

2023 HSC Mathematics Advanced Marking Guidelines

Section I

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Section II

Question 11

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	2
Finds the common difference, or equivalent merit	1

$$d = 7 - 3 = 4$$

$$d = 4$$

$$a = 3$$

$$t_{15} = a + (15 - 1)d = 3 + 14 \times 4$$

= 59

Question 12 (a)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	1

Sample answer:

$$E(X) = \sum x P(x)$$
= 0×0+1×0.3+2×0.5+3×0.1+4×0.1
= 2

Question 12 (b)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	2
Attempts to find Var(X), or equivalent merit	1

$$Var(X) = E(X^{2}) - \mu^{2}$$

$$= E(X^{2}) - [E(X)]^{2}$$

$$= \sum x^{2} P(x) - 4$$

$$= 0 \times 0 + 1^{2} \times 0.3 + 2^{2} \times 0.5 + 3^{2} \times 0.1 + 4^{2} \times 0.1 - 4$$

$$= 0.8$$

Standard deviation =
$$\sqrt{0.8}$$

= 0.8944...
= 0.9 (to 1 decimal place)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	2
Attempts to find antiderivative, or equivalent merit	1

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = 3000e^{2t}$$

$$\therefore P = \frac{3000}{2}e^{2t} + C$$

$$= 1500e^{2t} + C$$

When
$$t = 0$$
, $P = 4000$
 $\therefore 4000 = 1500e^{2 \times 0} + C$
 $\therefore C = 2500$

So
$$P(t) = 1500e^{2t} + 2500$$

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	3
Correctly finds slope of tangent, or equivalent merit	2
Attempts to find the correct derivative, or equivalent merit	1

Sample answer:

$$y = (2x + 1)^{3}$$
$$y' = 3 \times (2x + 1)^{2} \times 2$$
$$= 6(2x + 1)^{2}$$

When
$$x = 0$$
 $y' = 6$

Equation of tangent given by:

$$y-1 = 6(x-0)$$
$$y-1 = 6x$$
$$y = 6x + 1$$

Question 15 (a)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	2
Identifies the correct factor from the table	1

Sample answer:

Amount =
$$\frac{$450\,000}{13.181}$$

= \$34 140 (to the nearest dollar)

Question 15 (b)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	3
Provides the correct interest rate and the correct number of periods, or equivalent merit	2
Multiplies a factor from the table by \$8535, or equivalent merit	1

$$r = \frac{6}{4}\%$$

$$= 1.5\%$$

$$n = 10 \times 4$$

$$= 40$$

Amount =
$$$8535 \times 54.268$$

= $$463 177.38$

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	4
Calculates the arc length AND the length of line segment PQ, or equivalent merit	3
Calculates the arc length OR the length of line segment PQ, or equivalent merit	2
Attempts to calculate the perimeter of the shape by adding some appropriate portions, or equivalent merit	1

Arc length
$$PQ = \frac{110}{360} \times 2 \times \pi \times 2.1$$

= 4.03171...

Length
$$PQ = \sqrt{2.1^2 + 2.1^2 - 2 \times 2.1 \times 2.1 \times \cos 110^\circ}$$

= 3.4404...

Total perimeter =
$$(3.6 \times 2) + 8.0 + (8.0 - 3.4404) + 4.0317$$

= 23.7913
= 23.8 m

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	2
• Recognises the integral is of the form $k \int f'(x)[f(x)]^n dx$,	1
or equivalent merit	

$$\int x(x^2+1)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int 2x(x^2+1)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(x^2+1)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\frac{3}{2}} \right] + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (x^2+1)^{\frac{3}{2}} + C$$

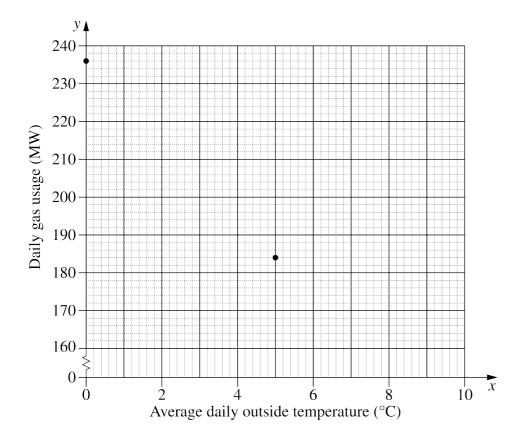
Question 18 (a)

