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Functions

(9 – 1) Topic booklet

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These questions have been collated from previous years GCSE Mathematics papers.

You must have: Ruler graduated in centimetres and millimetres,
protractor, pair of compasses, pen, HB pencil, eraser.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use black ink or ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer all questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
 - there may be more space than you need.
- Diagrams are NOT accurately drawn, unless otherwise indicated.
- You must show all your working out.
- If the question is a 1H question you are not allowed to use a calculator.
- If the question is a 2H or a 3H question, you may use a calculator to help you answer.

Information

- The marks for each question are shown in brackets
 - use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

Answer ALL questions
Write your answers in the space provided.
You must write down all the stages in your working.



9 The functions f and g are such that

$$f(x) = 3(x - 4) \text{ and } g(x) = \frac{x}{5} + 1$$

(a) Find the value of $f(10)$

$$\begin{aligned}f(10) &= 3(10 - 4) \\&= 18\end{aligned}$$

18

(1)

(b) Find $g^{-1}(x)$

$$g^{-1}(x) = \frac{5(x-1)}{(2)}$$

(c) Show that $ff(x) = 9x - 48$

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= 3(x-4) \\ff(x) &= 3[3(x-4) - 4] \\&= 3[3x - 12 - 4] \\&= 3[3x - 16] \\&= 9x - 48\end{aligned}$$

(2)

10 $f(x) = 4\sin x^\circ$



(a) Find $f(23)$

Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

$$f(23) = 4\sin(23)$$

$$= 1.5629$$

1.56

(1)

$$g(x) = 2x - 3$$

(b) Find $fg(34)$

Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

$$g(34) = 2(34) - 3$$

$$= 65$$

$$fg(34) = 4\sin(65)$$

$$= 3.625231148$$

3.63

(2)

$$h(x) = (x + 4)^2$$

Ivan needs to solve the following equation $h(x) = 25$

He writes

$$\begin{aligned} (x + 4)^2 &= 25 \\ x + 4 &= 5 \\ x &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{25} = \pm 5$$

This is not fully correct.

(c) Explain why.

Ivan should have the positive and negative roots of 25

(1)

10 The function f is such that

$$f(x) = 4x - 1$$



(a) Find $f^{-1}(x)$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x+1}{4}$$

(2)

The function g is such that

$$g(x) = kx^2 \text{ where } k \text{ is a constant.}$$

Given that $fg(2) = 12$

(b) work out the value of k

$$fg(x) = 4(kx^2) - 1$$

$$= 4kx^2 - 1$$

$$k = \frac{13}{16}$$

$$= 4k(2)^2 - 1$$

(Total for Question 10 is 4 marks)

$$= 16k - 1$$

$$16k - 1 = 12$$

$$16k = 13$$

$$k = \frac{13}{16}$$

Sample 1 – Paper 3H

11 f and g are functions such that

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{x^2} \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = 4x^3$$



(a) Find $f(-5)$

$$f(-5) = \frac{2}{(-5)^2}$$

$$\frac{2}{25}$$

(1)

(b) Find $fg(1)$

$$g(1) = 4(1)^3$$

$$= 4$$

$$f(4) = \frac{2}{4^2} = \frac{2}{16}$$

$$\frac{1}{8}$$

(2)

June 2018 – Paper 2H

(Total for Question 11 is 3 marks)

16 The functions f and g are given by



$$f(x) = \frac{12}{x+1} \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = 5 - 3x$$

(a) Find $f(-3)$

$$f(-3) = \frac{12}{-3+1}$$

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

$$-6$$

(1)

(b) Find $fg(1)$

$$g(1) = 5 - 3(1)$$

$$= 2$$

$$f(2) = \frac{12}{2+1}$$

$$= 4$$

$$4$$

(2)

(c) Find $g^{-1}(4)$

$$g^{-1}(x) = \frac{5-x}{3}$$

$$g^{-1}(4) = \frac{5-4}{3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{3}$$

(2)

