

# **Section A: Pure Mathematics**

#### Question 1

No.	Suggested Solution	Remarks for Student
(i)	We have $D_{\rm f} = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}$ and $R_{\rm g} = \mathbb{R}$ .	
	Since $R_{\rm g} \not\subset D_{\rm f}$ , the composite function fg does not exist.	
(ii)	We have $gf(x) = 1 - 2f(x) = 1 - 2\left(\frac{2 + x}{1 - x}\right) = 1 - 2\left(-1 - \frac{3}{x - 1}\right) = 3 + \frac{6}{x - 1}.$ If $x = (gf)^{-1}(5)$ , then $5 = gf(x)$ , so $5 = 3 + \frac{6}{x - 1} \implies x = 4.$ Therefore $(gf)^{-1}(5) = 4.$	It is also fine to write this as $\frac{3(x+1)}{x-1}$ . The form given in the answer makes the next part easier.

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(i)	Consider one of the kite shapes:	
	We have $\tan \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{x}{y} \implies y = x\sqrt{3}$ .	
	The base of the prism is an equilateral	
	triangle with side $a - 2y = a - 2x\sqrt{3}$ .	
	The area of this base, S, is	
	$S = \frac{1}{2} \times (\text{base}) \times (\text{height})$ $= \frac{1}{2} \left( a - 2x\sqrt{3} \right) \left[ \left( a - 2x\sqrt{3} \right) \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right]$	
	$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{(a - 2x\sqrt{3})}{(a - 2x\sqrt{3})^2} \frac{1}{3}$	

	Therefore	
	$V = Sx = \frac{1}{4}x\sqrt{3}\left(a - 2x\sqrt{3}\right)^2.$	
(ii)	We have	
	$\frac{\mathrm{d}V}{\mathrm{d}x} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \left[ \left( a - 2x\sqrt{3} \right)^2 - 4x\sqrt{3} \left( a - 2x\sqrt{3} \right) \right]$	Product rule.
	$=\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}\left(a-2x\sqrt{3}\right)\left(a-6x\sqrt{3}\right).$	
	At stationary values,	
	$\frac{\mathrm{d}V}{\mathrm{d}x} = 0 \implies \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \left( a - 2x\sqrt{3} \right) \left( a - 6x\sqrt{3} \right) = 0$	$x = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{3}}$ is rejected as it is
	$\Rightarrow x = \frac{a}{6\sqrt{3}}$ or $x = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{3}}$ (reject).	too large, giving a "base" with zero length.
	We have	
	$\frac{d^2 V}{dx^2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \Big[ \Big( -2\sqrt{3} \Big) \Big( a - 6x\sqrt{3} \Big) + \Big( -6\sqrt{3} \Big) \Big( a - 2x\sqrt{3} \Big) \Big] \\= 3 \Big( -2a + 6x\sqrt{3} \Big).$	For "real life" problems, you should use the second derivative test.
	At $x = \frac{a}{6\sqrt{3}}$ , $\frac{d^2V}{dx^2} = -3a < 0$ , so this gives a maximum value	
	of $V = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{a}{6\sqrt{3}} \right) \sqrt{3} \left( a - 2\frac{a}{6\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{3} \right)^2 = \frac{a^3}{54}.$	
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(i)	Let $y = f(x) = \ln (1 + 2\sin x)$ , so $e^y = 1 + 2\sin x$ . Differentiating implicitly gives $e^y \frac{dy}{dx} = 2\cos x$	A direct differentiation approach gets messy real fast. For such problems, use implicit differentiation as far as possible.
	$e^{y} \frac{d^{2} y}{dx^{2}} + e^{y} \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^{2} = -2\sin x$	
	$e^{y} \frac{d^{3} y}{dx^{3}} + 3e^{y} \frac{dy}{dx} \frac{d^{2} y}{dx^{2}} + e^{y} \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^{3} = -2\cos x$	
	When $x = 0$ , $e^y = 1 \implies y = 0$ , and	
	$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2,  \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -4,  \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = 14.$	
	Therefore $f(0) = 0$ , $f'(0) = 2$ , $f''(0) = -4$ and $f'''(0) = 14$ .	

