

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2012 question paper
for the guidance of teachers

9709 MATHEMATICS

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Paper 2, maximum raw mark 50

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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 \checkmark 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.

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

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| AEF | Any Equivalent Form (of answer is equally acceptable) |
| AG | Answer Given on the question paper (so extra checking is needed to ensure that the detailed working leading to the result is valid) |
| BOD | Benefit of Doubt (allowed when the validity of a solution may not be absolutely clear) |
| 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 |
| MR | Misread |
| PA | Premature Approximation (resulting in basically correct work that is insufficiently accurate) |
| SOS | See Other Solution (the candidate makes a better attempt at the same question) |
| 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

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| 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. |

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- 1 Either: Obtain value $x^3 = 27$ from inspection, equation, ... B1
Obtain value $x^3 = 1$ similarly B2
Obtain $x = 1$ and $x = 3$ B1
Or: Attempt to square both sides obtaining 3 terms on LHS M1
Attempt solution for x^3 of 3-term quadratic DM1
Obtain $x^3 = 1$ and $x^3 = 27$ A1
Obtain $x = 1$ and $x = 3$ A1 [4]
- 2 State or imply that $\ln y = \ln A + x \ln b$ B1
Equate intercept on y -axis to $\ln A$ M1
Obtain $\ln A = 2.14$ and hence $A = 8.5$ A1
Attempt gradient of line or equivalent (or use of correct substitution) M1
Obtain $0.47 = \ln b$ or equivalent and hence $b = 1.6$ A1 [5]
- 3 (i) Substitute 2 and equate to zero or divide and equate remainder to zero M1
Obtain $a = 2$ A1 [2]
- (ii) (a) Attempt to find quadratic factor by division, inspection or identity M1
Obtain $2x^2 + x - 3$ A1
Conclude $(x - 2)(2x + 3)(x - 1)$ A1 [3]
- (b) Attempt substitution of -1 or attempt complete division by $x + 1$ M1
Obtain 6 A1 [2]
- 4 (i) Use $\sec^2 \theta = 1 + \tan^2 \theta$ B1
Attempt solution of quadratic equation in $\tan \theta$ M1
Obtain $\tan^2 \theta - 12 \tan \theta + 36 = 0$ or equivalent and hence $\tan \theta = 6$ A1 [3]
- (ii) (a) Attempt use of $\tan(A - B)$ formula M1
Obtain $\frac{5}{7}$ following their value of $\tan \theta$ A1✓ [2]
- (b) Attempt use of $\tan 2\theta$ formula M1
Obtain $-\frac{12}{35}$ A1 [2]
- 5 (i) Differentiate to obtain expression of form $ke^{\frac{1}{2}x} + m$ M1
Obtain correct $2e^{\frac{1}{2}x} - 6$ A1
Equate attempt at first derivative to zero and attempt solution DM1
Obtain $\frac{1}{2}x = \ln 3$ or equivalent A1
Conclude $x = \ln 9$ or $a = 9$ A1 [5]
- (ii) Integrate to obtain expression of form $ae^{\frac{1}{2}x} + bx^2 + cx$ M1
Obtain correct $8e^{\frac{1}{2}x} - 3x^2 + 3x$ A1
Substitute correct limits and attempt simplification DM1
Obtain $8e - 14$ A1 [4]

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- 6 (i) Obtain derivative of form $k(2t + 1)^{-3}$ M1
Obtain $-4(2t + 1)^{-3}$ or equivalent as derivative of x A1
Obtain $\frac{1}{2}(t + 2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ or equivalent as derivative of y B1
Equate attempt at $\frac{dy}{dx}$ to -1 M1
Obtain $(2p + 1)^3 = 8(p + 2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ or equivalent A1
Confirm given answer $p = (p + 2)^{\frac{1}{6}} - \frac{1}{2}$ A1 [6]
- (ii) Use iteration process correctly at least once M1
Obtain final answer 0.678 A1
Show sufficient iterations to 5 decimal places to justify answer or show a sign change in the interval (0.6775, 0.6785) A1 [3]
 $[0.7 \rightarrow 0.68003 \rightarrow 0.67857 \rightarrow 0.67847 \rightarrow 0.67846]$
- 7 (i) Expand to obtain $4 \sin^2 x + 4 \sin x \cos x + \cos^2 x$ B1
Use $2 \sin x \cos x = \sin 2x$ B1
Attempt to express $\sin^2 x$ or $\cos^2 x$ (or both) in terms of $\cos 2x$ M1
Obtain correct $\frac{1}{2}k(1 - \cos 2x)$ for their $k \sin^2 x$ or equivalent A1✓
Confirm given answer $\frac{5}{2} + 2 \sin 2x - \frac{3}{2} \cos 2x$ A1 [5]
- (ii) Integrate to obtain form $px + q \cos 2x + r \sin 2x$ M1
Obtain $\frac{5}{2}x - \cos 2x - \frac{3}{4} \sin 2x$ A1
Substitute limits in integral of form $px + q \cos 2x + r \sin 2x$ and attempt simplification DM1
Obtain $\frac{5}{8}\pi + \frac{1}{4}$ or exact equivalent A1 [4]