PRINCIPLES OF MATHEMATICS 12

SAMPLE QUESTIONS



For teacher information, a graphic has been placed beside those Sample Questions in this document to indicate the type of questions which might lend themselves best to the non-calculator section (Part A, Section I) of the examination.

A PATTERNS AND RELATIONS

Patterns

- Geometric Sequences and Series

A1 derive and apply expressions to represent general terms for geometric growth and to solve problems

Knowledge

A1

- 1. Determine the common ratio of the geometric sequence 1, $-\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{9}$, $-\frac{1}{27}$.
 - A. -3
- * B. $-\frac{1}{3}$ C. $\frac{1}{3}$ D. 3

Understanding

A1

- 2. Determine the 14th term of the geometric series: 6+12+24+...
 - A. 12 288
 - B. 24 576
 - * C. 49 152
 - D. 98 304

A1

- 3. The second term of a geometric series is -16 and the seventh term is 512. Determine the first term.
 - A. -2
 - B. 2
 - С. –8
 - * D. 8

Higher Mental Processes A1

4. If x - 1, x + 6, 3x + 4 are the first three terms in a geometric sequence, determine the possible values of the first term.

A. $-9, \frac{3}{2}$ B. $-8, \frac{5}{2}$ * C. $-\frac{7}{2}, 7$ D. $-\frac{5}{2}, 8$

A1

5. In the World Dominoes tournament, 78 125 players are grouped 5 players at each table. One game is played by these 5 players and the winner at each table advances to the next round, and so on until the final game of 5 players. How many rounds would the ultimate winner have played (including the final round)?

■ SOLUTION

$$a = \frac{78125}{5} = 15625 \qquad \text{(number of tables or games in first round)}$$

$$t_n = 1 \qquad r = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$n = ?$$

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$1 = 15625 \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{15625} = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{n-1}$$

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

$$6 = n - 1$$

$$7 = n$$

- \therefore the winner would have played 7 rounds.
- Check: Games: 15 625, 3125, 625, 125, 25, 5, 1 Players: 78 125, 15 625, 3125, 625, 125, 25, 5

■ ALTERNATE SOLUTION

| <i>a</i> = 78 125 | (number of players in first round) |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| $t_n = 5$ | (number of players in final round) |
| $r = \frac{1}{5}$ | |
| $t_n = ar^{n-1}$ | |
| $5 = 78125 \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{n-1}$ | |
| <i>n</i> = 7 | |

 \therefore the winner would have played 7 rounds.

Higher Mental Processes A1

6. The first and second terms of a geometric sequence have a sum of 15, while the second and third terms have a sum of 60. Use an algebraic method to find the three terms.

■ SOLUTION

| a + ar = 15 | a(1+r) = 15 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| $ar + ar^2 = 60$ | ar(1+r) = 60 |
| $\therefore \frac{ar(1+r)}{a(1+r)} = \frac{60}{15}$ | |
| r = 4 | |
| a + ar = 15 | |
| a + 4a = 15 | |
| 5 <i>a</i> = 15 | |
| a = 3 | |

∴ sequence is: 3, 12, 48

A2 derive and apply expressions to represent sums for geometric growth and to solve problems

Knowledge

A2

- 7. Determine the number of terms in the series defined by $\sum_{k=12}^{38} 3(2)^{k-1}$.
 - A. 26
 - * B. 27
 - C. 37
 - D. 38

Knowledge

A2

- 8. If the sum of *n* terms of the geometric sequence 4, 8, 16, ... is $S_n = \frac{4(1-2^5)}{1-2}$, determine the value of *n*.
 - A. 2
 - B. 4
- * C. 5
 - D. 6

Understanding

A2

- While training for a race, a runner increases her distance by 10% each day. If she runs 2 km on the first day, what will be her total distance for 26 days of training? (Accurate to 2 decimal places.)
 - A. 21.67
 - B. 23.84
 - C. 196.69
 - * D. 218.36

Higher Mental Processes A2

- 10. If the sum of *n* terms in a geometric series is given by the expression $S_n = 4(3^n 1)$, determine t_4 .
 - A. 108
 - B. 160
 - * C. 216
 - D. 320

Higher Mental Processes (cross-topic) A2

11. Evaluate: $\sum_{k=3}^{5} \log_k k^2$ A. 1 B. 2 * C. 6 D. 8

Higher Mental Processes A2

- 12. The exponential function $y = 2^x$ can be used to determine the number of ancestors you have in a previous generation. For example, if x = 2, then y = 4 means that 2 generations ago you have 4 ancestors (your 4 grandparents). Determine an expression that represents the total number of ancestors you have in the last *n* generations.
 - A. $2(2^{n-1}-1)$
 - B. $2^n 1$
 - C. $2^{n+1} 1$
 - * D. $2(2^n 1)$

13. A graduation class informs its members of changes in plans by telephone. The president of the class calls two members, each of whom in turn calls two members, and so on, as shown in the diagram. By the 9th level, all members of the graduation class have been contacted. Determine the maximum number of students in total in the graduation class.



■ SOLUTION

Geometric series: 1+2+4+8+...

$$a = 1 S_n = \frac{a(1 - r^n)}{1 - r} \\ r = 2 S_9 = \frac{1(1 - 2^9)}{1 - 2}$$

= 511

 \therefore there are 511 students in the graduation class.

A3 estimate sums of expressions represented by infinite geometric processes where the common ratio, r, is -1 < r < 1

Knowledge

A3

14. Which infinite geometric series has a finite sum?

A.
$$\frac{1}{2} - 1 + 2 - 4 + \dots$$

- * B. $64 + 48 + 36 + 27 + \dots$
 - C. $\frac{1}{24} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots$

D.
$$16 - 20 + 25 - 31.25 + \dots$$

Understanding A3

- 15. Determine the sum of the infinite geometric series: $800 + 300 + \frac{225}{2} + \dots$
 - * A. 1280
 - B. 1212.5
 - C. 1254.69
 - D. no finite sum

Higher Mental Processes A3

16. Evaluate: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^n}$ A. $\frac{1}{3}$ * B. $\frac{1}{2}$ C. $\frac{2}{3}$ D. 1

Higher Mental Processes A3

17. For what values of x, $x \neq -1$, will the following infinite geometric series have a finite sum?

$$(x+1)+(x+1)^{2}+(x+1)^{3}+...$$

A. -1 < x < 0B. -1 < x < 1C. -3 < x < 1* D. -2 < x < 0

Higher Mental Processes A3

- 18. A ball is dropped from a height of 5 m. After each bounce, it rises to 60% of its previous height.
- A1 a) What is the maximum height the ball will reach after it hits the ground for the 4th time?
- A2 b) What is the total vertical distance the ball travels by the time the ball hits the ground for the 7th time?
- A3 c) What is the total vertical distance the ball travels before it comes to rest?

■ SOLUTION

a)







c)

Total vertical distance = S + 5 m

$$=\frac{6}{1-0.6}+5 \text{ m}$$

= 20 m



Variables and Equations Relations and Functions — Logarithms and Exponents

A4 solve exponential equations having bases that are powers of one another

Understanding
$$(1)$$

A4
1. Solve for x: $81^{x-1} = \left(\frac{1}{27}\right)^{x-4}$
A. -8
B. -3
C. $-\frac{3}{7}$
* D. $\frac{16}{7}$



2. Solve:
$$9^{x+2} = (3^{4x-3})(3^5)$$

A. 0

- * B. 1
 - C. $\frac{17}{19}$ D. $\frac{19}{18}$

Knowledge A5 3. Solve for x: $5 = 3^x$ A. $x = \log_5 3$ * B. $x = \log_3 5$ C. $x = 3^5$ D. $x = 5^3$



4. Solve for x: $ab^x = c$

A.
$$x = \frac{\log c}{\log a + \log b}$$

B.
$$x = \frac{\log c + \log a}{\log b}$$

* C.
$$x = \frac{\log c - \log a}{\log b}$$

D.
$$x = \frac{\log c}{\log b} - \log a$$

Higher Mental Processes A5

5. Solve algebraically using logarithms: $2^x = 3(5^{x+1})$ (Answer accurate to at least 2 decimal places.)

■ SOLUTION

$$2^{x} = 3(5^{x+1})$$
$$\log 2^{x} = \log(3(5^{x+1}))$$
$$x \log 2 = \log 3 + (x+1)\log 5$$
$$x \log 2 = \log 3 + x \log 5 + \log 5$$
$$x \log 2 - x \log 5 = \log 3 + \log 5$$
$$x(\log 2 - \log 5) = \log 3 + \log 5$$
$$x = \frac{\log 5}{\log 2 - \log 5}$$
$$x = -2.96$$

