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**Student Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Task 4**  
**September 2014**

# Preliminary HSC Mathematics

**General Instructions**

- Reading time – 5 minutes
- Working time – 2 hours and 30 minutes
- Write using black or blue pen  
Black pen is preferred
- Board-approved calculators may be used
- Show all necessary working in Questions 9 - 13

**Total marks – 83**

**Section I**  
**8 marks**

- Attempt Questions 1 - 8
- Allow about 15 minutes for this section

**Section II**  
**75 marks**

- Attempt Questions 9 - 13
- Allow about 2 hours and 15 minutes for this section

**Section I**

**8 Marks**

**Attempt Questions 1 – 8**

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**Use the answer sheet for Questions 1 – 8.**

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1. What is  $\frac{2}{3-\sqrt{2}}$  as a fraction with a rational denominator?
  - (A)  $\frac{6-2\sqrt{2}}{7}$
  - (B)  $\frac{6+2\sqrt{2}}{7}$
  - (C)  $6-2\sqrt{2}$
  - (D)  $6+2\sqrt{2}$
  
2. What is the value of  $f(-1)$  if  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x$ ?
  - (A)  $f(-1) = -3$
  - (B)  $f(-1) = -5$
  - (C)  $f(-1) = 3$
  - (D)  $f(-1) = 5$
  
3. Select the axis of symmetry of the parabola  $y = 5x^2 - 4x - 3$ .
  - (A)  $x = \frac{4}{5}$
  - (B)  $x = \frac{2}{5}$
  - (C)  $x = -\frac{3}{5}$
  - (D)  $x = -\frac{4}{5}$

4. Which of the following is true for the equation  $3x^2 - 5x - 2 = 0$ ?

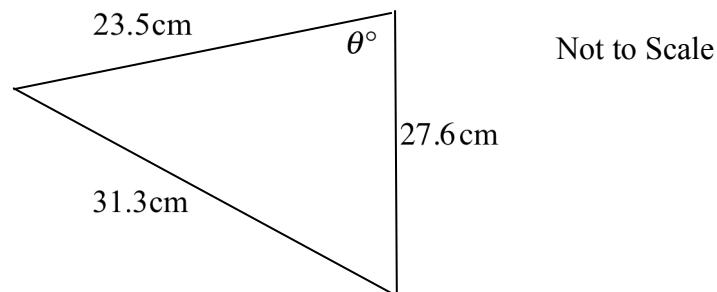
- (A) no real roots
- (B) one real root
- (C) two rational distinct roots
- (D) two irrational distinct roots.

5. Find the value of  $b$  if  $\sin 2b = \cos (b + 30^\circ)$

- (A)  $20^\circ$
- (B)  $30^\circ$
- (C)  $40^\circ$
- (D)  $50^\circ$

6. Which of the following is **NOT** a correct expression involving  $\theta$  in  $\triangle ABC$ ?

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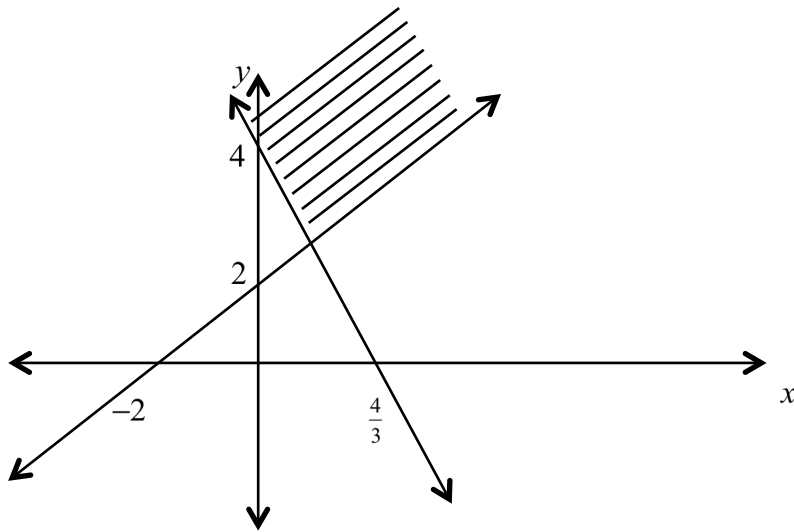
(A)  $31.3^2 = 27.6^2 + 23.5^2 - 2 \times 27.6 \times 23.5 \cos \theta$

