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**141 BASIC APPLIED MATHEMATICS**

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

**Time: 3 Hours**

**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 scientific calculator to:

(a) compute  $\sqrt[3]{(19e^2) \ln 3} / \sqrt{2}$  correct to 5 significant figures.  
6.5096

(b) evaluate  $\int_0^1 \sqrt{1-x^2} dx$  correct to 5 significant figures.  
0.78540

(c) find the mean and standard deviation of the following data correct to 4 decimal places.

Values	110	130	150	170	190
Frequency	10	31	24	2	2

Mean = 136.8

Standard deviation = 17.02

2. (a) Given that  $g(x) = -3x + 5$ . Find the range of  $g(x)$  for the domain  $\{x : -2 \leq x \leq 3\}$ .

Find  $g(-2) = -3(-2) + 5 = 6 + 5 = 11$

Find  $g(3) = -3(3) + 5 = -9 + 5 = -4$

So range of  $g(x)$ :  $-4 \leq g(x) \leq 11$

(b) Find the turning point of  $h(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - x$ .

This is a quadratic of form  $ax^2 + bx$

Turning point at  $x = -b/2a = -(-1)/(2 \times \frac{1}{2}) = 1$

$h(1) = \frac{1}{2}(1)^2 - 1 = 0.5 - 1 = -0.5$

Turning point: (1, -0.5)

(c) Find the inverse of  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 5$

Let  $y = 2x^2 - 5$

Solve for  $x$ :

$y + 5 = 2x^2 \rightarrow x^2 = (y + 5)/2 \rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{(y + 5)/2}$

So  $f^{-1}(x) = \pm\sqrt{(x + 5)/2}$  (not one-to-one unless domain restricted)

3. (a) In a sequence, the sum of the third and fourth terms is -12, the sum of the third and fifth terms is 60 and the sum of the fourth and fifth terms is 24.

(i) Show that the terms form a geometric sequence.

Let  $a$  = first term,  $r$  = common ratio

$T_3 = ar^2$ ,  $T_4 = ar^3$ ,  $T_5 = ar^4$

$$ar^2 + ar^3 = -12 \rightarrow ar^2(1 + r) = -12 \dots(1)$$

$$ar^2 + ar^4 = 60 \rightarrow ar^2(1 + r^2) = 60 \dots(2)$$

$$ar^3 + ar^4 = 24 \rightarrow ar^3(1 + r) = 24 \dots(3)$$

$$\text{From (1): } ar^2 = -12 / (1 + r)$$

Substitute into (2):

$$(-12 / (1 + r))(1 + r^2) = 60$$

$$-12(1 + r^2) = 60(1 + r)$$

$$-12 - 12r^2 = 60 + 60r$$

$$-12r^2 - 60r - 72 = 0$$

$$\text{Divide by } -12: r^2 + 5r + 6 = 0$$

$$(r + 2)(r + 3) = 0 \rightarrow r = -2 \text{ or } r = -3$$

So sequence is geometric

(ii) Find the sum of the first ten terms of the sequence.

Case 1:  $r = -2$

$$\text{From (1): } ar^2(1 + r) = -12 \rightarrow ar^2(1 - 2) = -12 \rightarrow ar^2(-1) = -12 \rightarrow ar^2 = 12$$

$$r^2 = 4 \rightarrow a = 3$$

$$S_{10} = a(1 - r^{10}) / (1 - r)$$

$$= 3(1 - (-2)^{10}) / (1 - (-2)) = 3(1 - 1024) / 3 = -1023$$

Case 2:  $r = -3$

$$\text{From (1): } ar^2(1 + r) = -12 \rightarrow ar^2(-2) = -12 \rightarrow ar^2 = 6$$

$$r^2 = 9 \rightarrow a = 6/9 = 2/3$$

$$S_{10} = (2/3)(1 - (-3)^{10}) / (1 - (-3)) = (2/3)(1 - 59049) / 4 = -39364$$

So possible  $S_{10} = -1023$  or  $-39364$  depending on  $r$

(b) If the equation  $(2k + 3)x^2 + 2(k + 3)x + (k + 5) = 0$  has equal roots, find the numerical value(s) of  $k$ .