Understanding

A5

- 6. Solve for x: $\log(3-x) + \log(3+x) = \log 5$
 - A. x = -2
 - B. x = 2
 - * C. $x = \pm 2$
 - D. no solution



A5

7. Solve:
$$\log_2 8 + \log_3 \frac{1}{3} = \log_4 x$$

A.
$$\frac{1}{64}$$

B. $\frac{1}{16}$
* C. 16
D. 64

Higher Mental Processes



A5

8. Solve the following: $\log_2(\log_4(\log_5 x)) = -1$

| A. | $\frac{1}{25}$ |
|----|----------------|
| B. | 5 |
| C. | 25 |

*

D. 125

9. Solve algebraically: $2\log_4 x - \log_4 (x+3) = 1$

■ SOLUTION

$$\log_4 x^2 - \log_4 (x+3) = 1$$

$$\log_4 \frac{x^2}{x+3} = 1$$

$$4 = \frac{x^2}{x+3}$$

$$4x + 12 = x^2$$

$$0 = x^2 - 4x - 12$$

$$0 = (x-6)(x+2)$$

$$x = 6, \quad x = -2$$

$$\downarrow$$

reject

$$\therefore x = 6$$

Understanding A6 10. Simplify: $\log_2 4^x$ A. *x* * B. 2*x* C. 2^x D. x^2

Understanding



A6

11. Write as a single logarithm: $3 + \frac{1}{2}\log_2 x - 3\log_2 y$

A.
$$\log_2\left(\frac{1000\sqrt{x}}{y^3}\right)$$

* B. $\log_2\left(\frac{8\sqrt{x}}{y^3}\right)$
C. $\log_2\left(1000 + \sqrt{x} - y^3\right)$

D.
$$\log_2(8+\sqrt{x}-y^3)$$





12. If $\log_4 x = a$, determine $\log_{16} x$ in terms of a.

A.
$$\frac{a}{4}$$

* B. $\frac{a}{2}$
C. 2a
D. 4a

Higher Mental Processes



A6

13. If $\log 2 = a$, $\log 3 = b$, determine an expression for $\log 2400$.

A.
$$2a^{3}b$$

* B. $3a+b+2$
C. $3a+b+100$
D. $a^{3}+b+2$

Higher Mental Processes



A6

- 14. Simplify: $a^{\log_a 8 + \log_a 2}$
 - A. 10
 - * B. 16
 - C. *a*¹⁰
 - D. *a*¹⁶

Higher Mental Processes



A6

- 15. Determine the value of $\log_n ab^2$ if $\log_n a = 5$ and $\log_n b = 3$.
 - * A. 11
 - **B**. 14
 - C. 16
 - D. 45

Higher Mental Processes



A5, A6

16. Given $\log_a 2 = x$ and $(\log_a 8)(a^{\log_a x}) = 12$, solve for *a*.

- A. 2
- B. ±2
- * C. $\sqrt{2}$
 - D. $\pm\sqrt{2}$

Knowledge

A13

17. Change to exponential form: $\log_k \ell = m$

A.
$$\ell = m^k$$

* B. $\ell = k^m$
C. $k = m^\ell$
D. $k = \ell^m$

Knowledge

A13

- 18. If (a, b) is on the graph of $y = 3^x$, which point must be on the graph of $y = \log_3 x$?
 - A. (a, b)* B. (b, a)C. (3a, b)D. (a, 3b)

Understanding (cross topic)



A13

19. Determine the inverse of $f(x) = 3^{x-1} - 2$.

* A.
$$f^{-1}(x) = \log_3(x+2)+1$$

B. $f^{-1}(x) = \log_3(x+2)-1$
C. $f^{-1}(x) = \log_3(x-1)+2$

D.
$$f^{-1}(x) = \log_3(x-1) - 2$$

A14 model, graph, and apply exponential functions to solve problems

Clarification: Students should be familiar with using base e in continuous growth and decay problems.

Understanding



A14

- 20. If \$5000 is invested at 7.2% per annum compounded monthly, which equation can be used to determine the number of years, t, for the investment to increase to \$8000?
 - A. $8000 = 5000(1.072)^t$
 - B. $8000 = 5000(1.006)^t$
 - C. $8000 = 5000(1.072)^{12t}$
 - * D. $8000 = 5000(1.006)^{12t}$

Understanding

A14

- 21. The population of a particular country is 25 million. Assuming the population is growing continuously, the population, *P*, in millions, *t* years from now can be determined by the formula $P = 25e^{0.022t}$. What will be the population, in millions, 20 years from now?
 - A. 29.90
 - B. 37.97
 - C. 38.63
 - * D. 38.82

22. The population of a nest of ants can multiply threefold (triple) in 8 weeks. If the population is now 12 000, how many weeks will it take for the population to reach 300 000 ants?

(Solve algebraically using logarithms. Answer accurate to at least 2 decimal places.)

■ SOLUTION

$$300\ 000 = 12\ 000\ (3)^{\frac{t}{8}}$$
$$25 = 3^{\frac{t}{8}}$$
$$\log 25 = \log 3^{\frac{t}{8}}$$
$$\log 25 = \frac{t}{8}\log 3$$
$$t = \frac{8\log 25}{\log 3}$$

t = 23.44 weeks

23. The radioactivity of a certain substance decays by 20% in 30 hours. What is the half-life of the substance?

■ SOLUTION

If 20% of the radioactivity decays, then 80% remains.

$$80 = 100 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{30}{n}}$$
$$0.80 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{30}{n}}$$
$$\log 0.80 = \frac{30}{n} \log \frac{1}{2}$$
$$n = \frac{30 \log \frac{1}{2}}{\log 0.80}$$

$$n \approx 93.19$$
 hours

24. The intensity of light reduces by 7% for every 3 metres below the surface of the water. At what depth will the light intensity be reduced to 60% of its original amount?

■ SOLUTION

$$60 = 100(1 - 0.07)^{\frac{x}{3}}$$

$$0.6 = 0.93^{\frac{x}{3}}$$

$$\log 0.6 = \log 0.93^{\frac{x}{3}}$$

$$\log 0.6 = \frac{x}{3}\log 0.93$$
 = **ALTERNATE STEPS**

$$3\frac{\log 0.6}{\log 0.93} = x$$

$$x = 21.11702137$$

$$\log_{0.93} 0.6 = \frac{x}{3}$$

$$x \approx 21.12 \text{ m}$$

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Higher Mental Processes A14

25. Graph $\log_5(y+2) = x+1$ on the grid below. State any asymptotes and determine the x- and y-intercepts.

■ SOLUTION

- Since $\log_5(y+2) = x+1$ $y + 2 = 5^{x+1}$ $y = 5^{x+1} - 2$ y asymptote: y = -2*x*-intercept: set y = 0 or *x*-intercept: set y = 0in original equation 5 $0 = 5^{x+1} - 2$ $\log_5(0+2) = x+1$ $2 = 5^{x+1}$ $\log_5 2 = x + 1$ $\log 2 = (x+1)\log 5$ х → $\therefore x = \log_5 2 - 1$ -5 5 $\frac{\log 2}{\log 5} = x + 1$ -5 \therefore x-intercept is $\frac{\log 2}{\log 5} - 1$ or $\log_5 2 - 1 = -0.57$
 - y-intercept: set x = 0

$$y = 5^{0+1} - 2$$

 \therefore y-intercept is 3

= -0.57

Higher Mental Processes A14

26. The population of Canada is 30 million people and is growing at an annual rate of 1.4%. The population of Germany is 80 million people and is decreasing at an annual rate of 1.7%. In how many years will the population of Canada be equal to the population of Germany?

(Solve algebraically using logarithms. Answer accurate to at least 2 decimal places.)

■ SOLUTION

$$30(1+0.014)^n = 80(1-0.017)^n$$

$$30(1.014)^n = 80(0.983)^n$$

$$\log 30 + n \log(1.014) = \log 80 + n \log(0.983)$$

 $n(\log(1.014) - \log(0.983)) = \log 80 - \log 30$

$$n = \frac{\log 80 - \log 30}{\log(1.014) - \log(0.983)}$$

n = 31.59 years

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A15

27. Determine the domain of the function $y = \log(2x+3)$.

* A. $x > -\frac{3}{2}$ B. $x > -\frac{2}{3}$ C. $x > \frac{2}{3}$ D. $x > \frac{3}{2}$

Understanding

A15

- 28. In 1976, an earthquake in Guatemala had a magnitude of 7.5 on the Richter scale and in 1960, an earthquake in Morocco had a magnitude of 5.8. How many times as intense was the 1976 Guatemalan earthquake compared to the 1960 Moroccan earthquake?
 - A. 1.29
 - B. 1.7
 - C. 10^{1.29}
 - * D. 10^{1.7}

29. In chemistry, the pH scale measures the acidity (0–7) or alkalinity (7–14) of a solution. It is a logarithmic scale in base 10. Thus, a pH of 5 is 10 times more acidic than a pH of 6.

