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Key to mark scheme abbreviations

M	Mark is for method
m	Mark is dependent on one or more M marks and is for method
A	Mark is dependent on M or m marks and is for accuracy
B	Mark is independent of M or m marks and is for method and accuracy
E	Mark is for explanation
√ or ft	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
sf	Significant figure(s)
dp	Decimal place(s)
ISW	Ignore subsequent working

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments												
2(a)	<table border="1" data-bbox="261 322 799 694"> <thead> <tr> <th>x</th> <th>y</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0.3</td> <td>$5^{0.7} = 3.085169\dots$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0.9</td> <td>$5^{0.1} = 1.1746189\dots$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.5</td> <td>$5^{-0.5} = 0.447213595\dots$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.1</td> <td>$5^{-1.1} = 0.17026798\dots$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.7</td> <td>$5^{-1.7} = 0.06482626\dots$</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> $\left[\int_0^3 5^{(1-x)} dx \approx \right]$ $0.6 \times (5^{0.7} + 5^{0.1} + 5^{-0.5} + 5^{-1.1} + 5^{-1.7})$ $= 2.965$	x	y	0.3	$5^{0.7} = 3.085169\dots$	0.9	$5^{0.1} = 1.1746189\dots$	1.5	$5^{-0.5} = 0.447213595\dots$	2.1	$5^{-1.1} = 0.17026798\dots$	2.7	$5^{-1.7} = 0.06482626\dots$	<p>B1</p> <p>All 5 correct x values (and no extra used) PI by 5 correct y values</p> <p>M1</p> <p>At least 4 correct y values in exact form or decimals, rounded or truncated to 3 dp or better (in table or formula) PI by AWRT correct answer</p> <p>m1</p> <p>Correct sub into formula with $h = 0.6$ oe and at least 4 correct y values either listed, with + signs, or totalled PI by AWRT correct answer</p> <p>A1</p> <p>CAO, must see this value exactly and no errors made</p>	
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Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
2(b)(i)	$f(x) = 5^{(1-x)} - 2x + 3$	M1	Or reverse Both values rounded or truncated to at least 1 sf
	$f(1.6) = 0.18\dots$		
	$f(1.7) = -0.075\dots$	A1	Must have both statement and interval in words or symbols or comparing 2 sides: at 1.6, $5^{-0.6} > 2 \times 1.6 - 3$ at 1.7, $5^{-0.7} < 2 \times 1.7 - 3$ (M1) Conclusion as before (A1)
	Change of sign, $1.6 < \alpha < 1.7$		
		2	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
2(b)(ii)	$x_2 = 1.690$	B1	
	$x_3 = 1.665$	B1	
		2	

	Question 2 Total	8	
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Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
3(a)	$\left[\frac{dy}{dx} = \right] -80x(3-4x^2)^9$	M1 A1	M1: $kx(3-4x^2)^9$ A1: ACF eg $10 \times (-8x)(3-4x^2)^9$ is M1 A1
		2	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
3(b)	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \ln(4x) + x \times \frac{4}{4x} + 2 \times 3 \times \sec^2(3x)$	M1 M1 B1	Correct differentiation of $\ln 4x$ Correct use of product rule Correct differentiation of $\tan 3x$ (may be in terms of \sin/\cos)
	$\left[\frac{dy}{dx} = \right] 1 + \ln(4x) + 6\sec^2(3x)$	A1	All correct ACF
		4	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
3(c)	$\left[\frac{dy}{dx} = \right]$ $\frac{(1-4x)^3(3x-2) \times 6 - (3x-2)^2(1-4x)^2 \times -12}{((1-4x)^3)^2}$	M1	$\frac{a(1-4x)^3(3x-2) - b(3x-2)^2(1-4x)^2}{(1-4x)^6}$ Maybe seen as 2 terms using product rule $a(3x-2)(1-4x)^{-3} - b(3x-2)^2(1-4x)^{-4}$
	$\left[= \frac{6 \times (1-4x)(3x-2) + 12 \times (3x-2)^2}{(1-4x)^4} \right]$	A1	All correct
	$= \frac{6 \times (3x-2)((1-4x) + 2 \times (3x-2))}{(1-4x)^4}$	m1	$\frac{c(3x-2)((1-4x) + d(3x-2))}{(1-4x)^4}$ oe
	$= \frac{6(3x-2)(2x-3)}{(1-4x)^4}$	A1	
		4	

