



BAULKHAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

2014

YEAR 12 HSC ASSESSMENT TASK 1

Mathematics Extension 1

General Instructions

- Reading time – 5 minutes
- Working time – 55 minutes
- Write using black or blue pen
- Board-approved calculators may be used
- All necessary working should be shown in every question
- Marks may be deducted for careless or badly arranged work
- Attempt all questions

Total marks – 36

This paper consists of 3 questions

Questions 1-3 – Extended Response 36 marks

Start a new page for each question.

Question 1 (17 marks) - Start a new page**Marks**

a)	A polynomial $P(x) = ax^n(x - 1)^2 + 5x + 7$ is monic of degree 6.	
(i)	Find the value of a .	1
(ii)	Find the value of n .	1
(iii)	What is the remainder when $P(x)$ is divided by $(x - 1)$?	1
b)	Sketch the graph of $y = (2 - x)^3(x + 1)$ showing the x and y intercepts.	2
c)	Solve $x^3 + 3x^2 - 9x - 27 = 0$	3
d)	If α, β and γ are the roots of $2x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x + 2 = 0$, find:-	
(i)	$\alpha + \beta + \gamma$	1
(ii)	$\alpha\beta\gamma$	1
(iii)	$\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\gamma}$	2
(iv)	$(\alpha - 1)(\beta - 1)(\gamma - 1)$	2
e)	The polynomial $P(x) = x^3 + ax^2 + bx + 4$ has $x + 2$ as a factor. When $P(x)$ is divided by $x - 1$ the remainder is 9. Find the value of a and b .	3

Question 2 (9 marks) - Start a new page

a)	Use mathematical induction to prove $\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$ where n is a positive integer.	3
b)	Two roots of the polynomial $2x^3 + x^2 - kx + 6 = 0$ are equal in absolute value but opposite in sign. Find the value of k .	3
c)	What is the remainder when $x^{99} - 99$ is divided by $x^2 - 1$?	3

Question 3 (10 marks) - Start a new page

Marks

a)	Use mathematical induction to prove $n^3 + 4n$ is divisible by 8 if n is an even integer , where $n \geq 2$.	4
b)	Two of the roots of the equation $x^3 + ax^2 + b = 0$ are reciprocals of each other.	
(i)	Show that the third root is equal to $-b$	1
(ii)	Show that $a = b - \frac{1}{b}$	2
(iii)	Show that the 2 roots which are reciprocals will be real if $-\frac{1}{2} \leq b \leq \frac{1}{2}$	3

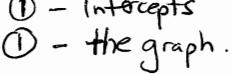
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i) $a = 1$ (1)

ii) $n = 4$ (1)

iii) $P(1) = 12$ (1)

b) 
 (1) - intercepts
 (1) - the graph.

c) $P(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 - 9x - 27$

$P(3) = 27 + 27 - 27 - 27$

$\therefore (x-3)$ is a factor. (1)

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 6x + 9 \\ \hline x-3) x^3 + 3x^2 - 9x - 27 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^3 - 3x^2 \\ 6x^2 - 9x \\ \hline 6x^2 - 18x \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 9x - 27 \\ 9x - 27 \end{array}$$

$\therefore P(x) = (x-3)(x+3)^2$ (1)

$\therefore \text{Solution } x = 3, -3$ (1)

d) $2x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x + 2 = 0$

(i) $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = \frac{3}{2}$ (1)

(ii) $\alpha\beta\gamma = -1$ (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \quad \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\gamma} &= \frac{\beta\gamma + \alpha\gamma + \alpha\beta}{\alpha\beta\gamma} \\ &= \frac{2}{-1} \quad (1) \\ &= -2 \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

(iv) $(\alpha-1)(\beta-1)(\gamma-1)$

$$= (\alpha-1)(\beta\gamma - \beta - \gamma + 1)$$

$$= \alpha\beta\gamma - \alpha\beta - \alpha\gamma + \alpha - \beta\gamma + \beta + \gamma - 1$$

$$= \alpha\beta\gamma - (\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \beta\gamma) + \alpha + \beta + \gamma - 1$$

$$= -1 - 2 + \frac{3}{2} - 1 \quad (1)$$

$$= -\frac{5}{2} \quad (1)$$

e) $P(x) = x^3 + ax^2 + bx + 4$

$P(-2) = 0 \therefore -8 + 4a - 2b + 4 = 0$

$$4a - 2b = 4$$

$$2a - b = 2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$P(1) = 9 \quad 1 + a + b + 4 = 9$

$$a + b = 4 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$2a - b = 2$ (1)

$a + b = 4$ (2)

(1) $2a - b = 2 \rightarrow a = 2$

$b = 2$

(1) mark for both eqns

(2) marks for solving for "a" and "b". (1 mark off for each error)

Question 2 [9]

a) Prove

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$$

Step 1 Prove true for $n=1$

$$\text{LHS} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{RHS} = \frac{1}{1+1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$\text{LHS} = \text{RHS} \therefore \text{true for } n=1$.

$$\left(\text{accept } \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} = \frac{1}{1+1}\right)$$

Step 2 Assume true for $n=k$

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+1)} = \frac{k}{k+1} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Step 3. Prove true for $n=k+1$
ie

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \dots + \frac{1}{k(k+1)} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \\ = \frac{k+1}{k+2} \end{aligned}$$

from assumption (1)

$$\frac{k}{k+1} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} = \frac{k+1}{k+2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \frac{k(k+2) + 1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \\ &= \frac{k^2 + 2k + 1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)^2}{(k+1)(k+2)}$$

$$= \frac{k+1}{k+2}$$

$$= \text{RHS}$$

\therefore Proven true for $n=k+1$
if true for $n=k$ \therefore true
for $n=1, n=2 \Rightarrow$ for all
 n by mathematical
induction.

