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MATHEMATICS METHODS FOUNDATION (MTM315117)

PART 1

Time recommended for this part: 80 minutes

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4. This examination is 3 hours in length. It is recommended that you spend approximately **80 minutes** in total answering the questions in this booklet.
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6. All written responses must be in English.

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- Criterion 6** Understand logarithmic, exponential and trigonometric functions.
- Criterion 7** Use differential calculus in the study of functions.
- Criterion 8** Understand experimental and theoretical probabilities and of statistics.

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SECTION A

Answer **ALL** questions in this section.

This section assesses **Criterion 4**.

Section A marks = 14.

Question 1

Expand the following expression: $(x + 1)(3x - 2)$

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Question 2

Solve the following for x :

(a) $2(x - 6) = 6 - 4x$

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(b) $\frac{3(x + 1)}{4} = 2 - x$

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Question 3

Factorise and simplify the following:

(a) $x^2 - 5x - 6$

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(b) $\frac{4x^2 + 12x - 40}{4x - 8}$

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Question 4

Using Pascal's triangle or the binomial theorem to assist, expand $(x + 3)^4$.

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Question 5

For the expression:

$$x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x + 6$$

- (a) Show that $(x - 2)$ is **not** a factor of the expression. (1 mark)

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- (b) If $(x - 3)$ is a factor, **fully** factorise the expression. (2 marks)

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- (c) State the values for x where $x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$. (1 mark)

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SECTION B

Answer **ALL** questions in this section.

This section assesses **Criterion 5**.

Section B marks = 14.

Question 6

Determine the gradient and the y-intercept of the function: $2y = 3 - 4x$.

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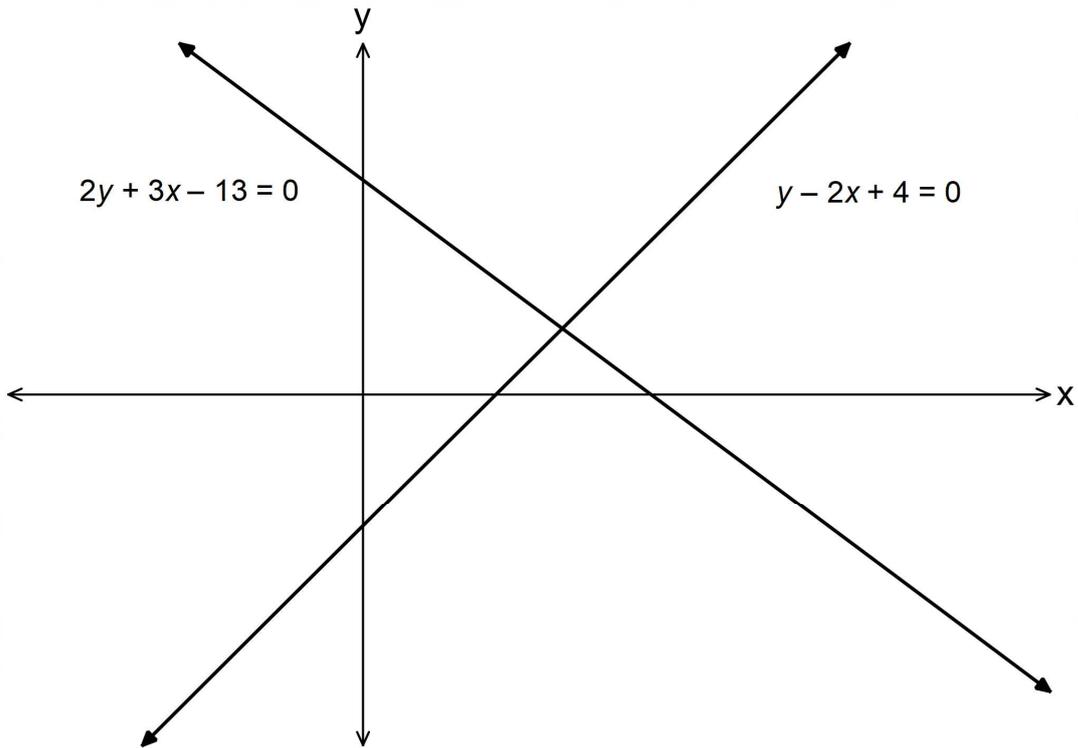
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Question 7

The graph below shows the equations $2y + 3x - 13 = 0$ and $y - 2x + 4 = 0$.



Algebraically determine the point of intersection.

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Question 8

For the function: $y = 2(x - 3)^2 - 8$ for $x \in [0, 7]$.

- (a) Determine the **intercepts** and **turning point**. (2 marks)

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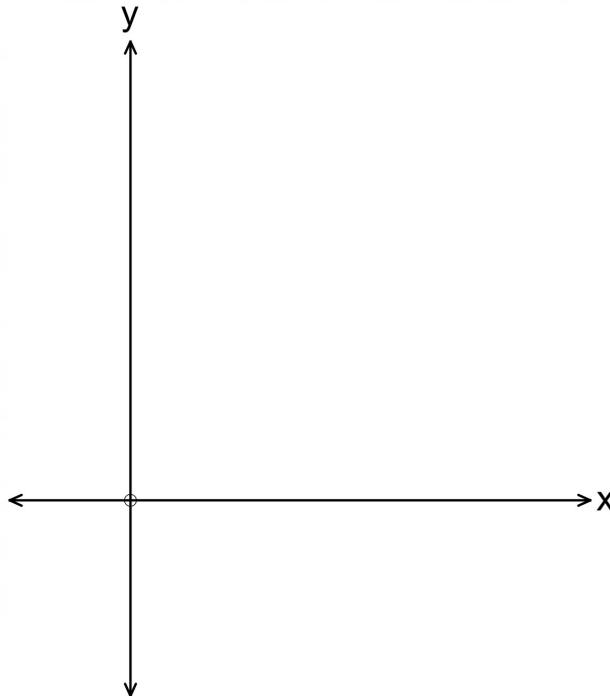
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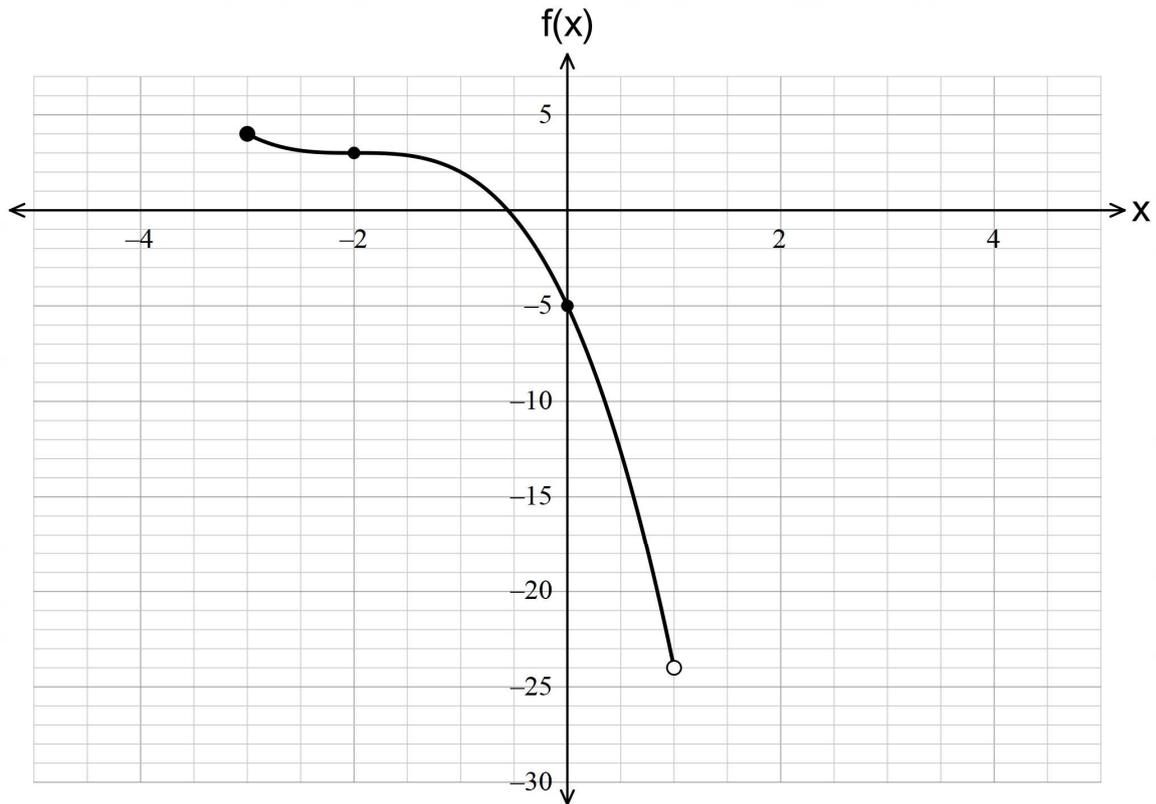
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- (b) Sketch the graph on the axes below, labelling **intercepts** and **turning point**, as well as the point **(7, 24)** within the domain stated. (2 marks)