18 The function f is given by

$$f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{x+4}{2}}$$

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 4$$

(a) Show that $f^{-1}(50) = 3$

$$f^{-1}(50) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{50+4}{2}}$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{\frac{54}{2}} = \sqrt[3]{27} = 3$$

(2)

The functions g and h are given by

$$g(x) = x + 2 \text{ and } h(x) = x^2$$

(b) Find the values of x for which

$$hg(x) = 3x^2 + x - 1$$

$$hg(x) = (x+2)^2$$

$$hg(x) = x^2 + 4x + 4$$

$$x^2 + 4x + 4 = 3x^2 + x - 1$$

$$0 = 2x^2 - 3x - 5$$

$$0 = (2x-5)(x+1)$$

$$x = \frac{5}{2} \quad x = -1$$

$$x = 2.5 \quad x = -1$$

(4)

18 $f(x) = 3x^2 - 2x - 8$

Express $f(x + 2)$ in the form $ax^2 + bx$



$$\begin{aligned}f(x+2) &= 3(x+2)^2 - 2(x+2) - 8 \\&= 3(x^2 + 4x + 4) - 2x - 4 - 8 \\&= 3x^2 + 12x + 12 - 2x - 12 \\&= 3x^2 + 10x\end{aligned}$$

$3x^2 + 10x$

Specimen 1 – Paper 2H

(Total for Question 18 is 3 marks)

19 The functions f and g are such that

$$f(x) = (2x + 3)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = 2x - 1$$



(a) Find $gf(-3)$

$$\begin{aligned}f(-3) &= [2(-3) + 3]^2 \\&= [6 + 3]^2 \\&= [9]^2 \\&= 9\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}g(9) &= 2(9) - 1 \\&= 18 - 1\end{aligned}$$

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(2)

(b) Find $g^{-1}(x)$

$$g^{-1}(x) = \frac{x+1}{2}$$

(2)

19 The functions g and h are such that

$$g(x) = \sqrt[3]{2x-5} \quad h(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$



(a) Find $g(16)$

$$\begin{aligned} g(16) &= \sqrt[3]{2(16)-5} \\ &= \sqrt[3]{32-5} \\ &= \sqrt[3]{27} \end{aligned}$$

3

(1)

(b) Find $hg^{-1}(x)$

Give your answer in terms of x in its simplest form.

$$g(x) = \sqrt[3]{2x-5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g^{-1}(x) &= \frac{x^3+5}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(x^3+5) \end{aligned}$$

$$hg^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}(x^3+5)}$$

$$= \frac{2}{x^3+5}$$

$$hg^{-1}(x) = \frac{2}{x^3+5}$$

(3)

19 f and g are functions such that

$$f(x) = \frac{12}{\sqrt{x}} \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = 3(2x + 1)$$

(a) Find $g(5)$

$$g(5) = 3[2(5) + 1]$$

$$= 3[10 + 1]$$

$$= 3[11]$$

33

(1)

(b) Find $gf(9)$

$$f(9) = \frac{12}{\sqrt{9}}$$

$$= \frac{12}{\pm 3} = \pm 4$$

$$g(\pm 4) = 3[2(\pm 4) + 1]$$

$$= 3[\pm 8 + 1]$$

27 or -21

(2)

(c) Find $g^{-1}(6)$

$$g(x) = 6x + 3$$

$$g^{-1}(x) = \frac{x-3}{6}$$

$$g^{-1}(6) = \frac{6-3}{6} = \frac{3}{6}$$

$\frac{1}{2}$

(2)

19 For all values of x

$$f(x) = (x + 1)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = 2(x - 1)$$

(a) Show that $gf(x) = 2x(x + 2)$

$$\begin{aligned} gf(x) &= 2[(x+1)^2 - 1] \\ &= 2[x^2 + 2x + 1 - 1] \\ &= 2[x^2 + 2x] \\ &= 2x^2 + 4x \\ &= 2x(x+2) \end{aligned}$$

(2)

(b) Find $g^{-1}(7)$

$$g(x) = 2x - 2$$

$$g^{-1}(x) = \frac{x+2}{2}$$

$$g^{-1}(7) = \frac{7+2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{9}{2}$$

