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**HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE**  
**Assessment 4**  
**Trial Examination**

# Mathematics Extension 2

## General Instructions

- Reading time – 10 minutes
- Working time – 3 hours
- Write using black pen.
- **NESA approved** calculators may be used.
- **NESA approved** reference sheet is provided.
- All necessary working should be shown in every question.
- Make sure your HSC candidate Number is on the front cover of each booklet.
- Start a new booklet for Each Question.
- Answer the Multiple Choice questions on the answer sheet provided.
- If you do not attempt a whole question, you must still hand in the Writing Booklet, with the words '**NOT ATTEMPTED**' written clearly on the front cover.

## Total marks – 100

- Attempt Sections I and II.
- All questions are of equal value.

Section I Pages 3 - 8

### 10 marks

- Attempt Questions 1–10.
- Allow about 15 minutes for this section.

Section II Pages 9 - 17

### 90 marks

- Attempt Questions 11– 16.
- Allow about 2 hrs and 45 minutes for this section.

**Outcomes to be assessed:**

**Mathematics Extension 2**

**HSC :**

**A student**

- MEX12-1** understands and uses different representations of numbers and functions to model, prove results and find solutions to problems in a variety of contexts
- MEX12-2** chooses appropriate strategies to construct arguments and proofs in both practical and abstract settings
- MEX12-3** uses vectors to model and solve problems in two and three dimensions
- MEX12-4** uses the relationship between algebraic and geometric representations of complex numbers and complex number techniques to prove results, model and solve problems
- MEX12-5** applies techniques of integration to structured and unstructured problems
- MEX12-6** uses mechanics to model and solve practical problems
- MEX12-7** applies various mathematical techniques and concepts to model and solve structured, unstructured and multi-step problems
- MEX12-8** communicates and justifies abstract ideas and relationships using appropriate language, notation and logical argument

**SECTION I**

**10 marks**

**Attempt Questions 1 – 10**

**Use the multiple-choice answer sheet**

**Select the alternative A, B, C or D that best answers the question. Fill in the response oval completely.**

**Sample**      $2 + 4 =$      (A) 2     (B) 6     (C) 8     (D) 9

(A)      (B)      (C)      (D)

**If you think you have made a mistake, put a cross through the incorrect answer and fill in the new answer.**

(A)      (B)      (C)      (D)

**If you change your mind and have crossed out what you consider to be the correct answer, then indicate this by writing the word *correct* and drawing an arrow as follows.**

(A)      (B)      (C)      (D)

*correct*  
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1. Consider the statement: “If you understand the chain rule for differentiation it will reduce the number of formulas for derivatives you need to remember”.

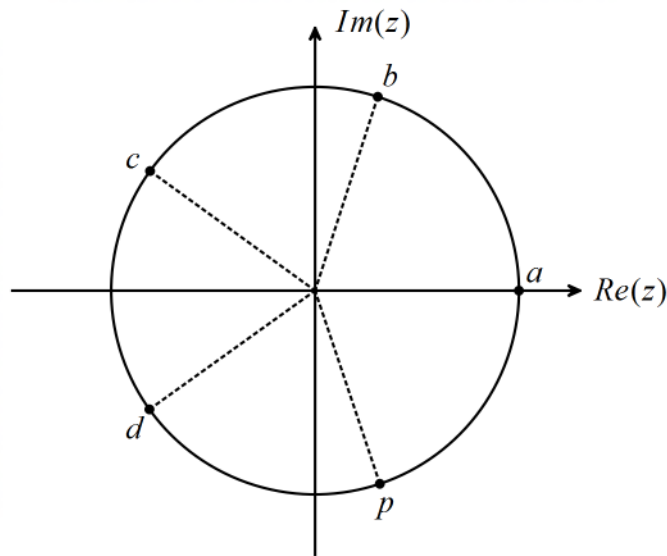
The converse of this statement is:

- A. If you don't want to remember formulas, understand the chain rule.
- B. If you have reduced the number of formulas for derivatives that you remember, then you understand the chain rule.
- C. If you haven't reduced the number of derivative formulas you need to remember, you don't understand the chain rule.
- D. If you don't understand the chain rule for differentiation you will need to remember a lot of formulas.

2. What is the magnitude of the vector

$$\sin \theta \underline{i} + \cot \theta \underline{j} + \cos \theta \underline{k}, \quad 0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}?$$

- A. 1
  - B.  $\operatorname{cosec} \theta$
  - C.  $\cot \theta$
  - D.  $\sec \theta$
3. If  $a, b, c, d$  and  $p$  are the fifth roots of unity as indicated on the diagram below, which of the points represents the square root of  $p$ ?