Criteria	Marks
Correctly plots both points on the graph	3
• Calculates \overline{x} and \overline{y} , and plots this point on the grid, or equivalent merit	2
• Calculates \overline{x} or \overline{y} , or equivalent merit	1

$$\bar{x} = \frac{0+0+0+2+5+7+8+9+9+10}{10}$$
= 5

$$\overline{y} = \frac{1840}{10}$$
$$= 184$$

$$\therefore (\overline{x}, \overline{y}) = (5, 184)$$



Question 18 (b)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	2
Finds the slope of the regression line, or equivalent merit	1

Sample answer:

Slope of regression line =
$$\frac{184 - 236}{5}$$

= -10.4

Gas usage =
$$236 - 10.4 \times \text{temperature}$$

ie
$$y = 236 - 10.4x$$

Question 18 (c)

Criteria	Marks
Identifies one problem with predicting using the regression line	1

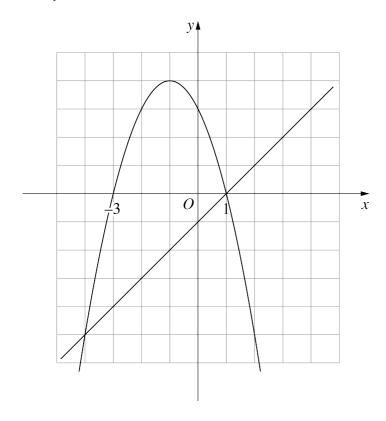
Sample answer:

When temperature is 23°C, the regression equation provides a negative answer, which is not physically possible (negative gas usage).

Question 19 (a)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct graphs	2
• Provides a sketch of $f(x)$, or equivalent merit	1

Sample answer:



Question 19 (b)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	2
• Finds that the graphs intersect at $x = -4$, or equivalent merit	1

Sample answer:

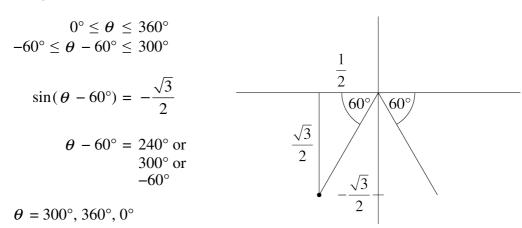
The graphs meet when

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

$$\therefore x = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad 3 + x = -1$$
ie $x = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -4$

From part (a), -4 < x < 1.

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	3
• Provides θ – 60° = 240°, 300°, or equivalent merit	2
• Recognises that $\sin 60^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	1



Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	3
• Finds r^4 , or equivalent merit	2
• Writes $ar^3 = 48$, or equivalent merit	1

Sample answer:

Let a =first term and r =common ratio

Then
$$ar^3 = 48$$
 ————(1)

and
$$ar^7 = \frac{3}{16}$$
 (2)

Dividing (2) by (1),

$$\frac{ar^7}{ar^3} = \frac{\frac{3}{16}}{48}$$

$$\therefore r^4 = \frac{1}{256}$$

$$\therefore r = \pm \frac{1}{4}$$

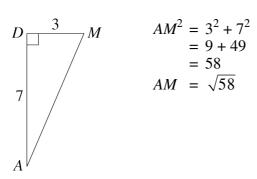
If
$$r = \frac{1}{4}$$
 $a\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 = 48$ $\therefore a = 3072$

If
$$r = -\frac{1}{4}$$
 $a\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 = 48$ $\therefore a = -3072$

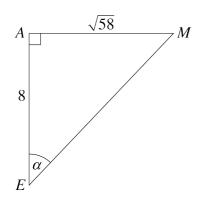
Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	3
Finds the length of AM, or equivalent merit	2
Indicates that triangle ADM is useful, or equivalent merit	1

Sample answer:

Find AM



Triangle AME,



So
$$\tan \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{58}}{8}$$

 $\alpha = 43.59^{\circ}$
so $\alpha = 44^{\circ}$ (to the nearest degree)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	4
Finds the correct proportion of the group of koalas, or equivalent merit	3
Finds the correct probability from the table, or equivalent merit	2
Calculates the correct z value, or equivalent merit	1

Sample answer:

$$z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

$$= \frac{11.93 - 10.40}{1.15}$$

$$= 1.33 \qquad (2 \text{ decimal places})$$

 \therefore Probability from table = 0.9082

$$P(\text{more than } 11.93) = 1 - 0.9082$$

= 0.0918

Number of koalas =
$$0.0918 \times 400$$

= 36.72
= 36 (accept 37 as well)

Question 24 (a)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	1

$$50 = (x-2)(y-1)$$

$$\frac{50}{x-2} = y-1$$

So
$$y = \frac{50}{x-2} + 1$$
 as required.

Question 24 (b)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	4
• Finds <i>x</i> = 12, or equivalent merit	3
Finds A', or equivalent merit	2
Finds an expression for the Area in terms of x, or equivalent merit	1

Sample answer:

Area of concrete path is 2y + x - 2

$$A = 2\left(\frac{50}{x-2} + 1\right) + x - 2$$

$$A = 2\left(\frac{50}{x-2}\right) + 2 + x - 2$$

$$A = \frac{100}{x-2} + x$$

$$= 100(x-2)^{-1} + x$$

$$A' = 100(-1(x-2)^{-2}) + 1$$
$$= \frac{-100}{(x-2)^2} + 1$$

$$A' = 0$$
 when $\frac{-100}{(x-2)^2} = -1$
 $100 = (x-2)^2$
 $\pm 10 = x-2$
 $x = 12 \text{ or } -8$

Since x is a distance, discard -8.

Stationary point at x = 12.

So there is a minimum turning point at x = 12.

The minimum area of the path is when x = 12.

Question 25 (a)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	1

Sample answer:

$$A_1 = 10\,000\,(1.004) - M$$

 $A_2 = (10\,000\,(1.004) - M)\,(1.004) - M$
 $= 10\,000\,(1.004)^2 - M(1.004) - M$ as required.

Question 25 (b)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	3
 Provides an expression for A_n involving the sum of a geometric series, or equivalent merit 	2
• Finds an expression for A_n using part (a), or equivalent merit	1

$$A_n = 10\ 000\ (1.004)^n - M(1+1.004+\dots+1.004^{n-1})$$

$$= 10\ 000\ (1.004)^n - \frac{M(1.004^n - 1)}{0.004}$$

$$= 10\ 000\ (1.004)^n - \frac{M}{0.004} \times 1.004^n + \frac{M}{0.004}$$

$$= 10\ 000\ (1.004)^n - 250M \times 1.004^n + 250M$$

$$A_n = (10\ 000 - 250M)(1.004)^n + 250M$$

Question 25 (c)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	2
• Identifies $A_n > 0$ and $n = 100$, or equivalent merit	1

Sample answer:

$$A_{100} > 0$$

$$(10\,000 - 250M)(1.004)^{100} + 250M > 0$$

$$10\,000 \times 1.004^{100} - 250M \times 1.004^{100} + 250M > 0$$

$$14\,906.34886 - 250M(1.004^{100} - 1) > 0$$

$$14\,906.34886 - 250M \times 0.4\,9063 > 0$$

$$14\,906.34886 > 122.6587...M$$

$$\frac{14\,906.34886}{122.6587...} > M$$

$$121.527 > M$$

The largest amount Jia could withdraw is \$121.52.