Solution A has a pH of 5.7. Solution B is 1260 times more acidic than Solution A. Find the pH of solution B.



D. 8.8

Higher Mental Processes



A15

30. If 0 < a < 1, which of the following is the best graph of $y = \log_a x$?



Higher Mental Processes



A15

31. Which of the following is a graph of $\log_x y = 2$?





C. y

* D.



A PATTERNS AND RELATIONS

Variables and Equations Relations and Functions

— Trigonometry

A7 distinguish between degree and radian measure, and solve problems using both

Understanding $\overbrace{2}^{A7}$ 1. Convert $\frac{5\pi}{2}$ radians to degrees. A. 90° B. 180° C. 270° * D. 450°

Understanding



A7

- 2. A circle has a radius of 20 cm. Determine the length of the arc subtended by a central angle of 135° .
 - A. $\frac{3\pi}{4}$ cm
 - B. 5π cm
 - * C. 15π cm

D.
$$\frac{80}{3\pi}$$
 cm

Higher Mental Processes



A7

3. The terminal arm of angle θ in standard position passes through the point $(-\sqrt{3}, -1)$. Determine the length of arc AB, as shown below.





A8 determine the exact and the approximate values of trigonometric ratios for any multiples of 0°, 30°, 45°, 60° and 90°, and 0 rad, $\frac{\pi}{6}$ rad, $\frac{\pi}{4}$ rad, $\frac{\pi}{3}$ rad, $\frac{\pi}{2}$ rad

Clarification: This includes negative angles and angles greater than 2π *rad or* 360 *degrees.*

Understanding 6A8 4. Evaluate: $\sec \frac{4\pi}{3}$ * A. -2 B. $-\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ C. $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ D. 2

Understanding



A8

5. Determine the exact value of $\tan \frac{8\pi}{3}$.

* A.
$$-\sqrt{3}$$

B.
$$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

C.
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

D.
$$\sqrt{3}$$



A8

6. Determine the exact value of $\sin\left(-\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$.

A.
$$-\sqrt{2}$$

* B.
$$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

C. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

D.
$$\sqrt{2}$$

A9 solve first and second degree trigonometric equations over a specified domain

- algebraically
- graphically

Clarification: It should be noted that equations could be solved over any specified domain, **not** restricted to $0 \le x < 2\pi$. This includes solutions to trigonometric equations involving multiple angles, $k\theta$, where $k = \frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, 2, 3, 4, 5. Some solutions to trigonometric equations to trigonometric equations may involve the use of identities.

Understanding

A9

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7. Solve: $2\cos^2 x - \cos x - 1 = 0$, $0 \le x < 2\pi$

A.
$$x = 0$$
, $\frac{5\pi}{6}$, $\frac{7\pi}{6}$
B. $x = 0$, $\frac{2\pi}{3}$, $\frac{4\pi}{3}$

C.
$$x = \frac{x}{6}, \pi, \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

D.
$$x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \pi, \frac{5\pi}{3}$$

Understanding

A9

8. Solve: $\csc x = 2$, $0 \le x < 2\pi$

* A. $x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$ B. $x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$ C. $x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}$ D. $x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3}$

9. Solve: $2\sin x = \cos 3x$, where $0 \le x < 2\pi$

* A. 0.31, 3.45
B. 2.83, 5.98
C. 0.39, 2.75, 4.03, 5.30
D. 0.98, 2.16, 3.55, 5.89

Higher Mental Processes

A9

10. Determine the number of solutions in the interval $0 \le x < 2\pi$ for:

$$\sin ax = \frac{1}{3}$$
, *a* is an integer, where $a \ge 1$

- A. 2
- B. $\frac{a}{2}$
- С. а
- * D. 2a

Higher Mental Processes

A9

11. Solve: $\sin 2x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$, where $0 \le x < 2\pi$

A.
$$x = \frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{3\pi}{8}$$

B. $x = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}$
* C. $x = \frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{3\pi}{8}, \frac{9\pi}{8}, \frac{11\pi}{8}$
D. $x = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$

12. Solve algebraically, giving exact values, where $0 \le x < 2\pi$.

 $\sin x = \cos 2x$

■ SOLUTION

$$\sin x = \cos 2x$$

$$\sin x = 1 - 2\sin^2 x$$

$$2\sin^2 x + \sin x - 1 = 0$$

$$(2\sin x - 1)(\sin x + 2) = 0$$

$$\sin x = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \sin x = -1$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \quad \frac{5\pi}{6}, \quad \frac{3\pi}{2}$$
Understanding A9

13. Solve algebraically, giving exact values, where $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$: $2 \tan x \cos x - \sqrt{3} \tan x = 0$

■ SOLUTION

$$2 \tan x \cos x - \sqrt{3} \tan x = 0$$
$$\tan x \left(2 \cos x - \sqrt{3} \right) = 0$$
$$\therefore \tan x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 2 \cos x - \sqrt{3} = 0$$
$$\therefore x = 0 \quad \cos x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$
$$x = -\frac{\pi}{6}, \quad x = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\therefore x = 0$$
 or $x = -\frac{\pi}{6}$ or $x = \frac{\pi}{6}$

Higher Mental Processes A9, A10

- 14. Solve algebraically, giving exact values: $\sin \frac{1}{3}x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
 - a) where $0 \le x < 2\pi$

■ SOLUTION

 $\sin \frac{1}{3}x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ $\therefore \quad \frac{1}{3}x = \frac{\pi}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{3}x = \frac{2}{3}\pi$ $x = \frac{3\pi}{3} \qquad x = \frac{6\pi}{3}$ $x = \pi \qquad x = 2\pi$ \downarrow reject not in domain $\therefore \quad x = \pi$

b) over the set of real numbers

■ SOLUTION

 $x = \pi + 6\pi n$, $x = 2\pi + 6\pi n$, where *n* is an integer

A10 determine the general solutions to trigonometric equations where the domain is the set of real numbers

Clarification: It is expected that students will indicate that "n is an integer" when giving general solutions. This includes solutions to trigonometric equations involving multiple angles, $k\theta$, where $k = \frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, 2, 3, 4, 5. Also, when asked to solve a trigonometric equation "over the set of real numbers", it is expected that students must use radian measure. Some solutions to trigonometric equations may involve the use of identities.

Understanding A10

15. Determine the general solution: $\sin 2x = -\frac{1}{2}$

A.
$$\frac{7\pi}{12} + 2n\pi$$
, $\frac{11\pi}{12} + 2n\pi$, *n* is an integer

- * B. $\frac{7\pi}{12} + n\pi$, $\frac{11\pi}{12} + n\pi$, *n* is an integer
 - C. $\frac{13\pi}{12} + 2n\pi$, $\frac{21\pi}{12} + 2n\pi$, *n* is an integer
 - D. $\frac{13\pi}{12} + n\pi$, $\frac{21\pi}{12} + n\pi$, *n* is an integer

Understanding A10

16. Solve $\cos^2 x = \cos x$ over the set of real numbers. (Give exact value solutions.)

■ SOLUTION

$$\cos^{2} x - \cos x = 0$$

$$\cos x (\cos x - 1) = 0$$

$$\cos x = 0$$

$$\cos x = 1$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$x = 0$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi$$

$$x = 0 + 2n\pi$$

$$x = 2n\pi$$

or

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi$$
 $x = 2n\pi$, where *n* is an integer

Understanding

A10

17. The two smallest positive solutions of $\sin 3x = 0.7$ are x = 0.26 and x = 0.79. Determine the general solution for $\sin 3x = 0.7$.

■ SOLUTION

$$x = 0.26 + \frac{2n\pi}{3}$$
, $0.79 + \frac{2n\pi}{3}$, where *n* is an integer

Understanding A10

18. Solve algebraically $6\sin^2 x - \sin x - 2 = 0$ over the set of real numbers. (Give exact value solutions where possible, otherwise answer accurate to two decimal places.)

