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2012 HSC General Mathematics 'Sample Answers'

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Section II

Question 26 (a) (i)

Sample answer:

$$10 \times 10 \times 10 = 1000$$

Question 26 (a) (ii)

Sample answer:

$$\frac{1}{10} \times \frac{1}{10} = \frac{1}{100}$$

Question 26 (b)

Sample answer:

$$r = 15\% \quad n = 3 \quad V_0 = 22\,000$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &= V_0(1-r)^n \\ &= 22\,000(1-0.15)^3 \\ &= \$13\,510.75 \end{aligned}$$

Question 26 (c)*Sample answer/Answers could include:*

$$\begin{aligned} \$1990 \times \frac{23}{365} \times 0.2 &= \$25.079\ 452\ 05 \\ &= \$25.08 \end{aligned}$$

Question 26 (d) (i)*Sample answer:*

- B 1) Posing questions
- E 2) Collecting data
- C 3) Organising data
- F 4) Summarising and displaying data
- D 5) Analysing data and drawing conclusions
- A 6) Writing a report

Question 26 (d) (ii)*Sample answer:*

- F Summarising and displaying data

Question 26 (e) (i)*Sample answer:*

$$\frac{7}{13}$$

Question 26 (e) (ii)*Sample answer:*

Yes, because new $P = \frac{7}{14}$ or The denominator has changed.

Question 26 (f)*Sample answer:*

$$\frac{60}{n} = \frac{30}{120}$$
$$\therefore n = 240$$

$$89\% = 240$$

$$100\% = 269.7$$

\therefore The population would have been 270 in 2008.

Question 26 (g)*Sample answer:*

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Number of cups per week} &= 3 + 6 \\ &= 9 \text{ cups}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Number of grams per week} &= 9 \times 250 \text{ g} \\ &= 2250 \text{ g}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Number of weeks} &= \frac{35\,000}{2250} \\ &= 15\frac{5}{9}\end{aligned}$$

\therefore Container will last 15 full weeks.

Question 27 (a)*Sample answer:*

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Net pay} &= 1024 - 296.40 - 24.50 - 15.80 \\ &= \$687.30\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Household expenses per week} &= 3640 \div 52 \\ &= \$70\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\% \text{ of net pay} &= \frac{70}{687.30} \times 100\% \\ &= 10.18\%\end{aligned}$$

Question 27 (b)*Sample answer:*

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Perimeter} &= \text{arc length} + 2 \text{ radii} \\ &= \frac{230}{360} \times 2 \times \pi \times 13 + 2 \times 13 \\ &= 78.185\ 34 \\ &= 78 \text{ cm (to nearest cm)}\end{aligned}$$

Question 27 (c) (i)*Sample answer:*

$$1 : 500\,000$$

$$2 \text{ cm} : 2 \times 500\,000 \text{ cm}$$

$$1\,000\,000 \text{ cm} = 10 \text{ km}$$

Question 27 (c) (ii)*Sample answer:*

$$1 : 500\,000$$

$$x \text{ km} : 75 \text{ km}$$

$$x = \frac{75}{500\,000} \times 1000 \times 100 \text{ cm}$$

$$= 15 \text{ cm}$$

Question 27 (d)**Sample answer:**

$$\text{Height of steps} = 3 \times 13$$

$$= 39 \text{ cm}$$

$$\tan 5^\circ = \frac{39}{x}$$

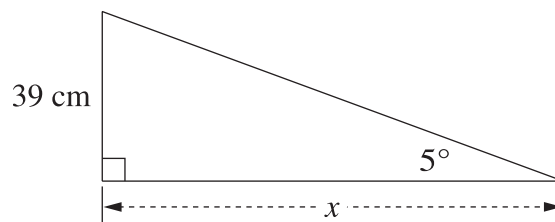
$$\therefore x = \frac{39}{\tan 5^\circ}$$

