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ZANZIBAR EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL
FORM THREE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
MATHEMATICS

0041

Time: 2:30 Hours

ANSWERS

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Instructions:

1. this paper consists of section A and B
2. Answer all questions in Section A and Four questions in section B
3. Use a blue or black pen.

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1. a) Write 624.3278 correct to

i. Five significant figures

Solution:

624.33

ii. Three decimal places

Solution:

624.328

b) Express 1.86 as an improper fraction in its simplest form.

Solution:

$$1.86 = 1 + 86/100 = 186/100 = 93/50$$

2. a) Evaluate without using mathematical tables:

$$2\log 3 + \log 36 - \log 9$$

Solution:

Using logarithmic properties:

$$2\log 3 + \log 36 - \log 9$$

$$= \log(3^2) + \log 36 - \log 9$$

$$= \log 9 + \log 36 - \log 9$$

$$= \log(36)$$

$$= 1.5563 \text{ (approximately)}$$

b) Simplify:

$$(6x^{-4} \times 2x^3) \div 3x^{-3}$$

Solution:

$$(6 \times 2 \times x^{-4} \times x^3) \div (3 \times x^{-3})$$

$$= (12x^{-1}) \div (3x^{-3})$$

$$= 4x^2$$

3. a) Rationalize the denominator:

$$(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}) / (\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2})$$

Solution:

Multiply numerator and denominator by the conjugate of the denominator:

$$= [(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2})] / [(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2})]$$

$$= (\sqrt{15} - \sqrt{6} + \sqrt{10} - 2) / (5 - 2)$$

$$= (\sqrt{15} - \sqrt{6} + \sqrt{10} - 2) / 3$$

3. b) Solve for x if $\sqrt[3]{(3x^2)} + 17 = 8$.

Solution:

Step 1: Isolate the square root.

$$\sqrt[3]{(3x^2)} = 8 - 17$$

$$\sqrt[3]{(3x^2)} = -9$$

$$\text{Squaring both sides, } 3x^2 = 81$$

$3^{x+2} = 3^4$, compare the exponents,

$$x + 2 = 4$$

$$x = 2.$$

4. a) Given $\alpha\sqrt{(x^2 - n)/m} = a^2/b$, make x the subject of the formula.

Solution:

Step 1: Remove the square root by squaring both sides.

$$\alpha^2((x^2 - n)/m) = (a^2/b)^2$$

Step 2: Simplify the equation.

$$(\alpha^2/m)(x^2 - n) = a^4/b^2$$

Step 3: Multiply through by m.

$$\alpha^2(x^2 - n) = (ma^4)/b^2$$

Step 4: Expand and solve for x^2 .

$$x^2 - n = (ma^4)/(\alpha^2b^2)$$

$$x^2 = n + (ma^4)/(\alpha^2b^2)$$

Step 5: Solve for x.

$$x = \pm\sqrt{[n + (ma^4)/(\alpha^2b^2)]}$$

b) Given $x = 4.5 \times 10^{-7}$ and $z = 7.2 \times 10^5$, find y in standard form if $z = xy$.

Solution:

$$z = xy$$

$$y = z/x$$

$$y = (7.2 \times 10^5) / (4.5 \times 10^{-7})$$

Step 1: Simplify the coefficients.

$$7.2 / 4.5 = 1.6$$

Step 2: Simplify the powers of 10.

$$10^5 / 10^{-7} = 10^{12}$$

Step 3: Combine the results.

$$y = 1.6 \times 10^{12}$$

5. a) i. The price of one kilogram of sugar is 1500/=, while the price of one kilogram of beans is 1600/=. A person buys x kg of sugar and y kg of beans. Express this as an algebraic expression.

Solution:

$$\text{Total cost} = (1500x) + (1600y)$$

ii. From the given price above (i), a person buys 3 kg of sugar and 2 kg of beans. What is the total amount of money the person should pay?

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Total cost} &= (1500 \times 3) + (1600 \times 2) \\ &= 4500 + 3200 \\ &= 7700/= \end{aligned}$$

b) i. Simplify $x - (5 - (2x + 6) - 10)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}x - (5 - 2x - 6 - 10) \\ &= x - (-2x - 11) \\ &= x + 2x + 11 \\ &= 3x + 11\end{aligned}$$

ii. Solve for x : $16 - 2(2x + 3) = x - 11$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}16 - 4x - 6 &= x - 11 \\ 10 - 4x &= x - 11 \\ 10 + 11 &= x + 4x \\ 21 &= 5x \\ x &= 21/5 \\ x &= 4.2\end{aligned}$$

6. i. The right-angled triangle ABC in the diagram has sides of length 4 cm, 3 cm, and 5 cm.