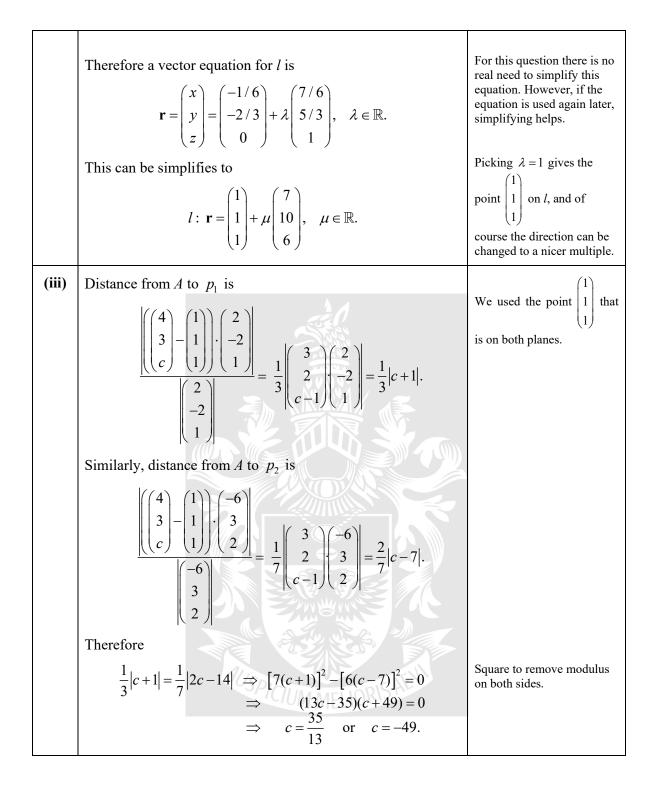
Maclaurin's Theorem gives  

$$f(x) = f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!}x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}x^3 + \cdots$$

$$= 2x - 2x^2 + \frac{7}{3}x^3 + \cdots$$
A faster, but less reliable  
way to check is to pick a  
small value of x, say 0.1,  
and verify that the value  
from this expression agrees  
with the value of f(0.1) from  
the GC.  
(ii) We have  
 $e^{\alpha x} \sin nx = \left(1 + \alpha x + \frac{(\alpha x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(\alpha x)^3}{3!} + \cdots\right) \left(nx - \frac{(nx)^3}{3!} + \cdots\right)$   

$$= nx + \alpha nx^2 + \left(\frac{a^2 n}{2} - \frac{n^3}{6}\right)x^3 + \cdots$$
So comparing with  $f(x) = 2x - 2x^2 + \frac{7}{3}x^3 + \cdots$  gives  $n = 2$   
and  $an = -2 \Rightarrow a = -1$ .  
The next term in the series of  $e^{\alpha x} \sin nx$  is  
 $\left(\frac{(-1)^2 2}{2} - \frac{2^3}{6}\right)x^3 = -\frac{1}{3}x^3$ .  
Thankfully this is non-zero,  
or we will have to find the  
next term.

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(i)	The acute angle between $p_1$ and $p_2$ is	
	$\cos^{-1} \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} -6 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix}} = \cos^{-1} \frac{ -12 - 6 + 2 }{\sqrt{9\sqrt{49}}} = \cos^{-1} \frac{16}{21} = 40.4^{\circ}.$	
(ii)	We have $p_1: 2x - 2y + z = 1$ and $p_2: -6x + 3y + 2 = -1$ . Solving simultaneously with GC gives $x = -\frac{1}{6} + \frac{7}{6}z$ $y = -\frac{2}{3} + \frac{5}{3}z.$	The line of intersection can be obtained by solving the equations of the planes in Cartesian form simultaneously.