$$\text{For equal roots: } b^2 - 4ac = 0$$

$$a = (2k + 3), b = 2(k + 3), c = (k + 5)$$

$$\text{Discriminant: } [2(k + 3)]^2 - 4(2k + 3)(k + 5) = 0$$

$$4(k^2 + 6k + 9) - 4(2k^2 + 13k + 15) = 0$$

$$4k^2 + 24k + 36 - 8k^2 - 52k - 60 = 0$$

$$-4k^2 - 28k - 24 = 0$$

$$\text{Divide by } -4: k^2 + 7k + 6 = 0$$

$$(k + 1)(k + 6) = 0 \rightarrow k = -1 \text{ or } -6$$

4. (a) (i) Find  $dy/dx$  of  $y = \sqrt{x} + 1$

$$dy/dx = (1/2\sqrt{x}) + 0 = 1/(2\sqrt{x})$$

(ii) Given the equations  $x = (t - 1)^2$ ,  $y = t^3$ , find  $dy/dx$  in terms of  $t$ .

$$dx/dt = 2(t - 1)$$

$$dy/dt = 3t^2$$

$$dy/dx = (dy/dt) / (dx/dt) = 3t^2 / [2(t - 1)]$$

(b) A metal wire whose length is 600 m is bent to make a rectangular fence. Calculate the dimensions of the fence that could give the maximum area.

Let length =  $x$ , width =  $y$

$$\text{Perimeter: } 2x + 2y = 600 \rightarrow x + y = 300 \rightarrow y = 300 - x$$

$$\text{Area } A = xy = x(300 - x) = 300x - x^2$$

$$dA/dx = 300 - 2x = 0 \rightarrow x = 150$$

$$y = 150$$

Dimensions: 150 m  $\times$  150 m

5. (a) The first derivative of  $f(t)$  is  $f'(t) = 6t + 1$ . Find  $f(t)$  and the numerical value of  $f(10)$  given that  $f(0) = 2$ .

$$f'(t) = 6t + 1$$

$$\text{Integrate: } f(t) = \int (6t + 1) dt = 3t^2 + t + C$$

$$f(0) = 2 \rightarrow 0 + 0 + C = 2 \rightarrow C = 2$$

$$f(t) = 3t^2 + t + 2$$

$$f(10) = 3 \times 100 + 10 + 2 = 312$$

(b) Find the area enclosed between the curve  $y = x(x - 1)(x - 2)$  and the  $x$ -axis.

$$y = x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x$$

Find area from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 2$

$$A = \int_0^2 (x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x) dx$$

$$= [\frac{1}{4}x^4 - x^3 + x^2]_0^2 = (16/4 - 8 + 4) = 4 - 8 + 4 = 0$$

Since area can't be negative or zero, consider absolute value where function is negative. The function is negative between 0 and 1 and positive between 1 and 2.

$$\text{Area} = \int_0^1 -(x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x) dx + \int_1^2 (x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 (-x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x) dx + \int_1^2 (x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x) dx$$

$$= [-\frac{1}{4}x^4 + x^3 - x^2]_0^1 + [\frac{1}{4}x^4 - x^3 + x^2]_1^2$$

$$= (-\frac{1}{4} + 1 - 1) + (4 - 8 + 4 - (-\frac{1}{4} + 1 - 1))$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} + (0) + (0) + (2.75) = 0.25 + 2.75 = 3$$

Area = 3 units<sup>2</sup>

6. A biology teacher asked each of her 20 students to bring a grasshopper as a specimen for practical and the length of each grasshopper was recorded in centimeters as follows:

3, 1, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 5, 4, 2, 6, 4, 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 2, 5, 2

(a) Prepare frequency distribution table (do not group the data).

Length (cm)	Frequency
1	3
2	5
3	3
4	4
5	4
6	1

(b) Calculate median of the data.

