

## A-LEVEL Mathematics

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## Key to mark scheme abbreviations

Μ	mark is for method
m or dM	mark is dependent on one or more M marks and is for method
А	mark is dependent on M or m marks and is for accuracy
В	mark is independent of M or m marks and is for method and
	accuracy
E	mark is for explanation
or ft or F	follow through from previous incorrect result
CAO	correct answer only
CSO	correct solution only
AWFW	anything which falls within
AWRT	anything which rounds to
ACF	any correct form
AG	answer given
SC	special case
OE	or equivalent
A2,1	2 or 1 (or 0) accuracy marks
–x EE	deduct x marks for each error
NMS	no method shown
PI	possibly implied
SCA	substantially correct approach
С	candidate
sf	significant figure(s)
dp	decimal place(s)

## No Method Shown

Where the question specifically requires a particular method to be used, we must usually see evidence of use of this method for any marks to be awarded.

Where the answer can be reasonably obtained without showing working and it is very unlikely that the correct answer can be obtained by using an incorrect method, we must award **full marks**. However, the obvious penalty to candidates showing no working is that incorrect answers, however close, earn **no marks**.

Where a question asks the candidate to state or write down a result, no method need be shown for full marks.

Where the permitted calculator has functions which reasonably allow the solution of the question directly, the correct answer without working earns **full marks**, unless it is given to less than the degree of accuracy accepted in the mark scheme, when it gains **no marks**.

## Otherwise we require evidence of a correct method for any marks to be awarded.

Q	Solution	Mark	Total	Comment		
1 (a)(i)	Grad $AB = \frac{-5-2}{31}$ OE	M1		correct unsimplified eg $\frac{25}{-1-3}$		
	$=-\frac{7}{4}$	A1	2			
(ii)	y5 = 'their grad' (x-3) y-2 = 'their grad' (x1)	M1		either pair of coordinates used correctly and attempt to find <i>c</i> if using $y=mx+c$		
	$y - 2 = -\frac{7}{4}(x + 1)$ y + 5 = -\frac{7}{4}(x - 3) y = -\frac{7}{4}x + \frac{1}{4}	A1		OE, any form of correct equation with $-$ simplified to +		
	7x + 4y = 1	A1	3	integer coefficients & in this form		
(b)(i)	(M) (1, -1.5)	B1	1	condone $x = 1$ , $y = -\frac{3}{2}$		
(ii)	Perp grad = $\frac{4}{7}$	<b>B1</b> √		perp grad = $-1/$ 'their' grad AB		
	$y\frac{3}{2} = 'their'\frac{4}{7}(x-1)$	M1		ft 'their <i>M</i> ' but must have attempted perpendicular gradient		
	$y + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{4}{7}(x - 1)$	A1	3	<b>any</b> correct form with $$ simplified to $+$ eg $8x - 14y = 29$ ; $y = \frac{4}{7}x + c$ , $c = -\frac{29}{14}$		
(c)	$(AC^{2} =) (k1)^{2} + (2k + 3 - 2)^{2}$	M1		$(k+1)^2 + (2k+1)^2$		
	$k^2 + 2k + 1 + 4k^2 + 4k + 1 = 13$					
	$5k^2 + 6k - 11 = 0$	Al		correct factors or correct use of formula as		
	(5k+11)(k-1) = 0	A1		far as $\frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{256}}{10}$		
	$\Rightarrow k = 1,  k = -\frac{11}{5}$	A1	4	10		
	Total 13					
(a) (i) NM	(a) (i) NMS grad $AB = -\frac{7}{4}$ earns 2 marks.					
(ii) must sin Condone	(ii) must simplify $y - 5$ to $y + 5$ or $x - 1$ to $x + 1$ for first A1 Condone $8y + 14x = 2$ etc for final A1, but not $7x + 4y - 1 = 0$ etc					
(b)(ii) If their gradient of AB is m, then use of $-m$ or $1/m$ can earn M1. For A1, $1/(\frac{7}{4})$ , $\frac{14.5}{7}$ etc must be simplified.						

