

**SOLUTIONS FOR ADMISSIONS TEST IN
MATHEMATICS, COMPUTER SCIENCE AND JOINT SCHOOLS
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Mark Scheme:

Each part of Question 1 is worth 4 marks which are awarded solely for the correct answer.

Each of Questions 2-7 is worth 15 marks

QUESTION 1:

A. Considering the sequence, $a_2 = l$, $a_3 = l^2$, $a_4 = l^3$, each additional term multiplies the previous term by l . The product of the first 15 terms is equal to $l^{1+2+\dots+14} = l^{\frac{14*15}{2}} = l^{105}$. **The answer is (d).**

B. Call the length of one of the sides of the hexagon p , then the side of the square is equal to $p + (1 - p) = 1$. Then as the hexagon side forms a triangle in each corner of the square, using Pythagoras, $p^2 = (1 - p)^2 + (1 - p)^2$. Solving this quadratic results in $p = 2 \pm \sqrt{2}$, but as the length must be less than 1 **the answer is (b).**

C. We can rewrite the given equation as $(x + \frac{a}{2})^2 + (y + \frac{b}{2})^2 = c + \frac{a^2}{4} + \frac{b^2}{4}$. For the circle to contain the origin, the distance from the centre to the origin must be less than the radius, so $\frac{a^2}{4} + \frac{b^2}{4} < c + \frac{a^2}{4} + \frac{b^2}{4}$. **The answer is (a).**

D. $\cos^n(x) + \cos^{2n}(x) = \cos^n(x)(1 + \cos^n(x)) = 0$. For this to be true, if n is even, $\cos(x) = 0$ has two roots, but when n is odd either $\cos(x) = 0$ or $\cos(x) = -1$, which is three roots. Hence **the answer is (d).**

E. When $x = 0$, $y = 1 - 1 = 0$, so we can rule out (d) and (e). To work out the number of x -axis intersection points, consider $(x - 1)^2 = \cos(\pi x)$. The shape of these graphs means they cannot intersect 6 times (eliminating (b)). The answer cannot be (c), because we know there is a crossing point $x = 2$, but that y is positive when $x = 1$. So **the answer is (a).**

F. Using the factor theorem, for $(x^2 + 1)$ to be a factor, $(x^2 + 1) = 0$, so $x^2 = -1$. Then the equation given becomes $(4)^n - (2)^n(-2)^n = 0$. This only holds when $(-2)^n$ is positive, so **the answer is (b).**

G. Considering the first few terms $x_0 = 1$, $x_1 = x_0 = 1$, $x_2 = 2$, $x_3 = 4$, $x_4 = 8$, and so on. By observation, $x_n = 2^{n-1}$ for $n \geq 1$. As this is a geometric progression, we can evaluate the sum of the sequence as

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x_k} &= \frac{1}{1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (d).

H. The area bounded by the x -axis and the curve $y = f(x)$, A_1 is equal to

$$A_1 = \int_{-\sqrt{a}}^{\sqrt{a}} f(x) dx = \frac{4}{3}a^{\frac{3}{2}},$$

whilst the area bounded by the x -axis and the curve $y = g(x)$, A_2 is equal to

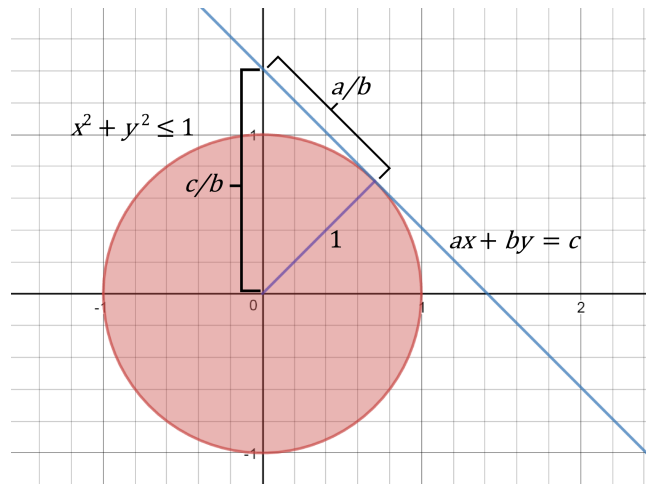
$$A_2 = \left| \int_{-\sqrt[4]{a}}^{\sqrt[4]{a}} g(x) dx \right| = \frac{8}{5}a^{\frac{5}{4}}.$$