■ SOLUTION

$$6\sin^{2} x - \sin x - 2 = 0$$

(3 sin x - 2)(2 sin x + 1) = 0
sin x = $\frac{2}{3}$ or sin x = $-\frac{1}{2}$
x = 0.73 or x = 2.41 $x = \frac{7\pi}{6}$ or $x = \frac{11\pi}{6}$
x = 0.73 + 2\pi n $x = \frac{7\pi}{6} + 2\pi n$
x = 2.41 + 2\pi n $x = \frac{11\pi}{6} + 2\pi n$, where n

is an integer

High Mental Processes A10

19. Solve algebraically $\sin 2x - 2\cos^2 x = 0$ over the set of real numbers. (Give exact value solutions.)

■ SOLUTION

$$\sin 2x - 2\cos^2 x = 0$$
$$2\sin x \cos x - 2\cos^2 x = 0$$
$$2\cos x (\sin x - \cos x) = 0$$

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 $\cos x = 0$

$$\sin x = \cos x$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \ \frac{3\pi}{2} \qquad \qquad \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = 1$$

 $\tan x = 1$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{4}, \ \frac{5\pi}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n \qquad \qquad x = \frac{\pi}{4} + \pi n$$

$$x = \frac{3\pi}{2} + 2\pi n$$

or

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi n$$
 $x = \frac{\pi}{4} + \pi n$, where *n* is an integer

A11 analyze trigonometric identities

- graphically

- algebraically for general cases

Clarification: It should be noted that a numerical or graphical justification of an identity does not prove the identity.

Understanding



A11

- 20. Determine the restriction(s) for the expression $\frac{\tan \theta}{2\cos \theta 1}$.
 - A. $\cos \theta \neq \frac{1}{2}$
 - B. $\sin \theta \neq 0$
 - C. $\sin \theta \neq 0$, $\cos \theta \neq \frac{1}{2}$
 - * D. $\cos \theta \neq 0$, $\cos \theta \neq \frac{1}{2}$





- 21. Determine an expression equivalent to $\tan^2 \theta \csc \theta + \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$.
 - A. $\sec^3 \theta$
 - B. $\csc^3 \theta$
 - C. $\csc^2 \theta \sec \theta$
 - * D. $\sec^2 \theta \csc \theta$

Understanding



A11

- 22. Determine an expression equivalent to $\frac{\tan\theta\csc^2\theta}{\sec^2\theta}$.
 - A. $tan \theta$
 - * B. $\cot \theta$
 - C. $\tan^2 \theta$
 - D. $\tan^3 \theta$

Higher Mental Processes A11

23. Prove the identity:

 $\frac{\cos x + \cot x}{\sec x + \tan x} = \cos x \cot x$

■ SOLUTION

| LEFT SIDE | RIGHT SIDE | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--|
| $\frac{\cos x + \cot x}{\sec x + \tan x}$ | $\cos x \cot x$ | |
| $\frac{\sin x \cos x}{\sin x \cos x} \frac{\left(\cos x + \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{\cos x} + \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}\right)}$ | $\frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$ $\frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin x}$ | |
| $\frac{\sin x \cos^2 x + \cos^2 x}{\sin x + \sin^2 x}$ | sin x | |
| $\frac{\cos^2 x (\sin x + 1)}{\sin x (1 + \sin x)}$ | | |
| $\frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin x}$ | | |
| LS = RS | | |

Higher Mental Processes A11

24. Prove the identity:

$$\frac{2\cos x + 2\cos^2 x}{\sin 2x} = \frac{\sin x}{1 - \cos x}$$

■ SOLUTION

| RIGHT SIDE | LEFT SIDE |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $\frac{\sin x}{1 - \cos x}$ | $\frac{2\cos x + 2\cos^2 x}{\sin 2x}$ |
| | $\frac{2\cos x \left(1 + \cos x\right)}{2\sin x \cos x}$ |
| | $\left(\frac{1+\cos x}{\sin x}\right)\left(\frac{1-\cos x}{1-\cos x}\right)$ |
| | $\frac{(1+\cos x)(1-\cos x)}{\sin x(1-\cos x)}$ |
| | $\frac{1-\cos^2 x}{\sin x \left(1-\cos x\right)}$ |
| | $\frac{\sin^2 x}{\sin x \left(1 - \cos x\right)}$ |
| | $\frac{\sin x}{1 - \cos x}$ |
| | $\frac{(1+\cos x)(1-\cos x)}{\sin x(1-\cos x)}$ $\frac{1-\cos^2 x}{\sin x(1-\cos x)}$ $\frac{\sin^2 x}{\sin x(1-\cos x)}$ $\frac{\sin x}{1-\cos x}$ |



A12 use sum, difference, and double angle identities for sine and cosine to verify and simplify trigonometric expressions

Clarification: It should be noted that a numerical or graphical justification of an identity does not prove the identity. It should also be noted that students should be able to combine reciprocal and rational identities with double angle identities; for example:

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{\sin 2\theta}{\cos 2\theta}, \ \csc 2\theta = \frac{1}{\sin 2\theta}, \ \sec 2\theta = \frac{1}{\cos 2\theta}$$

Understanding



A12

- 25. Determine an expression equivalent to $\cos(\pi + 2A)$.
 - * A. $-\cos 2A$ B. $\cos 2A$
 - $\begin{array}{c} \text{B.} & \cos 2A \\ \text{C.} & -\sin 2A \end{array}$
 - D. $\sin 2A$

Understanding



A12

- 26. Simplify: $\cos 2x \cos x + \sin 2x \sin x$
 - * A. $\cos x$
 - B. $\sin x$
 - C. $\cos 3x$
 - D. $\sin 3x$

Understanding



A12

- 27. Simplify: $\frac{2\sin\theta}{\sin 2\theta}$
 - A. 1
 - B. $\cos \theta$
 - C. $\csc \theta$
 - * D. $\sec \theta$

Higher Mental Processes A12

28. Prove the identity:

$$\frac{\tan x + \sin x}{1 + \cos x} = \frac{1}{\csc 2x} - \frac{\tan x}{\sec 2x}$$

■ SOLUTION

| Left Side | RIGHT SIDE | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| $\frac{\tan x + \sin x}{1 + \cos x}$ | $\frac{1}{\csc 2x} - \frac{\tan x}{\sec 2x}$ | |
| $\frac{\left(\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} + \sin x\right)}{\left(\frac{\cos x}{\cos x} + \sin x\right)} \cos x$ | $\sin 2x - \tan x \cos 2x$ | |
| $(1+\cos x) \cos x$ | $2\sin x\cos x - \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \left(2\cos^2 x - 1\right)$ | |
| $\frac{\sin x + \sin x \cos x}{(1 + \cos x) \cos x}$ | $2\sin x\cos x - 2\sin x\cos x + \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$ | |
| $\frac{\sin x (1 + \cos x)}{(1 + \cos x)\cos x}$ | $\frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$ | |
| $\frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$ | | |
| LS = RS | | |

A16 describe the three primary trigonometric functions as circular functions with reference to the unit circle and an angle in standard position

Knowledge

A16

29. The point (p, q) is the point of intersection of the terminal arm of angle θ in standard position and the unit circle as shown in the diagram. Which expression represents $\tan \theta$?





B. q



Understanding



A16

30. The terminal arm of angle θ in standard position passes through the point (-2, 5). Determine the value of sec θ .

A.
$$-\frac{\sqrt{21}}{2}$$

B. $\frac{\sqrt{21}}{5}$
* C. $-\frac{\sqrt{29}}{2}$
D. $\frac{\sqrt{29}}{5}$

Higher Mental Processes

A16

31. Point M (-a, b) is in quadrant II and lies on the terminal arm of angle θ in standard position. Point N is the point of intersection of the terminal arm of angle θ and the unit circle centred at (0, 0). Determine the *x*-coordinate of point N in terms of *a* and *b*.

* A.
$$\frac{-a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

B.
$$\frac{-b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

C.
$$\frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

D.
$$\frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

A17 sketch and analyze the graphs of sine, cosine and tangent functions, for

- amplitude, if defined
- period
- domain and range
- asymptotes, if any
- behaviour under transformations

Clarification: Graphs of the reciprocal trigonometric functions are analyzed in a similar manner to the graphs of the sine, cosine and tangent functions. Transformation on the graphs of reciprocal trigonometric functions are limited to horizontal and/or vertical expansions or compressions (i.e. no translations or reflections).