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2	$\frac{15+7\sqrt{3}}{9+5\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{9-5\sqrt{3}}{9-5\sqrt{3}}$	M1		writing correct quotient and multiplying by correct conjugate of denominator	
	(Numerator =) $135 - 75\sqrt{3} + 63\sqrt{3} - 105$	A1		$30 - 12\sqrt{3}$	
	(Denominator = $81 - 45\sqrt{3} + 45\sqrt{3} - 75$ ) = 6	B1		must be seen as denominator	
	$\left(\frac{30-12\sqrt{3}}{6}\right) = 5 - 2\sqrt{3}$	A1cso	4	units (cm) need not be given	
	Alternative				
	$(9+5\sqrt{3})(m+n\sqrt{3})$				
	$=9m+15n+5m\sqrt{3}+9n\sqrt{3}$	(M1)		must be correct	
	9m + 15n = 15, $5m + 9n = 7$	(A1)		both equations correct	
	m = 5 , $n = -2$	(A1)		either correct	
	$5 - 2\sqrt{3}$	(A1)			
	Total		4		
	No marks if candidate uses $\frac{9+5\sqrt{3}}{15+7\sqrt{3}}$ Condone multiplication by $9-5\sqrt{3}$ instead of $\frac{9-5\sqrt{3}}{9-5\sqrt{3}}$ for <b>M1 only if</b> subsequent working shows multiplication by <b>both</b> numerator and denominator – otherwise <b>M0</b> .				
	May use alternative conjugate $\frac{15+7\sqrt{3}}{9+5\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{5\sqrt{3}-9}{5\sqrt{3}-9}$ M1 numerator = $12\sqrt{3}-30$ A1 denominator = $-6$ B1				
	Ignore any incorrect units				

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2 (a)(i)	(dv)			
3 (a)(I)	$\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\right) = \int 10x^4 + 20x^3$	M1 A1	2	one term correct all correct ( no + c etc)
(ii)	$\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 y}{\mathrm{d}x^2}\right) = 40x^3 + 60x^2$	<b>B1</b> √	1	ft their $\frac{dy}{dx}$
(b)(i)	$\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\right) = 10 - 20 = -10$	<b>B1</b> √		correctly sub $x = -1$ into their $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and evaluated correctly
	$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} < 0$ (therefore y is) decreasing	<b>E1</b> √	2	Must state "decreasing" and $\frac{dy}{dx} < 0$ ft 'therefore y is increasing' and reason
(ii)	(When $x = -1$ ) $y = 2$	B1		if their value of $\frac{dy}{dx} > 0$
	y - their'2 = their grad'(x1) but must be tangent and not normal	M1		ft ' their' value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $x = -1$ and ' their' y-coordinate
	y-2 = -10(x+1) or $y = -10x-8$ etc	A1	3	any correct tangent eqn from correct $\frac{dy}{dx}$
(c)	$\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\right) = 10(-2)^4 + 20(-2)^3$	M1		correctly sub $x = -2$ into their $\frac{dy}{dx}$
	$=160-160=0 \implies$ stationary point (when $x = -2$ )	A1		correctly shown that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ <b>plus</b> correct statement
	$\left(\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}\right) = 40(-2)^3 + 60(-2)^2$	M1		correctly sub $x = -2$ into their $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$ or other suitable test for max/min
	=-320+240=-80<0 (Therefore) <b>maximum</b> (point at <i>Q</i> )	A1	4	either $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -320 + 240 < 0$ or $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -80 < 0$
				$dx^2$ <b>plus</b> conclusion
	Total		12	
(b) (i)	Accept "gradient is negative so decreasing"	for E1		
	Do <b>not</b> accept "because <b>it</b> is negative" or " $\frac{dy}{dx} = -10$ " as reasons for <b>E1</b>			
(ii)	May earn M1 for attempt to find c using $y=mx+c$ if clearly finding tangent and not normal. Must simplify $x = -1$ to $x + 1$ for A1			
(c)	May write "their" $10x^4 + 20x^3 = 0$ and attent leading to " $x = -2$ stationary pt" for A1	npt to finc	l <i>x</i> for fir	st <b>M1</b>

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4 (a)(i)	$k - (x+3)^2 = 25 - (x+3)^2$	M1 A1	2	or $x^{2} + 6x - 16 = (x + 3)^{2} - 25$ or $q = 3$ stated
(ii)	(Max value =) 25	<b>B</b> 1√	1	ft their <i>p</i>
(b)(i)	(8+x)(2-x)	B1	1	
(ii)				
	y A	M1		$\cap$ shape
	-8 $16$ $x$	A1		curve roughly symmetrical with max to left of y-axis, curve in all 4 quadrants <b>and</b> y-intercept 16 stated or marked on y-axis
	crosses <i>x</i> -axis at $-8$ and 2	B1	3	correct - stated or marked on <i>x</i> -axis
	Total		7	
(a)(i)	<b>Example</b> $16 - (x+3)^2 - 9$ earns <b>M1</b>			
(ii)	(-3, 25) scores <b>B0</b> since maximum value no Allow maximum given as " $y = 25$ "	ot identifie	ed	
(b)(i) (ii)	Condone $-(x-2)(x+8)$ , $(x-2)(-x-8) \in$ Withhold <b>B1</b> if more than 2 intercepts	etc		

