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All questions may be answered, but only marks obtained on the best four questions will count. The use of an electronic calculator is not permitted in this examination.

1. (a) If  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  are three vectors,
- (i) Define the scalar product  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$ .
  - (ii) Give a careful definition of the vector product  $\mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{b}$ ,
  - (iii) If  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  are the position vectors, relative to some origin, of three points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  respectively, show that the area of the triangle  $ABC$  is

$$\frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \wedge \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \wedge \mathbf{a}|.$$

- (b) In a triangle  $ABC$  the perpendiculars from  $B$  and  $C$  to the opposite sides meet at  $D$ . Prove that  $\vec{AC} \cdot (\vec{DA} + \vec{AB}) = \vec{AB} \cdot (\vec{DA} + \vec{AC}) = 0$ , and hence that  $\vec{DA} \cdot \vec{BC} = 0$ . Deduce that the perpendiculars from the vertices to the opposite sides of a triangle are concurrent.

2. (a) Find all solutions, in the form  $z = x + iy$ , for real  $x$  and  $y$ , to the equations

$$\text{i) } z^3 = 2 + i, \quad \text{ii) } iz^2 + 2z = i - 1, \quad \text{iii) } \exp(z) = 1 + i.$$

- (b) (i) If  $\omega_n = \exp(2\pi i/n)$ , show that  $\omega_n^n = 1$  and that

$$1 + \omega_n + \omega_n^2 + \omega_n^3 + \dots + \omega_n^{n-1} = 0.$$

- (ii) Show

$$(x + \omega_3 y + \omega_3^2 z)(x + \omega_3^2 y + \omega_3 z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - xy - yz - zx.$$

3. (a) (i) Express  $\sinh x$ ,  $\cosh x$  and  $\tanh x$  in terms of the exponential function.  
 (ii) Show that two solutions of  $\cosh x = a$ ,  $a > 1$ , are  $x = \ln(a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 1})$ . Show that the sum of these two solutions is zero and comment.

- (iii) Show

$$\int \frac{dx}{\cosh x} = 2 \tan^{-1}(\exp(x)) + \text{constant}.$$

- (b) Show that

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{a+x}{1-ax} \right)$$

is independent of the value of  $a$  and explain this observation.

4. (a) Evaluate the integrals

$$\text{i) } \int (3x - 4)^{3/2} dx, \quad \text{ii) } \int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{\sin x}{\cos^4 x} dx, \quad \text{iii) } \int_0^{\pi/4} \tan^n x \sec^2 x dx.$$

(b) Use the substitution  $x - p = 1/u$  to show

$$\int \frac{dx}{(x-p)\sqrt{(x-p)(x-q)}} = \frac{2}{q-p} \sqrt{\frac{x-q}{x-p}} + \text{constant.}$$

(c) If  $m \neq -1$  and  $n$  is a positive integer, show

$$\int x^m (\ln x)^n dx = x^{m+1} \left( \frac{(\ln x)^n}{(m+1)} - \frac{n(\ln x)^{n-1}}{(m+1)^2} + \frac{n(n-1)(\ln x)^{n-2}}{(m+1)^3} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^n n!}{(m+1)^{n+1}} \right) + \text{constant.}$$

5. Solve the differential equations

- (a)  $(1 - x^2)y' = x(a - y)$ ,  
 (b)  $x^2y' = x^2 + 3xy + y^2$ ,  
 (c)  $xy' + 2y = \sqrt{1 + 3x^2}$ ,  $y(1) = 1$ .

where a dash denotes differentiation with respect to  $x$ .

6. Solve the differential equations

- (a)  $y'' - 4y' + 3y = 8 \exp(-x) - 2 \exp(x)$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ ,  
 (b)  $x^2y'' + xy' + y = \sin(\ln(x))$ .

where a dash denotes differentiation with respect to  $x$ .