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- (a) Determine the equation of the cubic function from the graph above. (3 marks)

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- (b) State the domain and range of the function as indicated by the graph. (2 marks)

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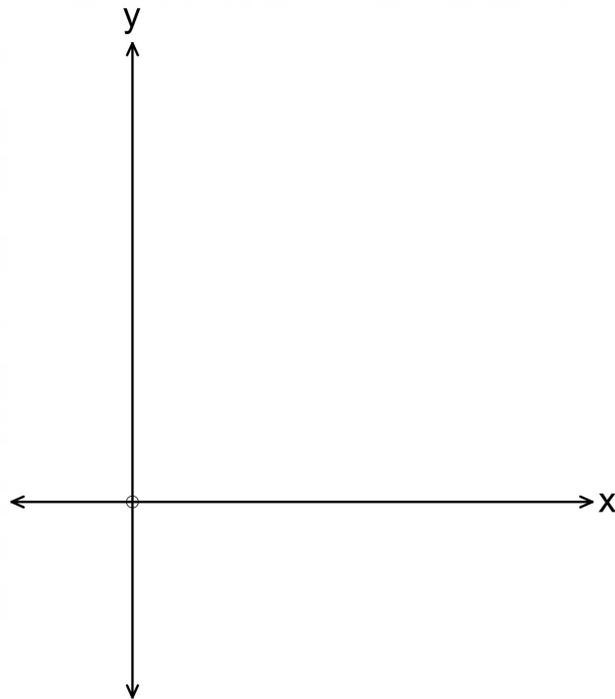
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Question 8

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SECTION C

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This section assesses **Criterion 6**.

Section C marks = 14.

Question 10

Simplify the following expressions:

(a) $xy^3 \times (x^2y)^2$ (1 mark)

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(b) $\log_3(\sqrt{9}) \times 2\log_2(4)$ (2 marks)

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Question 11

Solve the following equations for x :

(a) $2^{3x-1} = 4^{x+1}$ (2 marks)

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(b) $\log_2(x) + 3 = \log_2(x - 7)$ (2 marks)

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Question 12

For the function: $f(x) = 2 \times 3^{x-1} + 1$.

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Sketch the graph of the function on the axes below. **Label relevant intercepts, asymptote and one other point.**

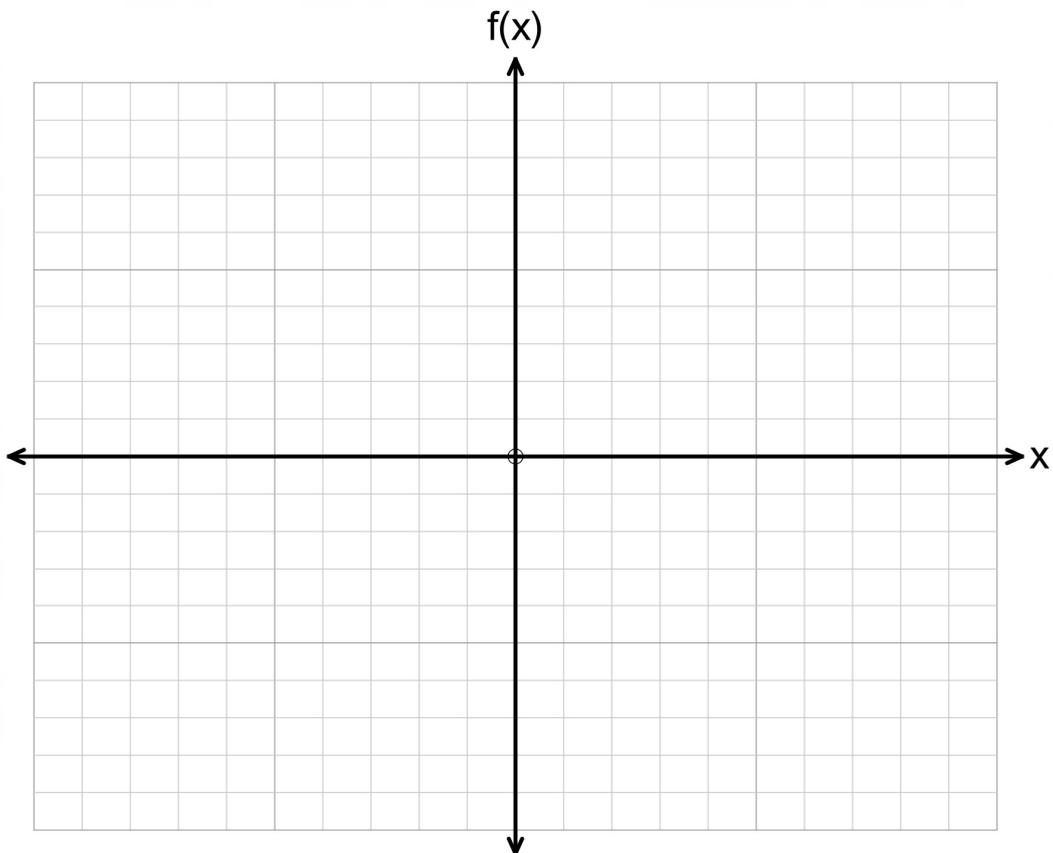
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Question 13

If $\cos \theta = \frac{3}{5}$ where $0 \leq \theta \leq 90^\circ$, determine the following:

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(a) $\cos(180 + \theta)^\circ$ (1 mark)

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(b) $\sin(180 + \theta)^\circ$ (2 marks)

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(c) $\tan(180 + \theta)^\circ$ (1 mark)

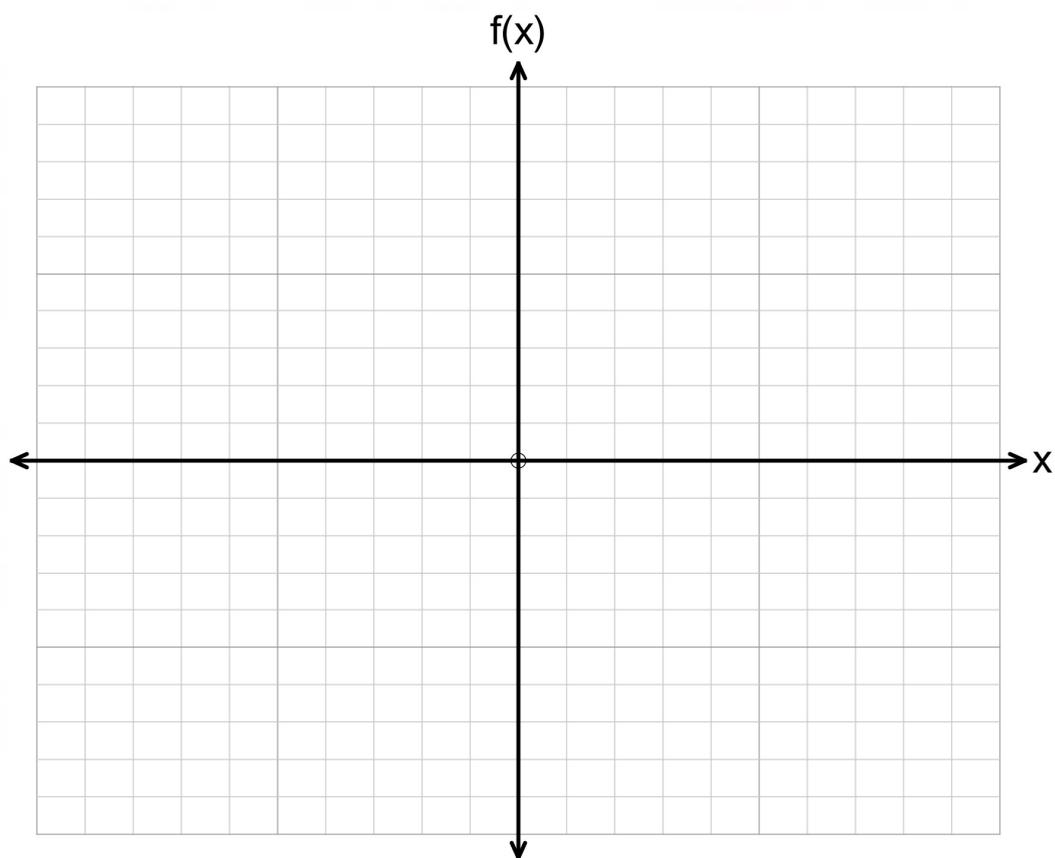
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SECTION D

Answer **ALL** questions in this section.

