



## **2009 HSC Mathematics Sample Answers**

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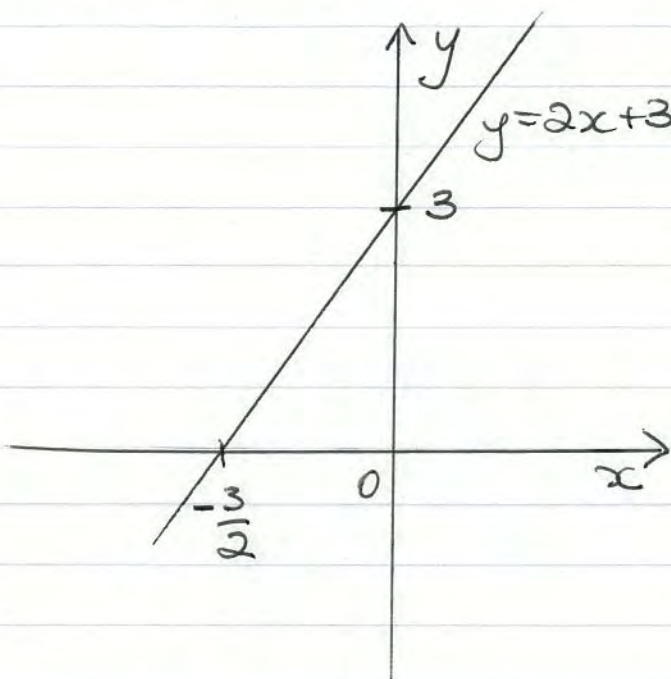
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Question 1

1(a)

$$y - 2x = 3$$

$$y = 2x + 3$$



$$(b) \quad \frac{5x - 4}{x} = 2$$

$$5x - 4 = 2x$$

$$3x = 4$$

$$x = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$(c) \quad x + 1 = \pm 5$$

$$x = 4, -6$$

$$(d) \quad y = x^4 - 3x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x^3 - 3$$

$$\text{When } x = 1, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 4 - 3 = 1$$

(e)

$$2 \cos \theta = 1$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$(f) \quad \ln x = 2$$

$$x = 7.3891$$

Question 2.

$$(a) (i) \quad \begin{aligned} y &= x \sin x \\ y' &= x \times \cos x + \sin x \end{aligned}$$

$$(ii) \quad \begin{aligned} y &= (e^x + 1)^2 \\ y' &= 2(e^x + 1) \cdot e^x \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) (i) \quad \int 5 dx = 5x + c$$

$$(ii) \quad \int \frac{3}{(x-6)^2} dx = \frac{-3}{x-6} + c$$

$$\begin{aligned} (iii) \quad \int_1^4 x^2 + \sqrt{x} dx &= \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2}{3} x\sqrt{x} \right]_1^4 \\ &= \frac{63}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \times 7 = \frac{77}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$(c) \quad \sum_{k=1}^4 (-1)^k k^2 = -1 + 4 - 9 + 16 = 10$$