# **Section B: Statistics**

### Question 5

No.	Suggested Solution	<b>Remarks for Student</b>
(i)	Using a list of all the employees in alphabetical order, assign each employee a unique number from 1 to 100 000. We then use a random number generator to generate 90 random numbers from 1 to 100 000, and select the 90 employees assigned these numbers to form the required sample.	Be concise and to the point. The time spent for each part should be proportional to the marks allocated, so don't spend too much time here.
	Since the selection process is random, it might happen by chance that some countries might not have any employee in the sample. Hence the sample may not be representative.	
(ii)	A more appropriate method to a get a good representation is stratified sampling. Group the employees into different strata according to the country they are based. Then, using simple random sampling, select the number of employees from each strata based on the percentage of employees in each country. For example, if $r\%$ of employees are from Singapore, select $\frac{9r}{10}$ employees from Singapore.	Either quota or stratified sampling will work to ensure that each country is represented.

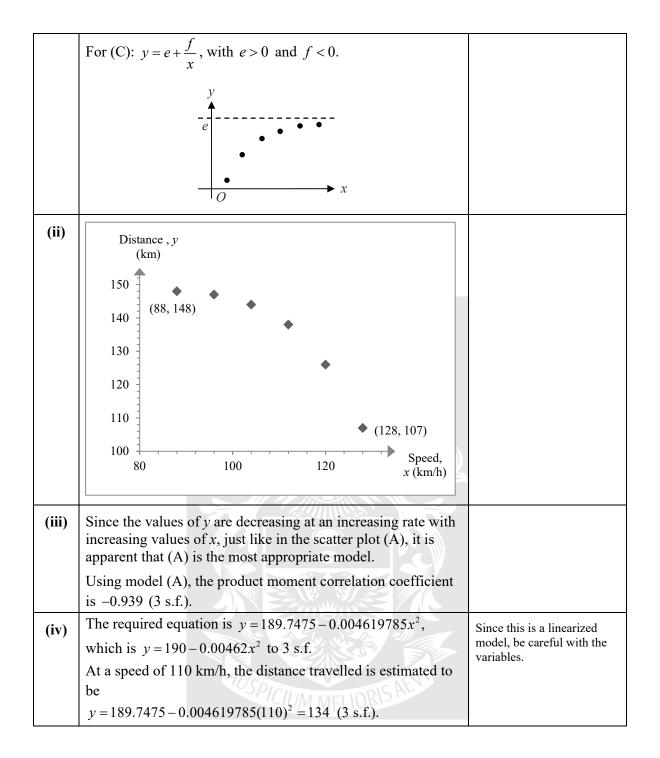
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	We are given $Y \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ . $P(Y < 2a) = 0.95 \implies P\left(Z < \frac{2a - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = 0.95$	Since both mean and variance is unknown, we have to standardize.
	$\Rightarrow \frac{2a - \mu}{\sigma} = 1.644853$ $\Rightarrow \mu + 1.644853\sigma = 2a(1)$	Use invNorm from GC.
	$P(Y < a) = 0.25 \implies P\left(Z < \frac{a - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = 0.25$	invNorm again.
	$\Rightarrow \frac{a-\mu}{\sigma} = -0.674490$ $\Rightarrow \mu - 0.674490\sigma = a(2)$	With unknown <i>a</i> , we have to solve (1) and (2) by hand. Note more s.f. for
	(1)-(2) gives $2.319343\sigma = a \implies \sigma = 0.431157a$ . Therefore $\mu = 0.674490\sigma + a = 1.29a$ (3 s.f.), giving $k = 1.29$ .	intermediate values to maintain accuracy. Or store the values in GC.

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(i)	<ul> <li>The assumptions are :</li> <li>Whether a packet contains a free gift is independent of whether other packets contain a free gift.</li> <li>The probability that a packet contains a free gift is the same for all packets.</li> </ul>	The usual conditions to use the binomial distribution, phrased in context. Don't state the obvious, like "a packet either contains a free gift or it does not".
(ii)	When $n = 20$ , we have $F \sim B\left(20, \frac{1}{20}\right)$ , so P $(F = 1) = 0.377354 = 0.377$ (3 s.f.)	Use binompdf.
(iii)	When $n = 60$ , $F \sim B\left(60, \frac{1}{20}\right)$ . Since $n = 60$ is large, $p = \frac{1}{20} = 0.05$ is small, and $np = 3 < 5$ , $F \sim Po(3)$ approximately. Therefore $P(F \ge 5) = 1 - P(F \le 4) = 0.18474 = 0.185$ (3s.f.).	Be sure to check the conditions and state the approximate distribution used.

