



## Monitoring Your Math's Vibrant Signs

*Any solution based entirely on graphical  
or numerical methods is not acceptable*

Marks Available : 30

### Question 1

Given that  $f(x) = \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2$  determine the exact value of  $\int_1^3 f(x) \, dx$

[ 5 marks ]

## Question 2



In March 2020, it was reported that the WhatsApp mobile messaging software had 2 billion active users. It was in March 2014 that it had 1 billion active users.

$Y$ (Year)	$U$ (Billion Users)
2014	1
2020	2

The growth in the number of active users was described as being exponential.

- ( i ) Assuming that the relationship between the number of active users,  $U$  (billions) and the Year Number, is of the form

$$U = a e^{b(Y-2014)} \text{ where } a \text{ and } b \text{ are constants}$$

determine the value of  $a$  and the value of  $b$

[ 2 marks ]

- ( ii ) Use your part (i) formula to predict the number of active WhatsApp users in March 2050.

[ 2 marks ]

- ( iii ) State with a reason if you think the prediction given by part (ii) is a realistic possibility or not.

[ 2 marks ]

### Question 3

Natalie is revising Calculus, and reads in her notes that;

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#### Point of Inflexion

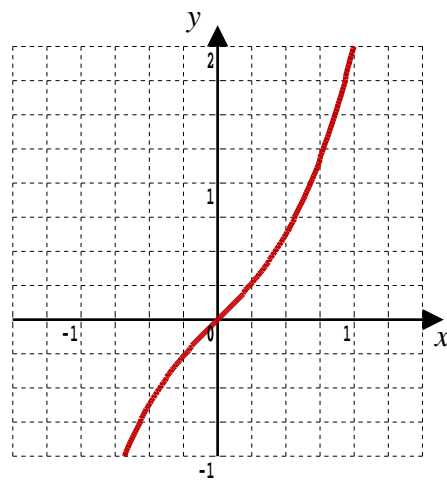
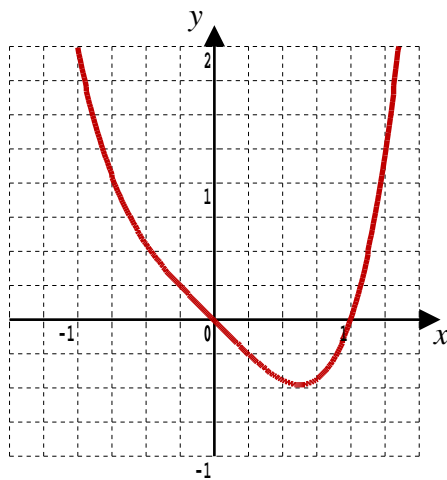
At a point of inflexion:

1st Condition •  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  must equal zero

2nd Condition •  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  must have different signs either side of the point

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Shown are the graphs of  $y = x^4 - x$  (to the left) and  $y = x^3 + x$  (to the right)



( i ) Show that  $y = x^4 - x$  does not have a point of inflection at  $( 0, 0 )$

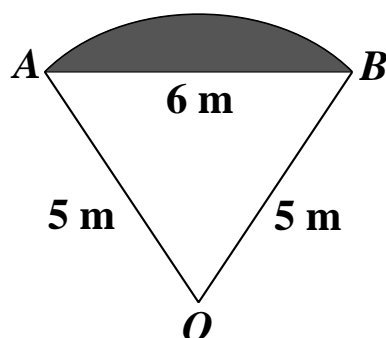
[ 3 marks ]

( ii ) Show that  $y = x^3 + x$  has a point of inflection at  $( 0, 0 )$

[ 3 marks ]

**Question 4**

*A-Level Examination Question from January 2006, Paper C2, Q5 (Edexcel)*



$OAB$  is a sector of a circle, radius  $5\text{ m}$

The chord  $AB$  is  $6\text{ m}$  long

( a )     Show that  $\cos AOB = \frac{7}{25}$

[ 2 marks ]

- ( b )     Hence find the angle  $AOB$  in radians.  
Give your answer to 3 decimal places.

[ 1 mark ]

- ( c )     Calculate the area of the sector  $OAB$ .

[ 2 marks ]

- ( d )     Hence calculate the shaded area.

[ 3 marks ]

**Question 5**

*A-Level Examination Question from January 2018, Paper C12, Q10(i) (Edexcel)*

Use the laws of logarithms to solve the equation

$$3 \log_8 2 + \log_8 (7 - x) = 2 + \log_8 x$$

[ 5 marks ]

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