

**B O A R D O F S T U D I E S**  
NEW SOUTH WALES

## **2010 HSC Mathematics Sample Answers**

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**Question 1 (a)**

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 &= 4x \\x^2 - 4x &= 0 \\x(x - 4) &= 0 \quad x = 0 \text{ or } x = 4\end{aligned}$$

**Question 1 (b)**

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}-2} \times \frac{\sqrt{5}+2}{\sqrt{5}+2} = \frac{\sqrt{5}+2}{5-4} = \sqrt{5}+2$$

$$\therefore a = 2 \quad b = 1$$

**Question 1 (c)**

$$(x+1)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 25$$

**Question 1 (d)**

$$2x + 3 = \pm 9$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}2x + 3 = 9 & \text{or} \quad 2x + 3 = -9 \\2x = 6 & \quad \quad \quad 2x = -12 \\x = 3 & \text{or} \quad \quad \quad x = -6\end{array}$$

**Question 1 (e)**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Let } y &= x^2 \tan x \\y' &= x^2 \sec^2 x + 2x \tan x\end{aligned}$$

**Question 1 (f)**

$$a = 1 \quad r = -\frac{1}{3} \quad S = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{1}{1 - -\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{3}{4}$$

**Question 1 (g)**

$$x \geq 8$$

**Question 2 (a)**

Let  $y = \frac{\cos x}{x}$

$$y' = \frac{x(-\sin x) - \cos x}{x^2} = \frac{-x \sin x - \cos x}{x^2}$$

**Question 2 (b)**

$$(x - 4)(x + 3) < 0$$

$$-3 < x < 4$$

**Question 2 (c)**

$$y = \ln 3x$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{x}$$

When  $x = 2$   $y' = \frac{1}{2}$

**Question 2 (d) (i)**

$$\begin{aligned} \int (5x + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx &= \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{3} (5x + 1)^{\frac{3}{2}} \\ &= \frac{2}{15} (5x + 1)^{\frac{3}{2}} + C \end{aligned}$$

**Question 2 (d) (ii)**

$$\int \frac{x}{4 + x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \ln(4 + x^2) + C$$

**Question 2 (e)**

$$\int_0^6 (x+k) dx = \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} + kx \right]_0^6 = 18 + 6k$$

$$18 + 6k = 30$$

$$6k = 12$$

$$k = 2$$

**Question 3 (a) (i)**

$$\left( \frac{-2+12}{2}, \frac{-4+6}{2} \right) = (5, 1)$$

**Question 3 (a) (ii)**

$$m_{BC} = \frac{8-6}{6-12} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

**Question 3 (a) (iii)**

$$m_{MN} = \frac{2-1}{2-5} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\therefore BC \parallel MN$$

$$\therefore \angle ANM = \angle ACB \quad (\text{corresponding angles on parallel lines equal})$$

$$\text{and } \angle AMN = \angle ABC \quad (\text{corresponding angles on parallel lines equal})$$

(also  $\angle A$  is common)

$$\therefore \triangle ABC \parallel \triangle AMN \quad (\text{equiangular})$$

**Question 3 (a) (iv)**

$$y - 2 = -\frac{1}{3}(x - 2)$$

$$\text{or } x + 3y - 8 = 0$$

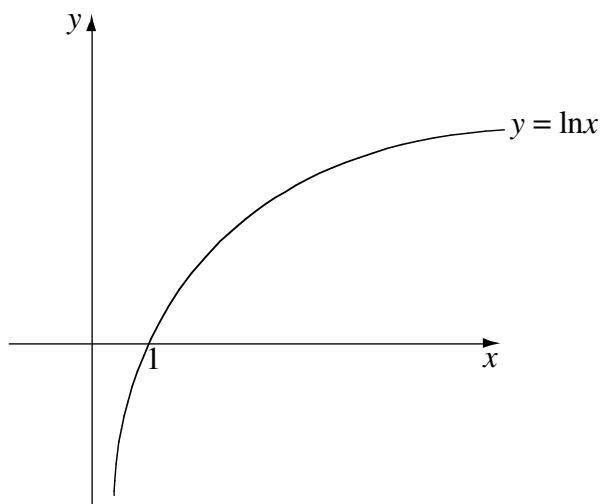
**Question 3 (a) (v)**

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{(12-6)^2 + (6-8)^2} &= \sqrt{36+4} = \sqrt{40} \\ &= 2\sqrt{10} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 3 (a) (vi)**Let  $d$  = distance from  $A$  to  $BC$ 

