

**Edexcel GCE**  
**Core Mathematics C2**  
**Practice Paper A1**  
**(Question Paper)**

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1. Given that  $p = \log_q 16$ , express in terms of  $p$ ,

(a)  $\log_q 2$ , (2)

(b)  $\log_q (8q)$ . (4)

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2. The expansion of  $(2 - px)^6$  in ascending powers of  $x$ , as far as the term in  $x^2$ , is

$$64 + Ax + 135x^2.$$

Given that  $p > 0$ , find the value of  $p$  and the value of  $A$ . (7)

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3. A circle  $C$  has equation

$$x^2 + y^2 - 6x + 8y - 75 = 0.$$

(a) Write down the coordinates of the centre of  $C$ , and calculate the radius of  $C$ . (3)

A second circle has centre at the point  $(15, 12)$  and radius 10.

(b) Sketch both circles on a single diagram and find the coordinates of the point where they touch. (4)

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4. (a) Sketch, for  $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$ , the graph of  $y = \sin(x + 30^\circ)$ . (2)

(b) Write down the coordinates of the points at which the graph meets the axes. (3)

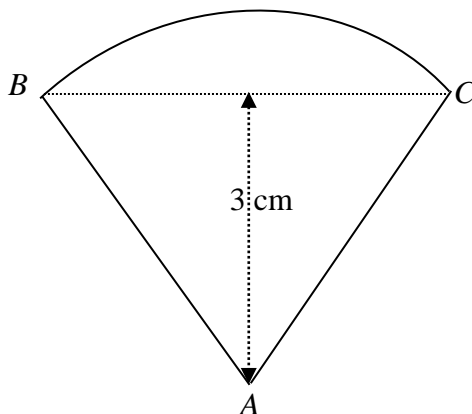
(c) Solve, for  $0 \leq x < 360^\circ$ , the equation

$$\sin(x + 30^\circ) = -\frac{1}{2}. \quad (3)$$

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5.

Figure 1



The shape of a badge is a sector  $ABC$  of a circle with centre  $A$  and radius  $AB$ , as shown in Fig 1. The triangle  $ABC$  is equilateral and has a perpendicular height 3 cm.

(a) Find, in surd form, the length  $AB$ . (2)

(b) Find, in terms of  $\pi$ , the area of the badge. (2)

(c) Prove that the perimeter of the badge is  $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}(\pi + 6)$  cm. (2)

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6.

$$f(x) = 6x^3 + px^2 + qx + 8, \text{ where } p \text{ and } q \text{ are constants.}$$

Given that  $f(x)$  is exactly divisible by  $(2x - 1)$ , and also that when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $(x - 1)$  the remainder is  $-7$ ,

(a) find the value of  $p$  and the value of  $q$ . (6)

(b) Hence factorise  $f(x)$  completely. (3)

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7. A geometric series has first term 1200. Its sum to infinity is 960.

(a) Show that the common ratio of the series is  $-\frac{1}{4}$ . (3)

(a) Find, to 3 decimal places, the difference between the ninth and tenth terms of the series. (3)

(c) Write down an expression for the sum of the first  $n$  terms of the series. (2)

Given that  $n$  is odd,

(d) prove that the sum of the first  $n$  terms of the series is  
$$960(1 + 0.25^n).$$
 (2)

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8. A circle  $C$  has centre  $(3, 4)$  and radius  $3\sqrt{2}$ . A straight line  $l$  has equation  $y = x + 3$ .

(a) Write down an equation of the circle  $C$ . (2)

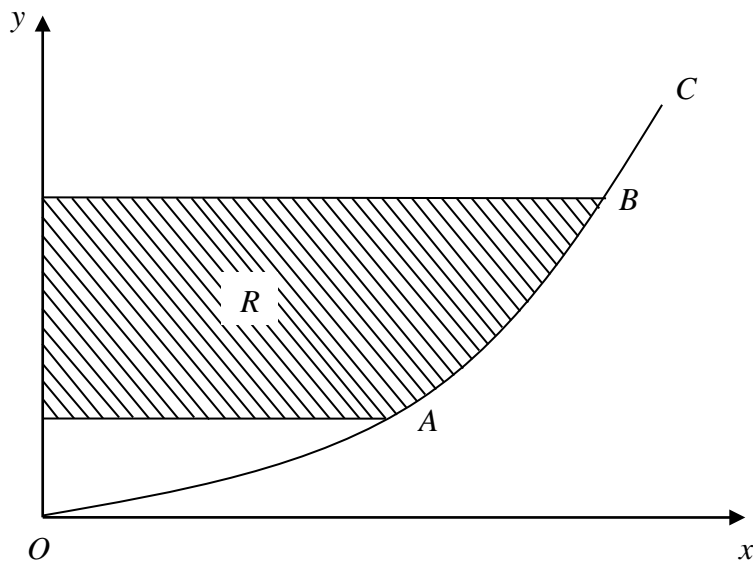
(b) Calculate the exact coordinates of the two points where the line  $l$  intersects  $C$ , giving your answers in surds. (5)

(c) Find the distance between these two points. (2)

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9.

Figure 2



The curve  $C$ , shown in Fig. 2, represents the graph of

$$y = \frac{x^2}{25}, \quad x \geq 0.$$

The points  $A$  and  $B$  on the curve  $C$  have  $x$ -coordinates 5 and 10 respectively.

(a) Write down the  $y$ -coordinates of  $A$  and  $B$ . (1)

(b) Find an equation of the tangent to  $C$  at  $A$ . (4)

The finite region  $R$  is enclosed by  $C$ , the  $y$ -axis and the lines through  $A$  and  $B$  parallel to the  $x$ -axis.

(c) For points  $(x, y)$  on  $C$ , express  $x$  in terms of  $y$ . (2)

(d) Use integration to find the area of  $R$ . (5)

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