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5 (a	1)	$(-3)^3 + c(-3)^2 + d(-3) + 3$	M1		p(-3) attempted	
		-27 + 9c - 3d + 3 = 0			must see this line or equivalent, <b>and</b> must have = 0 on right or left before final result	
		$\Rightarrow 3c - d = 8$	A1	2	AG be convinced	
(b	))	$2^3 + c \times 2^2 + d \times 2 + 3 = 65$	M1		p(2) attempted & = 65	
		8+4c+2d+3=65	A1	2	correct equation in any form simplifying powers of 2 eg $4c+2d=54$	
(c)	)	5c = 35 or $10d = 130$ OE	M1		correct elimination of $c$ or $d$ using both $3c-d=8$ and their equation from (b)	
		c = 7 $d = 13$	A1 A1	3		
		Total		7		
	(a)	May use long division by $x+3$ but must reach remainder term for M1 Condone missing brackets in p(-3) expression if recovered later as $-27+9c+$ to earn A1				
	(b)	Treat parts (b) and (c) holistically May use long division by $x-2$ as far as remainder and equate their remainder to 65 for M1				
	(c)	<b>Example</b> $4c+2(3c-8)=54$ earns <b>M1</b> for elements	iminating	<i>d</i> if equa	tion in part ( <b>b</b> ) is correct	

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6 (a)(i)	$x^{3} - x^{2} - 5x + 7 = x + 7$ $\Rightarrow x^{3} - x^{2} - 5x = x$	M1		must see this line OE eg $x^3 - x^2 - 6x = 0$	
	$(x \neq 0) \Longrightarrow x^2 - x - 6 = 0$	A1	2	AG	
(ii)	(x-3)(x+2)	M1		correct	
	x = 3,  x = -2	A1		both x values correct	
	A(-2,5) and $C(3,10)$	A1	3	both pairs of coordinates correct	
(b)	$\frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{5x^2}{2} + 7x  (+c)$	M1 A1 A1	3	2 terms correct another term correct all correct	
(c)	$F(-2) = \left[\frac{(-2)^4}{4} - \frac{(-2)^3}{3} - \frac{5(-2)^2}{2} + 7(-2)\right]$	M1		F('their'-2) correctly substituting into their answer to (b), but must have scored M1 in part (b)	
	$F(0) - F(-2) = 0 - \left(\frac{16}{4} + \frac{8}{3} - \frac{20}{2} - 14\right) = \frac{52}{3}$	A1		correct value using limits correctly	
	Area of trapezium = $\left(\frac{1}{2}(5+7) \times 2\right) = 12$	B1		or rectangle plus triangle	
	Area of $R = \frac{52}{3} - 12 = \frac{16}{3}$	A1	4	$5\frac{1}{3}$ or $5.3$	
	Total		12		
(a)(ii)	<b>NMS either</b> (-2,5) <b>or</b> (3,10) scores <b>SC1</b> and <b>both correct</b> scores <b>SC3</b> Allow "when $x = 3$ , $y = 10$ <b>and</b> when $x = -2$ , $y = 5$ " instead of coordinates for final <b>A1</b>				
(c)	Condone missing brackets around "their" –2	Condone missing brackets around "their" $-2$ for M1 and if recovered and correct on next line for A1			
	Area of trapezium found by integration $\int_{0}^{0} (x+7) dx = \left[\frac{x^2}{x^2} + 7x\right]_{0}^{0} = 12$ earns <b>B1</b>				
	$ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = 2 $				
	Accept rounded answer of 5.3 etc after correct exact answer seen.				