(B)  $\cos \theta = \frac{23.5^2 + 27.6^2 - 31.3^2}{2 \times 23.5 \times 27.6}$

(C)  $\frac{31.3}{\sin \theta} = \frac{27.6}{\sin 58^\circ 26'}$

(D)  $\frac{\sin \theta}{31.3} = \frac{\sin 58^\circ 26'}{23.5}$

7. Which pair of inequalities describes the shaded region?



(A)  $y \geq 4 - 3x$   
 $y \geq x + 2$

(B)  $y \geq 4 - 3x$   
 $y \leq x + 2$

(C)  $y \leq 4 - 3x$   
 $y \geq x + 2$

(D)  $y \leq 4 - 3x$   
 $y \leq x + 2$

8. If  $\operatorname{cosec} \theta = -\frac{5}{3}$  and  $\cos \theta > 0$ , find  $\cot \theta$ .

(A)  $\cot \theta = \frac{3}{4}$

(B)  $\cot \theta = \frac{4}{3}$

(C)  $\cot \theta = -\frac{3}{4}$

(D)  $\cot \theta = -\frac{4}{3}$

**End of Section I**

## Section II

75 Marks

Attempt Questions 9 - 13

Allow about 2 hours 15 minutes for this section

Answer each question on the writing paper provided. Start each question on a new page.  
In Questions 9 - 13, your responses should include relevant mathematical reasoning and/or calculations.

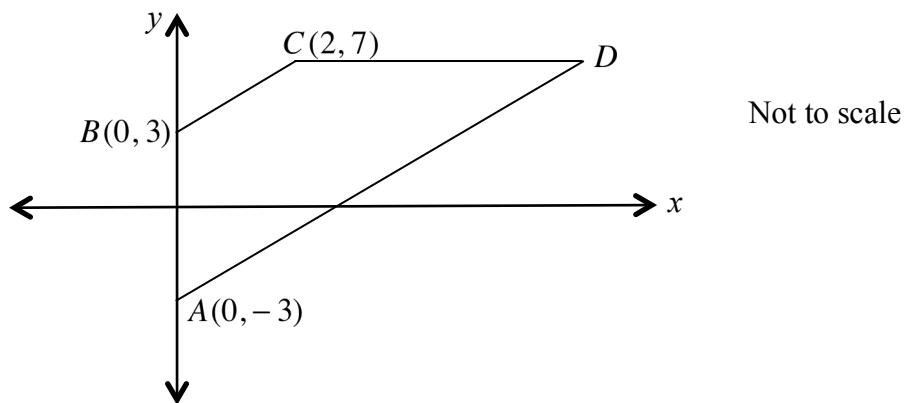
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### Question 9 (15 marks)

- (a) Evaluate  $\sqrt{\frac{2.3^2 + 3.7^2}{7.5}}$  correct to 2 significant figures. 2
- (b) Factorise  $x^3 - 125$ . 1
- (c) Solve  $|2x - 3| = 7$  for  $x$ . 2
- (d) Consider the function  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 3$ .
- (i) Find the  $x$  and  $y$  intercepts. 2
- (ii) Find the minimum value of the function. 2
- (iii) Sketch the function. 1
- (iv) For what values of  $x$  is the curve decreasing? 1
- (e) Sketch the locus of the point that moves so that it is always 2 units from the point  $P(4, 2)$ . 2
- (f) If  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 10$  find:
- (i)  $f'(x)$ . 1
- (ii) the value of  $x$  for which  $f'(x) = 0$ . 1

**Question 10 (15 marks) Start a new page.**

- (a) Find the exact value of  $\tan 300^\circ$ . 2
- (b) In solving a quadratic equation, a student wrote down  $x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 96}}{6}$ . 2  
 What was the original quadratic equation?
- (c) (i) Solve the inequality  $(x + 10)(x + 2) \geq 0$  for  $x$ . 2  
 (ii) Hence state the domain of  $\sqrt{x^2 + 12x + 20}$ . 1
- (d) In the diagram,  $ABCD$  is a quadrilateral. The equation of the line  $AD$  is  $2x - y - 3 = 0$ .



