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**MATHEMATICS**

**9709/31**

Paper 3 Pure Mathematics 3

**May/June 2024**

**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 Expand  $(3+x)(1-2x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  in ascending powers of  $x$ , up to and including the term in  $x^2$ , simplifying the coefficients. [4]

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

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

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

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

2 Solve the equation  $\ln(x - 5) = 7 - \ln x$ . Give your answer correct to 2 decimal places.

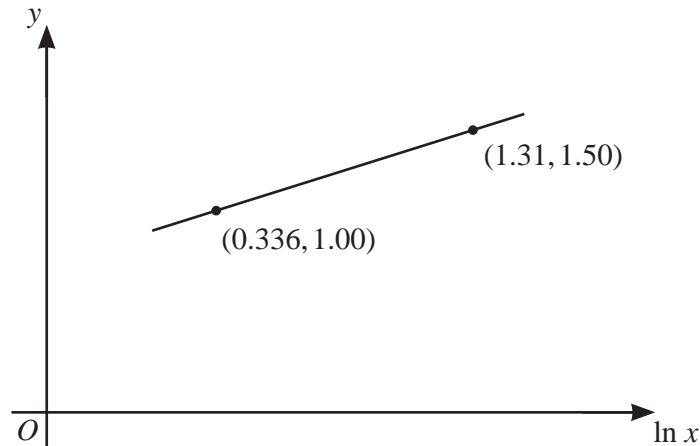
[4]

$$\ln(x-5) = \ln e^7 - \ln x \rightarrow \ln(x-5) = \ln \frac{e^7}{x}$$

$$\rightarrow x-5 = \frac{e^7}{x} \rightarrow x^2 - 5x - e^7 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25 + 4e^7}}{2} \rightarrow x = 35.71 \quad \checkmark$$

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The variables  $x$  and  $y$  satisfy the equation  $a^y = bx$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants. The graph of  $y$  against  $\ln x$  is a straight line passing through the points  $(0.336, 1.00)$  and  $(1.31, 1.50)$ , as shown in the diagram.

Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ . Give each value correct to the nearest integer.

[4]

$$a^y = bx \rightarrow \ln a^y = \ln(bx) \rightarrow y \ln a = \ln b + \ln x$$

$$\rightarrow y = \frac{1}{\ln a} \ln x + \frac{\ln b}{\ln a}$$

$\swarrow$  gradient                       $\swarrow$  y-int

$$\text{gradient} = \frac{1.50 - 1.00}{1.31 - 0.336} = 0.5133 = \frac{1}{\ln a}$$

$$\rightarrow \ln a = 1.948 \rightarrow a = e^{1.948} \rightarrow a = 7$$

$$\text{Sub } (0.336, 1.00) \rightarrow 1 = 0.5133(0.336) + \ln b(0.5133)$$

$$\rightarrow b = 5 \neq$$

4 The complex number  $u$  is given by  $u = -1 - i\sqrt{3}$ .

- (a) Express  $u$  in the form  $r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$ , where  $r \geq 0$  and  $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$ . Give the exact values of  $r$  and  $\theta$ . [2]

$$u = -1 - i\sqrt{3} \rightarrow |u| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-\sqrt{3})^2} = 2$$

$$\theta = \arg(u) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{-1}\right) = -\frac{2}{3}\pi$$

$$u = 2\left(\cos\left(-\frac{2}{3}\pi\right) + i\sin\left(-\frac{2}{3}\pi\right)\right)$$

$$= 2\left(\cos\frac{2}{3}\pi - i\sin\frac{2}{3}\pi\right) \neq$$

The complex number  $v$  is given by  $v = 5\cos\frac{1}{6}\pi + i\sin\frac{1}{6}\pi$ .

- (b) Express the complex number  $\frac{v}{u}$  in the form  $re^{i\theta}$  where  $r \geq 0$  and  $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$ . [2]

$$u = 2e^{-\frac{2}{3}\pi}$$

$$v = 5e^{\frac{1}{6}\pi}$$

$$\frac{v}{u} = \frac{r_2}{r_1} e^{i(\theta_2 - \theta_1)} = \frac{5}{2} e^{\frac{\pi}{6} - \left(-\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)} = \frac{5}{2} e^{\frac{5\pi}{6}} \neq$$