Knowledge

A17



- 32. Determine the amplitude of $y = -3\cos 4x + 2$.
 - A. -4 B. -3
 - * C. 3
 - D. 4

Understanding



- 33. Determine the period of $y = \sin \frac{2\pi}{3}(x-6)$.
 - * A. 3
 - B. 6
 - C. $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ D. $\frac{4\pi}{3}$

Understanding



A17

34. Determine the range of the function $y = 6\cos\frac{1}{2}(x-3)+4$.

A. $-6 \le y \le 6$ B. $1 \le y \le 7$ C. $-4 \le y \le 4$ * D. $-2 \le y \le 10$

Understanding A17

- 35. Which of the following lines is an asymptote for the graph of $y = \csc 2x$?
 - A. x = 1B. $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ * C. $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ D. $x = \frac{3\pi}{4}$

Understanding



A17

36. If the graph of the function shown below has the equation $y = a \sin b(x-c) + d$, determine the value of *b*. (b > 0)



- A. 4
- B. 8

* C. $\frac{\pi}{4}$ D. $\frac{\pi}{8}$ Higher Mental Processes

A17



37. If the graph of the function shown below has the equation $y = a \sin b(x - c) + d$, determine the value of *b*. (b > 0)





Understanding



A17

- 38. State the phase shift of the function $y = -\cos\left(4x \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$.
 - * A. $\frac{\pi}{8}$ to the right B. $\frac{\pi}{8}$ to the left C. $\frac{\pi}{2}$ to the right D. $\frac{\pi}{2}$ to the left



- 39. Determine the domain of $f(x) = \tan 2x$.
 - A. x = all real numbers
 - * B. $x = \text{all real numbers}, x \neq \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{n\pi}{2}, n \text{ is an integer}$
 - C. $x = \text{all real numbers}, x \neq \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi, n \text{ is an integer}$
 - D. x =all real numbers, $x \neq \pi + 2n\pi$, *n* is an integer

Understanding

A18

40. At a seaport, the depth of the water, d, in metres, at time t hours, during a certain day is given by:

$$d = 3.4 \sin 2\pi \frac{(t - 7.00)}{10.6} + 2.8$$

On that day, determine the depth of the water at 6:30 p.m.

A. 1.39 mB. 1.81 m

- B. 1.81 m
- C. 2.80 m
- * D. 4.53 m

Note: Students will need to express time in decimals of hours on a 24-hour clock.

Higher Mental Processes

A18

41. A wheel with radius 20 cm has its centre 30 cm above the ground. It rotates once every 15 seconds. Determine an equation for the height, h, above the ground of a point on the wheel at time, t seconds if this point has a maximum height at t = 2 seconds.

A.
$$h = 20\cos\frac{2\pi}{15}(t+2) + 30$$

* B.
$$h = 20\cos\frac{2\pi}{15}(t-2) + 30$$

C.
$$h = 30\cos\frac{2\pi}{15}(t+2) + 20$$

D.
$$h = 30\cos\frac{2\pi}{15}(t-2) + 20$$

Higher Mental Processes A18

- 42. A Ferris wheel with a diameter of 60 m rotates once every 48 seconds. At time t = 0, a rider is at his lowest height which is 2 m above the ground.
 - a) Determine a sinusoidal equation that gives the height, h, of the rider above the ground as a function of the elapsed time, t, where h is in metres and t is seconds.
 - b) Determine the time t when the rider will be 38 m above the ground for the first time after t = 0.

■ SOLUTION

a)

Answers can vary. Some answers are:

 $h = -30\cos\frac{\pi}{24}t + 32$ $h = 30\cos\frac{\pi}{24}(t - 24) + 32$ $h = 30\sin\frac{\pi}{24}(t - 12) + 32$

b)

$$38 = -30\cos\frac{\pi}{24}t + 32$$
$$t = 13.54$$
 seconds

Note: This answer may be obtained using a graphing calculator.

Higher Mental Processes A18

42. A mass is supported by a spring so that it rests 50 cm above a table top, as shown in the diagram below. The mass is pulled down to a height of 20 cm above the table top and released at time t = 0. It takes 0.8 seconds for the mass to reach a maximum height of 80 cm above the table top. As the mass moves up and down, its height h, in cm, above the table top, is approximated by a sinusoidal function of the elapsed time t, in seconds, for a short period of time.



table top

Determine an equation for a sinusoidal function that gives h as a function of t.

■ SOLUTION

Answers can vary. Some answers are:

$$h = -30\cos\frac{2\pi}{1.6}t + 50$$

$$h = 30\cos\frac{2\pi}{1.6}(t - 0.8) + 50$$

$$h = 30\sin\frac{2\pi}{1.6}(t - 0.4) + 50$$

B SHAPE AND SPACE

Transformations

— Transformations

Clarification: Students need to be familiar with the term "invariant points" as points that are not altered by a transformation.

B1 describe how vertical and horizontal translations of functions affect graphs and their related equations:

y = f(x - h)y - k = f(x)

Knowledge

B1

- 1. If the graph of 2x + 3y = 5 is translated 4 units up, determine an equation of the new graph.
 - A. 2x + 3y = 1
 - $B. \quad 2x + 3y = 9$
 - C. 2x + 3(y+4) = 5
- * D. 2x + 3(y 4) = 5

Understanding

B1

- 2. If (a, b) is a point on the graph of y = f(x), determine a point on the graph of y = f(x-2)+3.
 - A. (a-2, b+3)
 - B. (a-2, b-3)
 - * C. (a+2, b+3)
 - D. (a+2, b-3)

Understanding B1

- 3. If the point (2, -8) is on the graph of y = f(x-3)+4, what point must be on the graph of y = f(x)?
- * A. (-1, -12)
 - B. (-1, -4)
 - C. (5, -12)
 - D. (5, -4)

B2 describe how compressions and expansions of functions affect graphs and their related equations:

y = af(x)y = f(kx)

Knowledge **B**2



- 4. How is the graph of $y = 7^{3x}$ related to the graph of $y = 7^x$?
 - A. The graph of $y = 7^x$ has been expanded vertically by a factor of 3.
 - The graph of $y = 7^x$ has been compressed vertically by a factor of $\frac{1}{3}$. B.
 - C. The graph of $y = 7^x$ has been expanded horizontally by a factor of 3.
 - D. The graph of $y = 7^x$ has been compressed horizontally by a factor of $\frac{1}{3}$. *

Understanding



B2

5. The graph of $y = \sqrt{9 - x^2}$ is shown below.



Which of the following graphs represents $2y = \sqrt{9 - x^2}$?



Higher Mental Processes



B2, B3

6. If the graph of $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ is vertically compressed by a factor of $\frac{1}{5}$, then reflected in the *y*-axis, determine an equation for the new graph.

A.
$$x^2 + \frac{y^2}{25} = 4$$

* B. $x^2 + 25y^2 = 4$

C. $-x^2 + 25y^2 = 4$

D.
$$-x^2 + \frac{y^2}{25} = 4$$

B3 describe how reflections of functions in both axes and in the line y = x affect graphs and their related equations:

$$y = f(-x)$$
 $y = -f(x)$ $y = f^{-1}(x)$

Knowledge B3

- 7. The graph of y = -f(x) is a reflection of the graph of y = f(x) in
 - A. the *y*-axis.
 - * B. the *x*-axis.
 - C. the line y = x.
 - D. the line y = -x.



8. What is the inverse of the relation $y = x^3$?

A.
$$y = \frac{1}{x^3}$$

* B. $x = y^3$
C. $y = (-x)^3$
D. $x = y^{\frac{1}{3}}$

Understanding B3

- 9. The point (6, -12) is on the graph of the function y = f(x). Which point must be on the graph of the function y = 3f(-x)?
- * A. (-6, -36)B. (6, 36)C. (-6, -4)D. (6, 4)

Higher Mental Processes B3

- 10. If $f(x) = \frac{2x}{x-1}$, determine the equation of $f^{-1}(x)$, the inverse of f(x).
 - * A. $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x}{x-2}$ B. $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{2x}{2x-1}$ C. $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x-1}{2x}$ D. $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{x-2}$

Higher Mental Processes B3

11. For which graph of y = f(x) would f(-x) = -f(x)?



Understanding

B3

12. When the graph of y = f(x) is transformed to the graph of y = f(-x), on which line(s) will the invariant points lie?

A.
$$y = 0$$

* B. $x = 0$
C. $y = x$
D. $y = 1, y = -1$

B4 using the graph and/or the equation of f(x), describe and sketch $\frac{1}{f(x)}$

Knowledge

B4

13. Given the graph of y = f(x) below, determine an equation for an asymptote for the graph of $y = \frac{1}{f(x)}$.



A. x = 3* B. x = -3C. y = -2D. y = 2 Understanding B4

14. The graph of y = f(x) is shown below.



Which of the following graphs represents $y = \frac{1}{f(x)}$?









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- 15. If the range of y = f(x) is $-1 \le y \le 2$, what is the range of $y = \frac{1}{f(x)}$?
 - A. $-1 \le y \le \frac{1}{2}$ B. $-1 \le y \le \frac{1}{2}, y \ne 0$ * C. $y \ge \frac{1}{2}$ or $y \le -1$ D. $y \ge 2$ or $y \le -1$

Understanding

B4

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- 16. The graph of y = f(x) is transformed to the graph of $y = \frac{1}{f(x)}$. If the following points are on the graph of y = f(x), which point would be invariant?
 - A. (1, 2)
 - B. (2, 1)
 - C. (3, 0)
 - D. (0, 3)

Understanding B4

17. The graph of y = f(x) is shown below.



On the grid provided, sketch the graph of $y = \frac{1}{f(x)}$.

