



Girraween High School

Mathematics

Year 12 HSC Task 1

November 2014

General Instructions

- Working Time - 1 hour & 30 minutes
- Calculators and ruler may be used
- All necessary working out must be shown
- Write on one side of the paper only

Total Marks - 87

- Attempt all questions
- Marks may be deducted for careless or badly arranged work
- Start each question on a new sheet of paper

Part A

5 marks

Attempt Questions 1-5

Circle the letter corresponding to the correct answer on your multiple choice answer sheet.

Question 1 (1 mark)

A coin is tossed three times. What is the probability of obtaining at least one head?

- A. $\frac{1}{8}$
- B. $\frac{7}{8}$
- C. $\frac{3}{8}$
- D. $\frac{5}{8}$

Question 2 (1 mark)

Which of the following is true for the sequence: $4, 2\sqrt{2}, 2, \sqrt{2}, \dots$?

- A. there are negative terms in this sequence
- B. its infinite sum does not exist
- C. its infinite sum does exist
- D. the common ratio is $\sqrt{2}$

Question 3 (1 mark)

Which is the value of $\sum_{n=11}^{39} (-1)^{n+1}$?

- A. -28
- B. -1
- C. 0
- D. 1

Question 4 (1 mark)

Which of the following best describes the locus of a point which moves such that it is equidistant from a point and a line?

- A. the locus is a line
- B. the locus is a circle
- C. the locus is a parabola
- D. the locus is a hyperbola

Question 5 (1 mark)

n is an integer chosen randomly from the set $\{5, 7, 9, 11\}$

p is an integer chosen randomly from the set $\{2, 6, 10, 14, 18\}$

What is the probability that $n + p = 23$?

- A. 0.1
- B. 0.2
- C. 2.5
- D. 0.3

Section B

83 marks

Attempt Questions 11-16

Write your answers on the paper provided.

Question 6 (14 marks)

- (a) For the arithmetic sequence: $-57, -49, -41 \dots$
- Find the value of a and d [2]
 - Find the expressions for the n^{th} term [2]
 - Find the 20^{th} term [2]
 - Find the first positive term in the sequence [2]
- (b) The 10^{th} and 20^{th} term of an arithmetic sequence are 26 and -24 respectively.
- Find the values of a and d [4]
 - Find the sum of the first 20 terms [2]

Question 7 (14 marks)

- (a) Consider the geometric sequence: $18, 9, 4\frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{9}{64}$
- State the common ratio of this sequence [1]
 - Determine the number of terms in this sequence [2]
 - Find the value of $18 + 9 + 4\frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{9}{64}$ [2]
- (b) Using a limiting sum, express $0.\dot{5}\dot{7}$ as a fraction [2]
- (c) Find the value of x such that $x, x + 1$ and $x + 10$ form a geometric sequence [2]
- (d) A gardener plants a tree which was initially 80cm tall. At the end of the first year after planting, it was 130cm tall, that is it grew 50cm. Each year's growth was then 90% of the previous year's.
- What was the growth of the tree in the second year? [1]
 - How tall was the tree after three years? [1]
 - How tall was the tree after ten years? Give your answer to the nearest cm. [2]
 - Show that the tree never reaches the height of 6m. [1]

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Question 8 (15 marks)

- (a) A die is biased so that the face showing 1 is likely to come up with a probability of 0.5. However, the other five faces, numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 are all equally likely to appear.
- i. Find the probability of a 6 appearing [1]
 - ii. Find the probability of any odd number appearing [1]
- (b) An athlete knows that he has a 20% chance of winning the 100m sprint event and a 30% chance of winning the 200m sprint. If he competes in both events, what is the probability that he will:
- i. win both events? [1]
 - ii. not win the 100m sprint and the 200m sprint [1]
 - iii. win one event only [2]
 - iv. win atleast one event [2]
- (c) There are five nominees for President and Vice President of a club. Three are women and two are men. The first name, selected at random, will be the President and the second name will be the Vice President.
- i. Draw a probability tree to represent all possible outcomes [2]
 - ii. Determine the probability that the two positions will be filled by a woman and a man in either order. [2]
- (d) To win a game a player has to throw a 6 with a regular die. Find the probability that :
- i. the player wins at his first throw [1]
 - ii. the player wins at his second throw [1]
 - iii. Find the expression for the probability that the player wins on the n^{th} throw [1]