We require an a such that $A_1 > A_2$, so

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4}{3}a^{\frac{3}{2}} &> \frac{8}{5}a^{\frac{5}{4}} \\ 20a^{\frac{6}{4}} &> 24a^{\frac{5}{4}} \\ a^{\frac{1}{4}} &> \frac{6}{5} \end{aligned}$$

and so **the answer is (e)**.

I. Let $ax + by = c$, which rearranges to $y = -\frac{a}{b}x + \frac{c}{b}$. Given that b is positive we can interpret this as achieving the maximum c when the line $y = -\frac{a}{b}x + \frac{c}{b}$ is moved up the y -axis whilst still intersecting the disc formed by $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$. Hence the line should be tangent to the unit circle.



By Pythagoras,

$$\left(\frac{c}{b}\right)^2 = 1 + \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2$$

and so **the answer is (c)**.

J. We are trying to construct counter-examples for each of the statements. Note that $0 \leq x(n) \leq 9$. (a) is true since, for example, $\Pi(4) = 1$, but 4 is not prime. (b) is false - we don't need to consider even n beyond $x_n = 4$; for this case we know no primes end in a 4, but for example $\Pi(64) = 1$ as $64 = 2^6$. For odd n , $x(n) = 1, \Pi(n) = 1$, counterexample $n = 121 = 11^2$; $x(n) = 3, \Pi(n) = 1$, counterexample $n = 243 = 3^5$; $x(n) = 5, \Pi(n) = 1$, counterexample $n = 25 = 5^2$; $x(n) = 7, \Pi(n) = 1$, counterexample $n = 16807 = 7^5$; $x(n) = 9, \Pi(n) = 1$, counterexample $n = 9 = 3^2$. (c), (d), and (e) are all true. **The answer is (b)**.

2. (i) [1 mark] We have

$$\begin{aligned}A(B(x)) &= 2(3x + 2) + 1 = 6x + 5; \\B(A(x)) &= 3(2x + 1) + 2 = 6x + 5.\end{aligned}$$

(ii) [3 marks] We note

$$\begin{aligned}A^2(x) &= 2(2x + 1) + 1 = 4x + 2 + 1, \\A^3(x) &= 2(4x + 2 + 1) + 1 = 8x + 4 + 2 + 1,\end{aligned}$$

and so more generally

$$A^n(x) = 2^n x + 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-2} + \cdots + 2 + 1 = 2^n x + (2^n - 1)$$

using the geometric series formula (pattern spotting sufficient).

(iii) [4 marks] As $108 = 2^2 3^3$ then F can be achieved using two applications of A and three applications of B . As $AB = BA$ then only one such F can be achieved but the number of different orders in which A, A, B, B, B might be performed is ${}^5C_2 = 10$.

(iv) [3 marks] Note that in each case the constant coefficient is one less than the coefficient of x . We can prove this by noting

$$\begin{aligned}A(ax + (a - 1)) &= 2(ax + (a - 1)) + 1 = 2ax + 2a - 1; \\B(ax + (a - 1)) &= 3(ax + (a - 1)) + 2 = 3ax + 3a - 1.\end{aligned}$$

So $c = 107$. [Alternatively to find c a student might just determine $A^2 B^3$.]

[Alternative: Commuting argument:

By part (i) A and B commute. Therefore we only need to check 1 of the possible configurations. From this calculation we find that $c = 107$.]

(v) [4 marks] As each $A^{m_i} B^{n_i}(x)$ will have a constant coefficient one less than its x coefficient it follows that $k = 214 - 92 = 122$. However the x coefficient of $A^{m_i} B^{n_i}(x)$ can never be less than 2 so the sum of 122 such functions cannot have an x coefficient less than 244.