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7					
(a)	$(x-5)^2 + (y6)^2$	M1		one term correct	
		AI		terms	
	$(x-5)^2 + (y+6)^2 = 20$	A1	3	equation completely correct	
(b) (i)	<i>C</i> (5,–6)	<b>B1</b> √	1	correct or ft their (a)	
(ii)	(radius =) $\sqrt{20}$	M1		correct or ft 'their' $\sqrt{k}$ provided RHS > 0	
	$= 2\sqrt{5}$	A1	2	must see $\sqrt{20}$ first	
(c)	Grad $AC = \frac{-6 - 2}{5 - 3}$ (= -2)	M1		correct unsimplified, ft their coords of $C$	
	Grad of tangent $=\frac{1}{2}$	<b>B1</b> √		ft their $-1/$ grad $AC$	
	Equation of tangent is $(y2) = "their \frac{1}{2}"(x-3)$	M1		clear attempt at <b>tangent</b> not normal through $(3, -2)$	
	$y+2 = \frac{1}{2}(x-3)$	A1		correct equation in any form but $y - 2$ must be simplified to $y + 2$	
	x - 2y = 7	A1 cso	5		
(d)	$AB^2 + (their r)^2 = 6^2$	M1		Pythagoras used with 6 as hypotenuse	
	$d^2 + 20 = 36$ or $(AB^2) = 36 - 20$	A1		values correct with $(2\sqrt{5})^2 = 20$ PI	
	$AB^2 = 16$				
	Hence $AB = 4$	A1cso	3	notation all correct	
	Total		14		
(a)	$(x-5)^{2} + (y-6)^{2} = (\sqrt{20})^{2}$ scores full marks				
	If final equation is correct then award 3 marks, treating earlier lines with extra terms etc as rough working. If final equation has sign errors then check to see if M1 is earned.				
	final equation is offered as $(x-5)^2 + (y+6)^2 = 20$ then award M1 A1 A1.				
	<b>Example</b> $(x-5)^2 + (y-6)^2 = 20$ earns M1 A0 ; Example $(x+5)^2 + (y-6)^2 = 20$ earns M0				
(b)(ii)	Candidates may still earn A1 here provided RHS of circle equation is 20				
(-/(-/	<b>Example</b> $(x+5)^2 + (y-6)^2 = 20$ earns <b>M0</b> in (a) but can then earn <b>M1</b> A1 for radius = $\sqrt{20} = 2\sqrt{5}$				
	<b>NMS</b> or no $\sqrt{20}$ seen; "radius = $2\sqrt{5}$ " scores <b>SC1</b> since question says "show that"				
(c)	May earn second <b>M1</b> for attempt to find <i>c</i> using $y=mx+c$ if clearly finding tangent and not normal. If their gradient of <i>AC</i> is <i>m</i> , then use of $-m$ or $1/m$ with correct coordinates can earn second <b>M1</b>				
(d)	<b>Example</b> $AB = 36 - (2\sqrt{5})^2 = 16 - 4$ scores M1 A1 A0 for poor potation				
	<b>NMS</b> $AB = 4$ scores <b>SC1</b> since no evidence that exact value of radius has been used.				

Q	Solution	Mark	Total	Comment	
8 (a)	3-6x-15x-10 > 0	M1		Correctly multiplied out with $> 0$	
	-21x > 7				
	$\Rightarrow x < -\frac{1}{3}$	A1cso	2	all working correct	
(b)	$6x^2 - x - 12 \leq 0$ (3x+4)(2x-3)	M1		correct factors or correct use of formula as	
				far as $\frac{1\pm\sqrt{289}}{12}$	
	CVs are $-\frac{4}{3}$ , $\frac{3}{2}$	A1			
	+ - +	M1		use of sign diagram or graph with CVs	
	3 2			clearly shown	
	$-\frac{4}{3} \leqslant x \leqslant \frac{3}{2}$	A1	4	or $\frac{3}{2} \ge x \ge -\frac{4}{3}$	
	Total		6		
	TOTAL		75		
(a)	Allow final answer in form $-\frac{1}{3} > x$ .				
(b)	For second M1, if critical values are correct	then sign	diagram	or sketch must be correct with	
	<i>correct CVs marked.</i> However, if CVs are not correct then second <b>M1</b> can be earned for attempt at sketch or sign diagram but				
	<i>their CVs</i> MUST be marked on the diagram or sketch.				
	Final answer of $x \leq \frac{3}{4}$ AND $x \geq -\frac{4}{4}$ (with or without working) scores 4 marks.				
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	(A) $-\frac{4}{3} < x < \frac{3}{2}$ (B) $x \le \frac{3}{2}$ OR $x \ge -\frac{4}{3}$ (C) $x \le \frac{3}{2}$ , $x \ge -\frac{4}{3}$ (D) $-\frac{4}{3} \le k \le \frac{3}{2}$				
	with or without working each score 3 marks (SC3)				
	<b>Example NMS</b> $\frac{4}{3} \le x \le \frac{5}{2}$ scores <b>M0</b> (since one CV is incorrect)				
	<b>Example NMS</b> $x < \frac{3}{2}$ , $x < -\frac{4}{3}$ scores M1 A1 M0 (since both CVs are correct)				