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Question 9 (15 marks)

For the parabola $(x - 3)^2 = 12(y + 1)$:

- (a) Find the focal length [1]
- (b) Find the coordinate of the vertex [1]
- (c) Find the equation of the axis of symmetry [1]
- (d) Find the equation of the directrix [1]
- (e) Find the coordinate of the focus [1]
- (f) Find the x intercept and y intercept of the parabola [3]
- (g) Find the equation of the focal chord passing through the origin [3]
- (h) Sketch the parabola showing the vertex, directrix, axis of symmetry, focus and the intercepts. [4]

Question 10 (10 marks)

- (a) Given that a parabola has its focus at $(-1, 1)$ and its directrix is given by $y = 7$, find:
 - i. the focal length [1]
 - ii. the equation of the parabola [3]
- (b) A parabola has equation $x = \frac{1}{8}y^2 - \frac{1}{2}y + \frac{3}{2}$. Find:
 - i. the coordinate of its vertex [4]
 - ii. the coordinate of its focus [1]
 - iii. the equation of its directrix [1]

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Question 11 (14 marks)

(a) Out of 120 students, 80 study Biology and 60 study Physics and 20 study neither Biology nor Physics.

i. Draw a Venn diagram to illustrate this situation using B for Biology and P for Physics. [3]

ii. Find the number of students who study both Biology and Physics. [2]

iii. What is the probability that a student chosen at random does not do Physics? [2]

(b) Find all possible values of x such that [3]

$$1 + (x^2 - 5) + (x^2 - 5)^2 + \dots$$

will have a limiting sum.

(c) Suppose we have two integers p and q such that: [4]

$$1, 3, 5, \dots, p$$

and

$$1, 3, 5, \dots, q$$

form arithmetic sequences.

Find p and q if:

$$(1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + p) + (1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + q) = (1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + 33)$$

End of exam

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Multiple Choice: B, C, D, C, A

Q1

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{7}{8} \therefore \textcircled{B}$$

Q2

$$r = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$-1 < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} < 1 \therefore \textcircled{C}$$

Q3

$$\text{number of terms} = 39 - 11 + 1 = 29$$

So 28 pairs of "-1+1"
with one "1" $\therefore \textcircled{D}$

Q4

\textcircled{C}

Q5

$$5 + 18 = 23$$

$$9 + 14 = 23$$

$$\therefore p(23) = \frac{2}{4 \times 5} = \frac{2}{20} = \frac{1}{10}$$

$\therefore \textcircled{A}$

Q6

(a)

$$(i) a = -57 \quad d = 8$$

$$(ii) T_n = a + (n-1)d.$$

$$T_n = -57 + 8(n-1)$$

$$T_n = -57 + 8n - 8$$

$$T_n = -65 + 8n$$

(iii)

$$T_{20} = -65 + 8 \times 20$$

$$T_{20} = 95$$

$$(iv) -65 + 8n > 0$$

$$8n > 65$$

$$n > \frac{65}{8}$$

$$n > 8.125 \therefore n = 9.$$

$$T_9 = -65 + 72 = 7$$

(b)

$$(i) 26 = a + 9d \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$-24 = a + 19d \dots \textcircled{2}$$

$$\textcircled{2} - \textcircled{1} \text{ gives:}$$

$$10d = -50 \therefore d = -5$$

$$a = 26 - 9d = 26 + 45 = 71$$

$$\therefore a = 71$$

Q6/

(b)

(ii)

$$S_{20} = \frac{20}{2} (71 - 24)$$

$$S_{20} = 470$$

Q7

(a)

$$(i) r = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(ii) T_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{9}{64} = 18 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{9}{64} = 18 \times \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$$

$$2^{n-1} = \frac{18 \times 64}{9} = 128$$

$$\therefore n-1 = 7 \quad \therefore n = 8$$

\therefore 8 terms in sequence.

$$(iii) S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$

$$S_8 = \frac{18 \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8\right)}{1 - \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$S_8 = \frac{2295}{64}$$

