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## PAPER 1

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Additional materials: Answer sheet

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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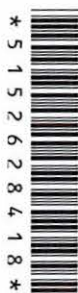
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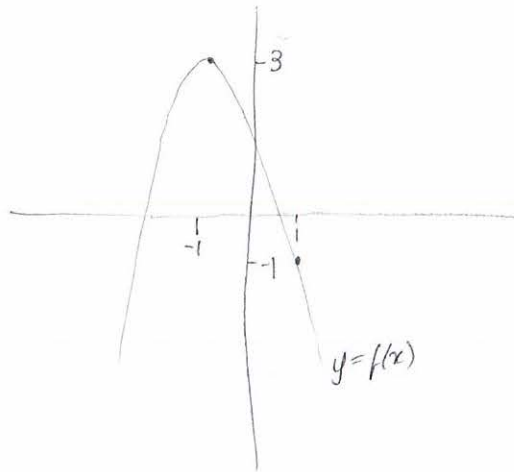
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1  $f(x)$  is a quadratic function in  $x$ .

The graph of  $y = f(x)$  passes through the point  $(1, -1)$  and has a turning point at  $(-1, 3)$ .

Find an expression for  $f(x)$ .

- A  $-x^2 - 2x + 2$
- B  $-x^2 + 2x + 3$
- C  $x^2 - 2x$
- D  $x^2 + 2x - 4$
- E  $2x^2 + 4x + 1$
- F  $-2x^2 - 4x + 5$



let  $y = Ax^2 + Bx + C$

Turning point where  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2Ax + B = 0$  so  $2Ax = -B$   
 $x = \frac{-B}{2A} = -1$

so  $B = 2A$  and  $y = Ax^2 + 2Ax + C$

Passes through  $(-1, 3)$  and  $(1, -1)$  so  $3 = A - 2A + C$   
 $3 = C - A \Rightarrow C = A + 3$

and  $-1 = A + 2A + C$   
 $-1 = 3A + C \Rightarrow C = -1 - 3A$

$A + 3 = -1 - 3A$

$4A = -4$

$A = -1$

so  $C = -1 + 3 = 2$

and  $B = 2x - 1 = -2$

so  $y = \underline{\underline{-x^2 - 2x + 2}}$

- 2 Find the complete set of values of the real constant  $k$  for which the expression

$x^2 + kx + 2x + 1 - 2k = x^2 + (2+k)x + (1-2k)$   
 $\rightarrow$  no real roots  
is positive for all real values of  $x$ .

**A**  $-12 < k < 0$

**B**  $k < -12$  or  $k > 0$

**C**  $-\sqrt{6} - 3 < k < \sqrt{6} - 3$

**D**  $k < -\sqrt{6} - 3$  or  $k > \sqrt{6} - 3$

**E**  $-2 < k < \frac{1}{2}$

**F**  $k < -2$  or  $k > \frac{1}{2}$

**G**  $0 < k < 4$

**H**  $k < 0$  or  $k > 4$

$$\text{Discriminant} = (2+k)^2 - 4(1-2k) < 0$$

$$k^2 + 4k + 4 - 4 + 8k < 0$$

$$k^2 + 12k < 0$$

$$k(k+12) < 0$$

so  $-12 < k < 0$

3 Find the coefficient of  $x$  in the expression:

$$(1+x)^0 + (1+x)^1 + (1+x)^2 + (1+x)^3 + \dots + (1+x)^{79} + (1+x)^{80}$$

- A 80
- B 81
- C 324
- D 628
- E 3240
- F 3321
- G 6480
- H 6642

$x$  coefficient in  $(1+x)^n$  is  $n$

so coefficient is  $0+1+2+3+\dots+79+80$

Arithmetic progression first term 0, common difference 1

$$\text{Sum of AP} = \frac{1}{2} n(n+1) = \frac{1}{2} \times 80 \times 81 = 40 \times 81 = \underline{\underline{3240}}$$

- 4 The sequence  $x_n$  is given by:

$$x_1 = 10$$

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt{x_n} \text{ for } n \geq 1$$
$$= (x_n)^{1/2}$$

What is the value of  $x_{100}$ ?