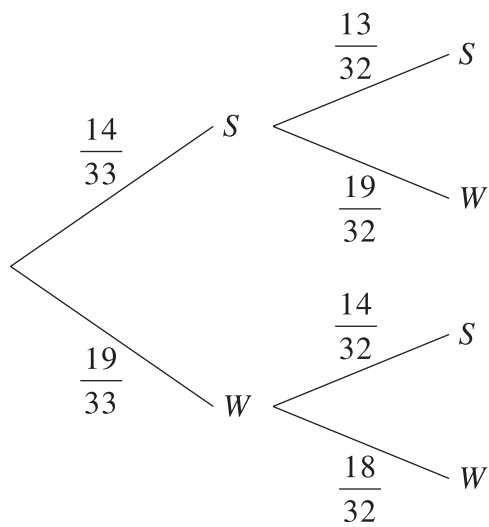
$$\therefore d = \frac{39}{\tan 5^\circ} - 2 \times 30$$

$$= 445.772\dots - 60$$

$$= 385.772\dots$$

$$= 386 \text{ cm (to nearest cm)}$$



Question 27 (e) (i)*Sample answer:***Question 27 (e) (ii)***Sample answer:*

$$\begin{aligned} P(SS) &= \frac{14}{33} \times \frac{13}{32} \\ &= \frac{182}{1056} \\ &= \frac{91}{528} \end{aligned}$$

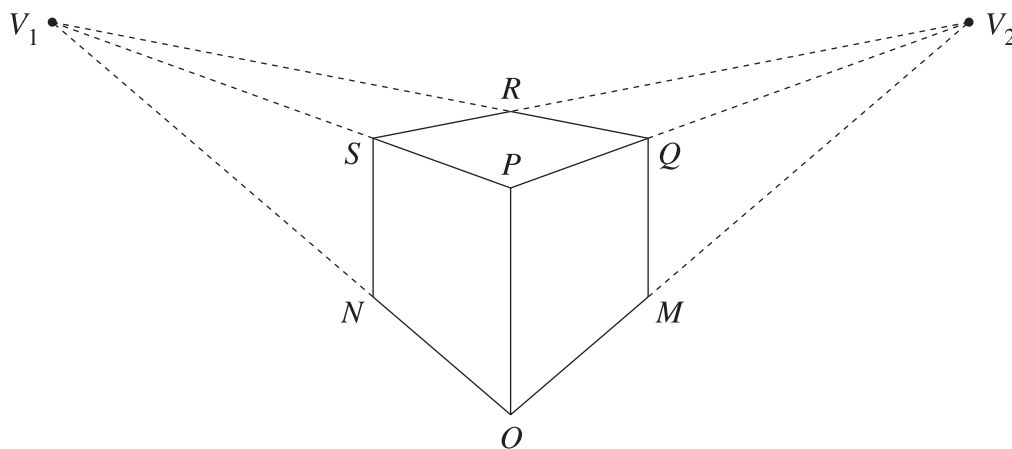
Question 27 (e) (iii)

Sample answer:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{different}) &= \frac{14}{33} \times \frac{19}{32} + \frac{19}{33} \times \frac{14}{32} \\
 &= \frac{133}{264}
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 28 (a)

Sample answer:


Question 28 (b)

Sample answer:

$$\frac{6ab}{a^2} \times \frac{c}{b} = \frac{6c}{a}$$

For one mark $\frac{6abc}{a^2b}$

Question 28 (c)**Sample answer:**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Ratio of heights} &= 4 : 1.5 \\ &= 40 : 15 \\ &= 8 : 3\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Ratio of shadows} = 8 : 3$$

Let Jacques' shadow be d

$$\therefore \frac{d+3}{d} = \frac{8}{3}$$

$$\therefore 3(d+3) = 8d$$

$$3d+9 = 8d$$

$$5d = 9$$

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

 \therefore Jacques' shadow is 1.8 m

Question 28 (d) (i)*Sample answer:*

$$80 - 50 = 30$$

Question 28 (d) (ii)*Sample answer:*

The interquartile range is larger for English than for Mathematics.

Both are negatively skewed.

English has a greater range than Mathematics.

Median for Mathematics is higher than the median for English.