$$\frac{1}{2} \times d \times 2\sqrt{10} = 44$$

$$\therefore d = \frac{44}{\sqrt{10}}$$

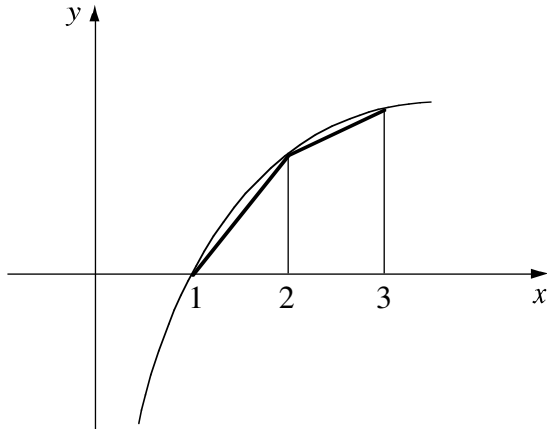
**Question 3 (b) (i)****Question 3 (b) (ii)**

$x$	1	2	3
$y$	0	$\ln 2$	$\ln 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^3 \ln x \, dx &\doteq \frac{1}{2}[0 + 2\ln 2 + \ln 3] = \frac{1}{2}\ln 12 \\ &= 1.24 \quad (2 \text{ dp}) \end{aligned}$$

**Question 3 (b) (iii)**

Approximation is less than the exact value since  $y = \ln x$  is concave downwards and so trapezia lie beneath the curve.

**Question 4 (a) (i)**

Arithmetic series  $a = 1$ ,  $d = 0.75$

$$T_9 = 1 + 8 \times .75$$

$$= 7$$

She runs 7 km

**Question 4 (a) (ii)**

$$10 = 1 + (n - 1) \times .75$$

$$n = 13$$

$\therefore$  13th week

**Question 4 (a) (iii)**

She runs 10 km in weeks 14, 15, ...26

$$\therefore \text{Total} = \frac{n}{2}(a + \ell) + 10 \times 13$$

$$= \frac{13}{2}(1 + 10) + 130$$

$$= 201.5 \text{ km}$$

**Question 4 (b)**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area} &= \int_0^2 (e^{2x} - e^{-x}) dx \\ &= \left[ \frac{1}{2}e^{2x} + e^{-x} \right]_0^2 \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{2}e^4 + e^{-2} \right) - \left( \frac{1}{2} + 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}e^4 + e^{-2} - \frac{3}{2} \text{ sq units}\end{aligned}$$

**Question 4 (c) (i)**

$$\frac{4}{12} \times \frac{3}{11} = \frac{1}{11}$$

**Question 4 (c) (ii)**

$$3 \times \frac{1}{11} = \frac{3}{11}$$

**Question 4 (c) (iii)**

$$1 - \frac{3}{11} = \frac{8}{11}$$

**Question 4 (d)**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LHS} &= f(x) \cdot f(-x) \\ &= (1 + e^x)(1 + e^{-x}) \\ &= 1 + e^{-x} + e^x + 1 \\ &= 2 + e^x + e^{-x}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{RHS} &= f(x) + f(-x) \\ &= 1 + e^x + 1 + e^{-x} \\ &= \text{LHS}\end{aligned}$$

**Question 5 (a) (i)**

$$\pi r^2 h = 10$$

$$\therefore h = \frac{10}{\pi r^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore A &= 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi r \left( \frac{10}{\pi r^2} \right) \\ &= 2\pi r^2 + \frac{20}{r}\end{aligned}$$