[Note that  $a^{b^c}$  means  $a^{(b^c)}$ ]

- A  $10^{2^{99}}$
- B  $10^{2^{100}}$
- C  $10^{2^{-99}}$
- D  $10^{2^{-100}}$
- E  $10^{-2^{99}}$
- F  $10^{-2^{100}}$
- G  $10^{-2^{-99}}$
- H  $10^{-2^{-100}}$

so  $x_2 = x_1^{1/2} = 10^{1/2}$

$$x_3 = x_2^{1/2} = (10^{1/2})^{1/2} = 10^{(1/2)^2}$$

$$x_4 = x_3^{1/2} = ((10^{1/2})^{1/2})^{1/2} = 10^{(1/2)^3}$$

$$\therefore x_{100} = 10^{(1/2)^{99}} = 10^{1/2^{99}} = \underline{\underline{10^{2^{-99}}}}$$

5 S is a geometric sequence.

The sum of the first 6 terms of S is equal to 9 times the sum of the first 3 terms of S.

The 7<sup>th</sup> term of S is 360.

Find the 1<sup>st</sup> term of S. Geometric progression so  $a, ar, ar^2, \dots$

A  $\frac{40}{27}$

B  $\frac{40}{9}$

C  $\frac{40}{3}$

D  $\frac{45}{16}$

E  $\frac{45}{8}$

F  $\frac{45}{4}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum of first 6 terms} &= a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + ar^4 + ar^5 \\ &= a(1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + r^4 + r^5) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum of first 3 terms} &= a + ar + ar^2 \\ &= a(1 + r + r^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{7th term } \boxed{360 = ar^6}$$

$$S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$$

$$S_6 = \frac{a(r^6 - 1)}{r - 1} \quad \text{and} \quad 9S_3 = \frac{9a(r^3 - 1)}{r - 1}$$

$$\frac{a(r^6 - 1)}{\cancel{r - 1}} = \frac{9a(r^3 - 1)}{\cancel{r - 1}}$$

$$r^6 - 1 = 9r^3 - 9$$

$$\boxed{r^6 + 8 = 9r^3}$$

let  $y = r^3$  then  $y^2 - 9y + 8 = 0$

$$(y - 8)(y - 1) = 0 \quad \text{so } r^3 = 8 \text{ or } 1$$

so  $r = 2$  and  $360 = 2^6 \times a = 64a$  so  $a = \frac{360}{64} = \frac{180}{32} = \frac{90}{16} = \frac{45}{8}$

6 The circles with equations

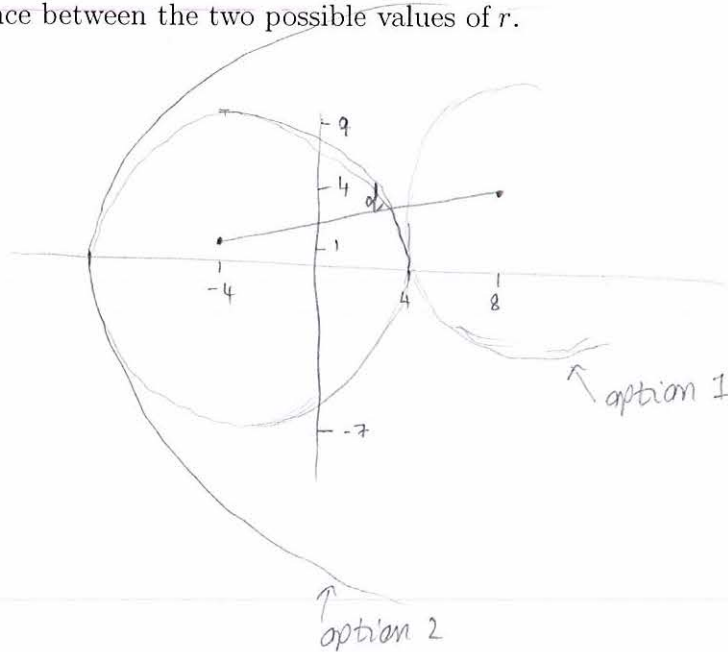
$$(x+4)^2 + (y+1)^2 = 64 \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{centre } (-4, 1) \\ \text{radius } 8 \end{array}$$

$$(x-8)^2 + (y-4)^2 = r^2 \quad \text{where } r > 0 \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{centre } (8, 4) \\ \text{radius } r > 0 \end{array}$$

have exactly one point in common.

