3$$

$$\text{or } r = (-5 - 7)/6 = -12/6 = -2$$

Use  $r = 1/3$ :

$$a = 4 / (1 - 1/3) = 4 / (2/3) = 6$$

First term = 6

$$\text{Second term} = 6 \times 1/3 = 2$$

$$\text{Third term} = 2 \times 1/3 = 2/3$$

The first three terms are 6, 2, and  $2/3$ .

4. (a) Differentiate  $f(x) = e^{x^2-3x+2}$

$$\text{Let } u = x^2 - 3x + 2$$

$$\text{Then } f(x) = e^u$$

$$\text{So } df/dx = e^u \times du/dx$$

$$du/dx = 2x - 3$$

$$\text{Therefore, } df/dx = e^{(x^2 - 3x + 2)} \times (2x - 3)$$

4. (b) Use implicit differentiation to find  $dy/dx$  from

$$x^2 + y^2 - 6xy + 3x - 2y + 5 = 0$$

Differentiate both sides with respect to  $x$ :

$$d/dx[x^2] + d/dx[y^2] - d/dx[6xy] + d/dx[3x] - d/dx[2y] + d/dx[5] = 0$$

$$2x + 2y(dy/dx) - [6(dy/dx \cdot x + y)] + 3 - 2(dy/dx) = 0$$

$$2x + 2y dy/dx - 6x dy/dx - 6y + 3 - 2 dy/dx = 0$$

Group  $dy/dx$  terms:

$$(2y - 6x - 2) dy/dx = 6y - 2x - 3$$

$$dy/dx = (6y - 2x - 3) / (2y - 6x - 2)$$

4. (c) Find stationary points of  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 36x + 14$  and determine the nature of each stationary point.

First derivative:

$$f'(x) = 6x^2 - 6x - 36$$

Set  $f'(x) = 0$ :

$$6x^2 - 6x - 36 = 0 \rightarrow x^2 - x - 6 = 0$$

$$(x - 3)(x + 2) = 0 \rightarrow x = 3 \text{ and } x = -2$$

Second derivative:  $f''(x) = 12x - 6$

At  $x = 3$ :  $f''(3) = 36 - 6 = 30 > 0 \rightarrow$  minimum point

At  $x = -2$ :  $f''(-2) = -24 - 6 = -30 < 0 \rightarrow$  maximum point

So:

Stationary point at  $x = -2$  is a maximum

Stationary point at  $x = 3$  is a minimum

5. (a) Use substitution method:

$$(i) \int x\sqrt{x^2 + 1} \, dx$$

$$\text{Let } u = x^2 + 1 \rightarrow du = 2x \, dx \rightarrow x \, dx = du/2$$

$$\text{So } \int x\sqrt{x^2 + 1} \, dx = \int \sqrt{u} \times (du/2) = (1/2) \int u^{1/2} \, du$$

$$= (1/2) \times (2/3) u^{3/2} = (1/3)(x^2 + 1)^{3/2} + C$$

$$(ii) \int \tan x \, dx$$

$$= -\ln|\cos x| + C$$

5. (b) Find the area under the curve  $y = x^2 - 4x + 3$  between the roots of the equation  $x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0$ .

$$\text{Solve } x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0 \rightarrow (x - 1)(x - 3) = 0 \rightarrow x = 1, 3$$

$$\text{Area} = \int_1^3 (x^2 - 4x + 3) \, dx$$

$$= [x^3/3 - 2x^2 + 3x]_1^3$$

$$= [(27/3) - 18 + 9] - [(1/3) - 2 + 3]$$

$$= (9 - 18 + 9) - (1/3 - 2 + 3)$$

$$= 0 - (1/3 + 1) = -4/3$$

$$\text{Area} = 4/3 \text{ units}^2$$

6. (a) A teacher recorded the height in cm of 22 students as:

155, 160, 163, 165, 166, 168, 168, 169, 170, 172, 172, 172, 173, 174, 174, 175, 175, 176, 176, 176, 178, 180

Form a grouped frequency distribution table with class intervals of 5 starting from 155.

Class Interval	Frequency
155–159	2
160–164	2
165–169	5
170–174	6
175–179	6
180–184	1

6. (b) Using the assumed mean method, calculate the mean height.

Class midpoints: 157, 162, 167, 172, 177, 182

Assumed mean  $A = 172$ , class width  $h = 5$

Compute  $u = (x - A)/h$

Midpoint (x)	f	u	fu
157	2	-3	-6
162	2	-2	-4
167	5	-1	-5
172	6	0	0
177	6	1	6
182	1	2	2

$$\Sigma fu = -7, \Sigma f = 22$$

$$\text{Mean} = A + (\Sigma fu / \Sigma f) \times h = 172 + (-7/22) \times 5 = 172 - 35/22 \approx 170.41 \text{ cm}$$

6. (c) Estimate the interquartile range.