Question 26 (a)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	2
Finds the antiderivative, or equivalent merit	1

Sample answer:

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = -1.5\pi \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{4}t\right)$$

$$x(t) = \int -1.5\pi \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{4}t\right)dt$$

$$= \frac{-1.5\pi}{\frac{5\pi}{4}} \times -\cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{4}t\right) + k$$

When
$$t = 0$$
 $x = 11.2$

So
$$11.2 = 1.2\cos(0) + k$$

 $11.2 = 1.2 + k$
 $k = 10$

$$x(t) = 1.2\cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{4}t\right) + 10$$

Question 26 (b)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	2
Finds the period, or equivalent merit	1

Period =
$$\frac{2\pi}{\frac{5\pi}{4}}$$
 = 1.6

$$10 \div 1.6 = 6.25$$

- : Number of complete periods in 10 seconds is 6.
- :. Reaches closest point to camera 6 times.

Question 27 (a)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	3
Finds the value of b and c, or equivalent merit	2
Finds value of c, or equivalent merit	1

Sample answer:

c = 7 Since the absolute value graph has been shifted by 7 vertically

b = 6 Shifted by 6 to the right

Let
$$x = 3$$
, $y = -5$

$$f(3) = a |3 - 6| + 7 = -5$$

$$3a + 7 = -5$$

$$3a = -12$$

$$a = -4$$

$$\therefore a = -4, b = 6, c = 7$$

Question 27 (b)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	2
• Finds that $m < \frac{7}{6}$, or equivalent merit	1

Sample answer:

Line joining (6, 7) with (0, 0) has slope $\frac{7}{6}$

m must be less than $\frac{7}{6}$ to cut the graph in two places.

Slope of right side of graph is -4

 $\it m$ must be greater than -4 or it will only cut graph once

Hence
$$-4 < m < \frac{7}{6}$$
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Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	4
Finds the x-coordinate of R AND the antiderivative for y	3
Finds the x-coordinate of R OR the antiderivative for y	2
• Attempts to solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$, or equivalent merit	1

Sample answer:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 6x - 8$$

Tangent at (-1, 6) is y = x + 7

Slope of tangent is 1.

Solve
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$
 ie $3x^2 - 6x - 8 = 1$
 $3x^2 - 6x - 9 = 0$
 $3(x^2 - 2x - 3) = 0$
 $3(x - 3)(x + 1) = 0$

So *x* coordinate of *R* is 3.

When
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 6x - 8$$

 $y = x^3 - 3x^2 - 8x + k$ and when $x = -1$ $y = 6$.
So $6 = (-1)^3 - 3(-1)^2 - 8(-1) + k$
 $6 = -1 - 3 + 8 + k$
 $6 - 4 = k$
 $k = 2$

When
$$x = 3$$
 $y = x^3 - 3x^2 - 8x + 2$
= $27 - 27 - 24 + 2$
= -22

 \therefore Coordinates of *R* are (3, -22).

Question 29 (a)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	2
• Finds the derivative of $f(x)$, or equivalent merit	1

Sample answer:

Mode of X will be when f(x) has a maximum.

$$f(x) = 12x^2 - 12x^3, \qquad 0 \le x \le 1$$

$$f'(x) = 24x - 36x^2$$
$$= 12x(2 - 3x)$$

$$f'(x) = 0$$
 when $x = 0$ and when $2 - 3x = 0$

$$x = \frac{2}{3}$$

Discard x = 0 since f(0) = 0 so

the mode of *X* is $\frac{2}{3}$.

Question 29 (b)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	2
• Expresses $F(x)$ as an integral of $f(x)$, or equivalent merit	1

Sample answer:

$$F(x) = \int_0^x 12t^2 (1-t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^x 12t^2 - 12t^3 dt$$

$$= \left[4t^3 - 3t^4 \right]_0^x$$

$$= 4x^3 - 3x^4$$

Question 29 (c)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	2
Substitutes the mode from part (a) into their cumulative distribution function, or equivalent merit	1

Sample answer:

When
$$x = \frac{2}{3}$$
 $4x^3 - 3x^4 = 4 \times \left(\frac{8}{27}\right) - 3 \times \left(\frac{16}{81}\right)$
= 0.59

The probability of the variable being less than $\frac{2}{3}$ is greater than 0.5, therefore the mode is greater than the median.