Find the difference between the two possible values of  $r$ .

- A 4
- B 10
- C 16**
- D 26
- E 50

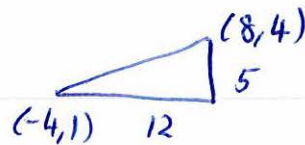


One point in common if they touch but don't intersect

$d$  = distance between 2 centres

$$\text{so } d = 8 + r \quad \text{or} \quad d = r - 8$$

$$r = d - 8 \quad \quad \quad r = d + 8$$



$$\text{so } d = \sqrt{12^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{144 + 25} = 13$$

$$\text{so } r = 13 \pm 8 = 5 \text{ or } 21$$

$$21 - 5 = \underline{\underline{16}}$$



7 A curve has equation

$$y = (2q - x^2)(2qx + 3) = 4q^2x + 6q - 2qx^3 - 3x^2$$

The gradient of the curve at  $x = -1$  is a function of  $q$ .

$$= -2qx^3 + (4q^2 - 3)x^2 + 6q$$

Find the value of  $q$  which minimises the gradient of the curve at  $x = -1$ .

A -1

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4q^2 - 6qx^2 - 6x$$

B  $-\frac{3}{4}$

C  $-\frac{1}{2}$

Gradient at  $x = -1$  is  $4q^2 - 6q - 6$  ~~0~~

D 0

E  $\frac{1}{2}$

$$\frac{d}{dq} \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right) = 8q - 6 \text{ at } x = -1$$

**F**  $\frac{3}{4}$

G 1

max or min when  $8q - 6 = 0$

$$8q = 6$$

$$q = \frac{3}{4}$$

- 8 The function  $f$  is such that  $0 < f(x) < 1$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ .

The trapezium rule with  $n$  equal intervals is used to estimate  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$  and produces an underestimate.

Using the same number of equal intervals, for which one of the following does the trapezium rule produce an overestimate?

A  $\int_0^1 (f(x) + 1) dx$

B  $\int_0^1 2f(x) dx$

C  $\int_{-1}^0 f(x+1) dx$

D  $\int_{-1}^0 f(-x) dx$

**E**  $\int_0^1 (1 - f(x)) dx$

same underestimation as original expression

underest.  
2x as  
much as  
original

$\int_0^1 (1-f(x)) dx$  and  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$  added together  
give the unit square, so if one is an  
underestimate the other must be an  
overestimate

9  $p$  is a positive constant.