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(i)	$P(B   A') = \frac{P(B \cap A')}{P(A')} \implies P(B \cap A') = P(B   A')P(A')$ = (0.8)(1-0.7) = 0.24.	Recall definition of conditional probability.
(ii)	We have $P(A \cup B) = P(B \cap A') + P(A) = 0.24 + 0.7 = 0.94$ , so $P(A' \cap B') = 1 - P(A \cup B) = 1 - 0.94 = 0.06$ .	Use a Venn diagram to see this.
(iii)	$P(A \mid B') = \frac{P(A \cap B')}{P(B')} = 0.88 \implies P(A \cap B') = 0.88P(B')$	
	Therefore $P(A \cup B) - P(B) = 0.88[1 - P(B)]$ $\Rightarrow P(B) = \frac{0.94 - 0.88}{0.12} = 0.5.$	Same trick as <b>(ii)</b> .
	This gives $P(A \cap B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cup B)$	
	= 0.7 + 0.5 - 0.94 = 0.26.	

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(i)	The unbiased estimates for the population mean and population variance are 12.8 and 2.31 respectively.	Straight from GC. Just remember that the GC gives $s$ , not $s^2$ .
(ii)	A necessary assumption is that the data is obtained from an unbiased sample. We test H <sub>0</sub> : $\mu = 13.8$ against H <sub>1</sub> : $\mu < 13.8$ . Perform an one-tailed test at 5% significance level. Under H <sub>0</sub> , $T = \frac{\overline{X} - \mu_0}{S / \sqrt{n}} \sim t (n-1)$ , where $\mu_0 = 13.8$ . From the sample, $n = 8$ , $\overline{x} = 12.8$ and $s = 2.30571$ . Using <i>t</i> -test, <i>p</i> -value = 0.052398. Since <i>p</i> -value = 0.0524 > 0.05, we do not reject H <sub>0</sub> and conclude that, at 5% level of significance, there is insufficient evidence to support the editor's belief that the distance travelled per litre of fuel by this model of car is less than 13.8 km.	The usual assumption of normality is given in the question, so it becomes tricky. From the context, the data is essentially obtained via an informal survey, so we need to assume that it is a random sample. Assumption aside, this is a standard <i>t</i> -test question.

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(i)	For (A): $y = a + bx^2$ , with $a > 0$ and $b < 0$ .	
	For (B): $y = c + d \ln x$ , with $c > 0$ and $d < 0$ .	



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(i)	Required probability $= 1 \times \frac{25}{26} \times \frac{24}{26} \times 1 \times \frac{8}{9} = \frac{400}{507}.$	First letter can be any letter, the second cannot be the same as the first, etc.
(ii)	Consider cases: first digit is '1', first digit is '2', etc. Required probability $=\frac{1}{9}\left(\frac{8}{9}+\frac{7}{9}+\dots+\frac{1}{9}\right)=\frac{4}{9}$ .	Note that we don't have to look at the letters: we don't care what they are.

