



## FINAL EXAMINATION

Semester	:	<b>SEPTEMBER 2025 SEMESTER</b>
Programme Name	:	<b>FOUNDATION IN ARTS</b>
Course Code & Name	:	<b>FA1134 MATHEMATICS</b>
Duration	:	<b>3 HOURS</b>

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Please read the instructions given in the question paper **CAREFULLY**.
2. The question paper consists of **FOUR (4)** questions.
3. Answer **ALL** questions in the question paper.
4. Answers to the questions are to be written into the examination booklet.
5. Electronic dictionaries, lecture notes, files or any unauthorised materials except writing equipment are strictly prohibited.

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Answer **ALL** questions on the separate sheet provided.

[100 marks]

1. a) Define each of the following subsets of the real numbers and give one distinct example for each:
- i) Natural numbers (2 marks)
  - ii) Whole numbers (2 marks)
  - iii) Integers (2 marks)
  - iv) Rational numbers (2 marks)
  - v) Irrational numbers (2 marks)
- b) i) Simplify and give your answer as an integer:  
$$\frac{4^3 \cdot 4^{-1}}{4^2}$$
 (3 marks)
- ii) Simplify and express with positive indices only:  
$$\frac{a^5 b^{-2}}{a^{-1} b^3}$$
 (3 marks)
- iii) Simplify the below:  
$$\frac{5}{\sqrt{8}}$$
 (3 marks)
- c) i) Let  $f(x) = 2x + 1$  with domain  $\{1,2,3,4\}$ , state the range of  $f$ . (2 marks)
- ii) Evaluate the limit (showing a suitable algebraic method):  
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x - 3}$$
 (4 marks)
- Total: [25 marks]
2. a) Given  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the quadratic equation  $x^2 - 7x + 14 = 0$ , form a new quadratic equation with roots  $\frac{\alpha}{3}$  and  $\frac{\beta}{3}$  (7 marks)
- b) Solve by completing the square, give answers correct to four decimal places:
- i)  $3x^2 - 12x - 9 = 0$  (5 marks)
  - ii)  $2x^2 = 2(4x + 7)$  (5 marks)

- c) Using the Laws of Indices, simplify each expression and give your answers with positive indices only.

i)  $\left(\frac{a^{-2}b^3}{ab^{-1}}\right)^2 \cdot a^{-1}b$

(4 marks)

ii)  $\frac{32^{\frac{3}{5}} \cdot 8^{-\frac{1}{3}}}{2^{-4}}$

(4 marks)

Total: [25 marks]

3. a) A progression is: **160, 80, 40, 20, ...**

i) Identify the progression type

(4 marks)

ii) Find  $S_n$ , the sum of the first  $n$  terms, in terms of  $n$

(7 marks)

iii) Hence compute  $S_6$  and the 6th term  $T_6$ .

(8 marks)

- b) Geometric progression: 6,12,24, ...

i) Determine the common ratio  $r$

(3 marks)

ii) Find  $S_5$

(3 marks)

Total: [25 marks]

4. a) i) Apply the rules of differentiation to find the derivative  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  for the function:

$$y = 5x^4 - 2x^2 + 8x - 10$$

(5 marks)

ii) Apply the rules of indefinite integration to find the integral  $\int f(x) dx$  for the function:

$$f(x) = 9x^2 + 3x - 5$$

(5 marks)

- b) The revenue (R) in Ringgit Malaysia (RM) for selling  $x$  units of a product is given by the function:

$$R(x) = 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12x + 50$$

i) Differentiate the function  $R(x)$  with respect to  $x$  to determine the rate of change of revenue with respect to the number of units sold.

(6 marks)

ii) Hence, find the rate of change when  $x = 2$  units.

(4 marks)

c) Calculate the definite integral:

$$\int_1^3 (4x - 2) dx$$

Total: (5 marks)  
[25 marks]

**- END OF QUESTIONS -**

## FORMULAE LIST

### Real Number

*Addition*,  $(a + bi) + (c + di) = (a + c) + (b + d)i$

*Subtraction*,  $(a + bi) - (c + di) = (a - c) + (b - d)i$

*Multiplication*,  $(a + bi)(c + di) = (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i$

*Division*,  $\frac{a + bi}{c + di} \cdot \frac{c + di}{c + di} = \frac{(a + bi)(c - di)}{c^2 + d^2}$

*Multiplication Laws*,  $a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$

*Division Laws*,  $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$

*Power*,  $(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$

*Multiply*,  $a^n \cdot b^n = (ab)^n$

*Fractional Powers*,  $a^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a}$