■ SOLUTION



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Understanding

B5

18. The graph of the function y = f(x) is shown below.



Which of the following is a graph of y = |f(x)|?



Understanding B5

19. If the range of y = f(x) is $-3 \le y \le 5$, what is the range of y = |f(x)|?

- A. $-3 \le y \le 5$
- B. $0 \le y \le 3$
- * C. $0 \le y \le 5$
 - D. $3 \le y \le 5$

Higher Mental Processes B5, B4

20. The graph of the function y = f(x) is shown below.


B6 describe and perform single transformations and combinations of transformations on functions and relations

Clarification: The absolute value of a function and the reciprocal value of a function may also be combined with transformations.

Knowledge

B6

- 21. Determine an equation that will cause the graph of y = f(x) to expand vertically by a factor of 4 and shift 3 units up.
 - A. $y = \frac{1}{4}f(x) + 3$ B. $y = \frac{1}{4}f(x) - 3$
 - * C. y = 4f(x) + 3
 - D. y = 4f(x) 3

Understanding B6

22. In the diagram below, y = f(x) is graphed as a broken line.



Which equation is defined by the solid line?

A.
$$y = 2f(x+1)$$

B.
$$y = f(2x - 1)$$

$$C. \quad y = f(2x+1)$$

* D. y = 2f(x-1)

Understanding B6

23. The graph of y = f(x) is shown below. On the grid provided, sketch the graph of $y = -f\left(\frac{1}{2}(x+2)\right)$.



■ SOLUTION



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Higher Mental Processes B6

24. The graph of y = f(x) is shown below on the left. Which equation represents the graph shown on the right?



A.
$$y = -2f(2x+3)$$

$$B. \quad y = -2f(2x+6)$$

* C.
$$y = -2f(\frac{1}{2}x+3)$$

D. $y = -2f(\frac{1}{2}x+6)$

Higher Mental Processes B6

25. If the point (6, -2) is on the graph y = f(x), which point must be on the graph of $y = \frac{1}{f(-x)+4}$? A. $\left(-10, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$

* B. $(-6, \frac{1}{2})$ C. $(-6, \frac{7}{2})$ D. $(-\frac{1}{6}, 2)$ 26. The graph of y = f(x) is shown below.



Understanding B6

a) On the grid provided, sketch the graph of: y = 2 |f(x)| + 1





Understanding B6

b) On the grid provided, sketch the graph of: y = 2 |f(x)+1|





C STATISTICS AND PROBABILITY

Chance and Uncertainty

- Combinatorics

C1 use the fundamental counting principle to determine the number of different ways to perform multi-step operations

Knowledge

C1

- 1. There are 45 multiple-choice questions on an exam with 4 possible answers for each question. How many different ways are there to complete the test?
 - A. 45
 - B. 45×4
 - C. 45⁴
- * D. 4⁴⁵

Understanding

C1

2. A breakfast special consists of choosing one item from each category in the following menu.

| Juice: | apple, orange, grapefruit |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| Toast: | white, brown |
| Eggs: | scrambled, fried, poached |
| Beverage: | coffee, tea, milk |

How many different breakfast specials are possible?

- A. 11
- B. 48
- * C. 54
 - D. 96

Understanding

C1

- 3. North American area codes are three digit numbers. Before 1995, area codes had the following restrictions: the first digit could not be 0 or 8, the second digit was either 0 or 1, and the third digit was any number from 1 through 9 inclusive. Under these rules, how many different area codes were possible?
 - A. 112
 - B. 120
 - * C. 144
 - D. 504

C2 use factorial notation to determine different ways of arranging n distinct objects in a sequence

Clarification: Factorial notation can also be used to determine different ways of arranging n objects some, of which are identical. Pathway problems can also provide an example of this use of factorial notation.

Understanding

C2

- 4. In a particular city, all of the streets run continuously north-south or east-west. The mayor lives 4 blocks east and 5 blocks north of city hall. Determine the number of different routes, 9 blocks in length, that the mayor can take to get to city hall.
 - A. 20 * B. 126 C. 3 024
 - D. 15 120

Understanding

C2

- 5. Simplify: $\frac{6!}{3!2!}$
- A. 1 B. 20
- * C. 60 D. 120

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C2

- 6. A soccer team played 12 games in a season. They won 6 games, lost 4 games, and tied 2 games. In how many different orders could this have occurred?
 - Α. 576 * B. 13 860 C. 9 979 200 D. 31 933 440

Understanding

C2

7. Simplify the following expression without using the factorial symbol:

$$\frac{(n-2)!(n+1)!}{(n!)^2}$$

A.
$$\frac{1}{n}$$

B. $\frac{1}{n-1}$
C. $\frac{n-1}{n(n+1)}$
* D. $\frac{n+1}{n(n-1)}$

Higher Mental Processes



C2

- 8. Solve for *n*: ${}_{n}C_{3} = {}_{n}P_{2}$
 - A. 6
 - * B. 8
 - C. 1,8
 - D. 0, 1, 8

Understanding C2

9. Solve:
$$\frac{n!}{(n-2)!3!} = 5$$

■ SOLUTION

$$\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)!}{(n-2)! 3!} = 5$$

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{6} = 5$$

$$n(n-1) = 30$$

$$n^2 - n - 30 = 0$$

$$(n+5) (n-6) = 0$$

$$n = -5 \quad n = 6$$

$$\downarrow$$
reject
$$\therefore n = 6$$

Understanding

- C2
 - 10. There are 2 English books, 3 Chemistry books and 4 Mathematics books to be arranged on a shelf.
- U a) If all the English books are identical, all the Chemistry books are identical and all the Mathematics books are identical, in how many different ways can they be arranged on the shelf?
- U b) If the English books, Chemistry books and Mathematics books are all different, in how many ways can they be arranged on the shelf?
- H c) If all the English books, Chemistry books and Mathematics books are different, in how many ways can they be arranged on the shelf if the Chemistry books have to be grouped together?
- H d) If all the English books, Chemistry books and Mathematics books are different, in how many ways can they be arranged on the shelf if all the same subject books must be grouped together?

■ SOLUTION

- a) $\frac{9!}{2!3!4!} = 1260$
- b) 9! = 362880
- c) 7!3! = 30240
- d) 3! 2! 3! 4! = 1728

- 11. Determine the number of different arrangements of all the letters in the word PARALLEL if
- U a) there are no restrictions.
- U b) the A's must be together.
- U c) the first letter must be an A and the last letter must be an A.
- H d) the first letter must be a vowel.

■ SOLUTION

a)
$$\frac{8!}{3!2!} = 3360$$

b)
$$\frac{7!}{3!} = 840$$

c)
$$\frac{6!}{3!} = 120$$

d) *Case 1:* begins with A *Case 2:* begins with E

$$\frac{7!}{3!} = 840 \qquad \qquad \frac{7!}{2!3!} = 420$$

$$840 + 420 = 1260$$

C3 determine the number of permutations of n different objects taken r at a time, and use this to solve problems

Knowledge

C3

- 12. A special combination lock that has 60 numbers on the dial works by turning it first to the right, then to the left, and then to the right, with 3 different selected numbers needed to open the lock. The selection of these 3 numbers is an example of
 - * A. a permutation.
 - B. a combination.
 - C. both a combination and a permutation.
 - D. neither a combination nor a permutation.

Understanding

C3

- 13. A soccer coach must choose 3 out of 10 players to kick tie-breaking penalty shots. Assuming the coach must designate the order of the 3 players, determine the number of different arrangements she has available.
 - * A. $\frac{10!}{7!}$
 - B. $\frac{10!}{3!}$
 - C. $\frac{10!}{3!\,7!}$
 - D. $\frac{10!}{3! \, 3! \, 4!}$

C4 determine the number of combinations of n different objects taken r at a time, and use this to solve problems

Knowledge

C4

- 14. A bowl contains an apple, an orange, a plum and a banana. How many different pairs of fruit can be selected from the bowl?
 - A. $_4P_2$
 - B. $_{2}P_{4}$
 - * C. ₄C₂
 - D. $_{2}C_{4}$

Understanding

C4

- 15. In a standard deck of 52 cards, how many different 4-card hands are there that contain at most one heart?
 - A. 91 403
 - B. 118 807
 - C. 188 474
 - * D. 201 058

Higher Mental Processes C4

- 16. Assuming that at least one coin is used, how many different sums of money can be made from the following coins: a penny, a nickel, a dime, a quarter and a dollar?
 - A. 16
 - * B. 31
 - C. 32
 - D. 120

Understanding

C4

- 17. There are five boys and six girls on a grad committee.
 - a) In how many ways can a sub-committee of two boys and two girls be selected from the committee?
 - b) In how many ways can a sub-committee of four people be selected if there must be at least one girl on the sub-committee?

