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MATHEMATICS**9709/23**

Paper 2 Pure Mathematics 2

October/November 2025**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.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
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- You should use a calculator where appropriate.
- 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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1 Find $\int 6 \sin^2 x \, dx$.

[3]

[illegible]

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3 (a) Solve the equation $|2x - 3| = |5x + 2|$. [3]

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(b) Hence solve the equation $|2 \sec \theta - 3| = |5 \sec \theta + 2|$ for $\pi < \theta < 2\pi$. Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures. [3]

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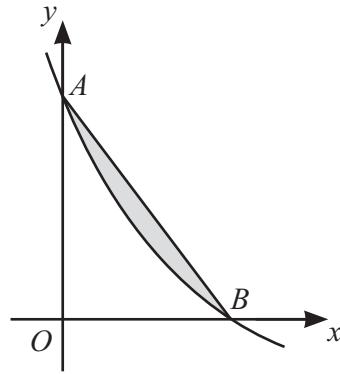




4 Solve the equation $\cot \theta \tan(\theta + 45^\circ) = 7$ for $0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$.

[5]

[illegible]



The diagram shows the curve with equation $y = 8e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} - 1$. The curve meets the axes at the points A and B . The shaded region is bounded by the curve and the line segment AB .

- (a) Show that the x -coordinate of B is $6 \ln 2$. [2]

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- (b) Find the area of the shaded region. Give your answer in the form $p \ln 2 - q$, where p and q are positive integers. [5]

[illegible]



6 A curve has parametric equations

$$x = \tan \theta, \quad y = \sin \theta - 2 \sin^3 \theta,$$

for $0 < \theta < \frac{1}{2}\pi$.

(a) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6 \cos^5 \theta - 5 \cos^3 \theta$. [4]

[illegible]



- (b) Find the equation of the normal to the curve at the point where it crosses the x -axis. Give your answer in the form $y = mx + c$, where m and c are exact constants. [5]

[illegible]



7 The polynomial $p(x)$ is defined by

$$p(x) = 2x^4 + kx^3 + kx^2 + 17x + 18,$$

where k is a constant. It is given that $(x+2)$ is a factor of $p(x)$.

(a) Find the value of k .

[2]

[illegible]

It is given that the equation $p(x) = 0$ has exactly two real roots, denoted by α and β , where α is an integer and β is not an integer.

(b) State the value of α and show that β satisfies the equation $x = \sqrt[3]{-2x - 4.5}$.

[4]

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(c) Show by calculation that $-1.4 < \beta < -1.0$.

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(d) Use an iterative formula, based on the equation in part (b), to find the value of β correct to 3 significant figures. Give the result of each iteration to 5 significant figures. [3]

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- 8** The equation of a curve is $y = 4e^{1-2x}\sqrt{3x-1}$.

Find the exact coordinates of the stationary point of the curve.

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