Find the value of x .

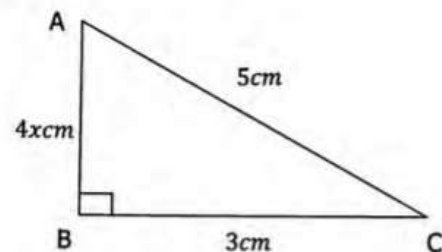
Solution:

In the diagram, the hypotenuse is 5 cm, and the other two sides are 4 cm and 3 cm.

Since the triangle is right-angled, Pythagoras' theorem holds:

$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$, where c is the hypotenuse.

$$\begin{aligned}5^2 &= 4^2 + 3^2 \\ 25 &= 16 + 9 \\ 25 &= 25\end{aligned}$$



This confirms the given dimensions, and there is no unknown value of x .

ii. Calculate the area of the triangle ABC.

Solution:

The area of a triangle is given by:

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height}$$

$$\text{Area} = 1/2 \times 4 \times 3$$

$$\text{Area} = 6 \text{ cm}^2$$

7. a) An observer on the top of a cliff 25 m above sea level views a boat on the sea at an angle of depression of 75° . How far is the boat from the foot of the cliff?

Solution:

Let the distance of the boat from the foot of the cliff be d .

Using the tangent function:

$$\tan(75^\circ) = \text{opposite} / \text{adjacent}$$

$$\tan(75^\circ) = 25 / d$$

Rearranging for d :

$$d = 25 / \tan(75^\circ)$$

Using $\tan(75^\circ) = 3.732$ (approximately):

$$d = 25 / 3.732$$

$$d \approx 6.7 \text{ m}$$

b) Without using a table, simplify $(\sin 30^\circ \cos 30^\circ) / \tan 30^\circ$.

Solution:

Using trigonometric values:

$$\sin 30^\circ = 1/2, \cos 30^\circ = \sqrt{3}/2, \text{ and } \tan 30^\circ = 1/\sqrt{3}.$$

$$(\sin 30^\circ \cos 30^\circ) / \tan 30^\circ = [(1/2)(\sqrt{3}/2)] / (1/\sqrt{3})$$

$$= (\sqrt{3}/4) / (1/\sqrt{3})$$

$$= (\sqrt{3}/4) \times (\sqrt{3}/1)$$

$$= 3/4$$

8. a) Find the distance between a point A (2, 7) and B (5, 3).

Solution:

The distance between two points is given by:

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

Substitute the values:

$$d = \sqrt{[(5 - 2)^2 + (3 - 7)^2]}$$

$$= \sqrt{[3^2 + (-4)^2]}$$

$$= \sqrt{[9 + 16]}$$

$$= \sqrt{25}$$

$$= 5$$

b) The gradient of a line joining (2, 1) and (k, 3) is 4. Find the value of k.

Solution:

The gradient is given by:

$$m = (y_2 - y_1) / (x_2 - x_1)$$

Substitute the values:

$$4 = (3 - 1) / (k - 2)$$

$$4 = 2 / (k - 2)$$

Multiply through by (k - 2):

$$4(k - 2) = 2$$

$$4k - 8 = 2$$

$$4k = 10$$

$$k = 10 / 4$$

$$k = 2.5$$

9. a) i. Write out an extra row for cumulative frequencies.

Solution:

Mark: 0-19 20-39 40-59 60-79 80-100

Frequency: 7 24 83 52 34

Cumulative: 7 31 114 166 200

ii. Draw a cumulative frequency curve.

(This requires graph paper, so it cannot be represented here.)

c) The number of goals scored by Mazengo's football team is given in the table. Draw a bar chart to represent this information.

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10. a) Define the following terms.

i. Intersection of two sets:

The intersection of two sets A and B, denoted by $A \cap B$, is the set containing all elements that are common to both A and B.

ii. Union of two sets:

The union of two sets A and B, denoted by $A \cup B$, is the set containing all elements that belong to either A or B or both.

b) If $\mu = \{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$, $A = \{a, b, c\}$, and $B = \{e, d\}$, find:

i. $A \cap B$:

$$A \cap B = \{\}$$

ii. $A \cup B$:

$$A \cup B = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$$

c) In a class of 42 students, 31 study History and 26 study Physics. Using a Venn diagram and otherwise, find the number of students who study Physics only.