Question 3

$$(a) \quad S = \frac{3+53}{2} \times 21 = 28 \times 21 = 588$$

$$(b) (i) \quad \frac{y-1}{x-2} = \frac{5-1}{5-2} = \frac{4}{3}$$

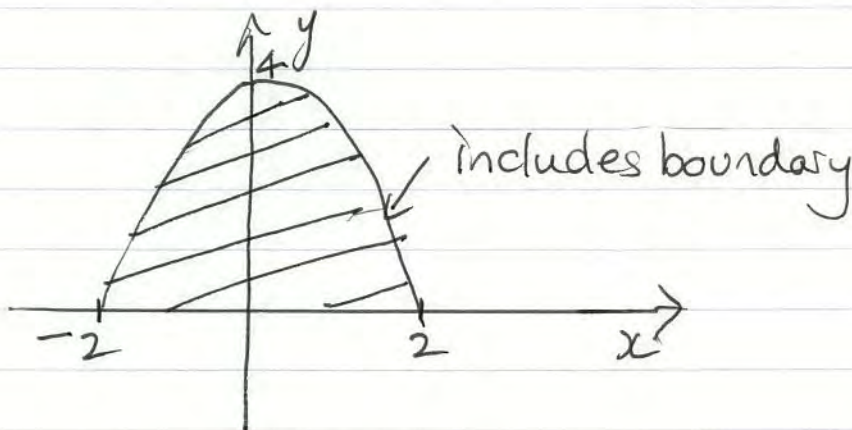
$$4(x-2) = 3(y-1)$$

$$4x - 3y - 5 = 0$$

$$(ii) \quad NP = \left| \frac{4 \times 1 - 3 \times 3 - 5}{\sqrt{4^2 + 3^2}} \right| = 2$$

$$(iii) \quad (x-1)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 2^2$$

(c)



$$(d) \quad \text{Area} \hat{=} \frac{210 + 4 \times 220 + 2 \times 200 + 4 \times 190 + 2 \times 210 + 4 \times 240 + 2 \times 210}{1 + 4 + 2 + 4 + 2 + 4 + 1}$$

$$\times 300$$

$$= 64500 \text{ m}^2$$



Question 4.

$$(a) \quad \text{eventual height} = \frac{1.2}{1 - \frac{9}{10}} \\ = 12 \text{ m}$$

$$(b) \quad x^2 - (k+4)x + (k+7) = 0$$

$$\Delta = (k+4)^2 - 4(k+7) = 0 \\ \neq k^2 + 4k - 12 = 0 \\ k = -6 \text{ or } 2$$

$$(c) \quad (i) \quad PM \perp AC, \quad BC \perp AC \quad \text{so } PM \parallel CB \\ \text{so } \angle PMA = \angle CBA \quad (\text{corresponding angles}) \\ \angle APM = \angle ACB \\ \text{and } \angle PAM = \angle CAB \\ \text{so } \triangle AMP \parallel \triangle ABC \quad (\text{first two lines are unnecessary})$$

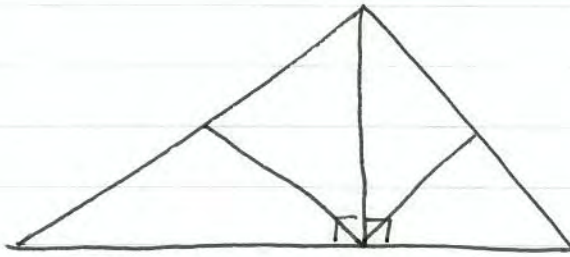
$$(ii) \quad AP:AC = AM:AB = 1:2$$

$$(iii) \quad \text{From (ii)} \quad AP = CP \\ MP = MP \quad (\text{Common}) \\ \angle CPM = \angle APM \quad (= 90^\circ) \\ \therefore \triangle CPM \equiv \triangle APM \quad (\text{SAS}) \\ \therefore CM = AM \\ \therefore \triangle AMC \text{ is isosceles}$$

$$(iv) \quad MC = MA = MB, \text{ so } \triangle BMC \text{ is isosceles} \\ \text{so } \triangle ABC \text{ can be subdivided into} \\ \text{two isosceles triangles.}$$

Question 4 (continued).

(v)



Two right-angled triangles, each of which is subdivided into 2 isosceles triangles.

End of Question 4

Question 5.

(a) (i)  $B(\sqrt{3}, 0)$  slope of  $BC = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

Equation of  $BC$ :  $y = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(x + \sqrt{3})$   
or  $\sqrt{3}y + x = \sqrt{3}$

(ii)  $C(0, 1)$

$BC = 2$ ,  $AB = 2\sqrt{3}$   
Area =  $2\sqrt{3}$  sq. units

(b) (i)  $\frac{1}{3}$

(ii)  $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} \times 1 = \frac{1}{3}$

(iii)  $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^5 = \frac{32}{243}$

(c) (i)  $\frac{1}{2} \times 2^2 \sin \theta = \sqrt{3}$   
 $\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$  or  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$

(ii) (1) Area of sector =  $\frac{1}{2} \times 2^2 \times \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

(2)  $AB = 2$  (equilateral  $\Delta$ )  
arc  $AB = \frac{1}{6} \times 2 \times \pi \times 2 = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

perimeter =  $\frac{2\pi}{3} + 2$



Question 6.