■ SOLUTION

a)

number of ways two boys can be selected = ${}_5C_2$ number of ways two girls can be selected = ${}_6C_2$

: number of possible ways for a sub-committee of two boys and two girls to be selected

$$= ({}_5C_2)({}_6C_2) = (10)(15) = 150$$
 ways

b)

If there is at least one girl on the sub-committee, then we must consider the following cases:

- 1 girl, 3 boys = $\binom{6}{5}C_1\binom{5}{5}C_3 = (6)(10) = 60$ ways 2 girls, 2 boys = $\binom{6}{5}C_2\binom{5}{5}C_2 = (15)(10) = 150$ ways 3 girls, 1 boy = $\binom{6}{5}C_3\binom{5}{5}C_1 = (20)(5) = 100$ ways 4 girls, 0 boys = $\binom{6}{5}C_4\binom{5}{5}C_0 = (15)(1) = 15$ ways
- : there are 60 + 150 + 100 + 15 = 325 different ways in which a sub-committee of four students with at least one girl can be selected.

■ ALTERNATE SOLUTION

b)

Consider how many ways there could be a sub-committee of four students with **no** girls:

$$\left({}_{6}C_{0}\right)\left({}_{5}C_{4}\right)=5$$

Total number of ways for a sub-committee of four students to be selected from eleven students

$$= {}_{11}C_4 = 330$$

 \therefore number of ways in which a sub-committee has **at least** one girl = 330 - 5 = 325

C5 solve problems, using the binomial theorem where the exponent *n* belongs to the set of natural numbers

Clarification: Irregular pathway questions are considered an application of the binomial theorem.

Knowledge

C5

- 18. How many terms are in the expansion $\left(2x \frac{1}{y}\right)^{10}$?
 - A. 9
 - **B.** 10
 - * C. 11
 - D. 12

Understanding C5

19. Moving only to the right or down, how many different routes exist to get from point A to point B?



- * B. 22
 - C. 24
 - D. 37

Understanding C5

20. The 10th term of the expansion of $\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^n$ is $-\frac{1001}{256}x^5$. Determine *n*.

- A. 13
- **B**. 14

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- C. 15
- D. 16

Understanding

- C5
- 21. Determine the 8th term of the expansion of $(2x y)^{11}$.
 - * A. $-5280x^4y^7$ B. $-2640x^4y^7$ C. $1320x^3y^8$
 - D. $990x^3y^8$

Higher Mental Processes C5

22. Which term in the expansion of $\left(\frac{1}{2x^2} - x^3\right)^{10}$ is a constant?

- A. 4th
- * B. 5th
 - C. 6th
 - D. 11th

C STATISTICS AND PROBABILITY

Chance and Uncertainty

— Probability

C5 solve problems, using the binomial theorem where the exponent *n* belongs to the set of natural numbers

Clarification: The binomial theorem can also be used to solve problems involving binomial probability distributions

Understanding

C5

23. The probability that a particular car will start on any morning is 0.9. Assuming that whether or not the car starts is independent from morning to morning, what is the probability that this car will start on at least 4 out of 5 mornings?

(Answer accurate to at least 4 decimal places.)

■ SOLUTION

p = 0.9 q = 0.1 n = 5

P (car starts on at least 4 out of 5 mornings) = P (car starts on 4) + P (car starts on 5) = binompdf (5, 0.9, 4) + binompdf (5, 0.9, 5) ≈ 0.9185

or

$$P(x) = {}_{n}C_{x} p^{x} q^{n-x} \implies P(4) \text{ or } P(5) = {}_{5}C_{4} (0.9)^{4} (0.1)^{1} + {}_{5}C_{5} (0.9)^{5} (0.1)^{0} \\ \approx 0.9185$$

Note: The above experiment is a *binomial experiment* with 5 independent trials where the two outcomes are either: car starts (success) or car doesn't start (failure). Therefore, the binomial probability distribution can be used to solve the problem. In general, if the probability of success is p, the probability of failure is q, and the experiment is performed n times, then the probability of x successes is given by the formula: $P(x) = {}_{n}C_{x} p^{x} q^{n-x}$

Technology Note:

Many calculators have a built-in feature that determines the value for the binomial probability distribution. Screen images and key-strokes are provided below for reference.

Press 2nd DIST 0 to obtain binompdf(, then enter *n*, *p*, *x*, where *n* = the number of trials *p* = the probability of "success" *x* = number of "successes" desired

| binom⊳df(5,0.9,4 |
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| .32805 |
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Understanding

C5

- 24. A multiple-choice test has 12 questions. Each question has 4 choices, only one of which is correct. If a student answers each question by guessing randomly, find the probability that the student gets:
- U a) none of the questions correct.
- U b) exactly 3 questions correct.
- U c) at most 3 questions correct.
- H d) at least 7 questions correct.

Answers accurate to at least 4 decimal places.

■ SOLUTION

$$p = \frac{1}{4}$$
 $q = \frac{3}{4}$ $n = 12$

a) $P(\text{none of the questions correct}) = \text{binompdf}\left(12, \frac{1}{4}, 0\right)$ = 0.031676352 ≈ 0.0317

or $P(\text{none of the questions correct}) = {}_{12}C_0 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^0 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{12}$ = 0.031676352 ≈ 0.0317

b)
$$P(3 \text{ questions correct}) = \text{binompdf}\left(12, \frac{1}{4}, 3\right)$$

 $= 0.2581036091$
 ≈ 0.2681
or
 $P(3 \text{ questions correct}) = {}_{12}C_3\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^9$
 $= 0.2581036091$
 ≈ 0.2681

c) P(at most 3 questions correct) = P(0, 1, 2, or 3 questions correct)

= binomcdf
$$\left(12, \frac{1}{4}, 3\right)$$

= 0.6487786174
≈ 0.6588

or

$$P(\text{at most 3 questions correct}) = P(0, 1, 2, \text{ or 3 questions correct})$$

= ${}_{12}C_0 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^0 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{12} + {}_{12}C_1 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^1 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{11} + {}_{12}C_2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{10} + {}_{12}C_3 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^9$
= 0.6487786174
 ≈ 0.6588

d)
$$P(\text{at least 7 questions correct}) = P(7, 8, 9, 10, 11, \text{ or 12 questions correct})$$

= $1 - P(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \text{ or 6 questions correct})$
= $1 - \text{binomcdf}(12, \frac{1}{4}, 6)$
= 0.0142527818
 ≈ 0.0143

or

P(at least 7 questions correct) = P(7, 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12 questions correct)

$$= {}_{12}C_7 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^7 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^5 + {}_{12}C_8 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^8 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^4 + {}_{12}C_9 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^9 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^3 + {}_{12}C_{10} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{10} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 + {}_{12}C_{11} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{11} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^1 + {}_{12}C_{12} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{12} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^0 = 0.0142527818 \approx 0.01$$

Technology Note:

Many calculators have a *binomial cumulative distribution function* binomcdf(. Screen images and key-strokes are provided below for reference.



Note: Use binomcdf if the sum of the probabilities of obtaining 0, 1, 2, 3... or x successes is desired.

C6 construct a sample space for up to three events

Knowledge

C6

- 25. For each probability experiment, the set of all possible outcomes is called
 - A. odds.
 - B. event.
 - C. element.
 - * D. sample space.

Understanding

C6

- 26. A game begins with two cards being dealt from a standard deck of 52 cards. To win this game, the next card dealt must be the same as either of these first two cards, or fall between them. If the first two cards are a 3 and a 10, what is the probability of winning this game?
 - * A. $\frac{30}{50}$
 - B. $\frac{32}{50}$
 - C. $\frac{30}{52}$
 - D. $\frac{32}{52}$

Higher Mental Processes C6, C9

27. One of two cards is black on one side and white on the other side. The second card is black on both sides. One card is selected at random and the side facing up is black. What is the probability that the other side of the card is white?

A.
$$\frac{1}{4}$$

* B. $\frac{1}{3}$
C. $\frac{1}{2}$
D. $\frac{2}{3}$

C7 classify events as independent or dependent

Knowledge

C7

- 28. Which of the following pair of events is dependent?
 - * A. Two cards are selected from a well-shuffled deck of cards and the experiment is carried out without replacement. The first event is drawing a jack. The second event is drawing another jack.
 - B. Two cards are selected from a well-shuffled deck of cards and the experiment is carried out with replacement. The first event is drawing an ace of hearts. The second event is drawing a black 5.
 - C. A fair die is rolled and a fair coin is tossed. The first event is rolling an odd number on the die. The second event is obtaining a tail on a flip of the coin.
 - D. A fair coin is tossed twice. The first event is obtaining a head on the first flip of the coin. The second event is obtaining a head on the second flip of the coin.