Solution:

Let the number of students studying both subjects be x .

Total students = 42

Students studying only History = $31 - x$

Students studying only Physics = $26 - x$

Using the total:

$$(31 - x) + (26 - x) + x = 42$$

$$57 - x = 42$$

$$x = 15$$

Students studying only Physics = $26 - 15 = 11$

11. a) If $x^2 + ax + 4 = 0$ is a perfect square, find the value of a .

Solution:

For a quadratic equation to be a perfect square, its discriminant must be zero.

The discriminant (Δ) is given by:

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

Here, $b = a$, $a = 1$, and $c = 4$. Substitute these values:

$$\Delta = a^2 - 4(1)(4)$$

$$\Delta = a^2 - 16$$

Set $\Delta = 0$:

$$a^2 - 16 = 0$$

$$a^2 = 16$$

$$a = \pm 4$$

12. a) State Pythagoras theorem.

Solution:

Pythagoras' theorem states that in a right-angled triangle, the square of the length of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the lengths of the other two sides. Mathematically:

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

b) A rope of length 18 m is tied to the top of a flagpole. The other end of the rope is fixed to a point 13 m from the base of the flagpole. How high is the flagpole?

Solution:

Using Pythagoras' theorem:

Let h be the height of the flagpole. The hypotenuse is 18 m, and the base is 13 m.

$$h^2 + 13^2 = 18^2$$

$$h^2 + 169 = 324$$

$$h^2 = 324 - 169$$

$$h^2 = 155$$

$$h = \sqrt{155}$$

$$h \approx 12.45 \text{ m}$$

13. a) A car is bought for 4,000,000/- and sold for 4,500,000/-.

i. Profit

Profit = Selling price - Buying price

$$\text{Profit} = 4,500,000 - 4,000,000$$

$$\text{Profit} = 500,000/-$$

ii. Percentage profit

$$\text{Percentage profit} = (\text{Profit} / \text{Buying price}) \times 100$$

$$\text{Percentage profit} = (500,000 / 4,000,000) \times 100$$

$$\text{Percentage profit} = 12.5\%$$

b) A loan was made at the rate of 8% for 6 months. If the interest charged was 40,000/=-, find the amount borrowed.

Solution:

Simple interest formula:

$$I = P \times r \times t$$

Where:

$$I = \text{Interest} = 40,000$$

$$P = \text{Principal (amount borrowed)}$$

$$r = \text{Rate} = 8\% = 0.08$$

$$t = \text{Time in years} = 6 \text{ months} = 0.5$$

Substitute the values:

$$40,000 = P \times 0.08 \times 0.5$$

$$40,000 = P \times 0.04$$

$$P = 40,000 / 0.04$$

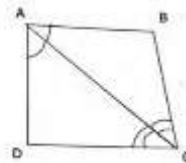
$$P = 1,000,000/-$$

14. a) In the diagram below, AC bisects $\angle DAB$ and $\angle DCB$. Show that $\triangle ADC \equiv \triangle ABC$.

Solution:

To prove that $\triangle ADC \equiv \triangle ABC$, we use the Angle-Side-Angle (ASA) criterion for congruence:

1. AC is a common side for both triangles.
2. $\angle DAC = \angle CAB$ (AC bisects $\angle DAB$).
3. $\angle DCA = \angle BCA$ (AC bisects $\angle DCB$).



Since two angles and the included side are congruent in both triangles, by ASA,
 $\triangle ADC \equiv \triangle ABC$.

b) Solve the pair of simultaneous equations by the elimination method:

$$5x + 2y = 14$$

$$3x - 4y = 24$$

Solution:

Step 1: Multiply the equations to make the coefficients of y equal.

Multiply the first equation by 2 and the second equation by 1:

$$10x + 4y = 28$$

$$3x - 4y = 24$$

Step 2: Add the two equations to eliminate y:

$$(10x + 4y) + (3x - 4y) = 28 + 24$$

$$13x = 52$$

$$x = 52 / 13$$

$$x = 4$$

Step 3: Substitute $x = 4$ into the first equation to solve for y:

$$5(4) + 2y = 14$$

$$20 + 2y = 14$$

$$2y = 14 - 20$$

$$2y = -6$$

$$y = -6 / 2$$

$$y = -3$$

Final solution:

$$x = 4, y = -3$$