- (i) The line  $CD$  is parallel to the  $x$ -axis. Find the coordinates of  $D$ . 1
- (ii) Show that  $ABCD$  is a trapezium by showing that  $BC$  is parallel to  $AD$ . 2
- (iii) Find the exact lengths of  $BC$  and  $AD$ . 2
- (iv) Show that the perpendicular distance from  $B$  to  $AD$  is  $\frac{6}{\sqrt{5}}$  units. 2
- (v) Hence find the area of the trapezium  $ABCD$ . 1

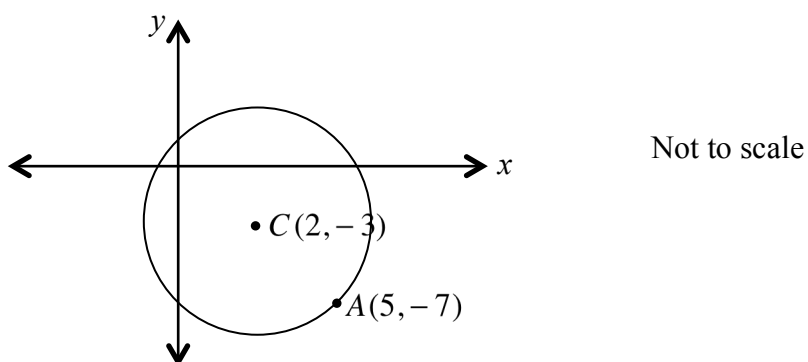
Note:  $A = \frac{1}{2}(a + b)h$

**Question 11 (15 marks) Start a new page.**

(a) Simplify  $\frac{m^2 - 4}{mn} \times \frac{2m}{2m - 4}$ . 2

(b) Explain why  $x^2 + 6x + 11$  is positive definite. 2

(c) A circle with centre  $C(2, -3)$  has one end of a diameter at  $A(5, -7)$ . Find the coordinates of the other end of the diameter. 2



(d) Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the equation  $3x^2 + 5x - 1 = 0$ . Find:

(i)  $\alpha + \beta$  1

(ii)  $\alpha\beta$  1

(iii)  $(\alpha + 1)(\beta + 1)$  2

(e) Differentiate the following with respect to  $x$ :