	Question 3 Total	10	
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Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
4(a)	$\vec{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$	B1	
		1	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
4(b)	$ \vec{AB} = \sqrt{(2 - (-2))^2 + (-3 - (-1))^2 + (-1 - 4)^2}$	M1	oe
	$ \vec{AB} = \sqrt{45}$	A1	oe
		2	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
4(c)(i)	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = 7$	M1	PI
	$\cos\theta = \frac{7}{\sqrt{14}\sqrt{45}}$	m1	Allow $\cos\theta = \frac{\pm 7}{\sqrt{14}\sqrt{45}}$
	$\theta = 73.8^\circ$	A1	AWRT 73.8°
		3	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
5	$[\text{Vol} =] \pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} (1 + \sin x)^2 dx$ $[(1 + \sin x)^2 = 1 + 2\sin x + \sin^2 x]$ $[\text{Vol} = \pi] \int (1 + 2\sin x + 0.5 - 0.5\cos 2x) dx$ $= [\pi] (1.5x - 2\cos x - 0.25\sin 2x)$ $= [\pi] \left(\left(1.5 \times \frac{\pi}{3} - 2 \times 0.5 - 0.25 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) - (0 - 2 - 0) \right)$ $= \pi \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \right)$	<p>B1</p> <p>M1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>m1</p> <p>A1</p>	<p>Correct volume statement</p> <p>Correct use of double angle</p> <p>Correct integration</p> <p>Correct subst of limits into their expression (must be in the correct form, $ax + b \cos x + c \sin 2x$)</p> <p>oe</p>
	Question 5 Total	5	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
6(a)	$x = 4\sin\left(\frac{y}{3}\right)$	M1	Interchange x and y
	$\frac{x}{4} = \sin\left(\frac{y}{3}\right)$	M1	Attempt to rearrange
	$f^{-1}(x) = 3\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{4}\right)$	A1	ACF
		3	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
6(b)(i)	$[gf(x) =] \left 4\sin\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)\right $ or $4\left \sin\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)\right $	B1	
		1	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
6(b)(ii)	$0 \leq gf(x) \leq 4$	M1 A1	M1: Identifying 0 and 4 A1: Fully correct
		2	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
6(c)	Stretch + either I or II Parallel to y -axis I SF 4 II	M1	Transformations in either order
		A1	
	Stretch + either I or II Parallel to x -axis I SF 3 II	M1	
		A1	
		4	

	Question 6 Total	10	
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Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
7(a)(i)	$[16\cos\theta - 30\sin\theta =]$ $R\cos\theta\cos\alpha - R\sin\theta\sin\alpha$ $R = 34$ $\alpha = 1.08$ $34\cos(\theta + 1.08)$	 B1 B1 B1	 AWRT 1.08 AWRT 1.08
		3	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
7(a)(ii)	$[34\cos(y + 1.08 + 2) = 17]$ $y + 3.08 = \cos^{-1}(0.5)$ $y = -2.03, 2.16$	 M1 A1 A1	 PI AWRT -2.03, 2.16
		3	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
7(b)	$2\tan^2 X = 4 + \sec X$ $2(\sec^2 X - 1) = 4 + \sec X$ $(2\sec X + 3)(\sec X - 2) = 0$ $[\sec X =] -1.5, 2$ $X = -60^\circ, 60^\circ, 132^\circ, 228^\circ$ $x = -45^\circ, 75^\circ, 147^\circ, 243^\circ$	 M1 A1 A1 B2,1	 <i>X could be Y, x - 15 etc</i> Correct use of trig identity (might use sin/cos) oe At least one correct PI by one correct final answer B1 for three correct final answers
		5	