This section assesses **Criterion 7**.

Section D marks = 14.

Question 14

Determine the derivative of each of the following functions:

(a) $f(x) = 5x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x + 7$ (2 marks)

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(b) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{3}{x^3}$ (2 marks)

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Question 15

Using **first principles**, show that the derivative of $f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 1$ is $2x + 3$. (3 marks)

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Question 16

Use **calculus techniques** to determine the **equation of the tangent** to the quadratic function

$f(x) = -x^2 - 2x + 15$ at the point (2, 7).

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Question 17

The flow of water into a dam is controlled by a flow valve. The equation for the volume of water into the dam is:

$$V = 8t - 0.8t^2 \quad 0 \leq t \leq 5$$

where 't' is time in hours and 'V' is volume in ML (megalitres).

- (a) It takes **five hours** for the dam to fill from empty. Given that the full dam contains 20ML (megalitres) of water, what is the average rate of the water flow into the dam from empty? Include units in your answer. (2 marks)

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- (b) Use **calculus techniques** to determine the instantaneous flow rate of the water into the dam at $t = 3$ hours. Include units in your answer. (2 marks)

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SECTION E

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This section assesses **Criterion 8**.

Section E marks = 14.

Question 18

The individual letters of the word *BASKETBALL* were printed on card (as shown in the diagram below) and placed in a bag. A card is drawn out of the bag, the letter **and** colour are recorded, **then the card is put back in the bag**.



(a) What is the probability that a **vowel (A E I O U)** is drawn the first time a card is removed?

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(b) Given that a white card is drawn, what is the probability that it will **also be** the letter 'L'?

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(c) What is the probability that the word **T-E-A** is drawn with the letters in the **same order** as the word? Remember that the cards are returned to the bag after the letter is recorded.

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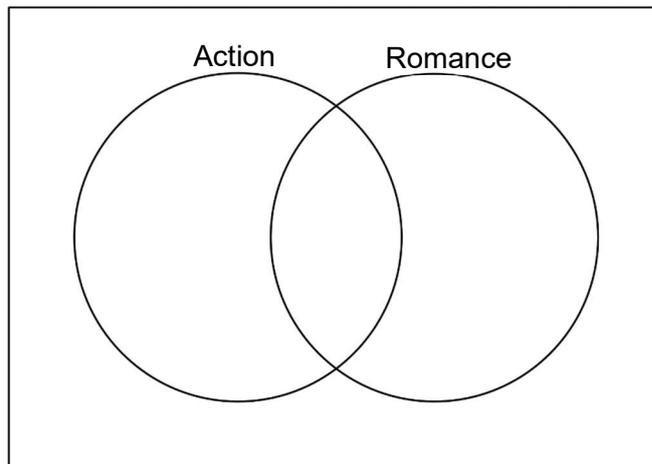
Question 19

Forty (40) students were surveyed about whether or not they watched romance or action movies.

The results of the survey were:

- 13 watched **action movies only**
- 8 **do not** watch action or romance movies
- 1 more student watched **both types** (action and romance) compared to the number of students that watched **romance only**.

(a) Complete the Venn diagram below, showing this information. (2 marks)



(b) Determine the probability of:

(i) A student that watches action movies only **or** romance movies only. (1 mark)

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(ii) A student who watches romance movies, given that they also watch action movies. (1 mark)

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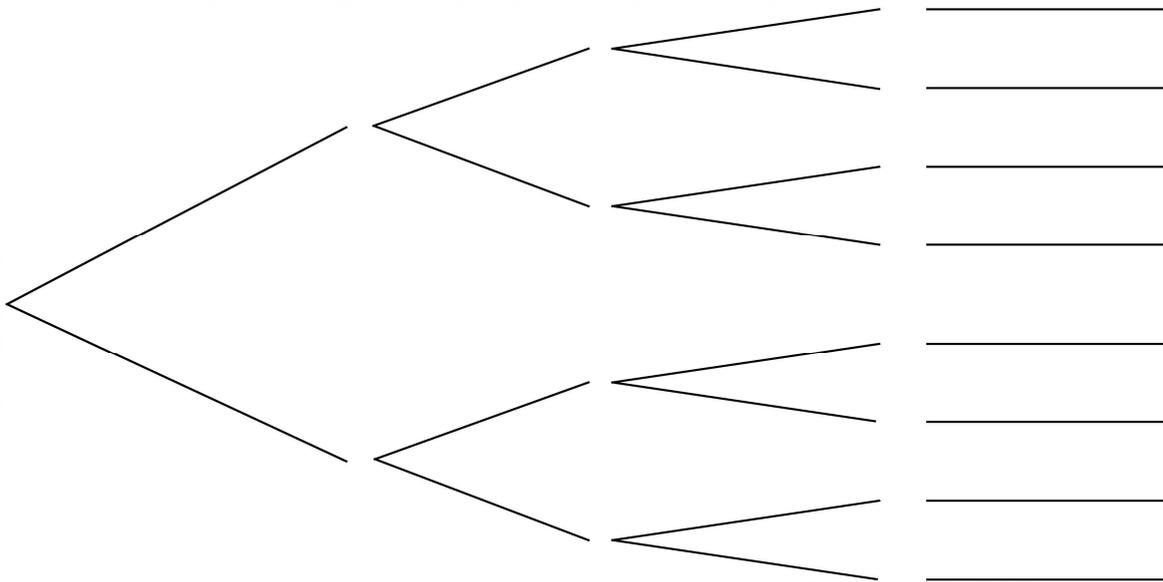
Question 20

The *Titans* netball team **won** a third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of their games last year. The competition involved each team playing 3 games in the first round. **Teams that win at least 2 of their 3 games progress to the next round.**

- (a) Using their win fraction of last year, what is the probability of the *Titans* **losing** a game this year? (1 mark)

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- (b) If the team plays 3 games, show all possible outcomes on a tree diagram below. **Include the total probabilities for all possible outcomes.** (2 marks)



- (c) Determine the probability that the *Titans* **will progress** to the next round. (2 marks)

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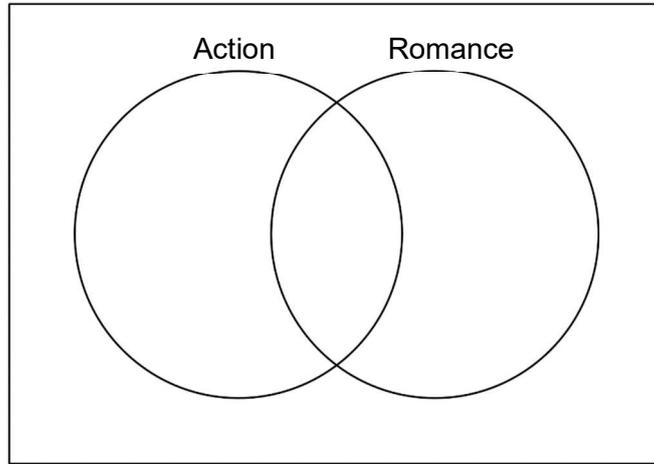
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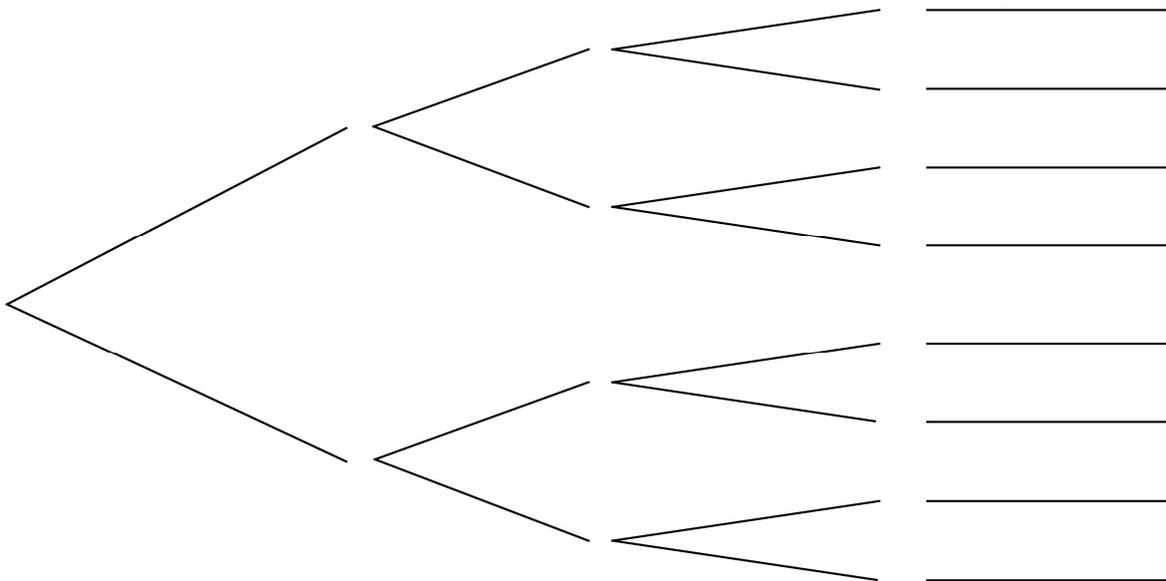
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PART 2

