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MATHEMATICS

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Paper 2 Pure Mathematics 2

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1 hour 15 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: List of formulae (MF19)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
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- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
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- You must show all necessary working clearly; no marks will be given for unsupported answers from a calculator.
- Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, or 1 decimal place for angles in degrees, unless a different level of accuracy is specified in the question.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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- 2 (a) Use logarithms to solve the inequality $4^x < 0.05$. Give your answer in the form $x < a$, where the value of a is correct to 3 significant figures. [2]

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- (b) Solve the inequality $|3x + 8| < 9$. [3]

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- (c) Hence state the integers that satisfy both of the inequalities in parts (a) and (b). [1]

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- 3 (a) Sketch, on a single diagram, the graphs of $y = 3e^{-2x}$ and $y = \sec x$ for values of x such that $0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$. [2]

- (b) Show that the x -coordinate of the point of intersection of the two graphs satisfies the equation $x = \frac{1}{2} \ln(3 \cos x)$. [2]

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- (c) Use an iterative formula, based on the equation in part (b), to find the x -coordinate of the point of intersection correct to 3 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 5 decimal places. [3]

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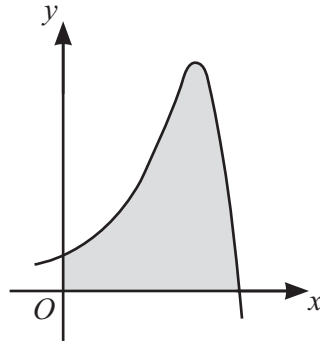
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The diagram shows the curve with equation $y = 6e^{2x} - e^{3x}$. The shaded region is bounded by the axes and the curve.

- (a) Find the exact x -coordinate of the maximum point. [3]

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$$p(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 - ax - 24,$$

where a and b are constants. It is given that $(2x-3)$ is a factor of $p(x)$ and that the remainder is -15 when $p(x)$ is divided by $(x+1)$.

(a) Find the values of a and b .

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(b) Hence factorise $p(x)$ completely.

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(c) Hence solve the equation $p(3\operatorname{cosec}\theta) = 0$ for $90^\circ < \theta < 270^\circ$.

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- Find the values of a and m .

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