- A.  $a$
- B.  $b$
- C.  $c$
- D.  $d$

4. Which of the following is a correct expression for  $\int \frac{2x+1}{\sqrt{9-x^2}} dx$

A.  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) - \sqrt{9-x^2} + C$

B.  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) - 2\sqrt{9-x^2} + C$

C.  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) - 2\sqrt{9-x^2} + C$

D.  $-\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) - \sqrt{9-x^2} + C$

5.  $z$  satisfies the equation  $|z - \sqrt{3} + i| = 1$ . The minimum value of  $\arg(z)$  is

A.  $0^\circ$

B.  $-30^\circ$

C.  $-60^\circ$

D.  $-75^\circ$

6.  $OACB$  is a rectangle with  $\overrightarrow{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\overrightarrow{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ b \end{pmatrix}$ .

Which of the following is the vector  $\overrightarrow{OC}$ ?

A.  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

B.  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$

C.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

D.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$

7. Which of the following is a symbolic representation of the statement:

“At least one of your friends is perfect”

Let  $P(x)$  be “ $x$  is perfect” and let  $F(x)$  be “ $x$  is your friend” and let the domain be all people.

A.  $\forall x (F(x) \rightarrow P(x))$

B.  $\forall x (F(x) \cap P(x))$

C.  $\exists x (F(x) \cap P(x))$

D.  $\exists x (F(x) \rightarrow P(x))$

8. A particle of mass 1 kg is projected vertically upwards with a speed  $u$  from the origin  $O$ . The particle is subject to a constant gravitational force and a resistance that is proportional to half the square of its velocity  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , the constant of proportionality being  $k$ .

Let  $x$  be the displacement in metres of the particle above  $O$  at time  $t$  seconds after the particle is projected and  $g$  be the acceleration due to gravity.

Which of the following expressions gives the maximum height reached by the particle?

A. 
$$\int_u^0 \frac{dv}{-g - \frac{k}{2}v^2}$$

B. 
$$\int_u^0 \frac{v dv}{-g - \frac{k}{2}v^2}$$

C. 
$$\int_u^0 \frac{dv}{-g + \frac{k}{2}v^2}$$

D. 
$$\int_u^0 \frac{v dv}{-g + \frac{k}{2}v^2}$$

9. What is the value of  $\int_1^e x^3 \ln(x) dx$

A.  $\frac{3e^2}{2} - 1$

B.  $\frac{3e^2}{2} + 1$

C.  $\frac{1}{16}(3e^4 - 1)$

D.  $\frac{1}{16}(3e^4 + 1)$

10. Consider the spheres:

$$S_1 : (x+1)^2 + (y-3)^2 + (z+2)^2 = 4$$

$$S_2 : (x-1)^2 + (y+1)^2 + (z-2)^2 = r^2$$

If these spheres are tangential to each other, what are the possible values of  $r$ ?

A.  $r = 2$  or  $4$

B.  $r = 4$  or  $8$

C.  $r = 2$  or  $8$

D.  $r = 4$  or  $6$

**End of Section I**



## SECTION II

**Total Marks – 90**

**Attempt Questions 11 - 16**

**All questions are of equal value**

Answer each question in a **SEPARATE** writing booklet. Extra writing booklets are available.

In Questions 11-16, your responses should include relevant mathematical reasoning and/or calculations.

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**Question 11** (15 marks) Use a SEPARATE writing booklet. **Marks**

(a) Solve:  $z^2 + z + 3 = 0$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , giving your answers in Cartesian form. **2**

(b) Find the equation of the line that is parallel to  $r(\lambda) = (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}) + \lambda(-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$   
that passes through the point  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . **2**

(c) Prove that  $n^3 - n$  is divisible by 6. **3**

(d) By considering Euler's representation of a complex number, find the exact value of

$$\sqrt{-1}^{\sqrt{-1}}. \quad \text{2}$$

(e) Prove that the sum of two irrational numbers is an irrational number or disprove by counter-example. **2**

(f) Find  $\int \frac{x+16}{x^2+2x-8} dx$  **4**

**End of Question 11**

**Question 12** (15 marks) Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

**Marks**

(a) Prove that  $\log_2 5$  is irrational.