Find the area enclosed between the curves  $y = p\sqrt{x}$  and  $x = p\sqrt{y}$

A  $\frac{2}{3}p^{\frac{5}{2}} - \frac{1}{2}p^2$

B  $\frac{4}{3}p^{\frac{5}{2}} - p^2$

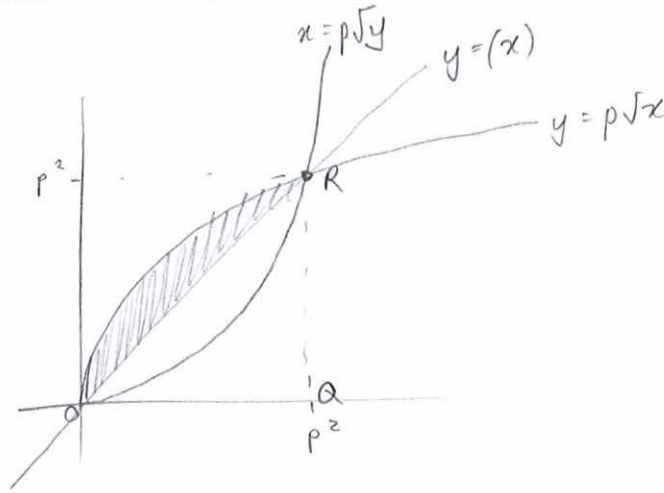
C  $\frac{p^4}{6}$

**D**  $\frac{p^4}{3}$

E  $\frac{2}{3}p^3 - \frac{1}{2}p^4$

F  $\frac{4}{3}p^3 - p^4$

G  $2p^4$



curves intersect at  $(0,0)$  and  $(p^2, p^2)$

symmetrical about  $y=x$

Area under  $y = p\sqrt{x}$  above  $x$  axis

$$\int_0^{p^2} p\sqrt{x} dx = p \int_0^{p^2} x^{1/2} dx = p \left( \frac{x^{3/2}}{3/2} \Big|_0^{p^2} \right) = p \left( \frac{2}{3} (p^2)^{3/2} \right)$$

$$= p \times \frac{2}{3} \times p^3 = \frac{2}{3} p^4$$

Area of shaded region =  $\frac{2}{3} p^4$  - area of  $\Delta OAR$

$$= \frac{2}{3} p^4 - \left( \frac{1}{2} \times p^2 \times p^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} p^4 - \frac{1}{2} p^4 = \frac{1}{6} p^4$$

So area enclosed between curves =  $2 \times \frac{1}{6} p^4 = \frac{1}{3} p^4 = \underline{\underline{\frac{p^4}{3}}}$

10 Evaluate

$$\int_{-1}^3 |x|(1-x) dx$$

A  $\frac{17}{3}$

B  $-\frac{17}{3}$

C  $\frac{16}{3}$

D  $-\frac{16}{3}$

E  $\frac{11}{3}$

**F**  $-\frac{11}{3}$

When  $-1 \leq x < 0$ ,  $|x|(1-x) = -x(1-x)$   
 $= -x + x^2$

When  $0 \leq x < 3$ ,  $|x|(1-x) = x(1-x)$   
 $= x - x^2$

so  $\int_{-1}^3 |x|(1-x) dx = \int_{-1}^0 -x^2 + x^2 dx + \int_0^3 x - x^2 dx$   
 $= -\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_{-1}^0 + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_0^3$   
 $= \left(0 - \left(-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}\right)\right) + \left(\frac{9}{2} - \frac{27}{3} - 0\right)$   
 $= \frac{5}{6} - \frac{9}{2} = \underline{\underline{-\frac{11}{3}}}$

11 Find the sum of the real values of  $x$  that satisfy the simultaneous equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\log_3(xy^2) &= 1 \\ \log_3(x) + 2\log_3(y) &= 1 \\ (\log_3 x)(\log_3 y) &= -3\end{aligned}$$

- A  $\frac{1}{3}$
- B 1
- C 3
- D  $3\frac{1}{9}$
- E  $9\frac{1}{27}$
- F  $9\frac{1}{3}$
- G 27
- H  $27\frac{1}{9}$

Let  $u = \log_3 x$  then  $u + 2v = 1$  and  $uv = -3$   
 $v = \log_3 y$   $u = 1 - 2v$   $u = \frac{-3}{v}$

so  $1 - 2v = \frac{-3}{v}$

$v - 2v^2 = -3$

$2v^2 - v - 3 = 0$

$v = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4 \times 2 \times 3}}{4} = \frac{1 \pm 5}{4} = \frac{3}{2} \text{ or } -1$

so  $u = -2 \text{ or } 3$

$\therefore \log_3 x = -2$  and  $x = \frac{1}{9}$  or  $\log_3 x = 3$  and  $x = 27$

$27 + \frac{1}{9} = \underline{\underline{27\frac{1}{9}}}$

12 It is given that

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{24\pi(t-1)}{(1+\sqrt{t})} \text{ for } t \geq 1$$

and  $V = 7$  when  $t = 1$ .

