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Calculate the length of  $AB$ . [7]
- 2 If the difference between the roots of the equation  $x^2 + px + q = 0$  is 3, show that  
 $p^2 = 4q + 9$ . [4]
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equation whose roots are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , such that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are positive. [5]
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two distinct points. Find the range of values of  $m$ . [5]
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- (c)  $\sqrt{7-6x} + x = -3x$  [4]

- 8 It is given that  $x$  and  $y$  are rational numbers. Find the values of  $x$  and  $y$  in  
 $(6 - 3\sqrt{5})(x + y\sqrt{5}) = 81 - 30\sqrt{5}$ . [7]
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 (ii) Find the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x^2 - 3$ . [4]
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 (ii)  $3x^4 + 81x$  [2]
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 (ii) Add the line  $y = 4 + x$  to your graph. [1]  
 (iii) Hence state the number of solutions of the equation  
 $4e^x = 5 + x$ . [1]

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(ii) Hence, given that  $(8 - 2x - 3x^2)\left(1 + \frac{x}{4}\right)^9 = 8 + hx + kx^2 + \dots$ ,

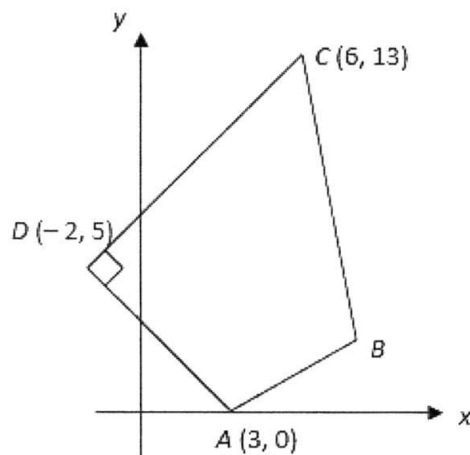
find the values of  $h$  and  $k$ . [4]

(b) Evaluate the coefficient of  $x^7$  in the binomial expansion of  $\left(x^2 - \frac{1}{2x}\right)^{14}$ . [3]

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The diagram shows a quadrilateral  $ABCD$  in which  $A(3,0)$ ,  $C(6,13)$  and  $D(-2,5)$ .

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Find

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The perpendicular bisector of  $CD$  passes through  $B$ .

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(iv) Find the area of the quadrilateral  $ABCD$ . [2]

**End of Paper**

MYE 3E AM 2016 Solution

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Solution

$$x = \frac{12 - 2y}{3}$$

$$\left(\frac{12 - 2y}{3}\right)^2 - y + 2y^2 = 12$$

Some students expressed

$$(12 - 2x)^2 = 144 - 4y^2$$

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$$\left(\frac{144 - 48y + 4y^2}{9}\right) - y + 2y^2 = 12$$

$$22y^2 - 57y + 36 = 0$$

$$(11y - 12)(2y - 3) = 0$$

$$y = \frac{12}{11}, y = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$x = 3\frac{3}{11}, x = 3$$

$$AB = \sqrt{\left(3\frac{3}{11} - 3\right)^2 + \left(\frac{12}{11} - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2} = 0.492 \text{ units}$$

Some students wrote cm instead units. Some left units out.

A lot of students used  $(x_1 + x_2)^2$  instead  $(x_1 - x_2)^2$ . Or some did not square the brackets.

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Some did not know the formula.

2 The roots of the equation  $100x^2 - 29x + 1 = 0$  are  $\alpha^2$  and  $\beta^2$ . Find the quadratic equation whose roots are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , such that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are positive.

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = \frac{29}{100}$$

$$(\alpha\beta)^2 = \frac{1}{100}$$

$$\alpha\beta = \frac{1}{10}$$

A lot students did not reject  $\alpha\beta = -\frac{1}{10}$

$$(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta = \frac{29}{100}$$

$$(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\left(\frac{1}{10}\right) = \frac{29}{100}$$

$$(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{7}{10}$$

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$$x^2 - \left(\frac{7}{10}\right)x + \frac{1}{10} = 0$$

$$10x^2 - 7x + 1 = 0$$

Some students did not write (= 0) for the required equation.