	Question 7 Total	11	
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Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
8	$\int \ln(2x+1)dx$ $u = \ln(2x+1), \quad \frac{dv}{dx} = 1$ $\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{2}{2x+1}, \quad v = x$ $\int \ln(2x+1)dx = x\ln(2x+1) - \int x \frac{2}{2x+1} dx$ $= x\ln(2x+1) - \int 1 - \frac{1}{2x+1} dx$ $= x\ln(2x+1) - x + \frac{1}{2} \ln(2x+1)$ $\left[\int_0^1 \ln(2x+1)dx = \right] \left(\ln 3 - 1 + \frac{1}{2} \ln 3 \right)$ $\qquad \qquad \qquad - \left(0 - 0 + \frac{1}{2} \ln 1 \right)$ $= \frac{3}{2} \ln(3) - 1$	<p>M1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>m1</p> <p>B1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>m1</p> <p>A1</p>	<p>Attempt at integration by parts</p> <p>All 4 terms correct</p> <p>Correct substitution into integration by parts formula</p> <p>Dividing PI</p> <p>All correct</p> <p>Substitution limits into their expression (must be in correct form eg $(ax+b)\ln(2x+1)+cx$) or could have changed limits</p> <p>ACF</p>
	Question 8 Total	7	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
9	$\frac{\tan\beta + \tan\alpha}{\tan\alpha \tan\beta} = -2 \quad \tan\alpha \tan\beta = -1,$ $\tan\beta = \frac{-1}{\tan\alpha} \quad \text{or} \quad \tan\beta = 2 - \tan\alpha$ $\tan\alpha - \frac{1}{\tan\alpha} = 2$ $\tan^2\alpha - 2\tan\alpha - 1 = 0$ $\tan\alpha = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{8}}{2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{2}$	<p>B1</p> <p>M1</p> <p>m1</p> <p>A1</p>	<p>Isolating $\tan\beta$ or $\tan\alpha$</p> <p>Equation in $\tan\beta$ or $\tan\alpha$</p> <p>Quadratic equation in $\tan\alpha$ or $\tan\beta$</p> <p>oe final answer</p>
	Question 9 Total	4	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
10(b)(ii)	$\text{Area} = \left \int_{0.5\ln 1.5}^{\ln 2} \left(\frac{1}{4}(e^{2x} - 9) - (3e^{-2x} - 2) \right) dx \right $ $= \left \left[\frac{1}{8}e^{2x} - \frac{9}{4}x + \frac{3}{2}e^{-2x} + 2x \right]_{0.5\ln 1.5}^{\ln 2} \right $ $= \left(\left(\frac{1}{8}e^{2\ln 2} - \frac{1}{4}\ln 2 + \frac{3}{2}e^{-2\ln 2} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{8}e^{\ln 1.5} - \frac{1}{8}\ln 1.5 + \frac{3}{2}e^{-\ln 1.5} \right) \right)$ $= \frac{5}{16} - \frac{1}{8}\ln\left(\frac{3}{8}\right)$	<p>B1</p> <p>M1 A1</p> <p>m1</p> <p>A1</p>	<p>Complete correct statement PI</p> <p>Attempt at integration All 4 terms correct</p> <p>Correct substitution of correct limits into their expressions of the correct form</p> <p>oe eg $\frac{5}{16} + \frac{1}{8}\ln\left(\frac{8}{3}\right)$</p>
		5	
	Question 10 Total	11	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
11(a)	$8e^{4x} + 12y \frac{dy}{dx} = e^x \times 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + e^x y^3$	M1 A1	M1: Attempt at implicit differentiation A1: Fully correct
	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^x y^3 - 8e^{4x}}{12y - 3e^x y^2}$	A1	ACF
		3	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
11(b)	$\left[\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \right] e^a b^3 = 8e^{4a}$	M1	Equating numerator to 0 and rearrange
	$b^3 = 8e^{3a} \Rightarrow b = 2e^a$	A1	AG Must be convincingly shown
		2	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
11(c)	$2e^{4a} + 6(2e^a)^2 = e^a (2e^a)^3$	M1	Equation in one variable
	or $\frac{1}{8}b^4 + 6b^2 = \frac{1}{2}b.b^3$		
	$2e^{4a} + 24e^{2a} = 8e^{4a}$	A1	$\frac{1}{8}b^4 + 6b^2 = \frac{1}{2}b^4$
	$4e^{2a} = e^{4a}$		
	$e^{2a} = 4 \quad 2a = \ln 4$		
	$a = \ln 2$	A1	oe CAO
	$b = 4$	A1	
		4	