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad V &= \int \pi y^2 dx \\ &= \int_{-\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \pi \sec^2 x dx \\ &= \pi \left[ \tan x \right]_{-\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \\ &= 2\pi\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad (i) \quad Q &= Ae^{-kt} \\ \frac{1}{2}A &= Ae^{-1600k} \\ e^{1600k} &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1600k &= \ln 2 \\ k &= \frac{\ln 2}{1600} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (ii) \quad A &= 3s e^{-\frac{\ln 2}{1600}t} = s \quad (s = \text{safe level}) \\ e^{\frac{\ln 2}{1600}t} &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\ln 2}{1600}t = \ln 3$$

$$t = \frac{1600 \ln 3}{\ln 2} \approx 2536 \text{ years}$$



Question 6 (continued)

$$(c)(i) \quad y = ax^2 + bx$$
$$y' = 2ax + b$$

$$\text{At } 0, \quad x = 0 \quad y' = b = 1.2$$

$$\text{so } y = ax^2 + 1.2x$$

$$y' = 2ax + 1.2$$

$$\text{At } x = 30 \quad y' = 60a + 1.2 = -1.8$$

$$60a = -3.0$$

$$a = -0.05$$

$$y = -0.05x^2 + 1.2x$$

$$(ii) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} y' = -0.1x + 1.2 = 0 \\ x = 12 \end{array} \right.$$

at  
max.

$$\begin{aligned} y &= -0.05 \times 12^2 + 1.2 \times 12 \\ &= -7.2 + 14.4 \\ &= 7.2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x = 30 \quad y &= -0.05 \times 900 + 1.2 \times 30 \\ &= -45 + 36 \\ &= -9 \end{aligned}$$

$$d = 16.2 \text{ (metres)}$$

End of Question 6

Question 7

(a) (i)  $\ddot{x} = 8e^{-2t} + 3e^{-t}$

$$\dot{x} = -4e^{-2t} - 3e^{-t} + c$$

when  $t=0$ ,  $\dot{x} = -6$  so  $c=1$

$$\dot{x} = -4e^{-2t} - 3e^{-t} + 1$$

$$x = 2e^{-2t} + 3e^{-t} + t + c$$

when  $t=0$   $x=5$  so  $c=0$

$$x = 2e^{-2t} + 3e^{-t} + t$$

(ii)  $\dot{x} = -4e^{-2t} - 3e^{-t} + 1$   
 $\dot{x} = 0$

$$4(e^{-t})^2 + 3(e^{-t}) - 1 = 0$$

$$e^{-t} = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9+16}}{8}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \quad (\text{since } e^{-t} > 0)$$

$$e^t = 4$$

$$t = \ln 4$$

Alternately:  $(4e^{-t} - 1)(e^{-t} + 1) = 0$

$$\therefore 4e^{-t} = 1$$

$$e^{-t} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$t = \ln 4$$

(iii)  $x = 2 \times \frac{1}{16} + 3 \times \frac{1}{4} + \ln 4$   
 $= \frac{1}{8} + 2 \ln 2$

Question 7 (continued)

(b)  $h = 1 + 0.7 \sin \frac{\pi}{6} t$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 12$

(i) 12 hours

(ii)  $1 - 0.7 = 0.3$

$$\sin \frac{\pi}{6} t = -1 \quad \frac{\pi}{6} t = \frac{3\pi}{2} \Rightarrow t = 9$$

Low tide - at 2pm.