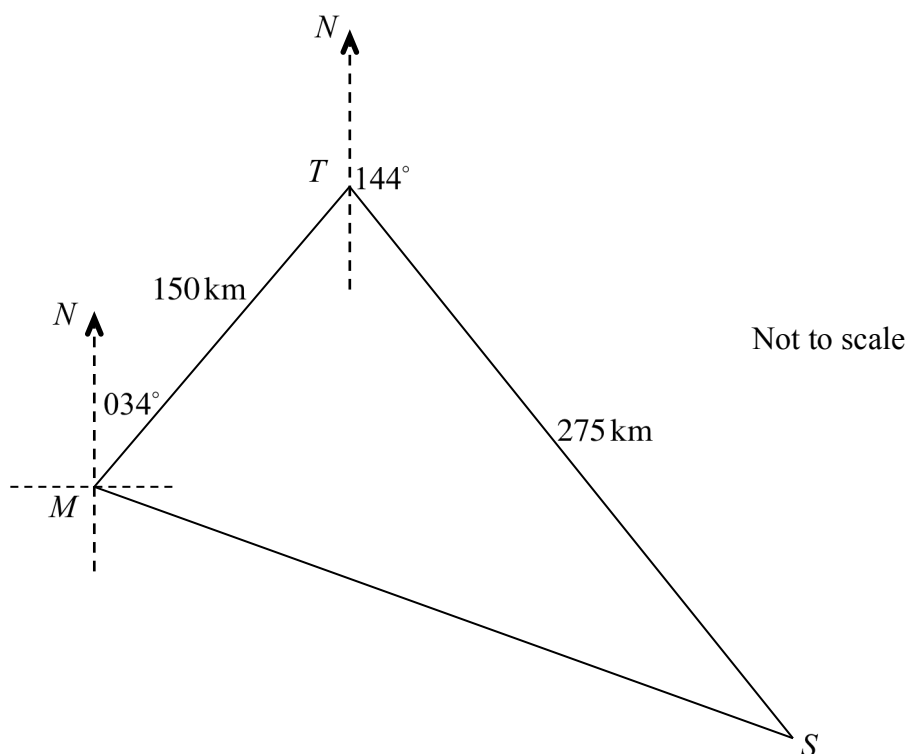
(i)  $x^{-3}$  1

(ii)  $(x - 3)(2x + 1)$  2

(iii)  $\frac{5x^6 - 7x^2}{x}$  2

**Question 12 (15 marks) Start a new page.**

- (a) A parabola has focus  $S(2, -1)$  and the equation of the directrix is  $x = -4$ .
- (i) Mark this information on a diagram and find the coordinates of the vertex. 2
- (ii) Write down the equation of the parabola. 1
- (b) Solve the equation  $(x^2 - 2)^2 - 4(x^2 - 2) - 21 = 0$  for  $x$ . 3
- (c) A ship sails from Melbourne,  $M$ , for 150 kilometres on a bearing of  $034^\circ$  to point  $T$ . It then sails on a bearing of  $144^\circ$  for 275 kilometres to point  $S$  as shown in the diagram below.



Copy the above diagram neatly onto your page.

- (i) Show that  $\angle MTS = 70^\circ$ . 1
- (ii) How far, to the nearest kilometre, is the ship at point  $S$ , from Melbourne,  $M$ ? 2
- (iii) What is the bearing of the ship,  $S$ , from Melbourne,  $M$ , to the nearest degree? 2



**Question 12 continued**

(d) A function is given by  $f(x) = x^2 - 1$ .

(i) Find  $f(2)$  and  $f(2+h)$ . **2**

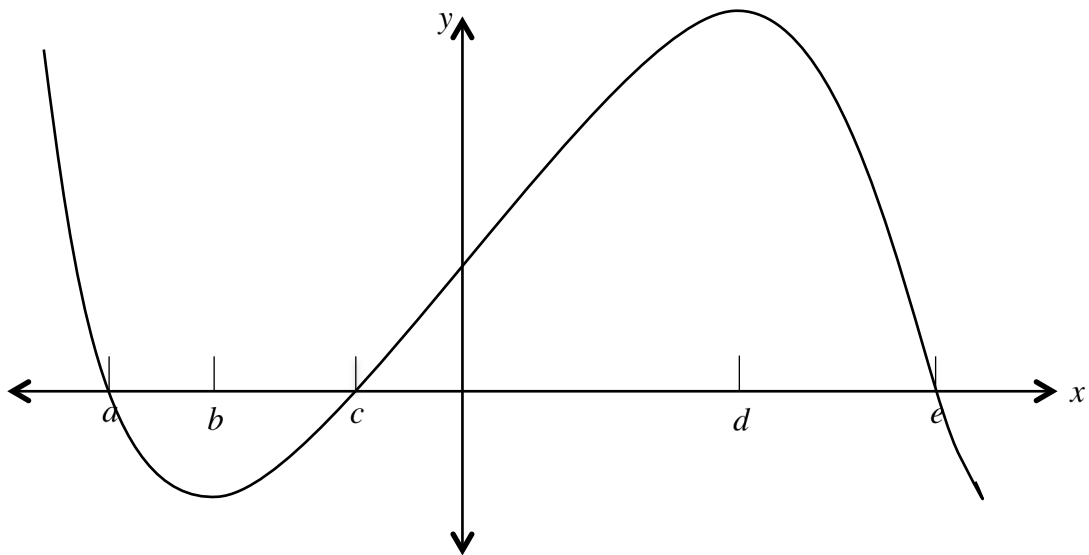
(ii) Show that  $\frac{f(2+h) - f(2)}{h} = 4 + h$ . **1**

(iii) Hence, or otherwise, find  $f'(2)$ . **1**

**Question 13 (15 marks)      Start a new page.**

(a) If  $2x^2 - 3x - 4 \equiv A(x+2)^2 + B(x+2) + C$  for all values of  $x$ , find the values of  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ . **3**

(b) The curve below represents the graph of function  $y = f(x)$ .



(i) Is the function odd, even or neither? **1**

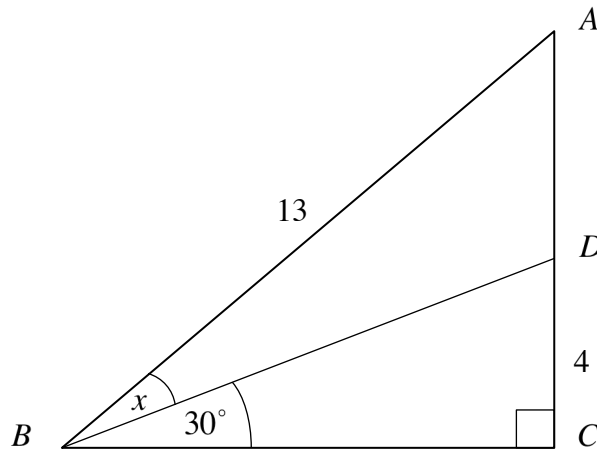
(ii) At what point(s) is  $f(x) = 0$ ? **1**