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Section A marks = 16.

Question 21

The volume of a semicircular prism (V) can be found by using the formula:

$$V = \frac{\pi r^2 h}{2}$$

- (a) Rearrange the equation to make r the subject. (2 marks)

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- (b) Determine the radius r of the semicircular prism given that $h = 4 \text{ units}$ and $V = 456.8 \text{ units}^3$. (1 mark)

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Question 22

Factorise the following expression: $-2x^2 + 4\sqrt{5}x - 10$. (2 marks)

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Question 23

(a) Use the discriminant to determine the **number of real** solution(s) to the following equation.

If there are solutions, state the solutions:

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$$3x^2 = 11 - 5x$$

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(b) Use the **quadratic formula** to solve the following equation $6x^2 - 13x + 4 = 0$.

Give your answer to **three decimal places**.

(2 marks)

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Question 24

Solve the following equation by **completing the square**. Express your answer in **exact values**.

$$-2x^2 + 12x - 13 = 0$$

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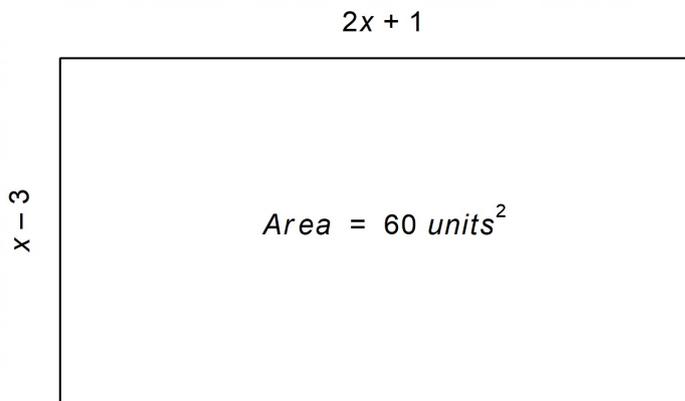
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Question 25

The area of a rectangle is calculated by multiplying the length by the width.

The following rectangle has an area of 60 units².



Determine the dimensions of the rectangle, both length and width. Show **algebraic working**.

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SECTION B

Answer **ALL** questions in this section.

This section assesses **Criterion 5**.

Section B marks = 16.

Question 26

A line passes through the points $(3, -1.2)$ and $(5, 2.8)$.

- (a) **Algebraically** determine the equation of the line. (2 marks)

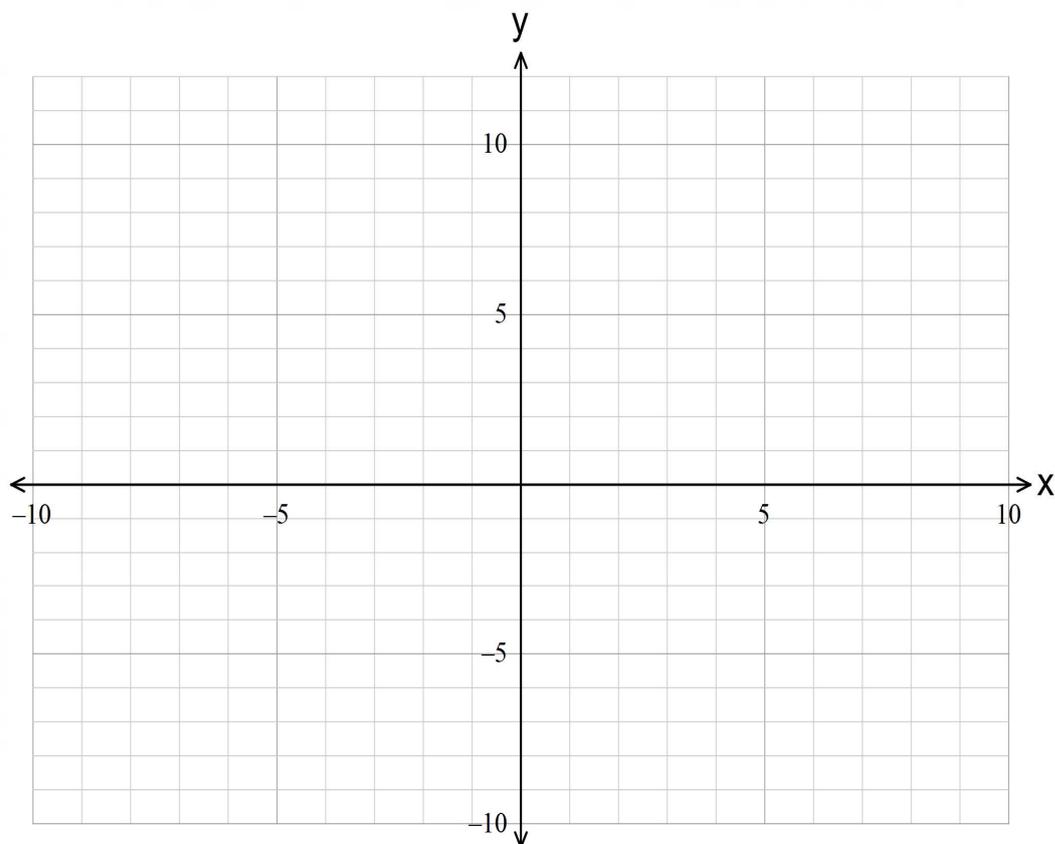
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- (b) Draw the graph of the equation on the axes below, **labelling points**. (2 marks)

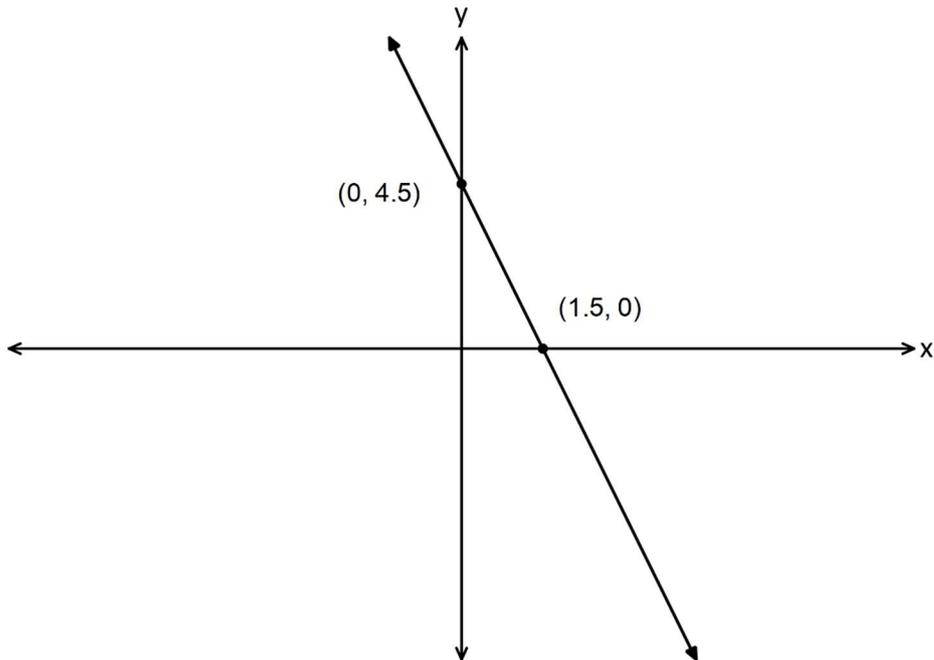


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Question 27

A function is represented below.