3 The line  $y = mx + 1$ , where  $m$  is a constant, intersect the curve  $y = x^2 - 3x + 2$  at two distinct points. Find the range of values of  $m$ .

$$x^2 - 3x + 2 - mx - 1 = 0$$

$b = -3 - m$ , some student identified  $b = 3 + m$

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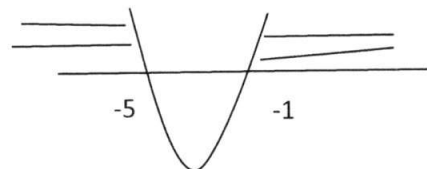
$$(-3 - m)^2 - 4(1)(1) > 0$$

$$9 + 6m + m^2 - 4 > 0$$

$$m^2 + 6m + 5 > 0$$

$$(m + 5)(m + 1) > 0$$

$$m < -5, \quad m > -1$$



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This question is not well-done.

(i)  $A = x(12 - x)$

Some students left this question totally blank. Very few

students drew a rectangle to analyse the question



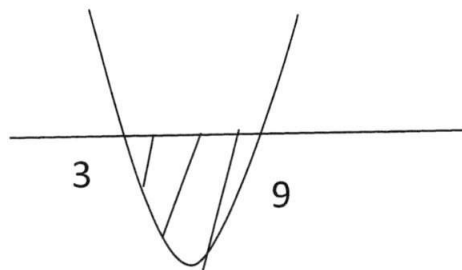
$$\frac{24 - 2x}{2} = 12 - x$$

A simple diagram will help a lot !!!!!!!!!!!!!

(ii)  $x(12 - x) > 27$

$$x^2 - 12x + 27 < 0$$

$$(x - 9)(x - 3) < 0$$



$$3 < x < 9$$

**Only a few students were able to use the mid-value to locate the**

**Maximum Area.**

**(iii) Maximum  $A$  occurs at  $x = 6$**

$$\text{Maximum } A = (12 - 6)(6) = 36 \text{ cm}^2$$

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**This question is badly done despite the hint to use the discriminate to show the conclusion.**

$$15 = -5.1t^2 + 20t + 2.5 \quad \text{Many did not equate } S = 15.$$

$$20^2 - 4(-5.1)(-12.5) = 145 > 0$$

**Hence the ball could reach a height of 15 m at 20 m/s.**

**6 Solve the following equations.**

**(a)**  $\sqrt{5x + 2} - \sqrt{3x + 8} = 0$

**(b)**  $\sqrt{7 - 6x} + x = -3x$

**Solution**

**(a)**  $(\sqrt{5x + 2})^2 = (\sqrt{3x + 8})^2$

$$5x + 2 = 3x + 8$$

$$x = 3$$

**This was well-done.**

(b)

$$7 - 6x = 16x^2$$

$$16x^2 + 6x - 7 = 0$$

$$(2x - 1)(8x + 7) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}, \quad x = -\frac{7}{8}$$

(rejected)

Many students did check the feasibility of  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  thus many did not reject  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ .

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$$(6 - 3\sqrt{5})(x + y\sqrt{5}) = 81 - 30\sqrt{5}.$$

Solution

$$6x + 6y\sqrt{5} - 3x\sqrt{5} - 3y(5) = 81 - 30\sqrt{5}$$

$$6x - 15y + \sqrt{5}(6y - 3x) = 81 - 30\sqrt{5}$$

$$6x - 15y = 81$$

$$6y - 3x = -30$$

Solving

$$2(2y + 10) - 5y = 27$$

$$y = -7$$

$$x = -4$$

*This was well-done.*



8 An open cuboid bin has a square base of side  $(\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{5})$  m. The capacity of the bin is  $(90\sqrt{5} - 76\sqrt{7})$  m<sup>3</sup>. Find the exact value of

- (a) the base area of the bin,
- (b) the height of the bin,
- (c) the total surface area of the bin.

**Solution**

(a) Base area =  $(\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{5})^2 = 12 - 2\sqrt{35}$

(b) Height =  $\frac{(90\sqrt{5} - 76\sqrt{7})}{(12 - 2\sqrt{35})} \times \frac{(12 + 2\sqrt{35})}{(12 + 2\sqrt{35})}$

$$= \frac{1080\sqrt{5} + 180\sqrt{175} - 912\sqrt{7} - 152\sqrt{245}}{144 - 4 \times 35}$$

Some students did not or could not simply from the above line to the following line.

$$= \frac{1080\sqrt{5} + 180 \times 5\sqrt{7} - 912\sqrt{7} - 1064\sqrt{5}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{16\sqrt{5} - 12\sqrt{7}}{4} = 4\sqrt{5} - 3\sqrt{7}$$

(c) Total surface area =  $12 - 2\sqrt{35} + 4(\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{5})(4\sqrt{5} - 3\sqrt{7})$