(iii) Where is the gradient of the function equal to zero? **1**

(iv) Where is the gradient of the function positive? **1**

**Question 13 continued**

- (c) The right-angled triangle  $ABC$  has hypotenuse  $AB = 13$ . The point  $D$  is on  $AC$  such that  $DC = 4$ ,  $\angle DBC = 30^\circ$  and  $\angle ABD = x$ .



Not to scale

- (i) Find the length of  $BD$ . 1
- (ii) Using the sine rule, or otherwise, find the exact value of  $\sin x$ . 3
- (d) (i) If the line  $y = x + m$  cuts the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ , show that the  $x$ -coordinates of the points of intersection can be found by solving  $2x^2 + 2mx + m^2 - 4 = 0$ . 1
- (ii) For what value(s) of  $m$  will the line  $y = x + m$  be a tangent to the circle? 3

***End of Section II***

# Kambala Preliminary HSC Mathematics

## Assessment Task 4

September 2014

### SOLUTIONS

$$1. \frac{2}{3-\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{3+\sqrt{2}}{3+\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{6+2\sqrt{2}}{7} \quad \text{(B)}$$

$$2. f(x) = x^2 - 4x$$

$$f(-1) = (-1)^2 - 4(-1)$$

$$= 1 + 4$$

$$= 5 \quad \text{(D)}$$

$$3. y = 5x^2 - 4x - 3$$

$$x = \frac{-b}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{4}{2(5)}$$

$$x = \frac{2}{5} \quad \text{(B)}$$

$$4. 3x^2 - 5x - 2 = 0$$

$$\Delta = (-5)^2 - 4(3)(-2)$$

$$= 25 + 24$$

$$= 49$$

$\therefore \Delta > 0 \Rightarrow$  two distinct roots

$\Delta$  is a perfect square

$\Rightarrow$  rational roots (C)

$$5. \sin 2b = \cos(b+30)$$

$$2b + b + 30 = 90^\circ$$

$$3b + 30 = 90$$

$$3b = 60$$

$$b = 20^\circ \quad \text{(A)}$$

$$6. \text{D} \quad \text{(Using Cosine Rule, angle btw } 23.5 \text{ and } 31.3 \text{ is } 58^\circ 26')$$

$$7. y \geq 4 - 3x$$

test (0,0)

$$0 \geq 4$$

false

$\therefore$  region above  $y = 4 - 3x$

$$\therefore y \geq 4 - 3x$$

$$y \geq x + 2$$

test (2,5)

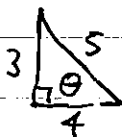
$$5 \geq 2 + 2$$

true

$$\therefore y \geq 4 - 3x, y \geq x + 2 \quad \text{(A)}$$

$$8. \operatorname{cosec} \theta = -\frac{5}{3}, \cos \theta > 0$$

Quadrant 4



$$\cot \theta = -\frac{4}{3} \quad \text{(D)}$$

### Question 9

$$a) \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 3^2 + 3 \cdot 7^2}{7.5}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{5 \cdot 29 + 13 \cdot 69}{7.5}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{18 \cdot 98}{7.5}}$$

$$= \sqrt{2.5306}$$

$$\approx 1.5908$$

$$= 1.6 \text{ (to 2 sig figs)}$$

$$b) x^3 - 125$$

$$= (x-5)(x^2 + 5x + 25)$$

$$c) |2x-3| = 7$$

$$2x-3=7 \text{ or } 3-2x=7$$

$$2x=10$$

$$x=5$$

$$-2x=4$$

$$x=-2$$

$$\therefore x = -2, 5$$

$$d) f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 3$$

$$i) \text{ when } x=0, y=-3$$

$$\text{when } f(x)=0, (x+3)(x-1)=0$$

$$\therefore x = -3, 1$$

$$\therefore \text{intercepts at } (0, -3), (-3, 0), (1, 0)$$

$$ii) \text{ vertex at } x = -\frac{b}{2a}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-2}{2}$$