Find the value of  $V$  when  $t = 9$ .

A  $208\pi + 7$

B  $216\pi + 7$

C  $224\pi + 7$

D  $416\pi + 7$

E  $608\pi + 7$

F  $744\pi + 7$

$$= \frac{24\pi(t-1)(1-\sqrt{t})}{(1+\sqrt{t})(1-\sqrt{t})}$$

$$= \frac{24\pi(t-1)(1-\sqrt{t})}{1-t}$$

$$= \frac{-24\pi(1-t)(1-\sqrt{t})}{1-t}$$

$$= 24\pi(\sqrt{t}-1)$$

$$= 24\pi(t^{1/2}-1)$$

$$V = \int 24\pi(t^{1/2}-1) dt = 24\pi\left(\frac{2t^{3/2}}{3} - t\right) + C$$

When  $t=1$ ,  $V=7$  so:

$$7 = 24\pi\left(\frac{2}{3} - 1\right) + C$$

$$7 = -\frac{24}{3}\pi + C$$

$$7 = -8\pi + C$$

$$C = 7 + 8\pi$$

$$\therefore V = 24\pi\left(\frac{2t^{3/2}}{3} - t\right) + 7 + 8\pi$$

When  $t=9$ ,

$$V = 24\pi\left(\frac{2 \times 27}{3} - 9\right) + 7 + 8\pi$$

$$= 24\pi \times 9 + 7 + 8\pi$$

$$= 216\pi + 8\pi + 7$$

$$= \underline{\underline{224\pi + 7}}$$

13 Find the maximum value of

$$f(x) = 4^{\sin x} - 4 \times 2^{\sin x} + \frac{17}{4}$$

for real  $x$ .

A  $\frac{1}{4}$

**B**  $\frac{5}{2}$

C  $\frac{13}{2}$

D  $\frac{21}{2}$

E  $\frac{65}{4}$

F There is no maximum value.

$$-1 \leq \sin x \leq 1 \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{1}{2} \leq 2^{\sin x} \leq 2$$

$$\text{so} \quad -\frac{3}{2} \leq (2^{\sin x} - 2) \leq 0 \quad \& \quad \text{the max of } (2^{\sin x} - 2)^2 \text{ is } \frac{9}{4}$$

$$\text{so max of } f(x) \text{ is } \frac{9}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \underline{\underline{\frac{5}{2}}}$$

14  $x$  satisfies the simultaneous equations

$$\sin 2x + \sqrt{3} \cos 2x = -1$$

$$\sin 2x = -1 - \sqrt{3} \cos 2x$$

and

$$\sqrt{3} \sin 2x - \cos 2x = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\sqrt{3} \sin 2x = \sqrt{3} + \cos 2x$$

where  $0^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$ .

Find the sum of the possible values of  $x$ .

$$\sin 2x = \frac{\sqrt{3} + \cos 2x}{\sqrt{3}} = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{3} \cos 2x}{3}$$

A  $210^\circ$

$$-1 - \sqrt{3} \cos 2x = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{3} \cos 2x}{3}$$

**B**  $330^\circ$

$$-3 - 3\sqrt{3} \cos 2x = 3 + \sqrt{3} \cos 2x$$

C  $390^\circ$

D  $660^\circ$

$$-6 = 4\sqrt{3} \cos 2x$$

E  $780^\circ$

$$\cos 2x = \frac{-6}{4\sqrt{3}} = \frac{-3}{2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{-3\sqrt{3}}{6} = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