Question 28 (e)*Sample answer:*

$$\text{Price} = \$2800$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Deposit} &= 0.10 \times 2800 \\ &= 280\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Balance} &= 2800 - 280 \\ &= 2520\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Repayments} &= 95.20 \times 3 \times 12 \\ &= 3427.20\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Interest} &= 3427.20 - 2520 \\ &= 907.20\end{aligned}$$

$$I = Pnr$$

$$907.20 = 2520 \times 3 \times r$$

$$\frac{907.20}{2520 \times 3} = r$$

$$0.12 = r$$

$$\therefore \text{Annual flat rate} = 12\%$$

Question 29 (a) (i)*Sample answer:*

70 minutes

Question 29 (a) (ii)*Sample answer:*

3 minutes

Question 29 (a) (iii)*Sample answer:*

The longer the eruption, the longer the time to wait for the next eruption.

Question 29 (b)*Sample answer:*

$$6.000 - 5.950 = 0.050 > 0.040$$

$$6.000 - 5.983 = 0.017 < 0.040$$

$$6.140 - 6.000 = 0.140 > 0.040$$

∴ Two nails lie outside one standard deviation of the mean.

∴ The machine needs to be checked.

Question 29 (c) (i)*Sample answer:*

$$\frac{EF}{\sin 10^\circ} = \frac{82}{\sin 139^\circ}$$

$$\begin{aligned} EF &= \frac{82 \times \sin 10^\circ}{\sin 139^\circ} \\ &= 21.704\,069\,21 \\ &= 22 \text{ km} \end{aligned}$$

Question 29 (c) (ii)*Sample answer:*Let $EH = GH = x$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x^2 &= 82^2 \\ x &= \sqrt{\frac{82^2}{2}} \\ &= 57.982\,756\,06 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Length of course} &= 21.704\,069\,21 + 64 + 2 \times 57.982\,756\,06 \\ &= 201.669\,583\,1 \\ &= 202 \text{ km} \end{aligned}$$

Question 29 (d) (i)*Sample answer:*

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Monthly contribution} &= 0.05 \times \frac{81\,600}{12} \\ &= \$340\end{aligned}$$

Question 29 (d) (ii)*Sample answer:*

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Accumulated value} &= \frac{M\left((1+r)^n - 1\right)}{r} & r &= \frac{0.066}{12} \\ & & &= 0.0055 \\ &= \frac{340\left((1.0055)^{156} - 1\right)}{0.0055} & n &= 13 \times 12 \\ &= \$83\,633.89 & &= 156\end{aligned}$$

Question 30 (a)*Sample answer:*

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Ship } 4^{\circ}\text{N } 160^{\circ}\text{E} \\ \text{Moniara } 9^{\circ}\text{S } 160^{\circ}\text{E} \end{array} \right\} 13^{\circ} \text{ travel}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Distance} &= 13 \times 60 \text{ nautical miles} \\ &= 780 \text{ nautical miles} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Speed} = 30 \text{ knots} = 30 \text{ nautical miles per hour}$$

$$\text{Time} = \frac{780}{30} \text{ hours} = 26 \text{ hours}$$

Question 30 (b) (i)*Sample answer:*

40 m

Question 30 (b) (ii)*Sample answer:*As $h = 35$ $d = 30, 170$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{Distance} &= 170 - 30 \\ &= 140 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

Question 30 (b) (iii)*Sample answer:*From graph, when $d = 250$, $h = 17.5$ m**Question 30 (b) (iv)***Sample answer:*

$$0 \leq d \leq 300$$

Graph is invalid for $d < 0$ or $d > 300$.

Question 30 (c) (i)*Sample answer:*

6 600 000

Question 30 (c) (ii)*Sample answer:*

The population in 2010

Question 30 (c) (iii) (1)*Sample answer:*1.05 gives a steeper curve than $P = A(1.04)^n$.**Question 30 (c) (iii) (2)***Sample answer:*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{1st estimate } b = 1.03 &\Rightarrow 3\,000\,000 \times 1.03^{20} \\ &= 5\,418\,000 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{2nd estimate } b = 1.02 &\Rightarrow 3\,000\,000 \times 1.02^{20} \\ &= 4\,457\,800 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore b = 1.02$$

Question 30 (iv)*Sample answer:*

$$\begin{aligned} P &= 3\,000\,000(1.02)^{40} \\ &= 6\,624\,000 \text{ (to four significant figures)} \end{aligned}$$

\therefore Population will be less than 7 000 000
so this model will work.