**Question 5 (a) (ii)**

$$\frac{dA}{dr} = 4\pi r - 20r^{-2}$$

$$\frac{dA}{dr} = 0 \Rightarrow 4\pi r = \frac{20}{r^2}$$

$$\therefore r^3 = \frac{5}{\pi}$$

$$r = \left( \frac{5}{\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 1.1675 \quad (4 \text{ dp})$$

$$\frac{d^2A}{dr^2} = 4\pi + \frac{40}{r^3} > 0 \text{ when } r \text{ is positive}$$

$\therefore A$  is a minimum

**Question 5 (b) (i)**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LHS} &= \sec^2 x + \sec x \tan x \\ &= \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} + \frac{1}{\cos x} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \\ &= \frac{1 + \sin x}{\cos^2 x} = \text{RHS}\end{aligned}$$

**Question 5 (b) (ii)**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LHS} &= \frac{1 + \sin x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{1 + \sin x}{1 - \sin^2 x} = \frac{1 + \sin x}{(1 - \sin x)(1 + \sin x)} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \sin x} = \text{RHS}\end{aligned}$$



**Question 5 (b) (iii)**

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{1}{1 - \sin x} dx &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sec^2 x dx + \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sec x \tan x dx \\ &= \left[ \tan x \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} + \left[ \sec x \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \\ &= \tan \frac{\pi}{4} - \tan 0 + \sec \frac{\pi}{4} - \sec 0 \\ &= 1 - 0 + \sqrt{2} - 1 \\ &= \sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$

**Question 5 (c)**

$$A_1 = \int_a^1 \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln 1 - \ln a = -\ln a$$

$$A_1 = 1 \quad \therefore \ln a = -1$$

$$a = e^{-1}$$

$$A_2 = \int_1^b \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln b - \ln 1 = \ln b$$

$$\therefore \ln b = 1 \quad \therefore b = e$$

**Question 6 (a) (i)**

$$f'(x) = (x + 2)2x + (x^2 + 4)1$$

$$= 3x^2 + 4x + 4$$

$$\Delta = 4^2 - 4 \times 3 \times 4 < 0$$

$\therefore$  the equation  $f'(x) = 0$  has NO solutions.

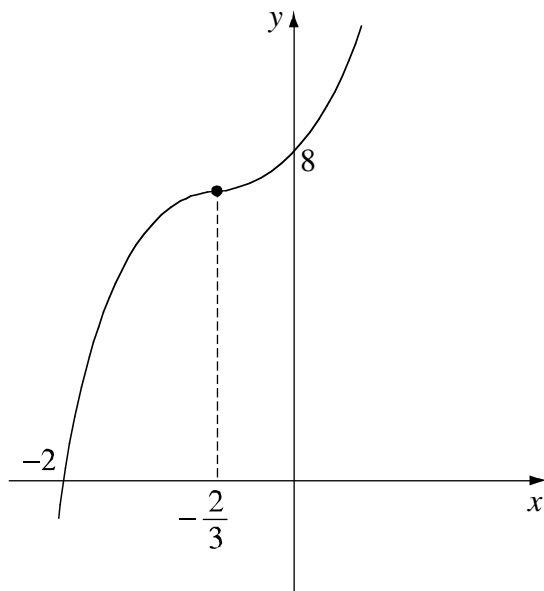
$\therefore$  There are no turning points.