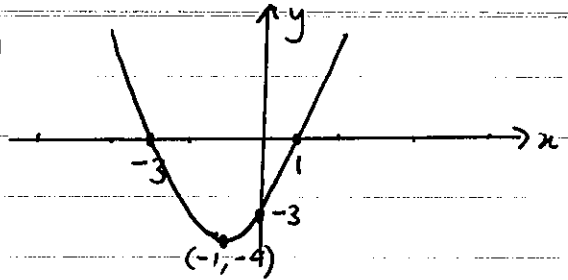
$$\therefore x = -1$$

$$\text{When } x=-1, f(x) = (-1)^2 + 2(-1) - 3$$

$$\therefore f(x) = -4$$

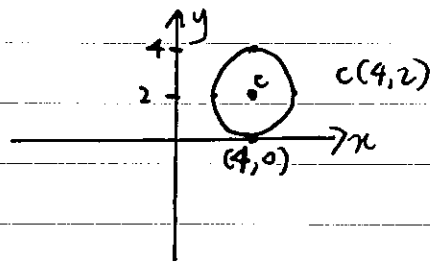
$$\therefore \text{minimum value is } -4$$

iii)



iv) curve decreasing when  $x < -1$

e) Locus is a circle with  $c(4, 2)$  and radius 2 units



$$f) f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 10$$

$$i) f'(x) = 2x + 3$$

$$ii) f'(x) = 0 \text{ when } 2x + 3 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = -\frac{3}{2}$$

### Question 10

$$a) \tan 300^\circ$$

$$= -\tan 60^\circ$$

$$= -\sqrt{3}$$

$$b) x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 96}}{6}$$

$$b = -4$$

$$a = 3$$

$$-4ac = 96$$

$$\therefore -12c = 96$$

$$\therefore c = -8$$

$$\therefore \text{eqn: } 3x^2 - 4x - 8 = 0$$

$$c) i) (x+10)(x+2) \geq 0$$



By inspection,  $x \leq -10, x \geq -2$

$$ii) \sqrt{x^2 + 12x + 20}$$

need domain  $x^2 + 12x + 20 \geq 0$

$$\therefore \{x : x \leq -10, x \geq -2\}$$

d) i) D has y co-ordinate  $y = 7$

D lies on AD

$\therefore$  lies on  $2x - y - 3 = 0$

$$\therefore 2x - 7 - 3 = 0$$

$$2x - 10 = 0$$

$$x = 5$$

$\therefore$  D is the point (5, 7)

$$ii) m_{BC} = \frac{7-3}{2-0}$$

$$= \frac{4}{2}$$

$$= 2$$

$$m_{AD} = \frac{7+3}{5-0}$$

$$= \frac{10}{5}$$

$$= 2$$

$$\therefore m_{BC} = m_{AD}$$

$$\therefore BC \parallel AD$$

$\therefore$  ABCD is a trapezium

$$iii) d_{BC} = \sqrt{(7-3)^2 + (2-0)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{20}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{5}$$

$$d_{AD} = \sqrt{(5-0)^2 + (7+3)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{25 + 100}$$

$$= \sqrt{125}$$

$$= 5\sqrt{5}$$

$$iv) d = \left| \frac{ax_1 + by_1 + c}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{2(0) - 1(3) - 3}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (-1)^2}} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{-6}{\sqrt{5}} \right|$$

$$= \frac{6}{\sqrt{5}} \text{ units as required}$$

$$v) A = \frac{1}{2}(a+b)h$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(2\sqrt{5} + 5\sqrt{5}) \frac{6}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$= \frac{21\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$= 21 \text{ units}^2$$

Question 11

$$a) \frac{m^2 - 4}{mn} \times \frac{2m}{2m - 4}$$

$$\frac{(m-2)(m+2) \times 2m}{mn \cdot 2(m-2)}$$

$$= \frac{m+2}{n}$$

$$b) x^2 + 6x + 11$$

$$\Delta = (6)^2 - 4(1)(11)$$

$$= 36 - 44$$

$$= -12$$

$$\therefore \Delta < 0$$

∴ no real roots

∴ doesn't cross x-axis

∴ definite

$$a > 0$$

∴ positive definite

c) C (2, -3) A (5, -7)

