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Mark Scheme Notes

Marks are of the following three types:

M Method mark, awarded for a valid method applied to the problem. Method marks are not lost for numerical errors, algebraic slips or errors in units. However, it is not usually sufficient for a candidate just to indicate an intention of using some method or just to quote a formula; the formula or idea must be applied to the specific problem in hand, e.g. by substituting the relevant quantities into the formula. Correct application of a formula without the formula being quoted obviously earns the M mark and in some cases an M mark can be implied from a correct answer.

A Accuracy mark, awarded for a correct answer or intermediate step correctly obtained. Accuracy marks cannot be given unless the associated method mark is earned (or implied).

B Mark for a correct result or statement independent of method marks.

- When a part of a question has two or more "method" steps, the M marks are generally independent unless the scheme specifically says otherwise; and similarly when there are several B marks allocated. The notation DM or DB (or dep*) is used to indicate that a particular M or B mark is dependent on an earlier M or B (asterisked) mark in the scheme. When two or more steps are run together by the candidate, the earlier marks are implied and full credit is given.

- The symbol √ implies that the A or B mark indicated is allowed for work correctly following on from previously incorrect results. Otherwise, A or B marks are given for correct work only. A and B marks are not given for fortuitously "correct" answers or results obtained from incorrect working.

- Note: B2 or A2 means that the candidate can earn 2 or 0.
  B2/1/0 means that the candidate can earn anything from 0 to 2.

  The marks indicated in the scheme may not be subdivided. If there is genuine doubt whether a candidate has earned a mark, allow the candidate the benefit of the doubt. Unless otherwise indicated, marks once gained cannot subsequently be lost, e.g. wrong working following a correct form of answer is ignored.

- Wrong or missing units in an answer should not lead to the loss of a mark unless the scheme specifically indicates otherwise.

- For a numerical answer, allow the A or B mark if a value is obtained which is correct to 3 s.f., or which would be correct to 3 s.f. if rounded (1 d.p. in the case of an angle). As stated above, an A or B mark is not given if a correct numerical answer arises fortuitously from incorrect working. For Mechanics questions, allow A or B marks for correct answers which arise from taking *g* equal to 9.8 or 9.81 instead of 10.

The following abbreviations may be used in a mark scheme or used on the scripts:

AEF Any Equivalent Form (of answer is equally acceptable)

AG Answer Given on the question paper (so extra checking is needed to ensure that the detailed working leading to the result is valid)

BOD Benefit of Doubt (allowed when the validity of a solution may not be absolutely clear)

CAO Correct Answer Only (emphasising that no "follow through" from a previous error is allowed)

CWO Correct Working Only – often written by a ‘fortuitous' answer

ISW Ignore Subsequent Working

MR Misread

PA Premature Approximation (resulting in basically correct work that is insufficiently accurate)

SOS See Other Solution (the candidate makes a better attempt at the same question)

SR Special Ruling (detailing the mark to be given for a specific wrong solution, or a case where some standard marking practice is to be varied in the light of a particular circumstance)

Penalties

MR –1 A penalty of MR –1 is deducted from A or B marks when the data of a question or part question are genuinely misread and the object and difficulty of the question remain unaltered. In this case all A and B marks then become "follow through √" marks. MR is not applied when the candidate misreads his own figures – this is regarded as an error in accuracy. An MR–2 penalty may be applied in particular cases if agreed at the coordination meeting.

PA –1 This is deducted from A or B marks in the case of premature approximation. The PA –1 penalty is usually discussed at the meeting.

1			Integrate to obtain $k\ln(2x+5)$	M1	
			Obtain correct $\frac{3}{2}\ln(2x+5)$	A1	
			Apply limits and use logarithm law for $\ln a - \ln b$	M1	
			Use logarithm power law	M1	
			Obtain $\ln 125$	A1	[5]
2	(i)	Either	State or imply non-modulus equation $(2x+3)^2 = (x+8)^2$ or corresponding pair of linear equations	B1	
			Solve 3-term quadratic equation or 2 linear equations	M1	
			Obtain $x = -\frac{11}{3}$ and $x = 5$	A1	
		Or	Obtain $x = 5$ from graphical method, inspection, equation, …	B1	
			Obtain $x = -\frac{11}{3}$ similarly	B2	[3]
	(ii)		Use logarithms to solve equation of form $2^y = k$ where $k > 0$	M1	
			Obtain 2.32	A1	[2]
3			Obtain $\frac{dx}{dt} = e^t + (t+1)e^t$ or equivalent	B1	
			Obtain $\frac{dy}{dt} = t(t+4)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$	B1	
			Substitute $t = 0$ and divide to obtain gradient of tangent	M1	
			Obtain $\frac{3}{4}$ following their first derivatives	A1	
			Form equation of tangent through $(1, 12)$	M1	
			Obtain $3x - 4y + 45 = 0$ or equivalent of required form	A1	[6]
4	(i)		Attempt division, or equivalent, at least as far as quotient $3x^2 + kx$	M1	
			Obtain partial quotient $3x^2 + 11x$	A1	
			Obtain complete quotient $3x^2 + 11x + 20$ with no errors seen	A1	
			Confirm remainder is 39	B1	[4]
	(ii)		State or imply $(x-2)(3x^2 + 11x + 20) = 0$	B1	
			Calculate discriminant of quadratic factor or equivalent	M1	
			Obtain –119 or equivalent and confirm only one real root	A1	[3]
5	(i)		Integrate to obtain $e^{3x} + 5e^x$	B1	
			Apply both limits and subtract for expression of form $k_1e^{3x} + k_2e^x$	M1	
			Obtain $e^{3a} + 5e^a = 106$ or similarly simplified equivalent	A1	
			Rearrange and introduce logarithms	M1	
			Confirm given answer $a = \frac{1}{3}\ln(106 - 5e^a)$	A1	[5]

	(ii)	Use the iterative formula correctly at least once	M1	
		Obtain final answer 1.477	A1	
		Show sufficient iterations to justify accuracy to 3 d.p. or show sign change in interval (1.4765, 1.4775)	A1	[3]
6	(i)	State or imply $R = 3$	B1	
		Use appropriate formula to find α	M1	
		Obtain 41.81°	A1	[3]
	(ii)	(a) Attempt to find one correct value of $\theta + \alpha$	M1	
		Obtain one correct value (30.7 or 245.6) of θ	A1	
		Carry out correct method to find second answer	M1	
		Obtain second correct answer and no others in range	A1	[4]
		(b) State greatest value is 13, following their value of R	B1	
		State least value is 7, following their value of R	B1	[2]
7	(i)	Use quotient rule or equivalent to find first derivative	M1	
		Obtain $\dfrac{2\cos 2x(\cos x + 1) + \sin 2x \sin x}{(\cos x + 1)^2}$ or equivalent	A1	
		Use at least one of $\cos 2x = 2\cos^2 x - 1$ and $2x = 2\sin x \cos x$	B1	
		Express first derivative in terms of $\cos x$ only	M1	
		Obtain $\dfrac{2\cos^3 x + 4\cos^2 x - 2}{(\cos x + 1)^2}$ or equivalent	A1	
		Factorise numerator or divide numerator by $(\cos x + 1)$ or equivalent	M1	
		Confirm given answer $\dfrac{2(\cos^2 x + \cos x - 1)}{\cos x + 1}$ correctly	A1	[7]
	(ii)	Use quadratic formula or equivalent to find value of $\cos x$	M1	
		Obtain x-coordinate 0.905	A1	
		Obtain x-coordinate –0.905 and no others in range	A1	[3]