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MARK SCHEME

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Mark Scheme Notes

Marks are of the following three types:

M Method mark, awarded for a valid method applied to the problem. Method marks are not lost for numerical errors, algebraic slips or errors in units. However, it is not usually sufficient for a candidate just to indicate an intention of using some method or just to quote a formula; the formula or idea must be applied to the specific problem in hand, e.g. by substituting the relevant quantities into the formula. Correct application of a formula without the formula being quoted obviously earns the M mark and in some cases an M mark can be implied from a correct answer.

A Accuracy mark, awarded for a correct answer or intermediate step correctly obtained. Accuracy marks cannot be given unless the associated method mark is earned (or implied).

B Mark for a correct result or statement independent of method marks.

- When a part of a question has two or more ‘method’ steps, the M marks are generally independent unless the scheme specifically says otherwise; and similarly when there are several B marks allocated. The notation DM or DB (or dep*) is used to indicate that a particular M or B mark is dependent on an earlier M or B (asterisked) mark in the scheme. When two or more steps are run together by the candidate, the earlier marks are implied and full credit is given.
- The symbol FT implies that the A or B mark indicated is allowed for work correctly following on from previously incorrect results. Otherwise, A or B marks are given for correct work only. A and B marks are not given for fortuitously “correct” answers or results obtained from incorrect working.
- Note: B2 or A2 means that the candidate can earn 2 or 0.
B2/1/0 means that the candidate can earn anything from 0 to 2.

The marks indicated in the scheme may not be subdivided. If there is genuine doubt whether a candidate has earned a mark, allow the candidate the benefit of the doubt. Unless otherwise indicated, marks once gained cannot subsequently be lost, e.g. wrong working following a correct form of answer is ignored.

- Wrong or missing units in an answer should not lead to the loss of a mark unless the scheme specifically indicates otherwise.
- For a numerical answer, allow the A or B mark if a value is obtained which is correct to 3 s.f., or which would be correct to 3 s.f. if rounded (1 d.p. in the case of an angle). As stated above, an A or B mark is not given if a correct numerical answer arises fortuitously from incorrect working. For Mechanics questions, allow A or B marks for correct answers which arise from taking g equal to 9.8 or 9.81 instead of 10.

The following abbreviations may be used in a mark scheme or used on the scripts:

AEF/OE Any Equivalent Form (of answer is equally acceptable) / Or Equivalent

- AG Answer Given on the question paper (so extra checking is needed to ensure that the detailed working leading to the result is valid)
- CAO Correct Answer Only (emphasising that no 'follow through' from a previous error is allowed)
- CWO Correct Working Only – often written by a 'fortuitous' answer
- ISW Ignore Subsequent Working
- SOI Seen or implied
- SR Special Ruling (detailing the mark to be given for a specific wrong solution, or a case where some standard marking practice is to be varied in the light of a particular circumstance)

Penalties

- MR –1 A penalty of MR –1 is deducted from A or B marks when the data of a question or part question are genuinely misread and the object and difficulty of the question remain unaltered. In this case all A and B marks then become 'follow through' marks. MR is not applied when the candidate misreads his own figures – this is regarded as an error in accuracy. An MR –2 penalty may be applied in particular cases if agreed at the coordination meeting.
- PA –1 This is deducted from A or B marks in the case of premature approximation. The PA –1 penalty is usually discussed at the meeting.

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	Use subtraction or addition property of logarithms	*M1	
	Obtain $\frac{3x+1}{x+2} = e$ or equivalent with no presence of logarithm	A1	
	Use correct process to solve equation	DM1	
	Obtain $\frac{2e-1}{3-e}$ or exact equivalent	A1	
		4	

