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MATHEMATICS

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Paper 3 Pure Mathematics 3

May/June 2020

1 hour 50 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: List of formulae (MF19)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
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- If additional space is needed, you should use the lined page at the end of this booklet; the question number or numbers must be clearly shown.
- You should use a calculator where appropriate.
- You must show all necessary working clearly; no marks will be given for unsupported answers from a calculator.
- Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, or 1 decimal place for angles in degrees, unless a different level of accuracy is specified in the question.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 75.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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- 1 Find the set of values of x for which $2(3^{1-2x}) < 5^x$. Give your answer in a simplified exact form. [4]

$$2. \frac{3^1}{3^{2x}} < 5^x \rightarrow \frac{6}{9^x} < 5^x \rightarrow 6 < 9^x \cdot 5^x \rightarrow 6 < 45^x$$

$$\rightarrow \log_{45} 6 < x \rightarrow \text{OR} \rightarrow x > \frac{\ln 45}{\ln 6} \quad \#$$

- 2 (a) Expand $(2 - 3x)^{-2}$ in ascending powers of x , up to and including the term in x^2 , simplifying the coefficients. [4]

$$(2 - 3x)^{-2} = \left[2 \left(1 - \frac{3}{2}x \right) \right]^{-2} = 2^{-2} \left(1 - \frac{3}{2}x \right)^{-2} = \frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{3}{2}x \right)^{-2}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left(1 + 3x + \frac{27}{4}x^2 + \dots \right) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}x + \frac{27}{16}x^2 + \dots \quad *$$

- (b) State the set of values of x for which the expansion is valid. [1]

$$-1 < \frac{3}{2}x < 1 \rightarrow -2 < 3x < 2 \rightarrow -\frac{2}{3} < x < \frac{2}{3} \quad *$$

- 3 Express the equation $\tan(\theta + 60^\circ) = 2 + \tan(60^\circ - \theta)$ as a quadratic equation in $\tan \theta$, and hence solve the equation for $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$. [6]

$$\frac{\tan \theta + \tan 60^\circ}{1 - \tan \theta \cdot \tan 60^\circ} = 2 + \frac{\tan 60^\circ - \tan \theta}{1 + \tan \theta \cdot \tan 60^\circ}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\tan \theta + \sqrt{3}}{1 - \sqrt{3} \tan \theta} = 2 + \frac{\sqrt{3} - \tan \theta}{1 + \sqrt{3} \tan \theta}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\tan \theta + \sqrt{3}}{1 - \sqrt{3} \tan \theta} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{3} \tan \theta + \sqrt{3} - \tan \theta}{1 + \sqrt{3} \tan \theta}$$

$$\rightarrow (1 - \sqrt{3} \tan \theta)(2 + 2\sqrt{3} \tan \theta + \sqrt{3} - \tan \theta) = (1 + \sqrt{3} \tan \theta)(\tan \theta + \sqrt{3})$$

$$\rightarrow 2 + 2\sqrt{3} \tan \theta + \sqrt{3} - \tan \theta - 2\sqrt{3} \tan \theta - 6 \tan^2 \theta - 3 \tan \theta + \sqrt{3} \tan^2 \theta = \tan \theta + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3} \tan^2 \theta + 3 \tan \theta$$

$$\rightarrow 3 \tan^2 \theta + 4 \tan \theta - 1 = 0 \quad \rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 12}}{6}$$

$$\rightarrow \theta_1 = 12.1^\circ \quad \theta_2 = -57.14^\circ + 180^\circ = 122.9^\circ$$