[Alternative: Divisible by 6 argument:

Each term contains at least an A and at least a B , and so each x coefficient is a multiple of 6. However 214 is not divisible by 6 and hence there exist no positive integers.]

3. 3. Solution:

(i) [1 mark] Note that

$$f(2\alpha - x) = (2\alpha - x - \alpha)^2 = (\alpha - x)^2 = (x - \alpha)^2 = f(x)$$

for all x and hence f is bilateral.

(ii) [2 marks] Consider, for example, $x = \alpha + 1$ where

$$f(\alpha + 1) = 1 \neq -1 = f(\alpha - 1) = f(2\alpha - (\alpha + 1)).$$

It follows that f is not bilateral.

(iii) [2 marks] Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b x^n dx &= \left[\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \right]_a^b = \frac{b^{n+1} - a^{n+1}}{n+1} \\ &= - \left(\frac{a^{n+1} - b^{n+1}}{n+1} \right) = - \left[\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \right]_b^a = - \int_b^a x^n dx \end{aligned}$$

as required.

[Alternatively: Some students may show this graphically and argue that area is preserved under reflection]

(iv) [3 marks] Since f is a polynomial there is a non-negative integer d and reals c_0, \dots, c_d such that $f(x) = c_0 + c_1x + \dots + c_dx^d$ for all x . Integration is linear so by the previous part we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) dx &= \sum_{i=0}^d c_i \int_a^b x^i dx \\ &= - \sum_{i=0}^d c_i \int_b^a x^i dx = - \int_b^a f(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

as required.

(v) [2 marks] The first integral is just the signed area under the graph of $y = f(x)$ between α and t and the second integral is the signed area under the graph of $y = f(x)$ between $2\alpha - t$ and α . The second signed area is a reflection of the first, and area is preserved under reflection. Hence the integrals are equal.

(vi) [3 marks] For $t \geq \alpha$ we have by the previous two parts that

$$G(t) = \int_{\alpha}^t f(x) dx = \int_{2\alpha-t}^{\alpha} f(x) dx = - \int_{\alpha}^{2\alpha-t} f(x) dx = -G(2\alpha - t).$$

If $t \leq \alpha$ then put $u = 2\alpha - t \geq \alpha$ and note that by what we have just shown

$$G(2\alpha - t) = G(u) = -G(2\alpha - u) = -G(t).$$

The result follows.

(vii) [2 marks] Since f is a bilateral polynomial we see $G(2\alpha - t) = -G(t)$ for all t . On the other hand since G is bilateral we have $G(2\alpha - t) = G(t)$ for all t , so $G(t) = 0$ for all t as required.

4. (i) [3 marks] Let d_1 be the distance from $(0, 0)$ to the point where C_1 touches the x -axis. Note that the x -axis is tangent to C_1 and hence perpendicular to the radius at this point. So C_1 has centre $(d_1, 1)$. We have a right-angled triangle, with $\frac{1}{d_1} = \tan(\alpha)$, so $d_1 = \frac{1}{\tan(\alpha)}$. So the centre of C_1 is $(\frac{1}{\tan(\alpha)}, 1)$.

(ii) [1 mark] C_1 has centre $(\frac{1}{\tan(\alpha)}, 1)$ and radius 1, so has equation

$$(x - \frac{1}{\tan(\alpha)})^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 1.$$

(iii) [3 marks] Let d_2 be the distance between the points where C_1 and C_2 touch the x -axis. Then Pythagoras on the right-angled triangle gives $(1 + 3)^2 = 2^2 + d_2^2$, so $d_2^2 = 12$. Also we have similar triangles (both have a right angle and share angle α) so

$$\frac{3}{1} = \frac{d_2 + d_1}{d_1}$$

so $d_2 = 2d_1$.

So $12d_2^2 = (2d_1)^2 = 4d_1^2$, so $d_1 = \sqrt{3}$ (must have $d_1 > 0$). So $\tan(\alpha) = \frac{1}{d_1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ so $\alpha = 30^\circ$ (or $\frac{\pi}{6}$).