(b)

$$0.\dot{5}\dot{7} = 0.575757 \dots$$

$$= 0.57 + 0.0057 + \dots$$

$$= \frac{0.57}{1 - 0.01} = \frac{19}{33}$$

(c)

$$\frac{n+1}{n} = \frac{n+10}{n+1}$$

$$(n+1)^2 = n(n+10)$$

$$n^2 + 2n + 1 = n^2 + 10n$$

$$1 = 8n$$

$$\therefore n = \frac{1}{8}$$

(d)

$$(i) 0.9 \times 50 = 45 \text{ cm}$$

(ii) total growth by the end of the 3rd year is

$$50 + 45 + 0.9 \times 45 = 135.5$$

$$\therefore \text{height} = 80 + 135.5 = 215.5 \text{ cm}$$

(iii) the growth of the tree follows

a G.P.:

$$50 + 0.9 \times 50 + 0.9^2 \times 50 + \dots$$

$$S_{10} = \frac{50(1 - 0.9^{10})}{1 - 0.9} = 325.66 \dots$$

$$\therefore \text{height} = 80 + 325.66 \dots = 406 \text{ cm}$$

(nearest cm)

Q7

(a)

(iv) The eventual growth is given by the infinite sum:

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{50}{1-0.9} = 500$$

$$\therefore \text{Max height} = 80 + 500 = 580 \text{ cm}$$

\therefore Never reaches 600 cm.

Q8

(a)

(i) 0.1

(ii) $P(1) + P(3) + P(5)$

$$= 0.5 + 0.1 + 0.1 = 0.7$$

(b)

(i) $0.2 \times 0.3 = 0.06$

(ii) $1 - 0.06 = 0.94$

(iii) $P(WL) + P(LW)$

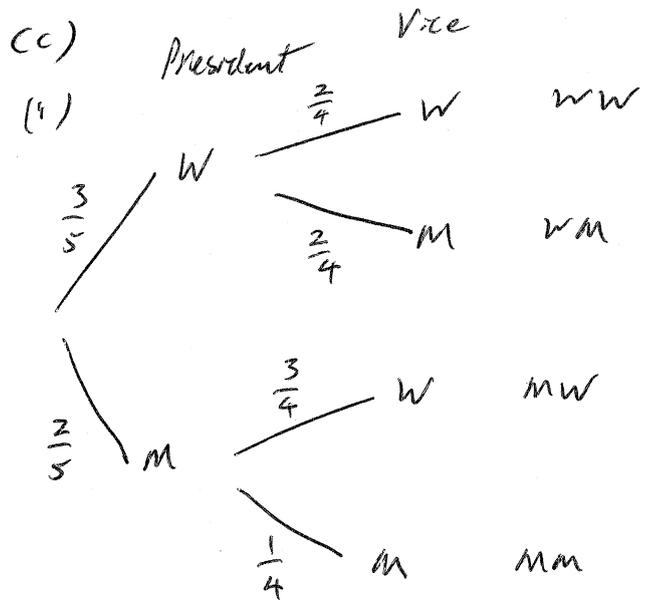
$$= 0.2 \times 0.7 + 0.8 \times 0.3$$

$$= 0.38$$

(iv) $P = 1 - P(\text{lose both})$

$$= 1 - 0.8 \times 0.7$$

$$= 0.44$$



(ii) $P(MW) + P(WM)$

$$= \frac{2}{5} \times \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{2}{4}$$

$$= \frac{6}{20} + \frac{6}{20} = \frac{12}{20} = \frac{3}{5}$$

(d)

(i) $\frac{1}{6}$

(ii) $\frac{5}{6} \times \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{36}$

(iii)

Let P_n denote the probability of winning on the n^{th} throw.

$$P_n = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{n-1} \times \frac{1}{6}$$

(iv) Probability of winning decreases with each throw if

$$P_{n+1} < P_n$$

i.e. $P_{n+1} - P_n < 0$.

Q8 :

(d)

(iv) $P_{n+1} - P_n$

$$= \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^n \times \frac{1}{6} - \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{n-1} \times \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= \left(\frac{5}{6}\right) \times \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{n-1} \times \frac{1}{6} - \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{n-1} \times \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{n-1} \left[\frac{5}{6} - 1\right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{6^2} \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{n-1}$$

Since $\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{n-1} > 0$ therefore

$$-\frac{1}{36} \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{n-1} < 0$$

\therefore p of winning decreases with each throw.