**Question 6 (a) (ii)**

$$f''(x) = 6x + 4$$

Concave down for  $x < -\frac{2}{3}$

Concave up for  $x > -\frac{2}{3}$

**Question 6 (a) (iii)**

**Question 6 (b) (i)**Let  $\angle POQ = \theta$ 

$$l = r\theta$$

$$\therefore 9 = 5\theta$$

$$\theta = \frac{9}{5}$$

**Question 6 (b) (ii)** $OP = OQ$  (radii) $\angle OPT = \angle OQT = 90^\circ$  (given) $OT$  is common $\therefore \triangle OPT \cong \triangle OQT$  (RHS)**Question 6 (b) (iii)**From (ii)  $\angle OPT = \frac{1}{2}\angle POQ = \frac{9}{10}$ 

$$\therefore \frac{PT}{5} = \tan\left(\frac{9}{10}\right)$$

$$\therefore PT = 5 \tan\left(\frac{9}{10}\right)$$

$$\doteq 6.30 \text{ cm}$$

**Question 6 (b) (iv)**

$$\text{Area } POQT = 2 \times \frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 5 \tan\left(\frac{9}{10}\right)$$

$$= 25 \tan\left(\frac{9}{10}\right)$$

$$\text{Area sector } OPQ = \frac{1}{2} \times 5^2 \times \frac{9}{5}$$

$$= \frac{45}{2}$$

$$\text{Shaded region} = 25 \tan\left(\frac{9}{10}\right) - \frac{45}{2}$$

$$= 25(\tan 0.9 - 0.9)$$

$$\doteq 9.00 \text{ cm}^2$$

**Question 7 (a) (i)**

$$\ddot{x} = 4 \cos 2t$$

$$\dot{x} = 2 \sin 2t + C_1$$

$$\text{When } t = 0 \quad \dot{x} = 1$$

$$\therefore 1 = 0 + C_1$$

$$\therefore \dot{x} = 2 \sin 2t + 1$$

**Question 7 (a) (ii)**

$$\dot{x} = 0 \Rightarrow \sin 2t = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore 2t = \frac{7\pi}{6}$$

$$t = \frac{7\pi}{12}$$

**Question 7 (a) (iii)**

$$x = -\cos 2t + t + C_2$$

$$\text{When } t = 0 \quad x = 0$$

$$\therefore 0 = -1 + 0 + C_2$$

$$\therefore C_2 = 1$$

$$\therefore x = 1 - \cos 2t + t$$

**Question 7 (b) (i)**

$y' = 2x$  So the slope of tangent at  $(-1, 1)$  is  $-2$ . So equation of tangent at  $(-1, 1)$  is

$$y - 1 = -2(x + 1)$$

ie  $y = -2x - 1$

**Question 7 (b) (ii)**

At  $C$ , the tangent has slope the same as that of  $AB$ .

So, slope of tangent is  $\frac{4-1}{2+1} = \frac{3}{3} = 1$ .

So, as slope at  $(x, x^2)$  is  $2x$ , at  $C$ ,  $2x = 1$ . Hence  $C$  is  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}\right)$ .

$M$  is  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right) \left(= \frac{A+B}{2}\right)$ .

$C, M$  have same  $x$ -coordinate, so  $CM$  is vertical.

**Question 7 (b) (iii)**

$x$ -coordinate of  $T$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ . So  $T$  is  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, y\right)$ , say. As  $y = -2x - 1$ ,

we have  $y = -2$ . So  $T$  is  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, -2\right)$ .

Slope of  $BT = \frac{6}{\frac{3}{2}} = 4 =$  slope of tangent at  $B$ .

**Question 8 (a)**

$$P = Ae^{kt}$$

$$\text{When } t = 0 \quad P = 102 \quad \therefore Ae^0 = 102$$

$$\therefore P = 102e^{kt}$$

$$\text{When } t = 75 \quad P = 200\,000\,000 = 2 \times 10^8$$

$$\therefore 2 \times 10^8 = 102e^{75k}$$

$$\therefore k = \frac{1}{75} \ln\left(\frac{2 \times 10^8}{102}\right) \doteq 0.19318$$

$$\text{When } t = 100$$

$$P = 102e^{100k}$$

$$\doteq 2.503 \times 10^{10}$$

**Question 8 (b)**

Let  $p$  = probability that coin shows a head

$$\therefore p^2 = 0.36$$

$$\therefore p = 0.6$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Probability that coin shows a tail} &= 1 - p \\ &= 0.4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Probability that both coins show a tail} &= 0.4^2 \\ &= 0.16 \end{aligned}$$