(iii)  $1 + 0.7 \sin \frac{\pi}{6} t \geq 1.35$

$$\sin \frac{\pi}{6} t \geq 0.5$$

$$\frac{\pi}{6} \leq \frac{\pi}{6} t \leq \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$1 \leq t \leq 5$$

between 6am and 10am

End of Question 7

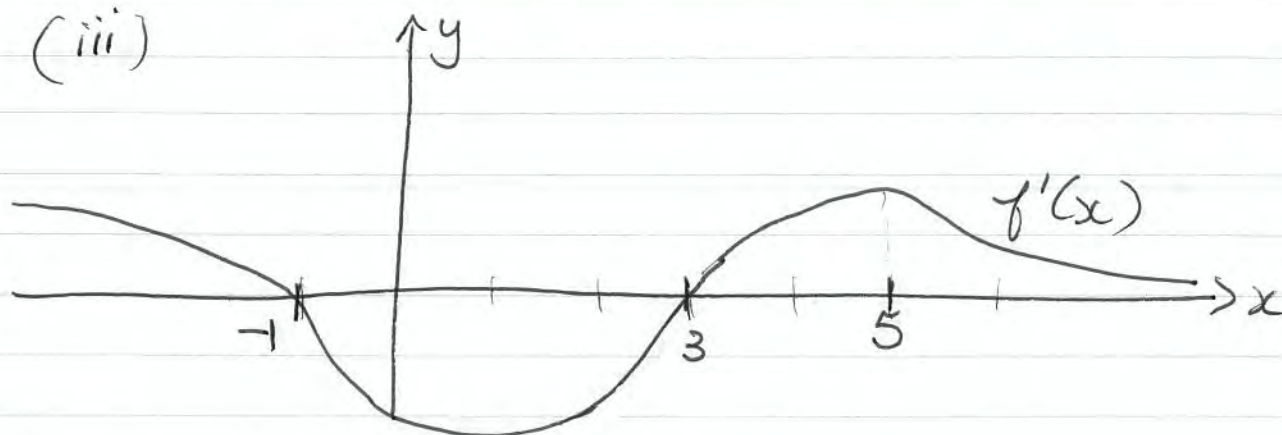


Question 8

(a) (i)  $f'(x) < 0$  for  $-1 < x < 3$

(ii)  $f'(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

(iii)



(b) (i)  $\$350000 \times 1.0075 - 2937$   
 $= \$349688$

(ii)  $346095 \times 1.005^{288}$   
 $- M(1 + 1.005 + \dots + 1.005^{287})$   
 $= 0$

$$346095 \times 1.005^{288} - M \left( \frac{1.005^{288} - 1}{0.005} \right) = 0$$

$$M = \frac{346095 \times 0.005 \times 1.005^{288}}{1.005^{288} - 1}$$

$$= \frac{346095 \times 0.005}{1 - 1.005^{-288}}$$

$$= \frac{1730.475}{0.762220607}$$

$$= 2270.31 \quad \text{So suppose } M = 2270$$

Question 8 (continued)

(b) (iii)

$$346095 \times 1.005^n - 2937 \left( \frac{1.005^n - 1}{0.005} \right) = 0$$

$$346095 \times 1.005^n - 587400 \times 1.005^n + 587400 = 0$$

$$1.005^n = \frac{587400}{241305} = 2.434263691$$

$$n \ln 1.005 = \ln 2.434263691$$

$$n = \frac{0.889644325}{0.004987541511}$$

$$= 178.37$$

So, about 178 payments or 14 years, 10 months.

$$(iv) \quad 288 \times \$2270 = \$653760$$

$$178 \times \$2937 = \$522786$$

$$178.37 \times \$2937 = \$523872$$

$$\text{Saving} \approx \$130000$$

End of Question 8

Question 9.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a) \quad \text{probability} &= 1 - \left(\frac{8}{9}\right)^3 \left(\frac{15}{16}\right)^3 \\
 &= 1 - \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^3 \\
 &= 1 - \frac{125}{216} \\
 &= \frac{91}{216}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) (i) \quad 5 \times \$1000 + 3 \times \$2600 = \$12800$$

$$(ii) \quad \sqrt{5^2 + 3^2} \times \$2600 = \$15160$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (iii) \quad C &= 1000 \times (5-x) + 2600\sqrt{x^2+9} \\
 &= 1000 \left( 5-x + 2.6\sqrt{x^2+9} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(iv) \quad \frac{dC}{dx} = 1000 \left( -1 + \frac{2.6x}{\sqrt{x^2+9}} \right)$$

$$= 0$$

$$\text{when } 2.6x = \sqrt{x^2+9}$$

$$6.76x^2 = x^2 + 9$$

$$5.76x^2 = 9$$

$$x^2 = \frac{9}{5.76}$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2.4} = 1.25$$