Question 30 (a)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	3
Finds the x values of the stationary points, or equivalent merit	2
Finds correct derivative, or equivalent merit	1

Sample answer:

 $f(x) = e^{-x} \sin x$

$$f'(x) = e^{-x} \cos x + -e^{-x} \sin x$$
$$= e^{-x} (\cos x - \sin x)$$

$$f'(x) = 0$$
 when $\cos x = \sin x$
$$x = \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ or } \frac{5\pi}{4}$$
 so $f(x) = e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}} \sin \frac{\pi}{4}$ or $e^{-\frac{5\pi}{4}} \sin \frac{5\pi}{4}$

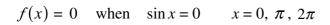
The two stationary points are

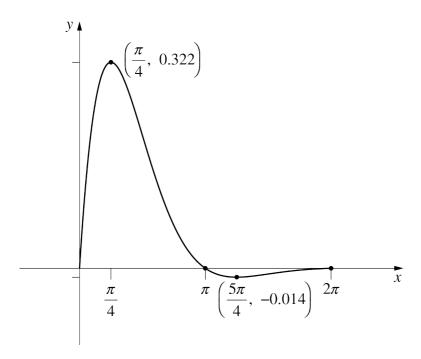
$$\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}}}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{-e^{-\frac{5\pi}{4}}}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \ 0.322\right)$$
 and $\left(\frac{5\pi}{4}, -0.014\right)$

Question 30 (b)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct graph	2
Provides a graph with some correct features, or equivalent merit	1





Question 31 (a)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct reason	1

Sample answer:

No, since $P(F|S) \neq P(F)$

Question 31 (b)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	2
Attempts to use conditional probability formula, or equivalent merit	1

$$P(S|F) = \frac{P(S \cap F)}{P(F)}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} = \frac{P(S \cap F)}{\frac{3}{10}}$$

$$P(S \cap F) = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$P(F|S) = \frac{P(S \cap F)}{P(S)}$$

$$\frac{1}{8} = \frac{\frac{1}{10}}{P(S)}$$
 (since $P(S \cap F) = P(F \cap S)$)

$$P(S) = \frac{8}{10}$$
$$= \frac{4}{5}$$

Question 31 (c)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct answer	2
Uses expression for complementary events, or equivalent merit	1

$$1 - \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^4 = 1 - \frac{256}{625} = \frac{369}{625} = 0.5904$$

Question 32 (a)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	3
Provides an antiderivative, or equivalent merit	2
Provides an integral expression for the area, or equivalent merit	1

Shaded area
$$= \int_0^{\ln 2} e^{-2x} - \left(e^{-x} - \frac{1}{4}\right) dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\ln 2} e^{-2x} - e^{-x} + \frac{1}{4} dx$$

$$= \left[-\frac{1}{2} e^{-2x} + e^{-x} + \frac{1}{4} x \right]_0^{\ln 2}$$

$$= \left(-\frac{1}{2} e^{-2\ln 2} + e^{-\ln 2} + \frac{1}{4} \ln 2 \right) - \left(-\frac{1}{2} + 1 + 0 \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} e^{\ln(2^{-2})} + e^{\ln(2^{-1})} + \frac{1}{4} \ln 2 - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \ln 2 - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \ln 2 - \frac{1}{8}$$

Question 32 (b)

Criteria	Marks
Provides correct solution	3
• Uses the discriminant to find $k > -\frac{1}{4}$, or equivalent merit	2
Attempts to form a quadratic equation, or equivalent merit	1

Sample answer:

We want the equation $e^{-2x} = e^{-x} + k$ to have 2 solutions.

ie
$$e^{-2x} - e^{-x} - k = 0$$

ie
$$e^{-2x} - e^{-x} - k = 0$$
 has 2 solutions
ie $(e^{-x})^2 - (e^{-x}) - k = 0$ has 2 solutions

Using the quadratic formula,

$$e^{-x} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4k}}{2}$$

For two real solutions we want 1 + 4k > 0, ie $k > -\frac{1}{4}$

But for two solutions for e^{-x} , both the real solutions to the quadratic must be positive.

$$\therefore \quad \sqrt{1+4k} < 1$$

$$\therefore 1 + 4k < 1$$

$$\therefore$$
 $k < 0$

Hence
$$-\frac{1}{4} < k < 0$$
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