Q9 $(x-3)^2 = 4 \times 3 \times (y+1)$

(a) $a = 3$

(b) $V = (3, -1)$

(c) $x = 3$

(d) $y = -4$

(e) $F = (3, 2)$

(f)

when $x = 0$

$$9 = 12(y+1)$$

$$y+1 = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{4} \quad \therefore (0, -\frac{1}{4})$$

when $y = 0$

$$(x-3)^2 = 12$$

$$x-3 = \pm 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$x = 3 \pm 2\sqrt{3} \quad \therefore (3+2\sqrt{3}, 0)$$

&

$$x = 6.46 \dots \quad (3-2\sqrt{3}, 0)$$

$$x = -0.46 \dots$$

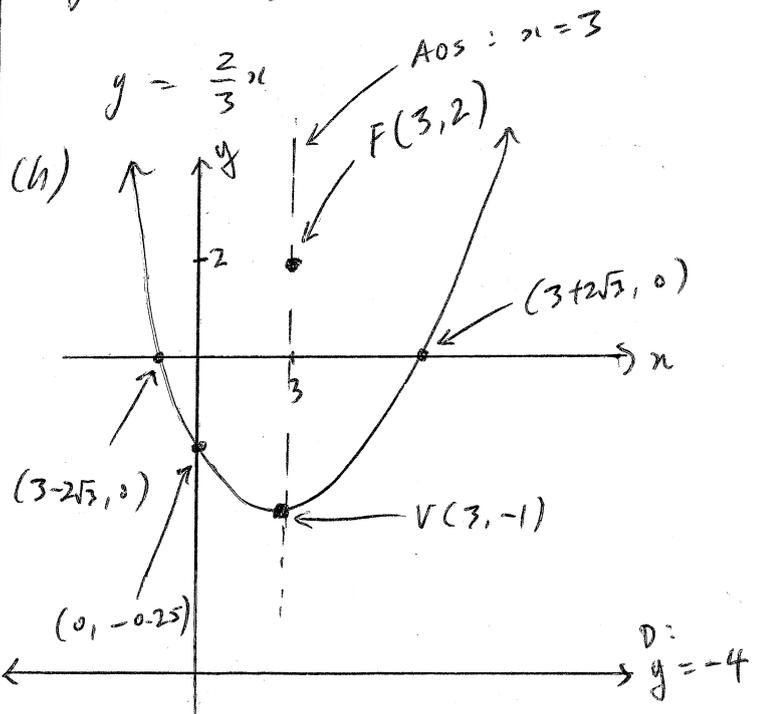
(g)

Line passing through $(3, 2)$

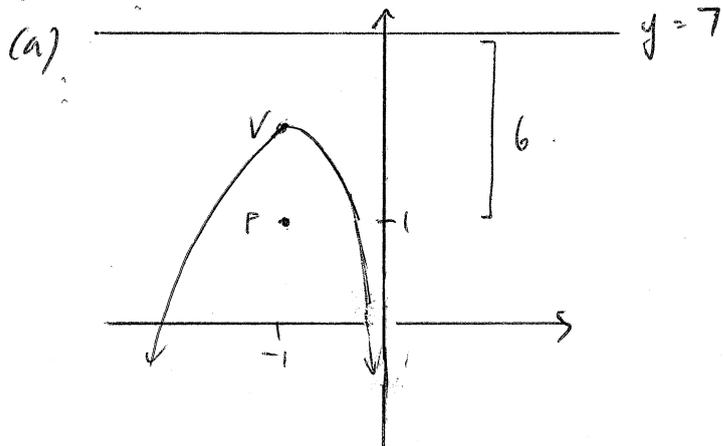
& $(0, 0)$

$$m = \frac{2-0}{3-0} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$y - 0 = \frac{2}{3}(x - 0)$$



Q10



(i) $a = 3$

(ii) $V = (-1, 4)$

\therefore equation is

$$(x+1)^2 = -4 \times 3(y-4)$$

$$(x+1)^2 = -12(y-4)$$

(b)