$C = 12200$  is a minimum (below the other values)



Question 9 (continued)

$$9 (b) (v) \text{ Now } C = 1000(5 - x + 1.1\sqrt{x^2 + 9})$$

$$C' = 1000 \left( -1 + \frac{1.1x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 9}} \right)$$

$$\text{when } 1.1x = \sqrt{x^2 + 9}$$

$$1.21x^2 = x^2 + 9$$

$$0.21x^2 = 9$$

$$x^2 = \frac{9}{0.21} > 25$$

ie when  $x > 5$

Indeed  $C' < 0$  for  $0 < x < 5$   
so min occurs at  $x = 5$ .

The cable should be laid straight from P to S.

End of Question 9

Question 10

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad f'(x) &= 1 - x + x^2 \\ &= \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4} \\ &\geq \frac{3}{4} \end{aligned}$$

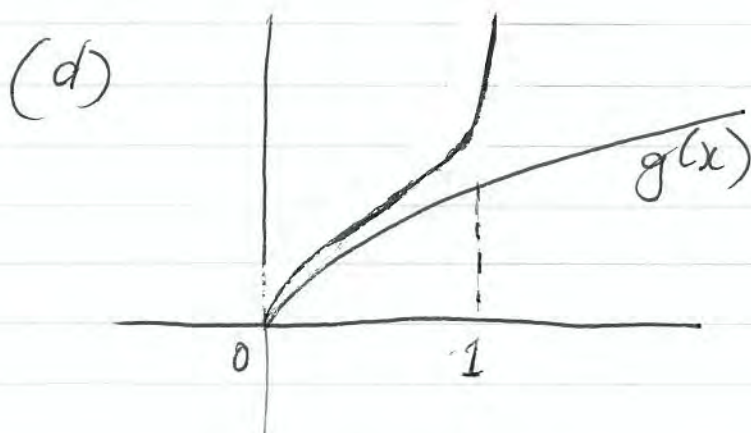
so  $f'(x) \neq 0$ ,  $f(x)$  has no turning points.

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad f''(x) &= -1 + 2x \text{ changes sign at } x = \frac{1}{2} \\ x = \frac{1}{2} \quad f(x) &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{24} = \frac{5}{12} \\ \text{inflection is } &\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{12}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (c) (i) \quad &1 - x + x^2 - \frac{1}{1+x} \\ &= \frac{(1 - x + x^2)(1 + x) - 1}{1 + x} \\ &= \frac{1 + x^3 - 1}{1 + x} \\ &= \frac{x^3}{1 + x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (ii) \quad f(x) - g(x) &= x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \ln(1+x) \\ f'(x) - g'(x) &= 1 - x + x^2 - \frac{1}{1+x} \\ &= \frac{x^3}{1+x} \\ &\geq 0 \text{ for } x \geq 0 \\ f'(x) &\geq g'(x) \text{ for } x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Question 10 (continued)



$$\begin{aligned}
 (e) \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left( (x+1) \ln(1+x) - (1+x) \right) \\
 &= (1+x) \times \frac{1}{1+x} + \ln(1+x) \times 1 - 1 \\
 &= \ln(1+x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (f) \quad \text{Area} &= \int_0^1 f(x) - g(x) dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \ln(1+x) dx \\
 &= \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^4}{12} - (1+x) \ln(1+x) + (1+x) \right]_0^1 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} - 2 \ln 2 + 2 - 1 \\
 &= \frac{17}{12} - 2 \ln 2
 \end{aligned}$$

End of Question 10