(iv) [3 marks] Take $\alpha = 30^\circ$. Let C_3 have radius r . Let d_3 be the distance between the points where C_2 and C_3 touch the x -axis. Then by similar triangles we have

$$\frac{r}{d_1 + d_2 + d_3} = \frac{1}{d_1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}.$$

So $r = \frac{d_1 + d_2 + d_3}{\sqrt{3}} = 3 + \frac{d_3}{\sqrt{3}}$. So $d_3 = \sqrt{3}(r - 3)$.

Also since C_2 and C_3 touch Pythagoras gives

$$(r + 3)^2 = (r - 3)^2 + d_3^2 = (r - 3)^2 + 3(r - 3)^2 = 4(r - 3)^2,$$

so $r^2 + 6r + 9 = 4r^2 - 24r + 36$, which factorises to $(r - 1)(r - 9) = 0$.

We're looking for C_3 larger than C_2 so $r = 9$.

(v) [5 marks] Centres of triangle C_1 and C_2 are $(\frac{1}{\tan(\alpha)}, 1)$ and $(\frac{3}{\tan(\alpha)}, 3)$ respectively. Area of trapezium is half (bottom plus top) times height, so:

$$\frac{3 + 1}{2} \frac{2}{\tan(\alpha)} = \frac{4}{\tan(\alpha)}.$$

Or break down as rectangle (area = $\frac{2}{\tan(\alpha)}$) plus triangle (area = $\frac{2}{\tan(\alpha)}$).

Now deduct C_1 sector and C_2 sector from trapezium area. Area of C_1 sector is $\frac{1}{2}1^2(\frac{\pi}{2} + \alpha) = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\alpha}{2}$. Area of C_2 sector is $\frac{1}{2}3^2(\frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha) = \frac{9\pi}{4} - \frac{9\alpha}{2}$.

So interstitial area is:

$$\frac{4}{\tan(\alpha)} - \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{9\pi}{4} - \frac{9\alpha}{2}\right) = \frac{4}{\tan(\alpha)} - \frac{5\pi}{2} + 4\alpha = 4\sqrt{3} - \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

5. (i) [3 marks] We have

$$\begin{aligned}s_1 &= 2(A + B) + C = 2 \\s_2 &= 4(2A + B) + C = 10 \\s_3 &= 8(3A + B) + C = 34\end{aligned}$$

(ii) [3 marks] Subtracting the first equation from the other two gives

$$\begin{aligned}6A + 2B &= 8 \\22A + 6B &= 32,\end{aligned}$$

whence $4A = 8$, so $A = 2$, $B = -2$, $C = 2$ and $f(n) = (n - 1)2^{n+1} + 2$.

(iii) [2 marks] We have

$$\begin{aligned}s_{k+1} &= f(k) + (k + 1)2^{k+1} \\&= (k - 1)2^{k+1} + 2 + (k + 1)2^{k+1} \\&= k2^{k+2} + 2 = f(k + 1)\end{aligned}$$

as required.

(iv) [4 marks] We have

$$\begin{aligned}t_n &= (n + 2n + 4n + \dots + 2^n \cdot n) - (2 + 8 + 24 + \dots + 2^n \cdot n) \\&= n(2^{n+1} - 1) - f(n) \\&= n(2^{n+1} - 1) - (n - 1)2^{n+1} - 2 \\&= 2^{n+1} - n - 2.\end{aligned}$$

Now $u_n = t_n/2^n$, so

$$u_n = 2 - \frac{n + 2}{2^n}.$$

(v) [3 marks]

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=1}^n s_k &= \sum_{k=1}^n (2k2^k - 2^{k+1} + 2) \\&= \sum_{k=1}^n (k2^{k+1}) - \sum_{k=1}^n (2^{k+1}) + 2n \\&= 2 \sum_{k=1}^n (k2^k) - 2^{n+2} + 4 + 2n \\&= 2f(n) - 2^{n+2} + 4 + 2n \\&= 2^{n+2}n - 2^{n+3} + 2n + 8\end{aligned}$$

6. (i) [3 marks] There are no possible arrangements - if A is a 1, then either B and D are both 1s or both 0s. However, if B and D are both 1s then C must also be a 1 - but that would require all the dancers to be 1s which is forbidden. If B and D are both 0s then C must also be a 0 otherwise D would not be off-beat. But if C is a 0 they cannot be off-beat.