- (a) **Algebraically** show that the equation of this function is $y + 3x - 4.5 = 0$. (2 marks)

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- (b) Determine the equation of a line that is **parallel** to the equation $y + 3x - 4.5 = 0$, and goes through the point $(3.5, -2)$. (2 marks)

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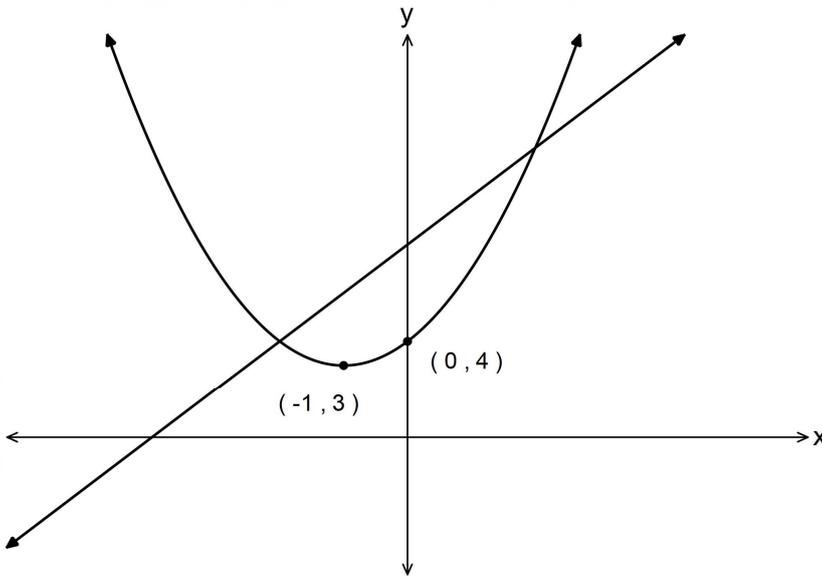
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Question 28

The graph below shows a **quadratic function** and the linear function $y = 2x + 8$.



- (a) Determine the equation of the quadratic function. (2 marks)

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- (b) **Algebraically** determine the points of intersection. (2 marks)

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Question 29

A cubic function can be expressed in the following form:

$$y = -0.5(x - 2)^3 + 3$$

- (a) Determine the **y-intercept**. (2 marks)

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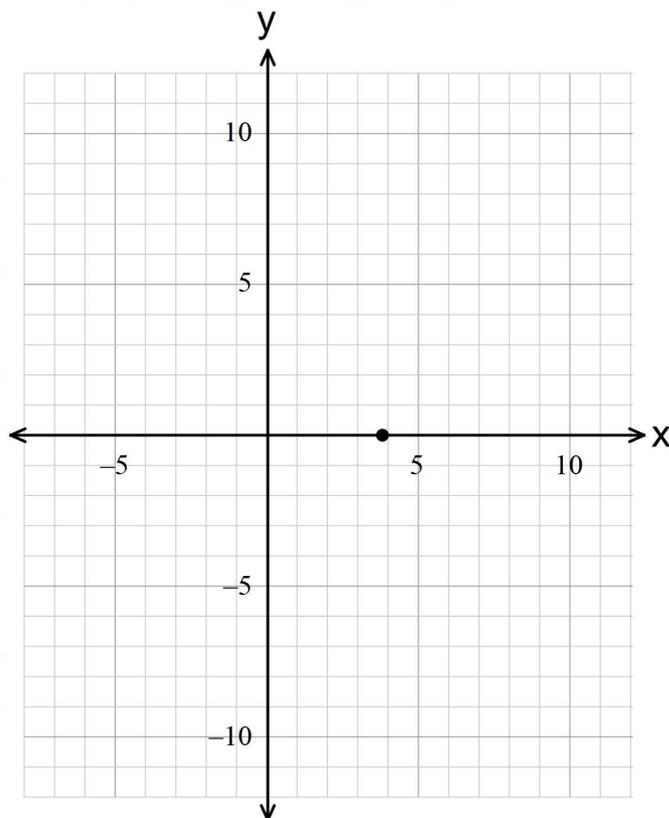
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- (b) Graph the function on the grid below, indicating the **point of inflection** and the **y-intercept**. (2 marks)

(The x-intercept is shown on the x-axis)



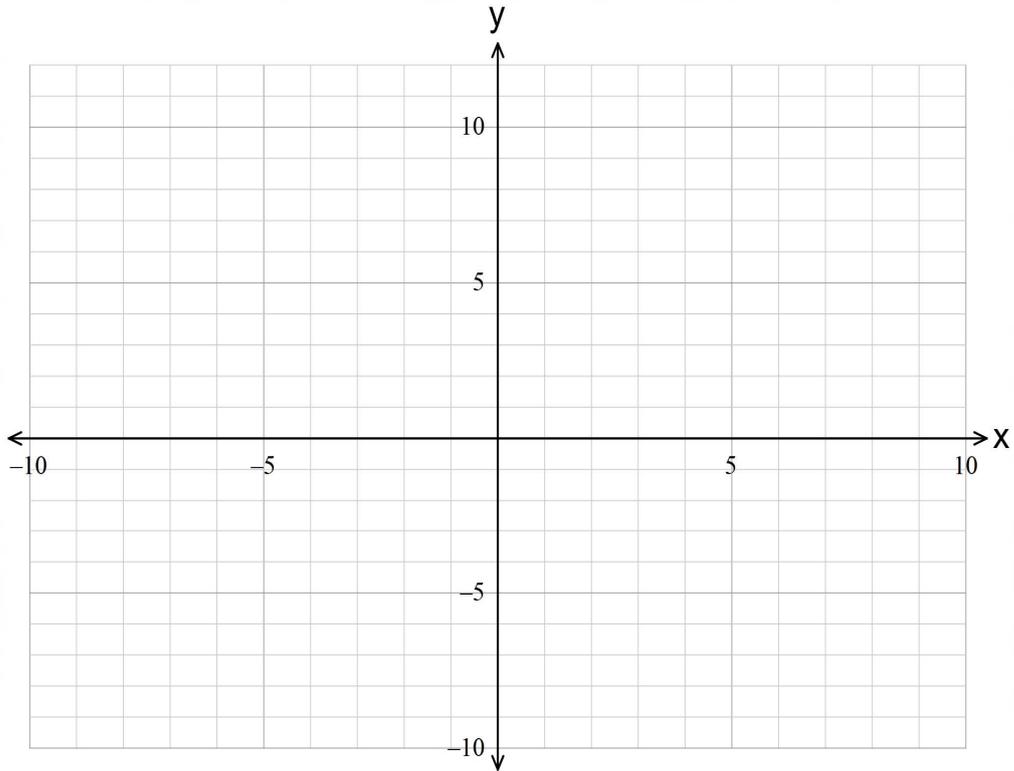
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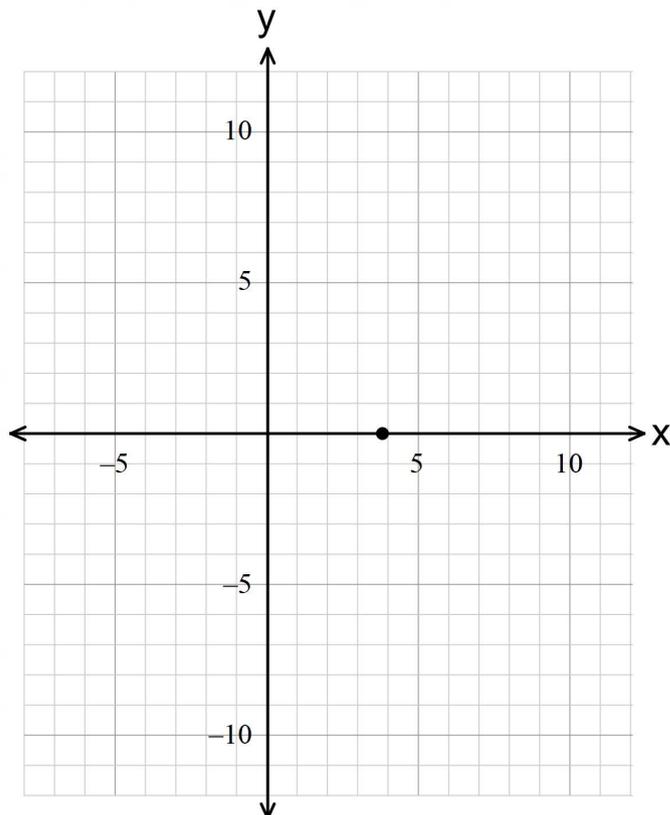
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Question 29

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SECTION C

Answer **ALL** questions in this section.