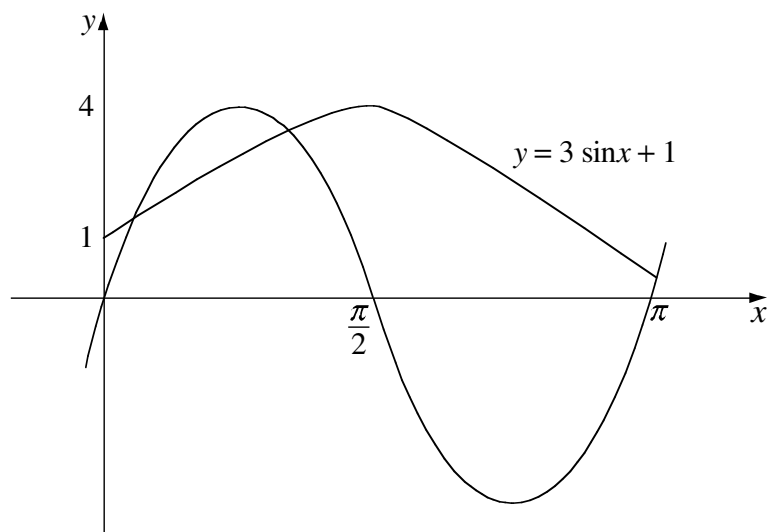
**Question 8 (c) (i)**

$$A = 4$$

**Question 8 (c) (ii)**

$$\text{Period} = \pi = \frac{2\pi}{b}$$

$$\therefore b = 2$$

**Question 8 (c) (iii)****Question 8 (d)**

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x + k$$

$f$  is increasing if  $f'$  is always positive

$$\therefore \Delta < 0$$

$$36 - 12k < 0$$

$$\therefore k > 3$$

Note: If  $k \geq 3$ ,  $f$  is an increasing function, since if  $x_1 < x_2$

then  $f(x_1) < f(x_2)$ .

**Question 9 (a) (i)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= 500(1.005)^{240} + 500(1.005)^{239} + \dots + 500(1.005)^1 \\
 &= 500 \left[ (1.005)^1 + (1.005)^2 + \dots + (1.005)^{240} \right] \\
 &= 500(1.005) \left[ \frac{(1.005)^{240} - 1}{1.005 - 1} \right] \\
 &= 232\,175.55
 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 9 (a) (ii) (1)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_0 &= P \\
 A_1 &= P(1.005) - 2000 \\
 A_2 &= A_1(1.005) - 2000 \\
 &= P(1.005)^2 - 2000(1.005) - 2000
 \end{aligned}$$

Generally  $A_n = A_{n-1}(1.005) - 2000$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{so that } A_n &= P(1.005)^n - 2000(1.005)^{n-1} - \dots - 2000 \\
 &= P(1.005)^n - 2000 \left[ 1 + (1.005) + \dots + (1.005)^{n-1} \right] \\
 &= P(1.005)^n - 2000 \left[ \frac{(1.005)^n - 1}{1.005 - 1} \right] \\
 &= P(1.005)^n - \frac{2000}{0.005} \left( (1.005)^n - 1 \right) \\
 &= P(1.005)^n - 400\,000 \left( (1.005)^n - 1 \right) \\
 &= P(1.005)^n - 400\,000(1.005)^n + 400\,000 \\
 &= (P - 400\,000)(1.005)^n + 400\,000
 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 9 (a) (ii) (2)**

Find  $n$  so that  $A_n = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1.005)^n &= \frac{400\,000}{400\,000 - P} \\
 n \log(1.005) &= \log \left( \frac{400\,000}{400\,000 - 232\,175.55} \right) \\
 n &\doteq 174.143
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  There will be money in the account for 175 months.