(1) mark for steps 1, 2 and 4
correct

(2) marks for successfully
proving step 3.

2b) $2x^3 + x^2 - kx + 6 = 0$

$\alpha, -\alpha, \beta$

$\therefore \alpha + -\alpha + \beta = -\frac{1}{2}$

$$\beta = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\alpha\beta - \alpha\beta - \alpha^2 = -\frac{k}{2}$$

$$\alpha^2 = \frac{k}{2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$-\alpha^2\beta = -\frac{6}{2}$$

$$\alpha^2\beta = 3 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

sub (1) into (3)

$$\alpha^2(-\frac{1}{2}) = 3$$

$$\alpha^2 = 6$$

sub into (2)

$$-6 = \frac{k}{2}$$

$$k = 12$$

Alternatively sub
 $B = -\frac{1}{2}$ back into
equation & solve.

c) $P(x) = x^{99} - 99$

$P(x) = (x^2 - 1)Q(x) + ax + b$

$$\therefore x^{99} - 99 = (x^2 - 1)(Q(x)) + ax + b$$

Sub in $x=1$

$$(1)^{99} - 99 = a(1) + b$$

$$a + b = -98 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Sub in $x=-1$

$$(-1)^{99} - 99 = -a + b$$

$$-a + b = -100 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

(1) + (2) $2b = -198$

$$b = -99$$

$$a = 1$$

\therefore remainder is $x - 99$

(1) for $(x^2 - 1)Q(x) + ax + b$

(1) for equations (1) + (2)

(1) for solving
successfully, but
must write remainder.
 $x - 99$.

Marking
Scheme

(1) for the
3 equations

(2) marks for
using eqns
to solve for k.

3a) Prove $n^3 + 4n$ is \div by 8 if n is even

Step 1. Prove true for $n=2$

$$2^3 + 4(2) = 16$$

$$\frac{16}{8} = 2 \therefore \text{true for } n=2.$$

Step 2. Assume true for $n=k$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{k^3 + 4k}{8} = M \text{ (where } M \text{ is an integer)}$$

$$\text{i.e. } k^3 = 8M - 4k. \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Step 3. Prove true for $n=k+2$.

$$\text{i.e. } (k+2)^3 + 4(k+2) \text{ is } \div \text{ by 8, } k \text{ even.}$$

$$k^3 + 6k^2 + 16k + 16 \text{ is } \div \text{ by 8}$$

Sub in (1)

$$8M - 4k + 6k^2 + 16k + 16$$

$$= 8M + 6k^2 + 12k + 16 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

but k is even \therefore

let $k=2a$ where a is a positive integer

$$= 8M + 6(2a)^2 + 12(2a) + 16$$

$$= 8M + 24a^2 + 24a + 16$$

$= 8(M + 3a^2 + 3a + 2)$
and since 8 is a factor
and M and a integers
~~($k+2$)~~^{step 4}
 \therefore proven true for $k+2$
 \therefore true for $k+2$
true for 2, 4, 6, ... &
for all even n by
Mathematical Induction.

(i) mark for 1, 2 and 4

Step 3 - 3 marks

(i) for substituting $k+2$,

(ii) for expanding $(k+2)^3$
correctly & getting to
expression (2)

(iii) for substituting $k=2a$.

NB If don't state M is an integer lose 1 mark

NB If make same error
in Step 4 as in earlier
M. I. question 2a) don't
deduct marks twice.

$$\text{b) } x^3 + ax^2 + b = 0$$

roots $\alpha, \frac{1}{\alpha}, \beta$

$$(i) \alpha \times \frac{1}{\alpha} \times \beta = -b$$

$$\therefore \beta = -b \quad \text{(1 mark)}$$

$$(ii) \alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha} - b = -a$$

$$\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha} = b - a - \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\alpha(\frac{1}{\alpha}) + \alpha(\beta) + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} = 0$$

$$\therefore 1 - \alpha b - \frac{b}{\alpha} = 0$$

$$1 - b(\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha}) = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Sub (1) into (2)

$$1 - b(b-a) = 0$$

$$\frac{-1}{b} = (b-a)$$

$$a = b - \frac{1}{b} \quad \text{--- (3)} \quad \text{1 mark}$$

$$(iii) \text{ from (1)} \quad \alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha} = b - a$$

$$\text{Sub in (3)} \quad \alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha} = b - (\frac{1}{b} - b)$$

$$\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha} = b - (b - \frac{1}{b})$$

$$\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha} = \frac{1}{b}$$

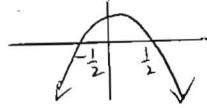
$$\alpha^2 b - \alpha + b = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1-4b^2}}{2b}$$

roots are real if

$$1-4b^2 \geq 0$$

$$(1+2b)(1-2b) \geq 0$$



\therefore roots are real

$$\text{if } -\frac{1}{2} \leq b \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

1 mark for sub. in (3) into

(1) & getting eq'n (4)

1 mark for using quad.
form. correctly.

1 mark for correct
conclusion using Δ .