This section assesses **Criterion 6**.

Section C marks = 16.

Question 30

Convert 144° degrees to radians. Give your answer in exact form.

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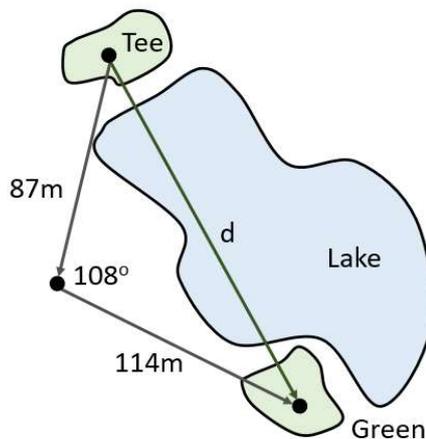
Question 31

Two golfers hit their balls from the Tee to the Green.

Golfer A goes around the lake, taking two hits to reach the Green.

Golfer B takes a direct route (d) from the Tee to the Green.

(2 marks)



Determine the distance (d) of Golfer B's hit.

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Question 32

Given that $f(x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$, where $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$.

(a) State the amplitude of the function. (1 mark)

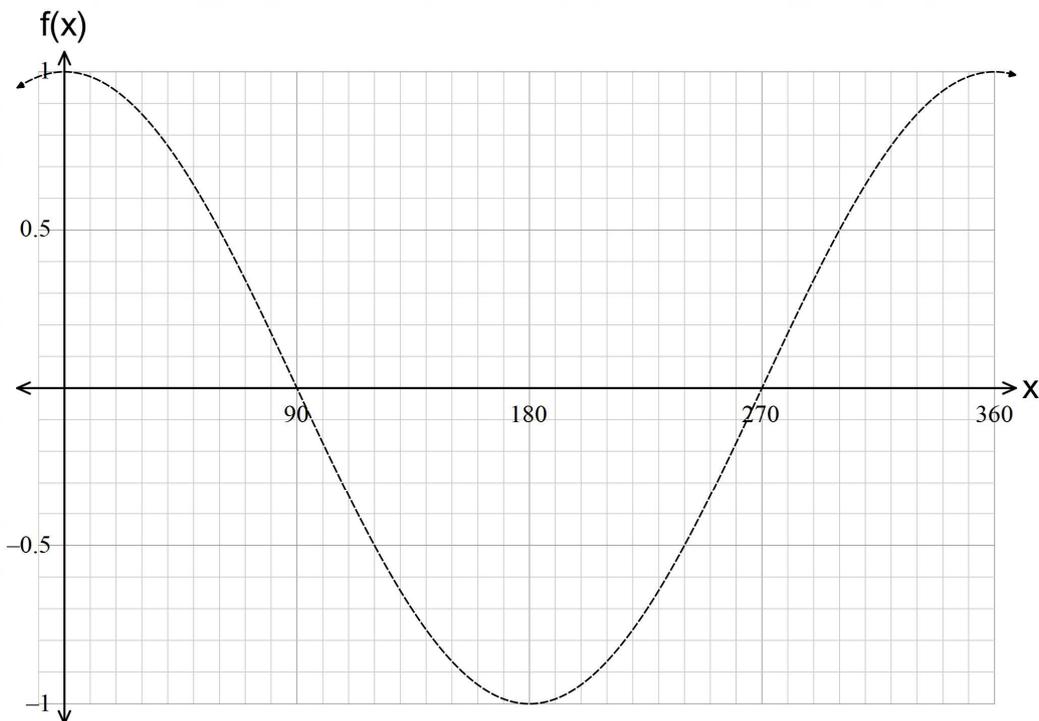
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(b) State the period **in degrees**. (1 mark)

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(c) $y = \cos x$ is graphed below.

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$ on the grid below. (2 marks)

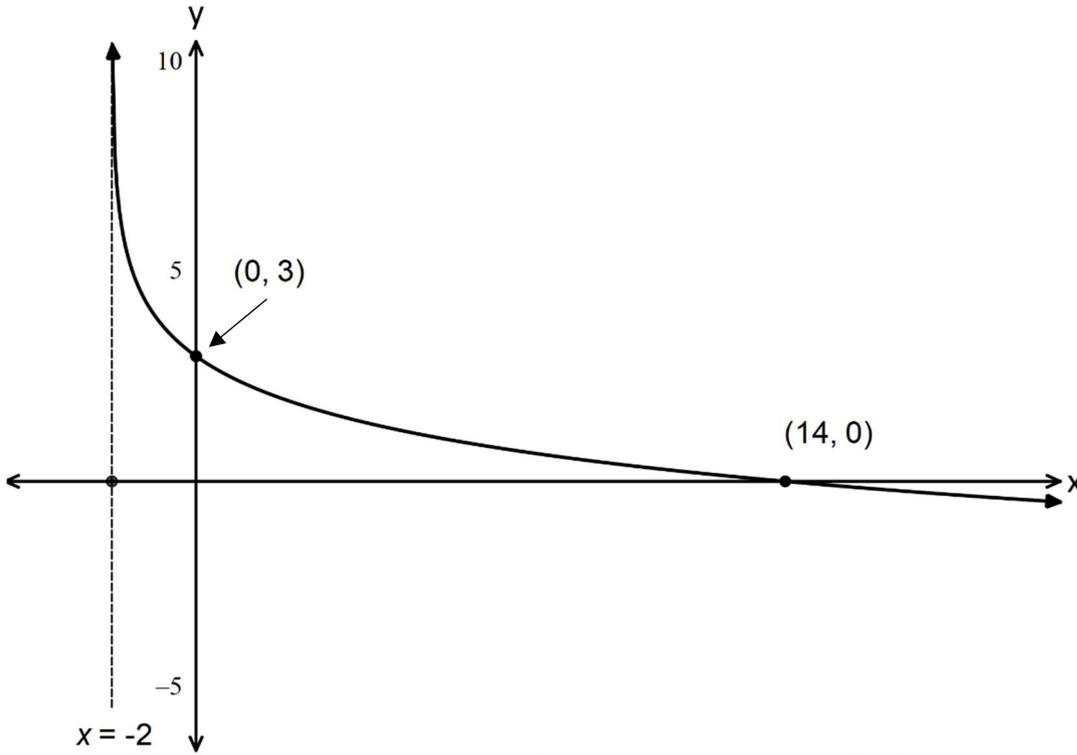


(d) In which **quadrant(s)** do the two functions intersect? (1 mark)

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Question 33

Consider the graph below of the logarithmic function: $y = -1 \log_2(x - h) + k$, where, h and k are constants.



- (a) Determine the equation of the above logarithmic function. (2 marks)

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- (b) Describe the transformations from $y = \log_2 x$. (2 marks)

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Question 34

A scientist is investigating a group of fruit flies and finds that the number of fruit flies increases according to the equation:

$$P = 40 \times 2^{0.048t}$$

Where P is number of fruit flies and t is time in days.