**Question 9 (b) (i)**

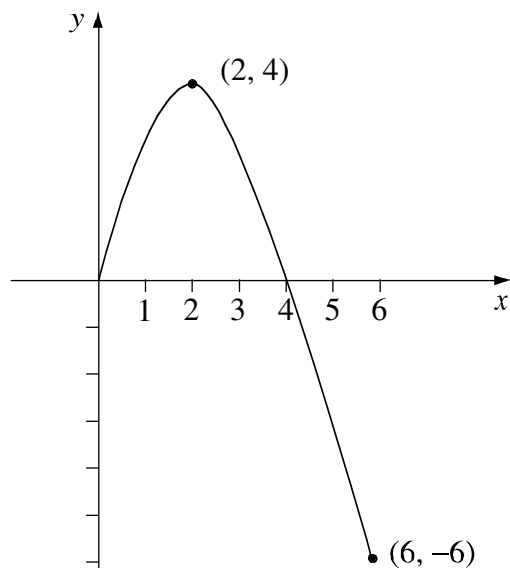
$$0 \leq x < 2$$

**Question 9 (b) (ii)**

4

**Question 9 (b) (iii)**

-6

**Question 9 (b) (iv)**

**Question 10 (a) (i)**

Let  $\angle CAD = \alpha$

Then  $\triangle ACD$  has two angles equal to  $\alpha$  (since it is isosceles) and  $\triangle ABC$  has two angles equal to  $\alpha$  (since it is isosceles). Hence (since 3<sup>rd</sup> angles must be equal)  $\triangle ABC \parallel \triangle ACD$  (equiangular).

**Question 10 (a) (ii)**

Since corresponding sides are in proportion,

$$\frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{AC}{AD}$$

$$\frac{a+y}{x} = \frac{x}{a}$$

$$\therefore a(a+y) = x^2$$

$$\therefore x^2 = a^2 + ay$$

**Question 10 (a) (iii)**

$$x^2 = a^2 + a^2 - 2a^2 \cos \theta \quad (\text{using cosine rule})$$

$$\therefore a^2 + ay = 2a^2 - 2a^2 \cos \theta$$

$$ay = a^2 - 2a^2 \cos \theta$$

$$y = a - 2a \cos \theta$$

$$= a(1 - 2 \cos \theta)$$

**Question 10 (a) (iv)**

$$2 \cos \theta \geq -2$$

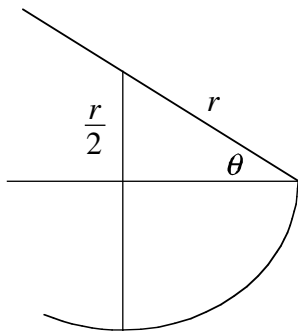
$$\therefore -2 \cos \theta \leq 2$$

$$\therefore 1 - 2 \cos \theta \leq 1 - -2 = 3$$

$$\therefore y \leq 3a$$

**Question 10 (b) (i)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Volume} &= \pi \int y^2 dx \\
 &= \pi \int_{r \sin \theta}^r (r^2 - x^2) dx \\
 &= \pi \left[ r^2 x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{r \sin \theta}^r \\
 &= \pi \left[ r^3 - \frac{r^3}{3} - r^3 \sin \theta + \frac{r^3 \sin^3 \theta}{3} \right] \\
 &= \frac{\pi r^3}{3} [2 - 3 \sin \theta + \sin^3 \theta]
 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 10 (b) (ii) (1)**


$$\begin{aligned}
 \sin \theta &= \frac{\frac{r}{2}}{r} = \frac{1}{2} \\
 \theta &= \frac{\pi}{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 10 (b) (ii) (2)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{New volume} &= \frac{\pi r^3}{3} \left( 2 - 3 \sin \frac{\pi}{6} + \sin^3 \frac{\pi}{6} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\pi r^3}{3} \left( 2 - \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{8} \right) = \left( \frac{5}{8} \right) \frac{\pi r^3}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Volume of hemisphere} = \frac{2\pi r^3}{3}$$

$$\therefore \text{fraction} = \frac{\frac{5}{8}}{2} = \frac{5}{16}$$