Ordered data:

1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 6

20 values → median = average of 10th and 11th values → both = 3

Median = 3

(c) Use assumed mean  $A = 3$  and coding method to calculate mean and standard deviation correct to 2 decimal places.

Let  $A = 3$

Let  $x = \text{deviation} = \text{value} - A$

Value	f	$x = \text{value} - 3$	fx	$x^2$	$fx^2$
1	3	-2	-6	4	12
2	5	-1	-5	1	5
3	3	0	0	0	0
4	4	1	4	1	4
5	4	2	8	4	16
6	1	3	3	9	9
Total	20		4		46

Mean =  $A + (\Sigma fx / \Sigma f) = 3 + 4/20 = 3.2$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Variance} &= \Sigma fx^2 / \Sigma f - (\Sigma fx / \Sigma f)^2 = 46/20 - (4/20)^2 \\ &= 2.3 - 0.04 = 2.26\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Standard deviation} = \sqrt{2.26} = 1.50$$

$$\text{Mean} = 3.20$$

$$\text{Standard deviation} = 1.50$$

7. (a) A six-sided die is thrown. Find the probability that an odd number will show up.

Odd numbers = 1, 3, 5  $\rightarrow$  3 outcomes out of 6

$$\text{Probability} = 3/6 = 0.5$$

(b) Three coins are tossed at once.

(i) Use tree diagram to illustrate all possible outcomes.

Outcomes:

HHH, HHT, HTH, HTT, THH, THT, TTH, TTT

(ii) Find the probability of getting at least two heads.

At least two heads: HHH, HHT, HTH, THH  $\rightarrow$  4 outcomes

$$\text{Probability} = 4/8 = 0.5$$

8. (a) If  $\cos(x + \beta) = 2\sin(x - \beta)$ , show that  $\tan x = (1 + 2\tan \beta)/(2 + \tan \beta)$

Use identities:

$$\cos(x + \beta) = \cos x \cos \beta - \sin x \sin \beta$$

$$\sin(x - \beta) = \sin x \cos \beta - \cos x \sin \beta$$

$$\text{So } 2\sin(x - \beta) = 2(\sin x \cos \beta - \cos x \sin \beta)$$

Set both sides equal:

$$\cos x \cos \beta - \sin x \sin \beta = 2(\sin x \cos \beta - \cos x \sin \beta)$$

Expand:

$$\cos x \cos \beta - \sin x \sin \beta = 2 \sin x \cos \beta - 2 \cos x \sin \beta$$

Bring all to one side:

$$\cos x \cos \beta + 2 \cos x \sin \beta - \sin x \sin \beta - 2 \sin x \cos \beta = 0$$

Group terms:

$$\cos x (\cos \beta + 2 \sin \beta) = \sin x (2 \cos \beta + \sin \beta)$$

Divide both sides:

$$\cos x / \sin x = (2 \cos \beta + \sin \beta) / (\cos \beta + 2 \sin \beta)$$

$$\cot x = (2 \cos \beta + \sin \beta) / (\cos \beta + 2 \sin \beta)$$

So  $\tan x = (\cos \beta + 2 \sin \beta) / (2 \cos \beta + \sin \beta)$

Divide numerator and denominator by  $\cos \beta$ :

$$\tan x = (1 + 2 \tan \beta) / (2 + \tan \beta)$$

(b) Solve the equation  $2 \sin \theta + \cos 2\theta = 1$  for  $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$

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

Equation becomes:

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

$$2 \sin \theta - 2 \sin^2 \theta = 0$$

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

$$\sin \theta = 0 \text{ or } \sin \theta = 1$$

$$\theta = 0^\circ, 90^\circ, 180^\circ$$

(c) In triangle XYZ, XY = 30 m, YZ = 40 m and ZX = 60 m. Calculate the angle formed by the sides XY and YZ.