Understanding

C8

29. Two fair dice are rolled. A sample space is provided below.

| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|-----------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 1 | (1, 1) | (1, 2) | (1, 3) | (1, 4) | (1, 5) | (1, 6) |
| | 2 | (2, 1) | (2, 2) | (2, 3) | (2, 4) | (2, 5) | (2, 6) |
| First Die | 3 | (3, 1) | (3, 2) | (3, 3) | (3, 4) | (3, 5) | (3, 6) |
| | 4 | (4, 1) | (4, 2) | (4, 3) | (4, 4) | (4, 5) | (4, 6) |
| | 5 | (5, 1) | (5, 2) | (5, 3) | (5, 4) | (5, 5) | (5, 6) |
| | 6 | (6, 1) | (6, 2) | (6, 3) | (6, 4) | (6, 5) | (6, 6) |

Second Die

Consider the following events:

- A: The sum of the two dice is 5.
- B: The first die rolled is a 1.
- C: The second die rolled is a 4.
- D: The product of the two dice is 6.

Which of the two events given above are mutually exclusive?

- $A. \quad A \text{ and } B$
- B. A and C
- C. B and C
- * D. C and D

Understanding

C8

30. A summary of a recent survey is shown below:

60% liked hamburgers70% liked pizza40% liked both

What percentage liked neither?

- * A. 10%
 - B. 20%
 - C. 30%
 - D. 40%

Understanding C8

31. What is the probability of drawing a heart or a face card in a single random draw from a standard deck of 52 cards?

| | | Clubs | Diamonds | Hearts | Spades |
|---------------|-------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| Face cards | King | * | • | • | ♦ |
| | Queen | * | • | • | • |
| | Jack | * | • | Y | ♦ |
| | 10 | * | • | ¥ | • |
| | 9 | * | • | ¥ | • |
| | 8 | * | • | ۷ | • |
| | 7 | * | • | ۷ | ♦ |
| | 6 | * | • | ¥ | • |
| | 5 | * | • | ۷ | • |
| | 4 | * | • | ¥ | • |
| | 3 | * | • | ۷ | • |
| | 2 | * | • | ۷ | • |
| | Ace | * | • | • | • |
| | | | | | |



Note: This diagram is provided as an instructional tool, and may not be provided on an examination.

Understanding/Higher Mental Processes C8

32. Two dart players each throw independently one dart at a target. The probability of each player hitting the bulls-eye is 0.3 and 0.4 respectively. What is the probability that at least one of them will hit the bulls-eye?

■ SOLUTION



 $P(\text{at least 1}) = 0.3 \times 0.4 + 0.3 \times 0.6 + 0.7 \times 0.4$ = 0.58

or $P(A \text{ and } B) = 0.3 \times 0.4 = 0.12$

$$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$$

= 0.3 + 0.4 - 0.12
= 0.58



or

1 - (0.7)(0.6) = 0.58

- 33. If one of the 19 equally likely outcomes in the sample space **S** is randomly selected, find the probability that:
- K a) both A and B occur.
- U b) **A** but not **B** occurs.
- U c) neither **A** nor **B** occurs.
- U d) at least one of **A** or **B** occurs.
- H e) at most one of **A** or **B** occurs.



■ SOLUTION

- a) $P(A \text{ and } B) = \frac{2}{19}$
- b) $P(A \text{ and } \overline{B}) = \frac{4}{19}$
- c) $P(\overline{A} \text{ and } \overline{B}) = \frac{8}{19}$
- d) $P(A \text{ or } B) = \frac{11}{19}$

e)
$$P(A \text{ or } B) - P(A \text{ and } B) = \frac{9}{19}$$

C9 determine the conditional probability of two events

Understanding C9

- 34. Each of the 11 letters from the word MATHEMATICS is placed on a separate card. A card is drawn and not replaced. A second card is drawn. What is the probability that the 2 cards chosen are both vowels?
 - A. $\frac{1}{20}$ B. $\frac{1}{10}$ * C. $\frac{6}{55}$ D. $\frac{16}{121}$

Higher Mental Processes C9

35. Bag A contains 1 black and 2 white marbles, and Bag B contains 1 white and 2 black marbles. A marble is randomly chosen from Bag A and placed in Bag B. A marble is then randomly chosen from Bag B. Determine the probability that the marble selected from Bag B is white.



Bag A



Bag B



Higher Mental Processes C9

36. Machine A produces 60% of a product while Machine B produces 40%. It is known that 3% of the production from Machine A is defective, while 2% from Machine B is defective. If a defective product is selected, what is the probability that it was produced by Machine B?

(Answer accurate to at least 4 decimal places.)

■ SOLUTION

- Let A =product from Machine A
 - B = product from Machine B

D = product is defective



■ ALTERNATE SOLUTION

$$P(B \mid D) = \frac{P(B \text{ and } D)}{P(D)}$$
$$= \frac{0.4 \times (0.02)}{0.6(0.03) + 0.4(0.02)}$$
$$= \frac{4}{13}$$
or
$$\approx 0.3077$$

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37. It is known that 53% of graduating students are boys. Three grads are chosen at random. Given that at least two of the three grads are boys, determine the probability that all three of the grads are boys.

(Answer accurate to at least 4 decimal places.)

■ SOLUTION



P(3 boys | at least 2 boys)

 $= \frac{P(3 \text{ boys and at least } 2 \text{ boys})}{P(\text{at least } 2 \text{ boys})}$

$$= \frac{0.53^3}{3(0.53)^2(0.47) + (0.53)^3}$$

\$\approx 0.2732\$

$$P(3 \text{ boys} | \text{ at least } 2 \text{ boys})$$

$$= \frac{P(3 \text{ boys and at least } 2 \text{ boys})}{P(\text{ at least } 2 \text{ boys})}$$

$$= \frac{\text{binompdf}(3, 0.53, 3)}{1 - \text{binomcdf}(3, 0.53, 1)}$$

$$\approx 0.2732$$

OR

- 38. If one of the 19 equally likely outcomes in the sample space **S** is randomly selected, find the probability that:
- U a) A occurs given that **B** has occurred.
- U b) **B** occurs given that **A** has occurred.



■ SOLUTION

- a) $P(A \mid B) = \frac{2}{7}$
- b) $P(B \mid A) = \frac{2}{6}$

C9

- 39. A new test for a certain disease is found to be 98% accurate. This means that the outcome of the test is correct 98% of the time. If it is estimated that 1.2% of the population in a certain province has this disease, then determine:
 - a) the probability that a randomly selected person from the province will test positive for the disease.
 - b) the probability that a randomly selected person from the province has the disease given that the person tested positive.

(Answer accurate to at least 4 decimal places.)

■ SOLUTION



b)

$$P(D | +) = \frac{P(D \text{ and } +)}{P(+)}$$
$$= \frac{0.012 \times 0.98}{0.03152}$$
$$= \frac{0.01176}{0.03152}$$
$$\approx 0.3731$$

Higher Mental Processes C9

40. The pointer is spun to determine a bag, and a marble is then randomly chosen from the selected bag.



- U a) What is the probability that the chosen marble is black?
- H b) If the chosen marble is black, what is the probability that another randomly chosen marble from the same bag will also be black?

■ SOLUTION

a) Let B = black marble chosen W = white





b) Consider one more level of the tree.


C10 solve probability problems involving permutations, combinations, and conditional probability

Understanding

C10

- 41. Six people are randomly selected from a group of 8 males and 10 females to form a committee. Determine the probability that exactly 4 males are selected for this committee.
 - A. 0.01
 - B. 0.10
 - * C. 0.17
 - D. 0.32

Understanding

C10

- 42. If 5 cards are dealt from a standard deck of 52 cards, determine the probability of obtaining 3 red cards and 2 black face cards.
 - A. 0.0010
 - * B. 0.0150
 - C. 0.0660
 - D. 0.3251

Understanding C10

43. Bill is walking from his house to the library. If Bill only walks south or east, determine the probability that he will select the route indicated in the diagram below. Assume that all routes have an equal chance of being chosen.



A.
$$\frac{1}{20}$$

B. $\frac{1}{35}$
C. $\frac{1}{55}$
D. $\frac{1}{70}$

*

Higher Mental Processes C10

- 44. Five balls are randomly drawn without replacement from a bag containing 4 red balls and 6 black balls. What is the probability that at least 3 red balls will be drawn?
 - A. 0.0238
 - B. 0.2381
 - * C. 0.2619
 - D. 0.7381