Differentiation As level Edexcel Maths Past Papers Questions

01.

The curve C has equation

$$y = 2x^2 - 12x + 16$$

Find the gradient of the curve at the point P (5, 6).

(*Solutions based entirely on graphical or numerical methods are not acceptable.*)

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02.

Prove, from first principles, that the derivative of $3x^2$ is $6x$.

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03.

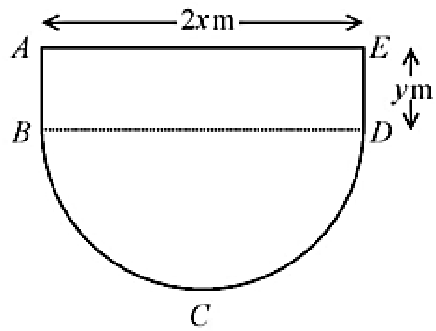

Figure 4

Figure 4 shows the plan view of the design for a swimming pool.

The shape of this pool *ABCDEA* consists of a rectangular section *ABDE* joined to a semicircular section *BCD* as shown in Figure 4.

Given that $AE = 2x$ metres, $ED = y$ metres and the area of the pool is 250 m^2,

(a) show that the perimeter, P metres, of the pool is given by

$$P = 2x + \frac{250}{x} + \frac{\pi x}{2}$$

(4)

(b) Explain why $0 < x < \sqrt{\frac{500}{\pi}}$

(2)

(c) Find the minimum perimeter of the pool, giving your answer to 3 significant figures.

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04.

A lorry is driven between London and Newcastle.

In a simple model, the cost of the journey £C when the lorry is driven at a steady speed of v kilometres per hour is

$$C = \frac{1500}{v} + \frac{2v}{11} + 60$$

(a) Find, according to this model,

(i) the value of v that minimises the cost of the journey,

(ii) the minimum cost of the journey.
(*Solutions based entirely on graphical or numerical methods are not acceptable.*)

(6)

(b) Prove by using $\frac{\mathrm{d}^2C}{\mathrm{d}v^2}$ that the cost is minimised at the speed found in (a)(i).

(2)

(c) State one limitation of this model.

(1)

05.

$$g(x) = 4x^3 - 12x^2 - 15x + 50$$

(a) Use the factor theorem to show that $(x + 2)$ is a factor of $g(x)$.

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(b) Hence show that $g(x)$ can be written in the form $g(x) = (x + 2)(ax + b)^2$, where a and b are integers to be found.

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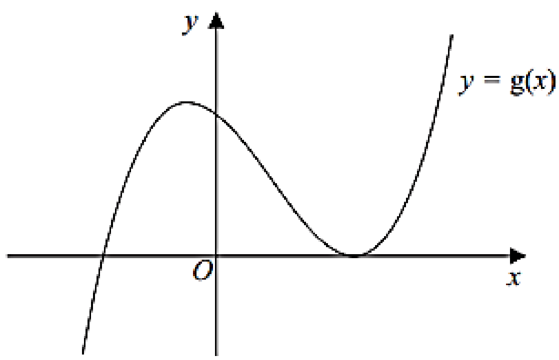

Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a sketch of part of the curve with equation $y = g(x)$

(c) Use your answer to part (b), and the sketch, to deduce the values of x for which

(i) $g(x) \leqslant 0$

(ii) $g(2x) = 0$

(3)

06.

A curve has equation

$$y = 3x^2 + \frac{24}{x} + 2 \qquad x > 0$$

(a) Find, in simplest form, $\frac{dy}{dx}$

(3)

(b) Hence find the exact range of values of x for which the curve is increasing.

(2)

07. A curve has equation

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

Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at the point $P(2, 13)$.

Write your answer in the form $y = mx + c$, where m and c are integers to be found.

Solutions relying on calculator technology are not acceptable.

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08.

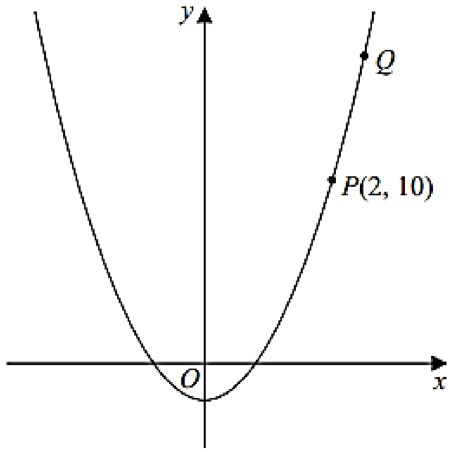

Figure 1

Figure 1 shows part of the curve with equation $y = 3x^2 - 2$

The point $P(2, 10)$ lies on the curve.

(a) Find the gradient of the tangent to the curve at P.

(2)

The point Q with x coordinate $2 + h$ also lies on the curve.

(b) Find the gradient of the line PQ, giving your answer in terms of h in simplest form.

(3)

(c) Explain briefly the relationship between part (b) and the answer to part (a).

(1)

09. A company makes drinks containers out of metal.

The containers are modelled as closed cylinders with base radius r cm and height h cm and the capacity of each container is $355\,\text{cm}^3$

The metal used

- for the circular base and the curved side costs 0.04 pence/cm^2
- for the circular top costs 0.09 pence/cm^2

Both metals used are of negligible thickness.

(a) Show that the total cost, C pence, of the metal for one container is given by

$$C = 0.13\pi r^2 + \frac{28.4}{r}$$

(4)

(b) Use calculus to find the value of r for which C is a minimum, giving your answer to 3 significant figures.

(4)

(c) Using $\frac{\mathrm{d}^2C}{\mathrm{d}r^2}$ prove that the cost is minimised for the value of r found in part (b).

(2)

(d) Hence find the minimum value of C, giving your answer to the nearest integer.

(2)

10.

. A curve has equation

$$y = \frac{2}{3}x^3 - \frac{7}{2}x^2 - 4x + 5$$

(a) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ writing your answer in simplest form.

(2)

(b) Hence find the range of values of x for which y is decreasing.

(4)