- (a) What was the initial population of fruit flies? (1 mark)

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- (b) Calculate the number of fruit flies after 4 days. (1 mark)

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- (c) Assuming conditions remain unchanged, when will the fruit fly population first exceed 1000? Give your answer to the nearest whole day. (2 marks)

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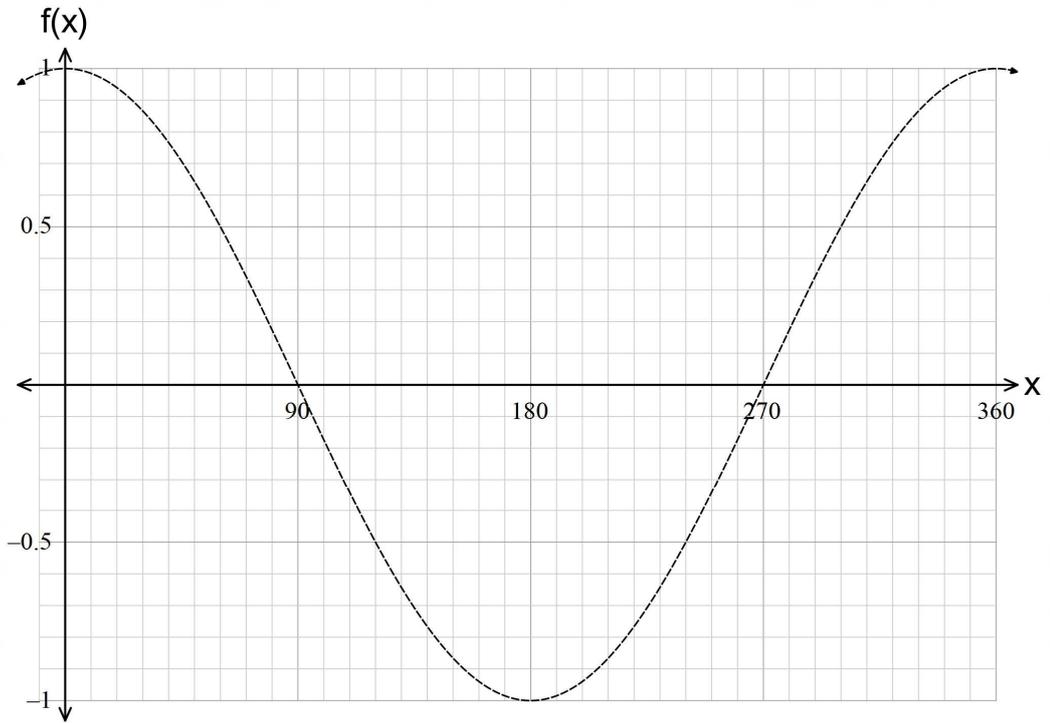
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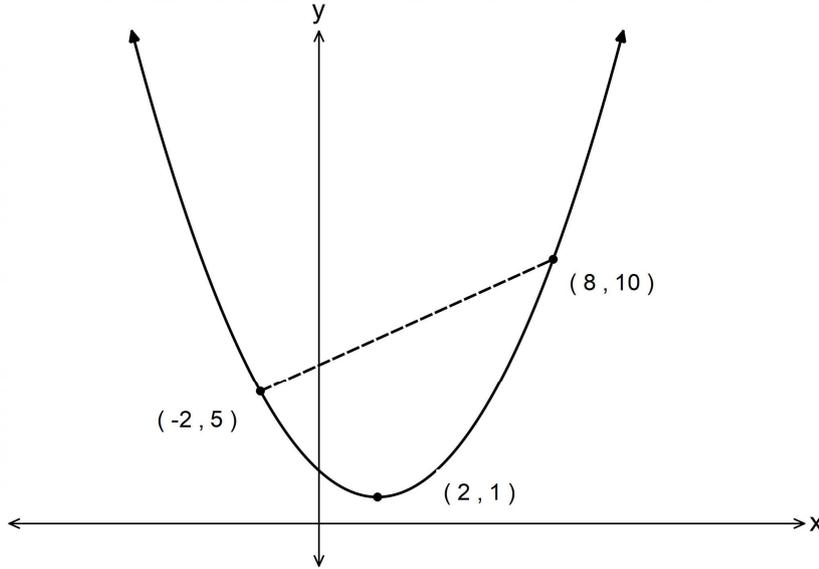
SECTION D

Answer **ALL** questions in this section.

This section assesses **Criterion 7**.

Section D marks = 16.

Question 35



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There are two types of rate of change: average and instantaneous.

The derivative of the function graphed above is $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{2} - 1$.

- (a) Calculate the rate of change between $(-2, 5)$ and $(8, 10)$, also stating the type of rate of change. (2 marks)

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- (b) Calculate the rate of change at the point $(2, 1)$, also stating the type of rate of change. (2 marks)

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Question 36

For the function $f(x) = 2x^3 + 9x^2 + 3$ use calculus techniques to find any **stationary points and determine their nature.**

(3 marks)

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Question 37

Use calculus techniques to determine the equation of the line that is **normal** to the function

$$y = -2x^2 + 4x + 3 \text{ at } x = 2.$$

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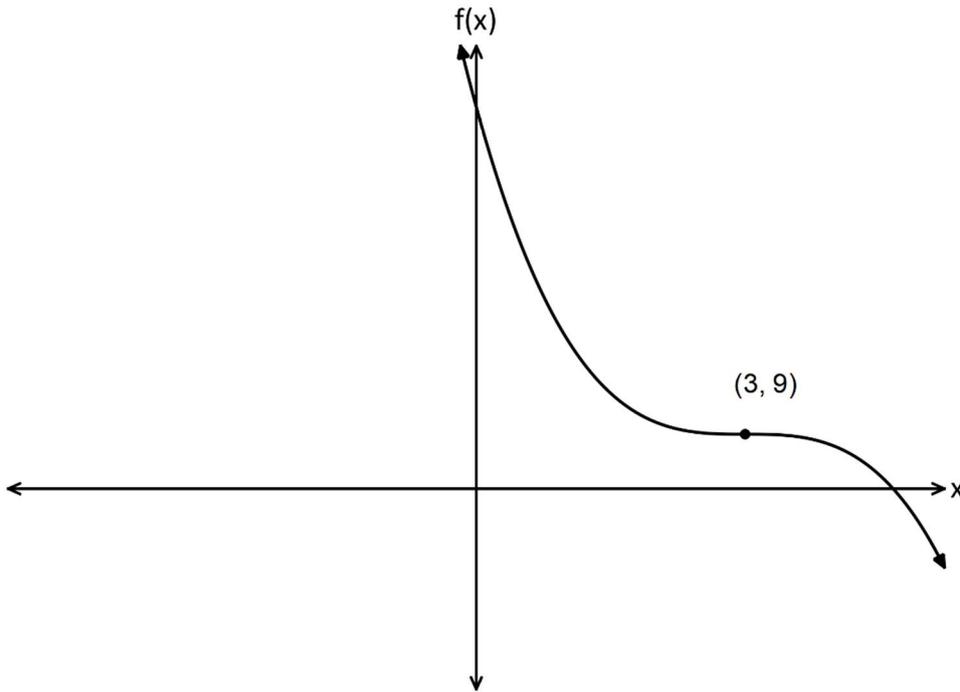
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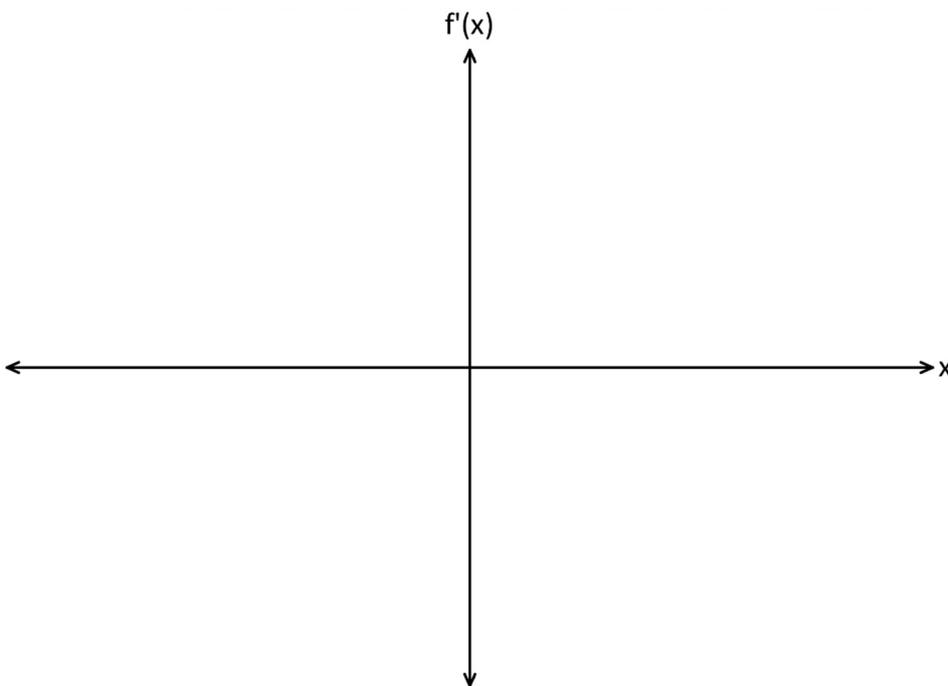
Question 38

The graph of the function $f(x) = -2x^3 + 18x^2 - 54x + 63$ is shown below.