	Alternative method:	
	No. of codes with second digit higher than the first is ${}^{9}C_{2}$ : pick any two digits, and arrange them so that the second is larger. Required probability $=\frac{{}^{9}C_{2}}{9^{2}}=\frac{4}{9}$ .	We use $\frac{\text{required cases}}{\text{total cases}}$ .
(iii)	<b>Case 1</b> : Exactly two letters the same and different digits. No. of codes $= {}^{26}C_2 \times 2 \times \frac{3!}{2!} \times {}^9P_2 = 140400.$ <b>Case 2</b> : Two digits the same and three different letters. No. of codes $= {}^{26}P_3 \times {}^9C_1 = 140400.$	This part is really tricky. The third case is often missed out.
	<b>Case 3</b> : Two digits the same and three letters the same. No. of codes = ${}^{26}C_1 \times {}^9C_1 = 234$ . Therefore the required probability is $\frac{140400 + 140400 + 234}{26^3 \times 9^2} = 0.197403 = 0.197 (3 \text{ s.f.})$	Note that answer to 3 s.f. is unchanged if the third case is missed, but students will be penalized.
(iv)	<b>Case 1</b> : One vowel and two consonants the same. No. of codes $= {}^{5}C_{1} \times {}^{21}C_{1} \times \frac{3!}{2!} \times {}^{4}C_{1} \times {}^{5}C_{1} \times 2! = 12600.$ <b>Case 2</b> : One vowel and two different consonants. No. of codes $= {}^{5}C_{1} \times {}^{21}C_{2} \times 3! \times {}^{4}C_{1} \times {}^{5}C_{1} \times 2! = 252000.$ Therefore the required probability is	Both cases have an odd and an even digit. Note that for both (iii) and (iv), the complement method is not recommended.
	$\frac{12600 + 252000}{26^3 \times 9^2} = 0.18586 = 0.186 $ (3 s.f.)	

Question 12		
No.	Suggested Solution	<b>Remarks for Student</b>
(i)	<ul> <li>The two conditions are :</li> <li>Whether an employee is absent through illness is independent of whether other employees are also absent through illness.</li> <li>The average rate of employees' absence due to illness is constant over time.</li> <li>The first condition may fail because of infections being passed from one employee to another.</li> </ul>	

	The average rate of employees' absence due to illness may	
	also vary over time due to seasonal factors. For example,	
	during flu season, more employees may be taken ill.	
(ii)	Let $X$ be the number of employees from the Administration	
()	Department who are absent through illness in $n$ days. Then	
	$X \sim \operatorname{Po}(1.2n).$	
	$P(M, n) = 0.01 + 12\pi (1.2n)^0$	
	$P(X=0) < 0.01 \implies e^{-1.2n} \frac{(1.2n)^0}{0!} < 0.01$	Formula for $P(X = k)$ is in
	$\Rightarrow e^{-1.2n} < 0.01$	MF15. $MF15$
	ln 0.01	
	$\Rightarrow n > \frac{\ln 0.01}{-1.2} = 3.84.$	Remember the inequality
	Therefore the smallest number of days is 4.	changes direction when
	Alternative Method:	dividing by negative numbers.
	We can use the GC to tabulate values of $P(X = 0)$ for different	
	values of $n$ :	Table of values can only be
	$n \qquad P(X=0)$	used when the quantity you
	$\frac{n}{3} = \frac{1}{0.02732}$	want to find is an integer.
	4 0.00823	
	Therefore 4 is the least number of days for $P(X = 0)$ to drop	
	below 0.01. $(X = 0)$ to drop	
(iii)	Let $Y_A$ and $Y_M$ be the numbers of days of absence in a 5-day	The parameters for the Poisson distributions scale
	period from the Administrative and Manufacturing	to 5 days proportionally.
	departments respectively.	
	We have $Y_A \sim Po(6)$ and $Y_M \sim Po(13.5)$ .	
	Since the absences in the two departments are independent, $V = V = P_{0}(10.5)$	The parameters add for
	$Y_A + Y_M \sim \operatorname{Po}(19.5).$	independent Poisson distributions.
	Therefore	alouioulons.
	$P(Y_A + Y_M > 20) = 1 - P(Y_A + Y_M \le 20)$	
	= 0.39658 = 0.397 (3 s.f.)	
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(iv)	Let <i>W</i> be the number of days of absence in a 60-day period. As in (iii),	
	$W \sim \operatorname{Po}(60 \times 1.2 + 60 \times 2.7)$	
	$\Rightarrow W \sim Po(234).$	
	Since $\lambda = 234 > 10$ , $W \sim N(234, 234)$ approximately.	
	$P(200 \le W \le 250) = P(199.5 \le X \le 250.5)$ (by continuity correction)	
	= 0.84757 = 0.848 (3 s.f.)	