**3**

(b) Find

$$\int_0^{\pi} \left( \frac{\cot \theta + 1}{\operatorname{cosec} \theta} - \frac{\sec \theta}{\tan \theta + \cot \theta} \right) d\theta.$$

**3**

(c) Given  $i(\omega + 2) = z$  and  $\omega z = -4i$  where  $\operatorname{Im}(\omega) < 0$

**3**

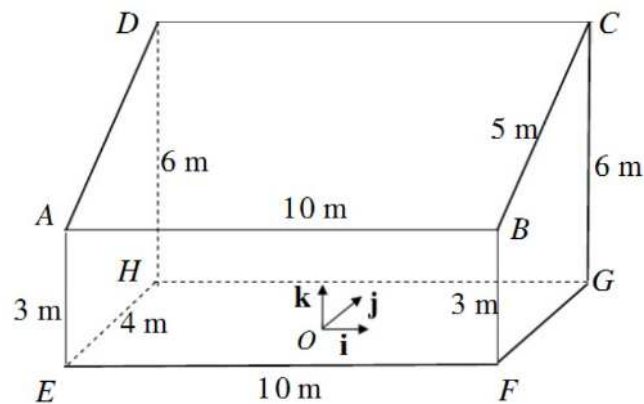
Find the exact values of  $w$  and  $z$  in the form  $a + ib$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are real.

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**Question 12 (continued)**

**Marks**

- (d) The diagram below shows a schematic of the design of a garage.



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$ABCD$  is an inclined rectangular roof, where  $AB = 10$  m and  $AD = 5$  m.  $EFGH$  is a rectangle on horizontal ground, where  $EF = 10$  m and  $EH = 4$  m. The points  $A$  and  $B$  are 3 m directly above  $E$  and  $F$  respectively. The points  $C$  and  $D$  are 6 m directly above  $G$  and  $H$  respectively.

The point  $O$  is at the centre of  $EFGH$  and is taken to be the origin. Perpendicular unit vectors  $\underline{i}$ ,  $\underline{j}$  and  $\underline{k}$  are in the directions of  $\overrightarrow{EF}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{EH}$  and  $\overrightarrow{EA}$  respectively.

- (i) Show that  $\overrightarrow{AC} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and find a vector equation of the line passing through  $A$  and  $C$ . **2**

- (ii) A spotlight is erected on a vertical pillar at  $Q$  with coordinates  $\begin{pmatrix} 15 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . **1**  
Find the height of the pillar if the spotlight is collinear with  $A$  and  $C$ .

- (iii) The main electrical supply for the garage runs along the line between  $A$  and  $C$ . Find the coordinates of the point,  $X$ , on  $AC$  such that the distance from a light mounted at  $D$  to the main electric supply is minimised. **3**

**End of Question 12**

**Question 13** (15 marks) Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

**Marks**

(a) Find  $\int \ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 4}) dx$  **3**

(b) A series,  $u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + \dots$  has terms defined by:

$$u_1 = 2 \text{ and } u_{r+1} = u_r + \frac{1}{2^r}$$

Prove by mathematical induction that  $u_n = 3 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . **3**

(c) The acceleration of a particle moving along the  $x$ -axis is given by: **4**

$$a = 2x^3 - 5x \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

If the particle has velocity,  $v = 2 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  when  $x = 0$ , find an expression for  $v$  in terms of  $x$  and determine what values  $x$  can take.

(d) Given the polynomial  $P(x) = x^4 - 2x^2 - 3x + a$  has a factor of  $x^2 + x + 1$ , find the value of  $a$  and hence find the roots of  $P(x)$ . **3**

(e) Let  $\underline{u} = \underline{i} + \underline{j}$  and  $\underline{v} = \underline{i} + 2\underline{k}$ . Find the unit vector that is perpendicular to  $\underline{u}$  and  $\underline{v}$ . **2**

**End of Question 13**

**Question 14** (15 marks) Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

**Marks**

(a) Find an expression for  $\int \frac{2x \ln(2x^2 + 1)}{2x^2 + 1} dx$  **3**

(b) Given  $a, b, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^+$

(i) Prove the AM - GM inequality **1**

$$\frac{a+b}{2} \geq \sqrt{ab}$$

(ii) Further, if  $x + y + z = 1$ , prove **3**

$$\frac{xy}{z} + \frac{yz}{x} + \frac{zx}{y} \geq 1$$

(iii) Given  $\frac{a+b+c+d}{4} \geq \sqrt[4]{abcd}$ ,  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , prove **3**

$$\frac{a+b+c}{3} \geq \sqrt[3]{abc}$$

(c) A cube has diagonally opposite vertices at the origin, O, and  $A(2a, 4a, 6a)$ .