It is an opened bin so there should not have  $2(12 - 2\sqrt{35})$ . X

$$= 12 - 2\sqrt{35} + 28\sqrt{35} - 164$$

$$= 26\sqrt{35} - 152$$

9 Solve the following equations. (WELL-DONE)

(a)  $4^{x+1} + 8 = 33(2^x)$

(b)  $7^{2x+3} \div 7^{x^2} = 1$

(a)  $2^{2x+2} + 8 = 33(2^x)$

$$2^{2x} \times 2^2 + 8 = 33(2^x)$$

Let  $y = 2^x$

$$4y^2 - 33y + 8 = 0$$

$$(4y - 1)(y - 8) = 0$$

$$y = \frac{1}{4}, \quad y = 8$$

$$x = -2, \quad x = 3$$

(b)  $7^{2x+3-x^2} = 7^0$

$$2x + 3 - x^2 = 0$$

$$(x - 3)(x + 1) = 0$$

$$x = 3, \quad x = -1$$

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(i) Find the value of  $k$ .

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11 Express  $\frac{5x^2 - 4x + 2}{(3x - 4)(x^2 + 1)}$  in partial fraction.

**Solution**

$$\frac{5x^2 - 4x + 2}{(3x - 4)(x^2 + 1)} = \frac{A}{(3x - 4)} + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 + 1}$$

**Some students wrote**  $x^2 + 1 = (x + 1)(x - 1)$



$$5x^2 - 4x + 2 = A(x^2 + 1) + (3x - 4)(Bx + C)$$

Let  $x = 0$

$$A = 2 + 4C \text{-----(1)}$$

Let  $x = 1$

$$3 = 2A - B - C \text{-----(2)}$$

Let  $x = -1$

$$11 = 2A + 7B - 7C \text{-----(3)}$$

Sub  $A = 2 + 4C$  into eqns (2) and (3)

$$7C - B = -1 \text{-----(4)}$$

$$C = 7 - 7B \text{-----(5)}$$

Solving

$$A = 2, B = 1, C = 0$$

Answer  $\frac{2}{3x - 4} + \frac{x}{x^2 + 1}$

## Comparing coeffs:

$$5 = A + 3B$$

$$B = \frac{5 - A}{3}$$

$$-4 = -4B + 3C$$

$$C = \frac{A - 2}{4}$$

$$-4 = -4\left(\frac{5 - A}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{3A - 6}{4}\right)$$

$$A = 2, B = 1, C = 0$$

12 (a) Factorise each of the following

(i)  $1000a^3 - b^3$

(ii)  $3x^4 + 81x$

(b) (i) Sketch the graph of  $y = 4e^x$ .

(ii) Add the line  $y = 4 + x$  to your graph.