Let B be the other point

∴ C is the midpoint of AB

$$\therefore 2 = \frac{5+x_2}{2} \quad -3 = \frac{-7+y_2}{2}$$

$$4 = 5+x_2 \quad -6 = -7+y_2$$

$$\therefore x_2 = -1 \quad \therefore y_2 = 1$$

∴ B is the point (-1, 1)

d)  $3x^2 + 5x - 1 = 0$

i)  $\alpha + \beta = -\frac{5}{3}$

ii)  $\alpha\beta = -\frac{1}{3}$

iii)  $(\alpha+1)(\beta+1)$

$$= \alpha\beta + \alpha + \beta + 1$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} + -\frac{5}{3} + 1$$

$$= -1$$

e) i)  $\frac{d}{dx} x^{-3}$

$$= -3x^{-4}$$

$$= -\frac{3}{x^4}$$

ii)  $\frac{d}{dx} (x-3)(2x+1)$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} 2x^2 - 5x - 3$$

$$= 4x - 5$$

iii)  $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{5x^6 - 7x^2}{x}$   
 $= \frac{d}{dx} (5x^5 - 7x)$

$$= 25x^4 - 7$$

Question 12

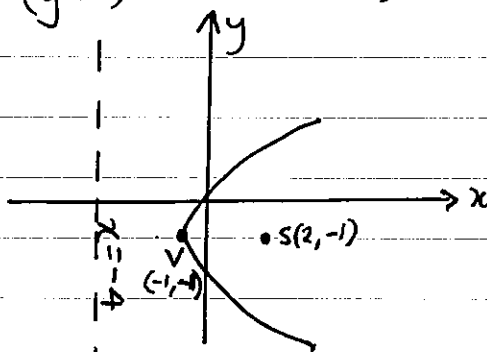
a) i) S (2, -1) d:  $x = -4$

concave right parabola

V (-1, -1)

ii)  $(y+1)^2 = 4(3)(x+1)$

$$(y+1)^2 = 12(x+1)$$



b)  $(x^2-2)^2 - 4(x^2-2) - 21 = 0$

let  $u = x^2 - 2$

$$\therefore u^2 - 4u - 21 = 0$$

$$(u-7)(u+3) = 0$$

$$u = 7, -3$$

$$\therefore x^2 - 2 = 7 \quad \text{or} \quad x^2 - 2 = -3$$

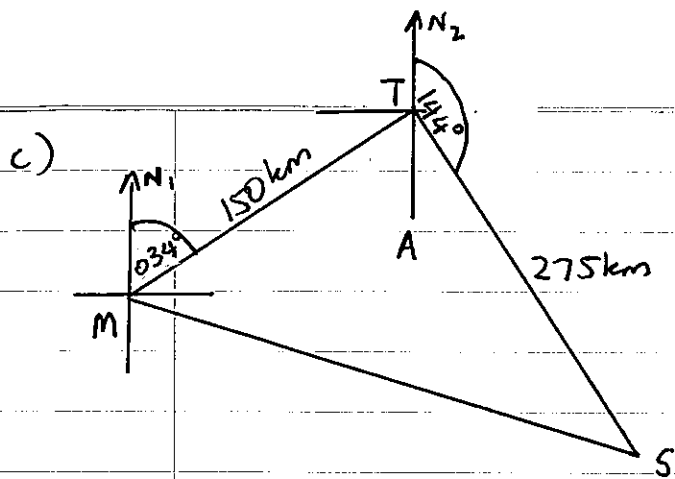
$$x^2 = 9$$

$$\therefore x = \pm 3$$

$$\therefore x = \pm 3$$

$$x^2 = -1$$

no real solutions



i)  $\angle MTA = 34^\circ$  (alternate angles in parallel lines)

$\angle STA + 144 = 180$  (angle sum of straight angle)

$\therefore \angle STA = 36$

$\therefore \angle MTS = 34 + 36$

$\therefore \angle MTS = 70^\circ$  as required

ii)  $(MS)^2 = (150)^2 + (275)^2 - 2(150)(275)\cos 70^\circ$   
 $= 22500 + 75625 - 82500\cos 70^\circ$   
 $= 98125 - 28216 \cdot 66182$   
 $= 69908 \cdot 33817$

$MS \approx 264.4 \text{ km}$

$\therefore MS = 264 \text{ km}$  (to nearest km)

iii)  $\frac{\sin \angle TMS}{275} = \frac{\sin 70^\circ}{MS}$

$\sin \angle TMS = 0.977358785$

$\angle TMS = 78^\circ$  (to nearest degree)