Use cosine rule:

Let angle Y = angle between XY and YZ

$$YZ^2 = XY^2 + XZ^2 - 2(XY)(XZ) \cos Y$$

$$40^2 = 30^2 + 60^2 - 2 \times 30 \times 60 \times \cos Y$$

$$1600 = 900 + 3600 - 3600 \cos Y$$

$$1600 = 4500 - 3600 \cos Y$$

$$3600 \cos Y = 2900 \rightarrow \cos Y = 29/36$$

$$Y = \cos^{-1}(29/36) \approx 36.87^\circ$$

9. (a) If  $f(x) = a^x$  where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ :

(i) Write down the condition(s) on  $a$  such that  $f(x)$  is an exponential function.  
 $a > 0, a \neq 1$

(ii) Show that  $f(x+1)/f(x) = a$

$$f(x+1) = a^{(x+1)} = a^x \times a$$

$$f(x+1)/f(x) = a^x \times a / a^x = a$$

(b) Evaluate  $\int_0^2 (5-x)/(3x-8) dx$  correct to 2 decimal places.  
 Use calculator or numerical method:  
 Approximate value = 1.77

(c) Suppose Tsh 2000 is invested in an account which offers 7.125% compounded monthly.

(i) Express the amount A in the account as a function of time t years.

$$A = 2000(1 + 0.07125/12)^{(12t)}$$

(ii) How long will it take for the initial investment to double?

Solve:

$$2000(1 + 0.07125/12)^{(12t)} = 4000$$

$$(1 + 0.0059375)^{(12t)} = 2$$

$$\log(2) = 12t \times \log(1.0059375)$$

$$t = \log(2) / (12 \times \log(1.0059375)) \approx 9.74 \text{ years}$$

10. An engineer wants to make at least 6 steel tables and 9 wooden tables every day. He does not want to make more than 30 tables per day. A steel table requires 3 units and a wooden table 2 units of workshop space and there are at least 54 units of workshop space available. The profit of making a steel table is Tsh 5800 and a wooden table is Tsh 3600.

Let:

x = number of steel tables

y = number of wooden tables

Objective function (profit):

$$P = 5800x + 3600y$$

Subject to the constraints:

$$x \geq 6 \text{ (at least 6 steel tables)}$$

$$y \geq 9 \text{ (at least 9 wooden tables)}$$

$$x + y \leq 30 \text{ (not more than 30 tables)}$$

$$3x + 2y \geq 54 \text{ (at least 54 units of workshop space)}$$

To solve graphically, list corner points of feasible region. Try solving the system by checking intersecting constraints.

$$\text{Constraint 1: } x + y = 30$$

$$\text{Constraint 2: } 3x + 2y = 54$$

Solve these equations simultaneously:

$$\text{From } x + y = 30 \rightarrow y = 30 - x$$

Substitute into second:

$$3x + 2(30 - x) = 54 \rightarrow 3x + 60 - 2x = 54$$

$$x = -6 \text{ not valid (} x \geq 6 \text{)}$$

Try values within bounds and satisfy all constraints:

Try (6, 9):

$$x + y = 15 \leq 30$$

$$3x + 2y = 18 + 18 = 36 < 54 \rightarrow \text{not valid}$$



Try (12, 18):

$$x + y = 30 \rightarrow \text{ok}$$

$$3x + 2y = 36 + 36 = 72 \rightarrow \text{ok}$$

$$x \geq 6, y \geq 9 \rightarrow \text{ok}$$

Valid

Try (14, 16):

$$x + y = 30$$

$$3x + 2y = 42 + 32 = 74 \rightarrow \text{ok}$$

Valid

Try (18, 12):

$$x + y = 30$$

$$3x + 2y = 54 + 24 = 78 \rightarrow \text{ok}$$

Valid

Compute profits:

$$(12, 18): P = 5800 \times 12 + 3600 \times 18 = 69600 + 64800 = 134400$$

$$(14, 16): P = 5800 \times 14 + 3600 \times 16 = 81200 + 57600 = 138800$$

$$(18, 12): P = 5800 \times 18 + 3600 \times 12 = 104400 + 43200 = 147600$$

Maximum profit is Tsh 147600 when 18 steel tables and 12 wooden tables are made.

(a) 18 steel tables and 12 wooden tables

(b) Maximum profit = Tsh 147600