(iii) Hence state the number of solutions of the equation

$$4e^x = 4 + x.$$

(a) (i)  $(10a)^3 - b^3$

$$= (10a - b)(100a^2 + 10ab + b^2)$$

(ii)  $3x(x^3 + 3^3)$

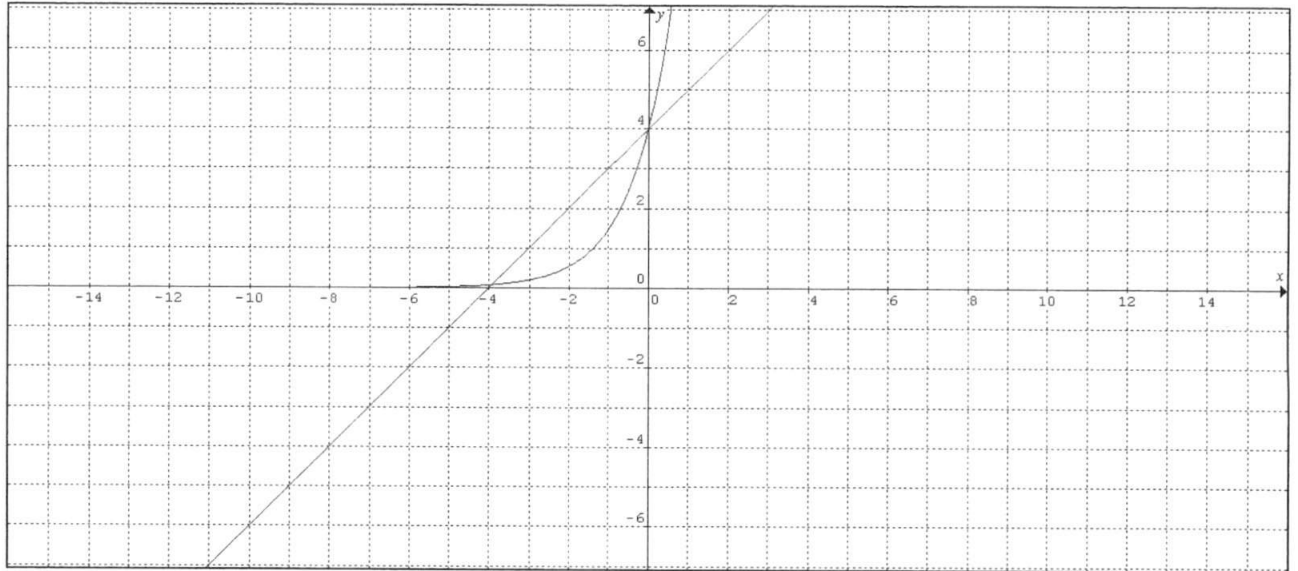
$$= 3x(x + 3)(x^2 - 3x + 9)$$

**12a was badly done.**

**Many were unable to apply the cubic formulae.**

b(i) shape and asymptote of

$y = 4e^x$  and the graph pass through the point (0,4)



(ii) Line  $y = 4 + x$  (iii) 2 points of intersections

**The two graphs were not well-drawn. Many were not able to draw the graphs to occupy both first and second quadrants of the axes. The line did not pass through the two axes.**

**Therefore many students were not able to obtain the 2 points of intersections.**

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find the values of  $h$  and  $k$ .

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13(a)

(i)  $\left(1 + \frac{x}{4}\right)^9 = 1 + \frac{9x}{4} + \frac{9x^2}{4} + \dots$

Well-done.

(ii)  $(8 - 2x - 3x^2)\left(1 + \frac{9x}{4} + \frac{9x^2}{4} + \dots\right)$

$$= 8 + 18x + 18x^2 - 2x - \frac{9x^2}{2} - 3x^2 + \dots$$

$$= 8 + 16x + \frac{21x^2}{2} + \dots$$

$$\therefore h = 16 \text{ and } k = \frac{21}{2}$$

**Carelessness in expansion resulting in wrong answers.**

13(b)  $\left(x^2 - \frac{1}{2x}\right)^{14}$

General term or  $(r+1)^{th}$  term of the expansion

$$= {}^{14}C_r (x^2)^{14-r} \left(-\frac{1}{2x}\right)^r$$

$$= {}^{14}C_r \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^r x^{28-3r} \quad \text{[M1]}$$

For the term in  $x^7$ ,  $x^7 = x^{28-3r}$

$$7 = 28 - 3r$$

$$r = 7 \quad \text{[M1]}$$

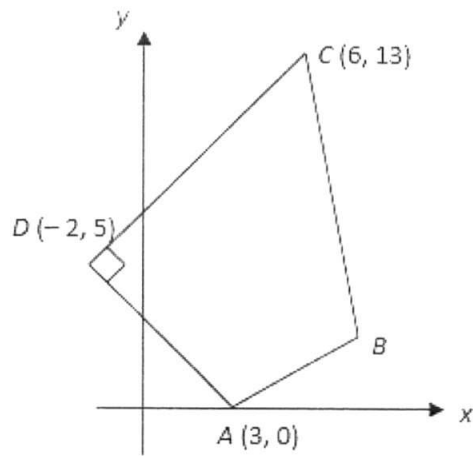
$$\therefore \text{Coeff of } x^7 = {}^{14}C_7 \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^7 = -26\frac{13}{16} \quad \text{[A1]}$$

**Some students were unable to apply the general formula. They were unable to**

**write down  $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^r$  in the working thus unable to obtain the correct answer.**

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(iii) Find the coordinates of  $B$ .

(iv) Find the area of the quadrilateral  $ABCD$ .

14 (i) gradient of  $AD = -1$

$$3 = -1(0) + c$$

$$\text{eq of } AD : y = -x + 3$$

(ii) mid-point of  $CD = (2, 9)$

$$\text{Gradient of perpendicular bisector} = -1$$

$$\text{Equation of perpendicular bisector} : y - 9 = -(x - 2)$$

(iii)  $5(-x + 11) = 3x - 9$

$$x = 8$$

$$y = 3$$

$$B(8, 3)$$

$$(iv) \text{ Area} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 8 & 6 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 13 & 5 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 68 \text{ units}^2$$

**This question was well-done. Some students think that the point (2,9) is the perpendicular bisector.**