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2	Use $\cos 2\theta = 2\cos^2 \theta - 1$	B1	
	Obtain $10\cos^3 \theta = 4$ or equivalent	B1	
	Use correct process to find at least one value of θ from equation of form $k_1 \cos^3 \theta = k_2$	M1	
	Obtain 42.5	A1	
	Obtain 317.5 and no others between 0 and 360	A1	
		5	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	Take logarithms of both sides and apply power law	M1	Condone incorrect inequality signs until final answer. The first 6 marks are for obtaining the correct critical values.
	Obtain $2x < \frac{\ln 80}{\ln 1.3}$ or equivalent using $\log_{10}$	A1	
	Obtain $x = 8.35\dots$	A1	
	State or imply non-modulus inequality $(3x-1)^2 > (3x-10)^2$ or corresponding equation or linear equation $3x-1 = -(3x-10)$	B1	
	Attempt solution of inequality or equation (obtaining 3 terms when squaring each bracket or solving linear equation with signs of $3x$ different)	M1	
	Obtain $x = \frac{11}{6}$ or $x = 1.83\dots$	A1	
	Conclude $1.83 < x < 8.35$	A1	
		7	

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4(a)	Obtain integrand of form $a \sec^2 \theta + b$	M1	
	Obtain correct $5 \sec^2 \theta - 1$	A1	
	Integrate to obtain form $a \tan \theta + b\theta$	M1	
	Obtain $5 \tan \theta - \theta + c$	A1	
		4	
4(b)	Obtain integral of form $k \ln(3x+1)$	*M1	
	Apply limits and obtain $\frac{2}{3} \ln(3a+1) = \ln 16$	A1	
	Obtain equation with no presence of $\ln$	DM1	
	Obtain 21	A1	
		4	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
5(i)	Substitute $x = -2$ and equate to zero	*M1	
	Substitute $x = \frac{1}{2}$ and equate to 40	*M1	
	Obtain $-8a + 4b - 64 = 0$ and $\frac{1}{8}a + \frac{1}{4}b = \frac{23}{2}$ or equivalents	A1	
	Solve a pair of simultaneous equations for a or for b	DM1	Needs at least one of the two previous M marks
	Obtain $a = 12$ and $b = 40$	A1	
		5	
5(ii)	Attempt division by $(x + 2)$ or inspection at least as far as $kx^2 + mx$	M1	
	Obtain $12x^2 + 16x + 5$	A1	
	Conclude $(x + 2)(2x + 1)(6x + 5)$	A1	
		3	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6(i)	Obtain $\frac{dx}{dt} = 4e^{2t} + 4e^t$	B1	
	Use product rule to find $\frac{dy}{dt}$	M1	
	Obtain $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{5e^{2t} + 10te^{2t}}{4e^{2t} + 4e^t}$ or equivalent	A1	
	Equate first derivative of the form $\frac{ae^{2t} + bte^{2t}}{ce^{2t} + de^t}$ to zero and solve to find t	M1	
	Obtain $t = -\frac{1}{2}$ from completely correct work	A1	
	Obtain $(3.16, -0.92)$	A1	
		6	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6(ii)	Identify $t = 0$	B1	
	Substitute $t = 0$ in expression for first derivative and find negative reciprocal	M1	
	Obtain $-\frac{8}{5}$ or equivalent	A1	
		3	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
7(i)	Differentiate to obtain form $k_1x + k_2 + k_3 \sin \frac{1}{2}x$	*M1	
	Obtain correct $2x + 3 - \frac{5}{2} \sin \frac{1}{2}x$ and deduce or imply gradient at P is 3	A1	
	Equate first derivative to their -3 and rearrange	DM1	
	Obtain $x = \frac{5}{4} \sin \frac{1}{2}x - 3$	A1	
		4	
7(ii)	Consider sign of their $2x + 6 - \frac{5}{2} \sin \frac{1}{2}x$ at -4.5 and -4.0 or equivalent	M1	
	Complete argument correctly for correct expression with appropriate calculations	A1	
		2	
7(iii)	Use iteration formula correctly at least once	M1	
	Obtain final answer -4.11	A1	
	Show sufficient iterations to justify accuracy to 3 sf or show sign change in interval $(-4.115, -4.105)$	A1	
		3	