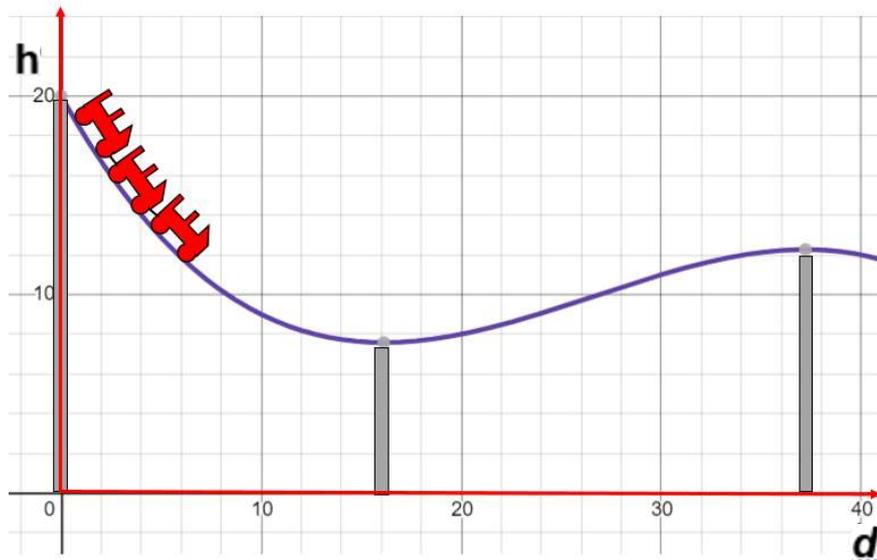
Sketch the **graph of the derivative** of the function below.

(2 marks)



Question 39

An engineer was asked to design a new rollercoaster ride. The diagram below shows a section of the track.



The following equation models the track as shown above:

$$h = -0.001d^3 + 0.08d^2 - 1.8d + 20, \quad 0 \leq d \leq 40$$

where d is the horizontal distance (m) from the first pylon and h is the vertical height of the track above the ground (m).

- (a) Use **calculus techniques** to determine the slope of the track at $d = 6$. (2 marks)

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- (b) Determine the **minimum** height that the track will be above the ground. (2 marks)

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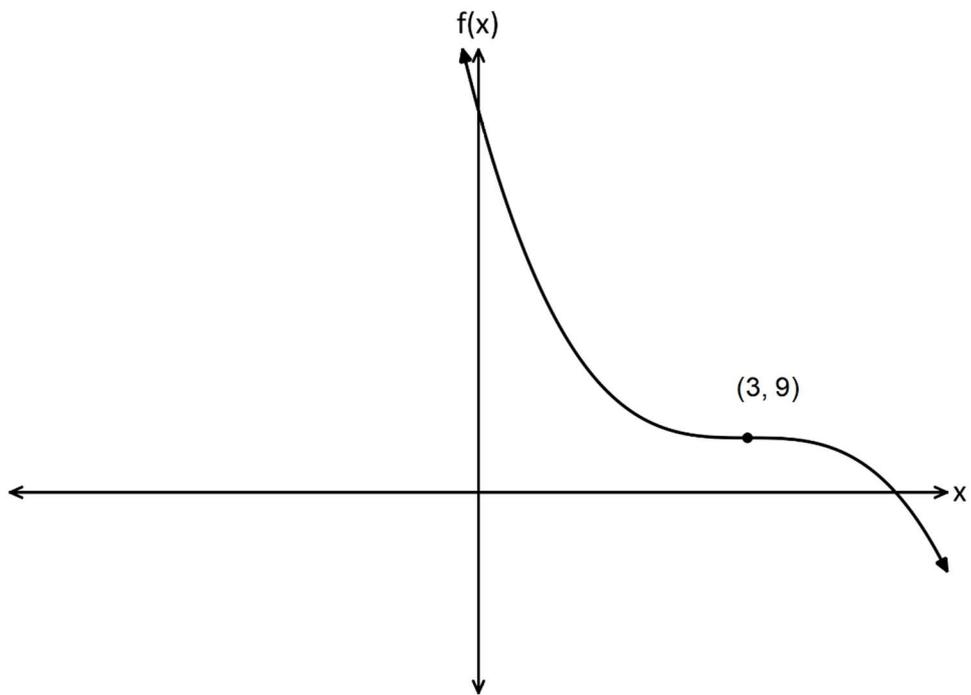
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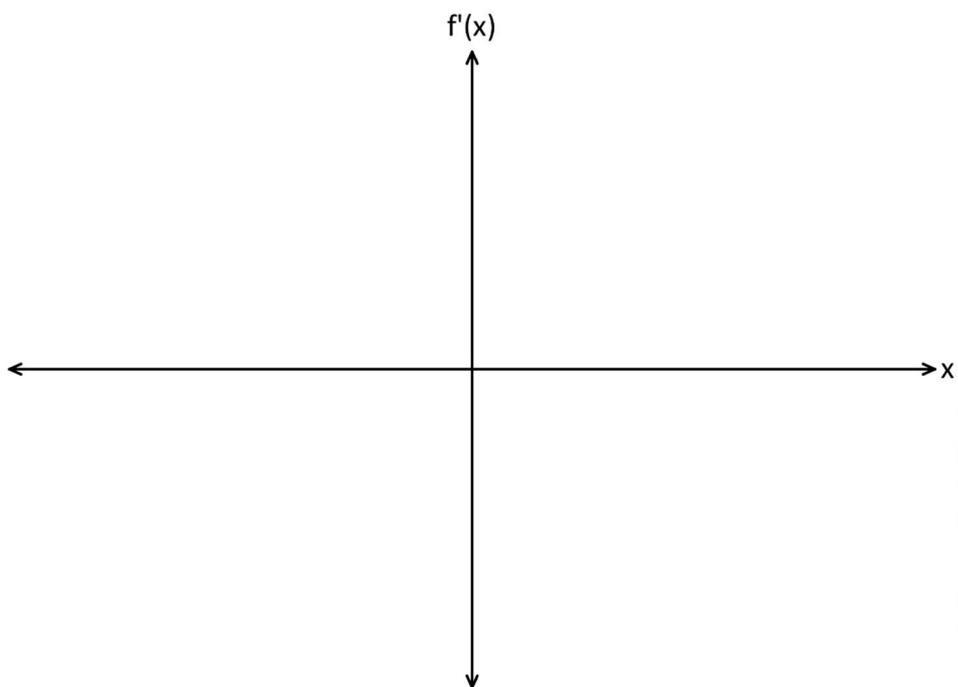
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Question 38

(a)



(b)



SECTION E

Answer **ALL** questions in this section.

This section assesses **Criterion 8**.

Section E marks = 16.

Question 40

A sock drawer contains the following:

- 5 individual blue socks
- 6 individual black socks
- 3 individual green socks.

A sock is picked at random.

(a) Determine the probability of choosing a blue sock. (1 mark)

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(b) A sock is picked, its colour recorded and then put back in the drawer. This is done **three (3) times**.

What is the probability, that **at least one** of the socks will be **black**? (2 marks)

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(c) **Two (2)** socks are picked at random. If the first sock is **not** put back in the drawer, determine the probability that two green socks have been picked. (2 marks)

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Question 41

The current lower house (25 members) in the Tasmanian state parliament has:

- 13 Liberal members (group A)
- 9 Labor members (group B)
- 3 members from other parties (group C).

Committees are often formed by the government to undertake particular tasks. Each committee has **4 members** and committees are chosen at **random**.

(a) How many **different** possible committees can be formed if members are chosen at random?

(1 mark)

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(b) A committee is to be formed. Determine the **probability** of two (2) members being chosen from 'group A' and two (2) members being chosen from 'group B'. (2 marks)

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(c) Determine the **probability** that **at least one** committee member is chosen from **each** group. (3 marks)

(3 marks)

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Question 42

A group of people was surveyed on whether they drink coffee or tea each day.

The survey found that:

- 48.2% drink coffee (C)
- 38.5% drink tea (T)
- 14.2% drink tea only
- 37.6% do not drink tea or coffee.

(a) Complete the probability table below. (2 marks)

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|----------------|---------|-------------|-------|
| | Tea (T) | No tea (T') | |
| Coffee (C) | | | 0.482 |
| No coffee (C') | | 0.376 | |
| | 0.385 | | 1.000 |

(b) What is the probability that a person surveyed does **not drink coffee**? (1 mark)

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(c) If **2 000 people** were surveyed, how many said that they **do not drink tea or coffee**? (2 marks)

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Question 42

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| | Tea (T) | No tea (T') | |
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| Coffee (C) | | | 0.482 |
| No coffee (C') | | 0.376 | |
| | 0.385 | | 1.000 |

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