(i) $x = \frac{1}{8}y^2 - \frac{1}{2}y + \frac{3}{2}$

$$8x = y^2 - 4y + 12$$

$$8x - 12 = y^2 - 4y$$

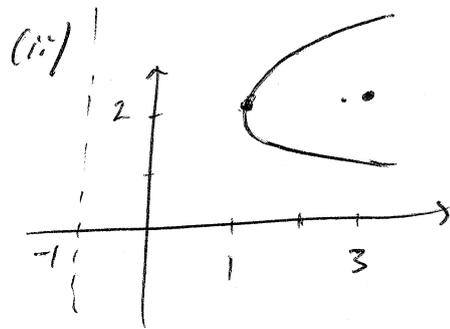
$$8x - 12 + 4 = y^2 - 4y + 4$$

$$8x - 8 = (y-2)^2$$

$$8(x-1) = (y-2)^2$$

$$4 \times 2 \times (x-1) = (y-2)^2$$

$\therefore V = (1, 2)$



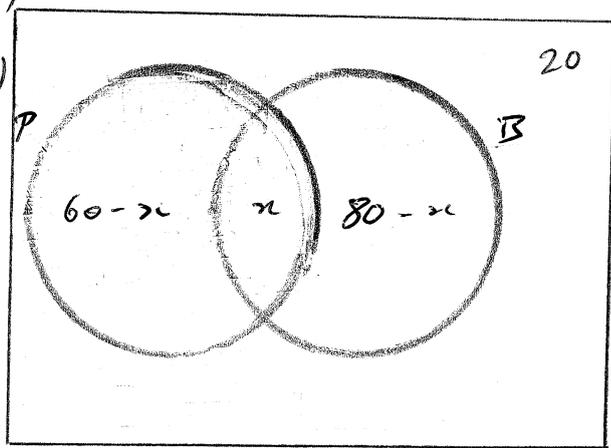
$\therefore F = (3, 2)$

(iii) $D: x = -1$

Q11

(a)

(i)



(ii) Let x be number of students who study both physics & biology.

$$\therefore 60 - x + x + 80 - x = 120 - 20$$

$$140 - x = 100$$

$$\therefore x = 40$$

(iii)

$$P = \frac{20 + 80 - 40}{120} = \frac{1}{2}$$

all

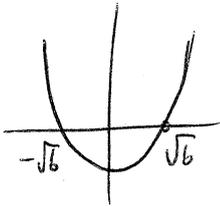
(b) $r = x^2 - 5$

For S_{00} :

$$-1 < x^2 - 5 < 1$$

for $x^2 - 5 < 1$

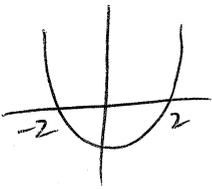
$$x^2 - 6 < 0$$



$$\therefore -\sqrt{6} < x < \sqrt{6}$$

for $-1 < x^2 - 5$

$$0 < x^2 - 4$$



$$\therefore x < -2 \text{ \& } x > 2.$$



$$\therefore -\sqrt{6} < x < -2$$

and $2 < x < \sqrt{6}$

(c)

Let $p = u_1^{\text{th}}$ term in the sequence

Let $q = u_2^{\text{th}}$ term in the sequence.

Now $a = 1$ & $d = 2$

$$\text{So } p = 1 + (u_1 - 1)2$$

$$p = 2u_1 - 1 \quad (*)$$

$$\text{So } q = 2u_2 - 1$$

$$\text{Now } S_{u_1} = 1 + 3 + \dots + p = \frac{u_1}{2} (1 + p)$$

$$S_{u_1} = \frac{u_1}{2} (2u_1) = u_1^2 \quad (\Delta)$$

$$\text{So } S_{u_2} = 1 + 3 + \dots + q = u_2^2$$

$$\therefore 1 + 3 + \dots + p + 1 + 3 + \dots + q = u_1^2 + u_2^2$$

$$\therefore u_1^2 + u_2^2 = 1 + 3 + \dots + 33$$

$$u_1^2 + u_2^2 = 17^2 \leftarrow$$

trial & error g.v.s

$$8^2 + 15^2 = 17^2$$

$$\therefore u_1 = 8 \text{ \& } u_2 = 15$$

$$\therefore p = 15 \text{ \& } q = 29$$

Note: using (*) $33 = 2n - 1$

$$2n = 34$$

$$\therefore n = 17$$

So 33 is the 17th term in the sequence.

using (Δ) $S_{17} = 1 + 3 + \dots + 33 = 17^2$