(ii) [3 marks] Assume that A is a 1 and holds hands with F and B , then either F and B are both 1s or both 0s. If both F and B are 1s then this pattern must propagate around the circle, forcing everyone to be 1s, which is forbidden. If F and B are both 0s then C and E must also be 0s, to keep F and B off-beat. However to ensure C , D , and E are off-beat D must be a 1. Hence the only possible arrangements are those where precisely two dancers on opposite positions on the ring are 1, and there are 3 such arrangements.

(iii) [3 marks] Each person holding hands either requires one of the three dancers to be a 1 or all three to be a 1. If all three, then this propagates round resulting in all 1s, which is forbidden. Thus for each triplet of dancers one person is a 1. Then either spot the 1,0,0 pattern which only repeats when n is a multiple of three, or look at the sum of each local triplet of dancers which must be equal to n and also equal to $3k$ where k is the number of dancers who are 1s.

(iv) [2 marks] If n is even two separate rings form, however each ring can only be off-beat if the number of dancers are a multiple of 3, by previous argument. If n is odd, then n must be a multiple of 3 still because a ring is still formed (with displaced dancers).

(v) [1 mark] Either one dancer is a 1 or three dancers are 1s and one is a 0. There are 8 different ways in total.

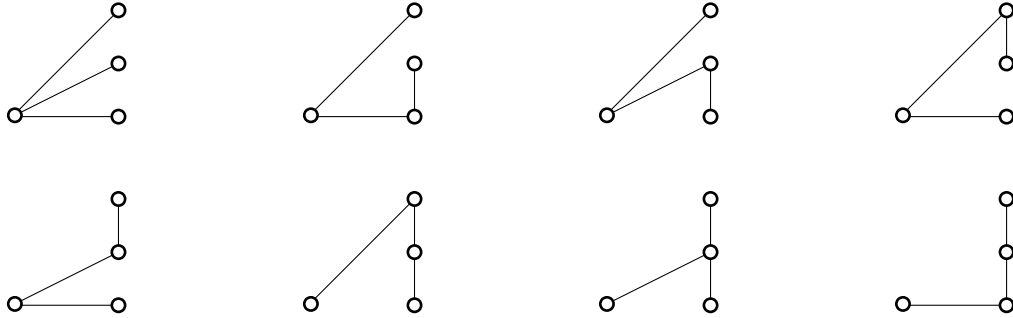
(vi) [3 marks] There must be at least one dancer who is a 1. Holding hands with this dancer there must be either no dancers or precisely two dancers who are 1s. If none of the dancers are 1s, then the alternating 0, 1 pattern is very obvious. If two dancers are 1s, then this leads to a situation where all dancers are 1s, which is still forbidden. Hence there are 2 possible ways of arranging off-beat dances.

7. (Example taken from Graham, Knuth, Patashnik, *Concrete Mathematics*.)

(i) [2 marks] Three 2-spans:



(ii) [4 marks] Eight 3-spans:



(iii) [3 marks] In a 4-span, the top group may have $t = 1, 2, 3$ or 4 elements, and may be connected to the hub by any of t line segments in each case. If $t = 4$, that is the end of the story, but if $t < 4$ then the remaining tips may form any $(4 - t)$ -span. Thus (using the notation of the next part),

$$z_4 = 1.z_3 + 2.z_2 + 3.z_1 + 4 = 1 \times 8 + 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 1 + 4 = 21.$$

(iv) [4 marks] More generally, we have

$$z_n = 1.z_{n-1} + 2.z_{n-2} + \dots + (n-1).z_1 + n.$$

It follows that

$$z_5 = 1 \times 21 + 2 \times 8 + 3 \times 3 + 4 \times 1 + 5 = 55.$$

(v) [2 marks]

$$z_6 = 1 \times 55 + 2 \times 21 + 3 \times 8 + 4 \times 3 + 5 \times 1 + 6 = 144.$$