Cumulative frequency:

$$Q_1 = \frac{1}{4}(22) = 5.5^{\text{th}} \text{ value} \rightarrow \text{lies in } 165-169$$

$$L = 164.5, F = 4, f = 5, h = 5$$

$$Q_1 = 164.5 + [(5.5 - 4)/5] \times 5 = 164.5 + 1.5 = 166$$

$$Q_3 = \frac{3}{4}(22) = 16.5^{\text{th}} \text{ value} \rightarrow \text{lies in } 175-179$$

$$L = 174.5, F = 15, f = 6$$

$$Q_3 = 174.5 + [(16.5 - 15)/6] \times 5 = 174.5 + (1.5/6) \times 5 = 174.5 + 1.25 = 175.75$$

$$\text{IQR} = Q_3 - Q_1 = 175.75 - 166 = 9.75 \text{ cm}$$

7. (a) Show that  ${}^nC_r = {}^nC_{n-r}$

By definition:

$${}^nC_r = n! / (r!(n-r)!)$$

$${}^nC_{n-r} = n! / ((n-r)!r!) = \text{same}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } {}^nC_r = {}^nC_{n-r}$$

7. (b) Given  $P(A) = 0.3$ ,  $P(B) = 0.4$  and  $P(A \cap B) = 0.1$ , find  $P(A \cup B)$

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$= 0.3 + 0.4 - 0.1 = 0.6$$

7. (c) A bag contains 3 red and 5 blue marbles. Two are drawn with replacement. Find the probability that:

(i) Both are red

$$= \frac{3}{8} \times \frac{3}{8} = \frac{9}{64}$$

(ii) One is red and one is blue

$$= (\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{5}{8}) + (\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{3}{8}) = \frac{30}{64}$$

(iii) Both are blue

$$= \frac{5}{8} \times \frac{5}{8} = \frac{25}{64}$$

8. (a) Given triangle XYZ,  $XY = 3.5 \text{ cm}$ ,  $YZ = 4.5 \text{ cm}$ ,  $ZX = 6.5 \text{ cm}$ . Calculate the angle Y.

Use cosine rule:

$$\cos Y = (XY^2 + YZ^2 - ZX^2) / (2 \cdot XY \cdot YZ)$$

$$= (3.5^2 + 4.5^2 - 6.5^2) / (2 \cdot 3.5 \cdot 4.5)$$

$$= (12.25 + 20.25 - 42.25) / (31.5) = -9.75 / 31.5 = -0.3095$$

$$Y = \cos^{-1}(-0.3095) \approx 108.1^\circ$$

8. (b) Solve the equation  $1 + \cos \theta = 2 \sin^2 \theta$  for  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$

Use identity  $\sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos^2 \theta$

$$1 + \cos \theta = 2(1 - \cos^2 \theta)$$



$$1 + \cos \theta = 2 - 2\cos^2 \theta$$

$$2\cos^2 \theta + \cos \theta - 1 = 0$$

$$\text{Solve: } \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } -1$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \theta = \pi/3, 5\pi/3$$

$$\cos \theta = -1 \rightarrow \theta = \pi$$

$$\text{Solutions: } \pi/3, 5\pi/3, \pi$$

9. Given matrix A =

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

(i) Find |A|

Use cofactor expansion:

$$|A| = 1(2 \cdot (-1) - 1 \cdot 1) - 1(1 \cdot (-1) - 1 \cdot 2) + 1(1 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 2)$$

$$= 1(-2 - 1) - 1(-1 - 2) + 1(1 - 4)$$

$$= 1(-3) - 1(-3) + 1(-3) = -3 + 3 - 3 = -3$$

$$|A| = -3$$

(ii) Find  $A^{-1}$

Given matrix A:

$$A =$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

We are to compute the inverse  $A^{-1}$  using the formula:

$$A^{-1} = (1/|A|) \times \text{adj}(A)$$

First, compute the determinant |A|:

$$|A| = 1 \cdot (2 \cdot (-1) - 1 \cdot 1) - 1 \cdot (1 \cdot (-1) - 1 \cdot 2) + 1 \cdot (1 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 2)$$

$$= 1 \cdot (-2 - 1) - 1 \cdot (-1 - 2) + 1 \cdot (1 - 4)$$

$$= 1(-3) - 1(-3) + 1(-3)$$

$$= -3 + 3 - 3 = -3$$

$$\text{So } |A| = -3$$

Now compute the matrix of minors:

Minor of  $a_{11} = |2 \ 1|$

$$|1 \ -1| = (2)(-1) - (1)(1) = -2 - 1 = -3$$

Minor of  $a_{12} = |1 \ 1|$

$$|2 \ -1| = (1)(-1) - (2)(1) = -1 - 2 = -3$$

Minor of  $a_{13} = |1 \ 2|$

$$|2 \ 1| = (1)(1) - (2)(2) = 1 - 4 = -3$$

Minor of  $a_{21} = |1 \ 1|$

$$|1 \ -1| = (1)(-1) - (1)(1) = -1 - 1 = -2$$

Minor of  $a_{22} = |1 \ 1|$

$$|2 \ -1| = (1)(-1) - (2)(1) = -1 - 2 = -3$$

Minor of  $a_{23} = |1 \ 1|$

$$|2 \ 1| = (1)(1) - (2)(1) = 1 - 2 = -1$$

Minor of  $a_{31} = |1 \ 1|$

$$|2 \ 1| = (1)(1) - (2)(1) = 1 - 2 = -1$$

Minor of  $a_{32} = |1 \ 1|$

$$|1 \ 1| = (1)(1) - (1)(1) = 1 - 1 = 0$$

Minor of  $a_{33} = |1 \ 1|$

$$|1 \ 2| = (1)(2) - (1)(1) = 2 - 1 = 1$$

Now apply the checkerboard signs to get the matrix of cofactors:

Cofactor matrix:

$$\begin{vmatrix} + & - & + \\ - & + & - \\ + & - & + \end{vmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{vmatrix} -3 & 3 & -3 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Now take the transpose of the cofactor matrix to get the adjugate matrix:

Adj(A) =

$$\begin{vmatrix} -3 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -3 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Now compute the inverse:

$$A^{-1} = (1/-3) \times \text{adj}(A)$$

So:

$$A^{-1} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2/3 & 1/3 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1/3 & -1/3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Final result:

$$A^{-1} = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2/3 & -1/3 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1/3 & 1/3 \end{vmatrix}$$

10. (a) A furniture dealer makes chairs and tables. A chair requires one hour on machine I and two hours on machine II. A table requires two hours on machine I and one hour on machine II. Each day, machine I is available for 10 hours and machine II is available for 15 hours. The profit on a chair is Tsh 30 and on a table is Tsh 45. Find how many chairs and how many tables should be made to maximize profit.

Let

x = number of chairs

y = number of tables

From the question:

Machine I constraint:

$$1x + 2y \leq 10 \rightarrow x + 2y \leq 10$$

Machine II constraint:

$$2x + 1y \leq 15 \rightarrow 2x + y \leq 15$$

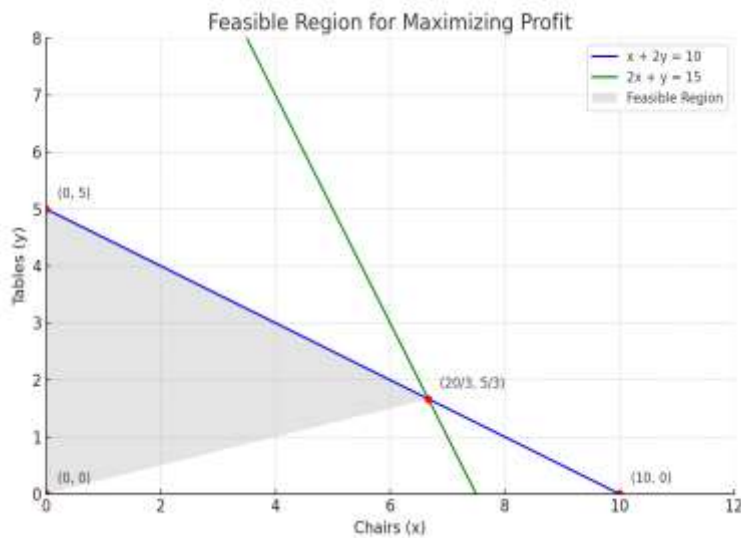
Non-negativity:

$$x \geq 0, y \geq 0$$

Objective function:

$$\text{Maximize profit } P = 30x + 45y$$

10. (b) Draw the feasible region and determine the values of x and y which maximize the profit.



Now solve the system of inequalities graphically.

Step 1: Convert inequalities to equalities for graphing:

1)  $x + 2y = 10$

2)  $2x + y = 15$

Find intersections:

From (1):

$$x + 2y = 10 \rightarrow y = (10 - x)/2$$

When  $x = 0 \rightarrow y = 5$

When  $y = 0 \rightarrow x = 10$

So line (1) passes through (0, 5) and (10, 0)

From (2):

$$2x + y = 15 \rightarrow y = 15 - 2x$$

When  $x = 0 \rightarrow y = 15$

When  $y = 0 \rightarrow x = 7.5$

So line (2) passes through (0, 15) and (7.5, 0)

Now find intersection of the two lines:

$$x + 2y = 10$$

$$2x + y = 15$$

Multiply second equation by 2:

$$4x + 2y = 30$$

Now subtract:

$$(4x + 2y) - (x + 2y) = 30 - 10$$

$$3x = 20 \rightarrow x = 20/3$$

Substitute into  $x + 2y = 10$ :

$$20/3 + 2y = 10 \rightarrow 2y = 10 - 20/3 = (30 - 20)/3 = 10/3$$

$$y = 5/3$$

So point of intersection:  $(20/3, 5/3)$

Now evaluate profit at corner points:

1)  $(0, 0)$ :  $P = 0$

2)  $(10, 0)$ :  $P = 30 \times 10 = 300$

3)  $(0, 5)$ :  $P = 45 \times 5 = 225$

4)  $(20/3, 5/3)$ :

$$P = 30(20/3) + 45(5/3) = 200 + 75 = 275$$

Maximum profit is Tsh 300 at point  $(10, 0)$

Hence, to maximize profit, the dealer should make 10 chairs and 0 tables.