	Question 11 Total	9	
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Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
12(a)	$u^2 = x - 2 \quad 2u \frac{du}{dx} = 1$ $\int x\sqrt{x-2} \, dx = \int (u^2 + 2) \times u \times 2u \, du$ $= \int (2u^4 + 4u^2) \, du$ $= \frac{2}{5}u^5 + \frac{4}{3}u^3$ $= \frac{2}{5}(x-2)^{\frac{5}{2}} + \frac{4}{3}(x-2)^{\frac{3}{2}} \quad [+c]$	<p>B1</p> <p>M1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>m1</p> <p>A1</p>	$u = \sqrt{x-2} \quad du = \frac{1}{2u} dx$ <p>All in terms of u</p> <p>Attempt to integrate $pu^4 + qu^2$</p> <p>ACF eg $\frac{2}{15}(x-2)^{\frac{3}{2}}(3x+4)$</p>
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Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
12(b)	$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2y}} dy = \int x\sqrt{(x-2)} dx$ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} 2y^{0.5} = \frac{2}{5}(x-2)^{\frac{5}{2}} + \frac{4}{3}(x-2)^{\frac{3}{2}} + c$ <p>At (3, 2): $2 = \frac{2}{5} + \frac{4}{3} + c$</p> $c = \frac{4}{15}$ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} 2y^{0.5} = \frac{2}{5}(x-2)^{\frac{5}{2}} + \frac{4}{3}(x-2)^{\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{4}{15}$ $\sqrt{2}y^{0.5} = \frac{1}{15} \left(6(x-2)^{\frac{5}{2}} + 20(x-2)^{\frac{3}{2}} + 4 \right)$ $y = \frac{2}{225} \left(3(x-2)^{\frac{5}{2}} + 10(x-2)^{\frac{3}{2}} + 2 \right)^2$	<p>M1</p> <p>m1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>m1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>m1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Separate variables</p> <p>Attempt to integrate both sides</p> <p>All correct oe</p> $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} 2y^{0.5} = \frac{2}{3}x(x-2)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{4}{15}(x-2)^{\frac{5}{2}} + c$ <p>Attempt to find c (must have scored M1m1)</p> <p>A1</p> <p>Attempt to isolate y: $y = \frac{(\text{their RHS})^2}{2}$ (must have scored M1m1m1) oe</p> <p>ACF eg $\frac{2}{225} \left((x-2)^{\frac{3}{2}}(3x+4) + 2 \right)^2$</p> $\frac{2}{225} \left(5x(x-2)^{\frac{3}{2}} - 2(x-2)^{\frac{5}{2}} + 2 \right)^2$
Question 12 Total		12	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
13(a)	$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{(t-1)2-2t}{(t-1)^2}$	M1	Either correct
	$\frac{dy}{dt} = 1 + \frac{1}{t^2}$	A1	Both correct ACF
	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{t^2}\right)(t-1)^2}{-2}$	m1	Correct ft
	When $t = 2$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{5}{8}$	A1	
	$x = 4, y = \frac{3}{2}$	B1	
	$y - \frac{3}{2} = -\frac{5}{8}(x - 4)$	M1	Correct equation
	$8y - 12 = -5x + 20$		
	$5x + 8y = 32$	A1	Allow integer multiples
		7	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
13(b)	$x = \frac{2t}{t-1}$		
	$(t-1)x = 2t$		
	$t = \frac{x}{x-2}$	M1	Attempt to isolate t
	$y = t - \frac{1}{t}, \quad y = \frac{x}{x-2} - \frac{x-2}{x}$	M1	Attempt to eliminate t
	$y = \left[\frac{x^2 - x^2 + 4x - 4}{x(x-2)} = \frac{4x-4}{x(x-2)} = \right] \frac{4(x-1)}{x(x-2)}$	A1	
		3	

	Question 13 Total	10	
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Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
14(a)	$4x + 4 = P(b - ax) + Q(a - bx)$	B1	Correctly eliminating fractions
	$x = \frac{b}{a}, \frac{4b}{a} + 4 = Q\left(a - \frac{b^2}{a}\right)$	M1	Attempt at finding P or Q
	$Q(a^2 - b^2) = 4b + 4a$	A1	
	$Q = \frac{4b + 4a}{(a^2 - b^2)} \quad \left[= \frac{4}{a - b} \right]$		
	$x = \frac{a}{b}, \frac{4a}{b} + 4 = P\left(b - \frac{a^2}{b}\right)$		
	$P(b^2 - a^2) = 4b + 4a$		
	$P = \frac{4b + 4a}{(b^2 - a^2)} \quad \left[= \frac{4}{b - a} \right]$	A1	Both correct
		4	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
14(b)	$(a - bx)^{-1} = \frac{1}{a} \left(1 - \frac{b}{a}x\right)^{-1}$	M1	
	$= \frac{1}{a} \left(1 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{b^2}{a^2}x^2\right)$	A1	oe
		2	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
14(c)(i)	$(b-ax)^{-1} = \frac{1}{b} \left(1 + \frac{a}{b}x + \frac{a^2}{b^2}x^2 \right)$	M1	Correct expansion oe
	$\frac{4}{b-a} \left(\frac{1}{a} \left(1 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{b^2}{a^2}x^2 \right) - \frac{1}{b} \left(1 + \frac{a}{b}x + \frac{a^2}{b^2}x^2 \right) \right)$ $= \frac{4}{b-a} \left(\left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} \right) + \left(\frac{b}{a^2} - \frac{a}{b^2} \right)x + \left(\frac{b^2}{a^3} - \frac{a^2}{b^3} \right)x^2 \right)$	A1	ACF
		2	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
14(c)(ii)	$\frac{4}{a} \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{2}{a}x + \frac{4}{a}x^2 - \frac{1}{2a} - \frac{1}{4a}x - \frac{1}{8a}x^2 \right)$	M1	
	$= \frac{4}{a^2} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{7}{4}x + \frac{31}{8}x^2 \right)$ $= \frac{1}{a^2} \left(2 + 7x + \frac{31}{2}x^2 \right)$	A1	
		2	

	Question 14 Total	10	
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