$a^0 = 1$  (for  $a \neq 0$ )

$a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$

*Law* ( $a > 0, b > 0$ )

*Multiply*,  $\sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt{b} = \sqrt{ab}$

*Division*,  $\frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}} = \sqrt{\frac{a}{b}}$

### Functions

*Linear functions*:  $y = mx + c$

*m*:  $\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$

*x - axis*,  $y = 0$

*y - axis*,  $x = 0$

*Quadratic Functions*:  $ax^2 + bx + c$

*Quadratic Formula*:  $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

*Completing the square*:  $x^2 + bx + \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 = c + \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$

*Forming quadratic equations from the given roots:*

$$x^2 - (\text{sum of roots})x + (\text{product of roots}) = 0$$

$$\text{Log}_a(MN) = \text{log}_a M + \text{log}_a N$$

$$\text{Log}_a\left(\frac{M}{N}\right) = \text{log}_a M - \text{log}_a N$$

$$\text{Log}_a M^k = k \text{log}_a M$$

$$\text{log } a = 1$$

$$\text{log } 1 = 0$$

$$\text{Limits: } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = e$$

### Sequence

$$T_n = a + (n - 1)d$$

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n - 1)d]$$

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a + l)$$

$$T_n = S_n - S_{n-1}$$

$$T_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}, \quad r \neq 1$$

Alternative form (when  $|r| < 1$ ):

$$S_n = \frac{a(1 - r^n)}{1 - r}$$

Sum to infinity (when  $|r| < 1$ ):

$$S_\infty = \frac{a}{1 - r}$$

$$T_n = S_n - S_{n-1}$$

### Differentiation

$$\text{Gradient} = \frac{f(x + h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + h) - f(x)}{h}$$

Contant function, If  $y = f(x) = k$ , hence  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) = 0$

*Identity Function, If  $y = f(x) = x$ , hence  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) = 1$*

*Power function, If  $y = f(x) = x^n$ , hence  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) = nx^{n-1}$*

*Power and constant function, If  $y = f(x) = kx^n$ , hence  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) = knx^{n-1}$*

*Sum/Difference rule, If  $y = (f \pm g)(x)$ , hence  $\frac{dy}{dx} = (f \pm g)'(x) = f'(x) \pm g'(x)$*

*Product rule, If  $y = (fg)(x)$ , hence  $\frac{dy}{dx} = (fg)'(x) = f(x)g'(x) + g(x)f'(x)$*

$$uv' + u'v$$

*Quotient rule, If  $y = \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$ , hence  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(x) = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$ ,  $g(x) \neq 0$*

*Chain rule, If  $y = (f \cdot g)(x)$ , hence  $\frac{dy}{dx} = (f \cdot g)'(x) = f'(g(x))g'(x)$*

*Power rule, If  $y = [f(x)]^n$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = n[f(x)]^{n-1}f'(x)$*

$$\text{If } y = f(x)g(x), y' = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$$

## Integrals

*Constant Function,  $\frac{d}{dx}(C) = 0$*

*Identity Function,  $\frac{d}{dx}(x) = 1$*

*Power,  $\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$*

*Constant Multiple,  $\frac{d}{dx}(kf(x)) = k \frac{d}{dx}(f(x))$*

*Linearity,  $\frac{d}{dx}(f(x) \pm g(x)) = \frac{d}{dx}(f(x)) \pm \frac{d}{dx}(g(x))$*

*Constant Function,  $\int 0 dx = c$*

*Identity Function,  $\int 1 dx = x + C$*

*Power  $\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + c, n \neq -1$*

*Constant Multiple,  $\int kf(x)dx = k \int f(x) dx$*

*Linearity,  $\int [f(x) + g(x)] dx = \int f(x) dx + \int g(x) dx$*

$$\text{Antiderivative, } \int (ax + b)^n dx = \frac{(ax + b)^{n+1}}{a(n + 1)} + C, n \neq -1$$

$$\text{Definite Integrals, } \int_a^b f(x) dx = F(x)|_{x=a}^b = F(b) - F(a)$$

**Property:**

$$\int_a^a f(x) dx = 0$$

$$\int_b^a f(x) dx = - \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

$$\int_a^b kf(x) dx = k \int_a^b f(x) dx, \text{ where } k \text{ is a constant}$$

$$\int_a^b [f(x) + g(x)] dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx + \int_a^b g(x) dx$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx, a < c < b$$

$$\int_a^b f(g(x))g'(x)dx = \int_{g(a)}^{g(b)} f(u) du$$

**- END OF FORMULAE LIST -**