Bearing =  $(034^\circ + 078^\circ)$

$\therefore$  Bearing =  $112^\circ$

d)  $f(x) = x^2 - 1$

i)  $f(2) = (2)^2 - 1$   
 $= 3$

$f(2+h) = (2+h)^2 - 1$

$f(2+h) = 4 + 4h + h^2 - 1$   
 $= h^2 + 4h + 3$

ii)  $\frac{f(2+h) - f(2)}{h}$

$= \frac{h^2 + 4h + 3 - 3}{h}$

$= \frac{h(h+4)}{h}$

$= 4+h$  as required

iii)  $f'(x) = 2x$

$\therefore f'(2) = 2(2)$

$= 4$

Question 13

a)  $2x^2 - 3x - 4 \equiv A(x+2)^2 + B(x+2) + C$

when  $x=0$ :  $2(0)^2 - 3(0) - 4 = A(0+2)^2 + B(0+2) + C$

$-4 = 4A + 2B + C$

when  $x=-2$ :  $2(-2)^2 - 3(-2) - 4 = A(-2+2)^2 + B(-2+2) + C$

$8 + 6 - 4 = C$

$\therefore \boxed{C = 10}$

$\therefore 4A + 2B + 10 = -4$

$4A + 2B = -14$

$\boxed{2A + B = -7} \Rightarrow \boxed{B = -7 - 2A}$

when  $x=1$ :  $2(1)^2 - 3(1) - 4 = A(1+2)^2 + B(1+2) + C$

$-5 = 9A + 3B + 10$

$\boxed{9A + 3B = -15}$

$\therefore \boxed{3A + B = -5} \Rightarrow \boxed{B = -5 - 3A}$

$\therefore -7 - 2A = -5 - 3A$

$A = 2$

$\therefore B = -11$

$\therefore A = 2, B = -11, C = 10$

b) i) The function is not even as it doesn't have line symmetry about the y-axis

The function is not odd as it doesn't have point symmetry about the origin

$\therefore$  The function is neither odd nor even

ii)  $f(x) = 0$  at a, c and e

iii)  $f'(x) = 0$  at b and d

iv)  $f'(x) > 0$  for  $b < x < d$

### Question 13

a) i)  $\sin 30^\circ = \frac{4}{BD}$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{4}{BD}$$

$$\therefore BD = 8 \text{ units}$$

ii)  $\angle BDC = 60^\circ$  (angle sum  $\triangle BDC$ )

$\therefore \angle ADB + 60^\circ = 180^\circ$  (angle sum straight angle  $\angle ADC$ )

$$\therefore \angle ADB = 120^\circ$$

$$\frac{\sin x}{AD} = \frac{\sin 120^\circ}{13}$$

$$\sin x = \frac{AD \cdot \sqrt{3}}{2(13)}$$

$$\boxed{\sin x = \frac{\sqrt{3} AD}{26}}$$

$(BC)^2 + (DC)^2 = (BD)^2$  (by Pythagoras' Thm)

$$(BC)^2 + 16 = 64$$

d) i)  $y = x + m$   $x^2 + y^2 = 4$   
intersect when  $x^2 + (x+m)^2 = 4$

$$x^2 + x^2 + 2mx + m^2 = 4$$

$$\therefore 2x^2 + 2mx + m^2 - 4 = 0$$

as required

ii) line will be a tangent with one point of intersection

$\therefore$  need  $\Delta = 0$

$$\Delta = (2m)^2 - 4(2)(m^2 - 4)$$

$$= 4m^2 - 8m^2 + 32$$

$$= -4m^2 + 32$$

for  $\Delta = 0$ ,  $-4m^2 + 32 = 0$

$$\therefore 4m^2 = 32$$

$$m^2 = 8$$

$$m = \pm\sqrt{8}$$

$$\therefore m = \pm 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\therefore (BC)^2 = 48$$

$$\therefore BC = \sqrt{48}$$

$(BC)^2 + (AC)^2 = (AB)^2$  (Pythag)

$$\therefore (\sqrt{48})^2 + (AC)^2 = (13)^2$$

$$48 + (AC)^2 = 169$$

$$(AC)^2 = 121$$

$$\therefore AC = 11$$

$$\therefore AD = 11 - 4$$

$$\therefore AD = 7$$

$$\therefore \sin x = \frac{\sqrt{3} \cdot 7}{26}$$

$$\therefore \sin x = \frac{7\sqrt{3}}{26}$$