(i) Prove that the vertices of the cube lie on the sphere with equation

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2ax + 4ay + 6az$$

Note: The edges of the cube are not parallel to the axes. **4**

(ii) Find the coordinates of the point on the sphere that has the greatest negative  $x$ -value. **1**

**End of Question 14**

**Question 15** (15 marks) Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

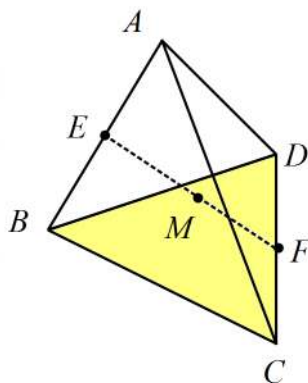
**Marks**

(a) For  $n \geq 0$ , define:  $I_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sec^n x \, dx$

(i) Show that  $I_n = \frac{(\sqrt{2})^{n-2}}{n-1} + \frac{n-2}{n-1} I_{n-2}$  for  $n \geq 2$ , **3**

(ii) Hence evaluate  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sec^6 x \, dx$ . **2**

- (b) Consider the tetrahedron shown with vertices  $A, B, C$  and  $D$ . Let each vertex be represented by the position vector  $\underline{a}, \underline{b}, \underline{c}$  and  $\underline{d}$  respectively. (i.e.  $\overrightarrow{OA} = \underline{a}$  etc).



$M$  is the midpoint of the line  $\overline{EF}$  where  $E$  and  $F$  are the midpoints of  $AB$  and  $CD$  respectively. **4**  
Find an expression for  $\overrightarrow{OM}$  in terms of the position vectors  $\underline{a}, \underline{b}, \underline{c}$  and  $\underline{d}$ .

**Question 15 continues on page 15**

**Question 15 (continued)****Marks**

- (c) (i) Given  $P_n(x) = (x - a_1)(x - a_2)\dots(x - a_n)$  prove by mathematical induction that **3**

$$\frac{P_n'(x)}{P_n(x)} = \frac{1}{(x - a_1)} + \frac{1}{(x - a_2)} + \dots + \frac{1}{(x - a_n)} \quad \text{for } n \geq 2.$$

- (ii) Consider  $\omega$  is an  $n$ th root of unity. **3**

$$\text{Let } P(z) = (z - \omega)(z - \omega^2)\dots(z - \omega^{n-1}).$$

By finding another expression for  $P(z)$  or otherwise, show that

$$\frac{1}{1 - \omega} + \frac{1}{1 - \omega^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{1 - \omega^{n-1}} = \frac{n-1}{2}$$

**End of Question 15**

**Question 16** (15 marks) Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

**Marks**

(a) Given  $x \geq 0$

(i) Prove that  $1 - x \leq \frac{1}{1+x} \leq 1$ . **2**

(ii) For  $x > 0$ , show that  $1 - \frac{1}{2x} \leq x \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{x} \right) \leq 1$ . **3**

(iii) Hence deduce that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{x} \right)^x = e$ . **2**

**Question 16 continues on page 17.**



**Question 16 (continued).****Marks**

- (b) An object of mass 1 kg is dropped from a height,  $h$  metres above the ground. There is a constant gravitational force of  $g$  and a resistive force of  $kv$  newtons, where  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$  is the velocity of the object. Hence  $a = g - kv$ .

(i) Show that the velocity of the particle at time  $t$  is  $v = \frac{g}{k} (1 - e^{-kt})$  **2**

- (ii) Show that the position of the object below the point of release at time  $t$  is

$$x = \frac{gt}{k} + \frac{g}{k^2} (e^{-kt} - 1) \quad \mathbf{2}$$

At the same time the object is released a second, identical object, is projected vertically upward from the ground with velocity  $u \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . Taking the origin as the ground and the upward direction as positive, the velocity of the second particle is given by:

$$v = \frac{g + ku}{k} e^{-kt} - \frac{g}{k} \quad (\text{DO NOT PROVE THIS})$$

- (iii) Show that the position,  $X$ , of the second particle below  $h$  is given by **2**

$$X = h + \frac{g + ku}{k^2} (e^{-kt} - 1) + \frac{g}{k} t$$

- (iv) If the two objects collide at time  $T$ , show  $T = \frac{1}{k} \ln \left( \frac{u}{u - kh} \right)$  **2**

**End of paper**

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