4.5

(2)

20 For $x \geq 0$, the functions f and g are such that

$$f(x) = 3x + 4 \quad g(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x} + 2}{5}$$

(a) Find $g^{-1}(x)$

$$g^{-1}(x) = \frac{(5x-2)^2}{(2)}$$

(b) Solve $gf(x) = 3$

$$gf(x) = \frac{\sqrt{3x+4} + 2}{5} = 3$$

$$\sqrt{3x+4} + 2 = 15$$

$$\sqrt{3x+4} = 13$$

$$3x+4 = 169$$

$$x = 55$$

$$3x = 165$$

(Total for Question 20 is 5 marks)

$$x = 55$$

21 The functions f and g are such that

$$f(x) = 3x^2 + 1 \quad \text{for } x > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = \frac{4}{x^2} \quad \text{for } x > 0$$

(a) Work out $gf(1)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(1) &= 3(1)^2 + 1 \\ &= 3 + 1 \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g(4) &= \frac{4}{4^2} \\ &= \frac{4}{16} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{4}$$

(2)

The function h is such that $h = (fg)^{-1}$

(b) Find $h(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} fg(x) &= 3 \left(\frac{4}{x^2} \right)^2 + 1 \\ &= 3 \left(\frac{16}{x^4} \right) + 1 \\ &= \frac{48}{x^4} + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \frac{48}{y^4} + 1$$

$$x-1 = \frac{48}{y^4}$$

$$y^4(x-1) = 48$$

$$y^4 = \frac{48}{(x-1)}$$

$$4\sqrt{\frac{48}{x-1}}$$

(4)

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(Total for Question 21 is 6 marks)

$$y = 4\sqrt{\frac{48}{x-1}}$$

21 The functions f and g are such that

$$f(x) = 3x - 1 \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = x^2 + 4$$

(a) Find $f^{-1}(x)$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x+1}{3}$$

Given that $fg(x) = 2gf(x)$,

(b) show that $15x^2 - 12x - 1 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} fg(x) &= 3(x^2 + 4) - 1 \\ &= 3x^2 + 12 - 1 \\ &= 3x^2 + 11 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2gf(x) &= 2[(3x-1)^2 + 4] \\ &= 2[(9x^2 - 6x + 1) + 4] \\ &= 18x^2 - 12x + 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 + 11 = 18x^2 - 12x + 10 \\ 11 = 15x^2 - 12x + 10 \\ 0 = 15x^2 - 12x - 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} -3x^2 \\ -11 \\ -11 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} -3x^2 \\ -11 \\ -11 \end{array} \quad (5)$$

22 $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$
 $g(x) = 2x + 3$
 $h(x) = fg(x)$

$$fg(x) = \sqrt[3]{2x+3}$$



Find $h^{-1}(x)$

$$h(x) = \sqrt[3]{2x+3}$$

$$h^{-1}(x) = \frac{x^3 - 3}{2}$$

$$h^{-1}(x) = \frac{x^3 - 3}{2}$$

November 2022 – Paper 2H

(Total for Question 22 is 3 marks)

22 The functions f and g are such that

$$f(x) = 5x + 3 \quad g(x) = ax + b \quad \text{where } a \text{ and } b \text{ are constants.}$$



$$g(3) = 20 \quad \text{and} \quad f^{-1}(33) = g(1)$$

Find the value of a and the value of b .

$$g(3) = 20$$

$$g(3) = 3a + b$$

$$\therefore 3a + b = 20$$

$$f(x) = 5x + 3$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x-3}{5}$$

$$g(x) = ax + b$$

$$\begin{aligned} g(1) &= a(1) + b \\ &= a + b \end{aligned}$$

$$f^{-1}(33) = \frac{33-3}{5} = 6$$

$$f^{-1}(33) = g(1)$$

$$6 = a + b$$

$$3a + b = 20$$

$$\begin{array}{r} - a + b = 6 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$2a = 14$$

$$a = 7$$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 7 \\ b &= -1 \end{aligned}$$