F  $930^\circ$

$$\text{So } \sin 2x = -1 - \sqrt{3} \times \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = -1 + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cos 2x = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow 2x = 150^\circ, 210^\circ, 510^\circ, 570^\circ$$

$$x = 75^\circ, 105^\circ, 255^\circ, 285^\circ$$

$$\sin 2x = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 2x = 30^\circ, 150^\circ, 390^\circ, 510^\circ$$

$$x = 15^\circ, 75^\circ, 195^\circ, 255^\circ$$

As  $x$  needs to satisfy both equations, we need  $x = 75^\circ, 255^\circ$

$$75^\circ + 255^\circ = \underline{\underline{330^\circ}}$$



15 Find the real non-zero solution to the equation

$$\frac{2^{(9^x)}}{8^{(3^x)}} = \frac{1}{4}$$

A  $\log_3 2$

B  $2\log_3 2$

C 1

D 2

E  $\log_2 3$

F  $2\log_2 3$

$$\frac{2^{(9^x)}}{2^{3(3^x)}} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$2^{(9^x - 3(3^x))} = 2^{-2}$$

$$9^x - 3(3^x) = -2$$

$$(3^2)^x - 3(3^x) = -2$$

$$(3^x)^2 - 3(3^x) + 2 = 0$$

$$(3^x - 1)(3^x - 2) = 0$$

Need  $3^x = 1$

or  $3^x = 2$

~~$x = 0$~~

$x = \log_3 2$

16 Given that

$$2 \int_0^1 f(x) dx + 5 \int_1^2 f(x) dx = 14$$

and

$$\int_0^1 f(x+1) dx = 6$$
$$= \int_1^2 f(x) dx$$

find the value of

$$\int_0^2 f(x) dx$$

A -8

B -4

C -2

D 2

E 4

F  $\frac{29}{5}$

G  $\frac{32}{5}$

H 14

$$2 \int_0^1 f(x) dx + 5 \int_1^2 f(x) dx = 14$$

$$2 \int_0^1 f(x) dx + 2 \int_1^2 f(x) dx + 3 \int_1^2 f(x) dx = 14$$

$$2 \int_0^2 f(x) dx + 3 \times 6 = 14$$

$$2 \int_0^2 f(x) dx = -4$$

$$\int_0^2 f(x) dx = \underline{\underline{-2}}$$

- 17 Find the fraction of the interval  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$  for which the inequality

$$(\sin(2\theta) - \frac{1}{2})(\sin\theta - \cos\theta) \geq 0$$

is satisfied.

where both factors +ve

A  $\frac{1}{12}$

B  $\frac{1}{6}$

**C**  $\frac{1}{4}$

D  $\frac{5}{12}$

E  $\frac{7}{12}$

F  $\frac{3}{4}$

G  $\frac{5}{6}$

H  $\frac{11}{12}$

$$\sin\theta - \cos\theta \geq 0 \Rightarrow \pi/4 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

$$\sin 2\theta - 1/2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \pi/12 \leq \theta \leq 5\pi/12$$

$$\text{These overlap for } \pi/4 \leq \theta \leq \frac{5\pi}{12}$$

$$\frac{5\pi}{12} - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

where both factors -ve

$$\sin\theta - \cos\theta \leq 0 \Rightarrow 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/4$$

$$\sin 2\theta - 1/2 \leq 0 \Rightarrow 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/12 \text{ and } \frac{5\pi}{12} \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

$$\text{These overlap for } 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/12$$

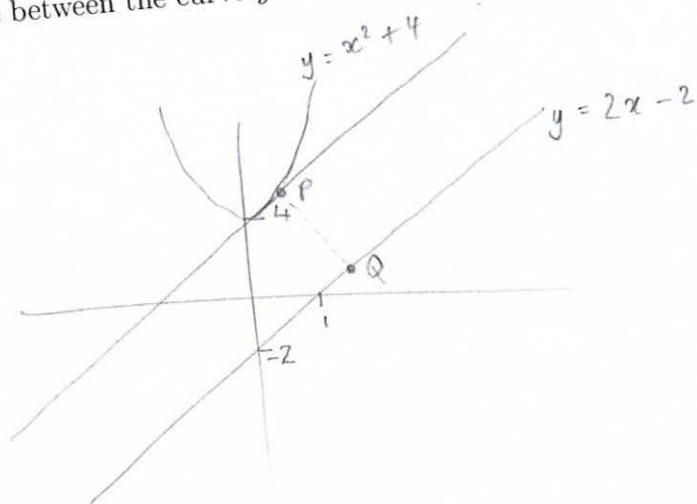
$$\frac{\pi}{12} - 0 = \frac{\pi}{12}$$

$$\text{Total length where inequality satisfied} = \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{12} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

This is  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the interval  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$

18 Find the shortest distance between the curve  $y = x^2 + 4$  and the line  $y = 2x - 2$ .

- A 2
- B  $\sqrt{5}$**
- C  $\frac{6\sqrt{5}}{5}$
- D 3
- E  $\frac{5\sqrt{5}}{3}$
- F 5
- G 6



Need tangent to curve parallel to line

Gradient of line = 2

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x \text{ so need } 2x = 2$$

$$x = 1$$

$$\text{so when } y = x^2 + 4$$

$$x = 1, \quad = 1 + 4$$

$$= 5$$

so relevant point is  $P(1, 5)$

Normal that passes through P has gradient  $-\frac{1}{2}$  & point  $(1, 5)$

$$\text{i.e. } y = mx + c \text{ so } 5 = -\frac{1}{2} + c \text{ so } y = -\frac{x}{2} + \frac{11}{2} \text{ and } 2x = y + 2$$

$$c = 5\frac{1}{2} \quad \quad \quad x = \frac{y}{2} + 1$$

$$2y = 11 - x$$

$$x = 11 - 2y$$

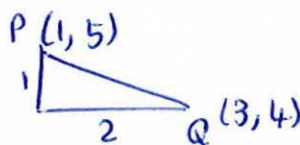
$$\text{so } \frac{y}{2} + 1 = 11 - 2y$$

$$y + 2 = 22 - 4y$$

$$5y = 20$$

$$y = 4$$

$$\text{and } x = 11 - 8 = 3 \text{ so } Q \text{ is } (3, 4)$$



$$\text{so shortest distance} = \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2} = \underline{\underline{\sqrt{5}}}$$

19 Find the value of

$$\sum_{k=0}^{90} \sin(10 + 90k)^\circ$$

A 0

B  $\sin 10^\circ$

C  $\sin 100^\circ$

D  $\sin 190^\circ$

E  $\sin 280^\circ$

F 1

$$= \sin 10^\circ + \sin(10+90)^\circ + \sin(10+180)^\circ + \sin(10+270)^\circ + \dots$$

$$\text{Since } \sin 10^\circ = -\sin(10+180)^\circ$$

$$\sin(10+90)^\circ = -\sin(10+270)^\circ$$

$$\text{so } u_0 + u_1 + u_2 + u_3 = 0$$

And  $u_k = u_{k+4}$  so

$$\sum_{k=0}^{90} \sin(10+90k)^\circ = u_{88} + u_{89} + u_{90}$$

$$= \sin 10^\circ + \sin(10+90)^\circ + \sin(10+180)^\circ$$

$$= \underline{\underline{\sin 100^\circ}}$$

20 What is the complete range of values of  $k$  for which the curves with equations

$$y = x^3 - 12x$$

and

$$y = k - (x - 2)^2$$

intersect at **three** distinct points, of which exactly **two** have positive  $x$ -coordinates?

A  $-4 < k < 0$

B  $-4 < k < 4$

C  $-4 < k < 16$

D  $-16 < k < 0$

**E**  $-16 < k < 4$

F  $-16 < k < 16$

$y = x^3 - 12x$  is roughly

Rotational symmetry 0

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 12$$

when  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ ,  $12 = 3x^2$

$x = \pm 2$  local minimum

local min. must be +ve so local min. at  $x = 2$  and  $y = 2^3 - 12 \times 2 = -16$   
 $(2, -16)$

$y = k - (x - 2)^2$  is roughly

symmetry about  $x = 2$

Different values of  $k$  translate parabola vertically to have the vertex at  $(2, k)$

Parabola less steep than cubic at the 'edges' so 3 distinct roots (2 +ve) for  $k$  between those when parabola touches local min. of cubic ( $k = -16$ ) and when parabola passes through origin ( $k = 4$ ).

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