

GCE FURTHER MATHEMATICS

Advanced Subsidiary – Paper 1: Core Pure Mathematics (8FM0/01)

Mark Scheme – June 2026

Question 1 (Total: 9 Marks) – Cubic Equations & Roots

Given equation: $2x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x + 7 = 0$ with roots α, β, γ .

Par	Scheme / Working	Marks	AO
(i)	State or use standard relationships: $\Sigma\alpha = -(-3)/2 = 3/2$ and $\Sigma\alpha\beta = 5/2$.	M1	1.1b
	Use $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = (\Sigma\alpha)^2 - 2\Sigma\alpha\beta = (3/2)^2 - 2(5/2) = 9/4 - 5 = -11/4$ (or -2.75)	A1 A1	1.1b 2.1
(ii)	State or use product of roots: $\alpha\beta\gamma = -7/2$. Express $\alpha^{-1} + \beta^{-1} + \gamma^{-1} = (\Sigma\alpha\beta)/(\alpha\beta\gamma)$. Substitute values: $(5/2)/(-7/2) = -5/7$	M1	1.1b
		A1 A1	1.1b 1.1b
(iii)	Expand product: $(1-\alpha)(1-\beta)(1-\gamma) = 1 - \Sigma\alpha + \Sigma\alpha\beta - \alpha\beta\gamma$	M1	2.1
	Substitute values: $1 - (3/2) + (5/2) - (-7/2) = 1 - 1.5 + 2.5 + 3.5 = 5.5 = 11/2$ Alternative: Substitute $x = 1$ into $f(x) / 2 = (2(1)^3 - 3(1)^2 + 5(1) + 7) / 2 = 11/2$.	A1 A1	1.1b 3.1a
Total for Question 1		9 Marks	

Question 2 (Total: 8 Marks) – Summations

Part	Scheme / Working	Marks	AO
(a)	Split summation and apply formulas: $\sum_{r=1}^n (2r - 1)^2 = \sum (4r^2 - 4r + 1) = 4\sum r^2 - 4\sum r + \sum 1$	M1	2.1
	Substitute standard results: $= 4 * [n(n+1)(2n+1)/6] - 4 * [n(n+1)/2] + n$	M1 A1	1.1b 1.1b
	Factorise out n : $= (n/3) * [2(n+1)(2n+1) - 6(n+1) + 3] = (n/3)(4n^2 + 6n + 2 - 6n - 6 + 3) = (n/3)(4n^2 - 1)$ Hence $a = 4, b = -1$.	M1 A1	2.1 1.1b
(b)	Set up equation: $(k/3)(4k^2 - 1) = 3k^2 \rightarrow 4k^3 - 1k = 9k^2$ $\rightarrow k(4k^2 - 9k - 1) = 0$	M1	3.1a
	Since k is a positive integer, $k \neq 0$. Solve $4k^2 - 9k - 1 = 0$: Discriminant $\Delta = (-9)^2 - 4(4)(-1) = 81 + 16 = 97$. Since 97 is not a perfect square, k cannot be an integer. Thus, no such integer values exist.	M1 A1	2.4 2.2a
Total for Question 2		8 Marks	

Question 3 (Total: 8 Marks) – Complex Roots

Given: $f(z) = 3z^3 + az^2 + bz + 17 = 0$, one root is $4 - i$.

Part	Scheme / Working	Marks	AO
(a)	State complex conjugate root: $4 + i$	B1	1.2
	Find quadratic factor: $(z-(4-i))(z - (4+i)) = z^2 - 8z + 17$	M1 A1	1.1b 1.1b
	Perform division or match constants: $(3z + c)(z^2 - 8z + 17)$. Product of constants $17c = 17 \rightarrow c = 1$. Third root is found from $3z + 1 = 0 \rightarrow z = -1/3$. Full solution set: $4 - i, 4 + i, -1/3$.	M1 A1	3.1a 1.1b
(b)	Expand product $(3z + 1)(z^2 - 8z + 17) = 3z^3 - 24z^2 + 51z + z^2 - 8z + 17 = 3z^3 - 23z^2 + 43z + 17$	M1	1.1b
	Compare coefficients: $a = -23, b = 43$	A1	1.1
(c)	Roots of $f(z+2) = 0$ are shifted by -2 from original roots: $z_1 = (4 - i) - 2 = 2 - i$ $z_2 = (4 + i) - 2 = 2 + i$ $z_3 = -1/3 - 2 = -7/3$	B1	b 2.2a
Total for Question 3		8 Marks	

Question 4 (Total: 7 Marks) – Invariant Lines & Points

Matrix: $Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

Part	Scheme / Working	Marks	AO
(a)	Let invariant line be $y = mx$. Set up system: $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ mx \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix}$ where $y' = mx'$. $x' = mx$ and $y' = 5x + 4mx$.	M1	3.1a
	Substitute equations: $5x + 4mx = m(mx) \Rightarrow m^2 - 4m - 5 = 0$	M1 A1	1.1b 1.1b
	Factorise: $(m - 5)(m + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow m = 5, m = -1$. Equations of invariant lines are $y = 5x$ and $y = -x$.	M1 A2	1.1b 2.2a
(b)	For line of invariant points, solve $Q \begin{pmatrix} x \\ x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ x \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow y = x$ and $5x + 4y = y \Rightarrow 5x + 3y = 0$. The only simultaneous solution is the point $(0,0)$, so no line of invariant points exists except the trivial point. Therefore, equation does not exist (or line is non-existent).	B1	2.4
Total for Question 4		7 Marks	

Question 5 (Total: 6 Marks) – Proof by Induction

Prove that matrix summation / sequence formula holds for all positive integers n .

Part	Scheme / Working	Marks	AO
—	Basis Step: Prove true for $n = 1$ by substituting and checking equality.	B1	1.1b
	Assumption Step: Assume statement is true for $n = k$. Write expression clearly.	M1	2.4
	Inductive Step: Add the $(k+1)$ -th term to the assumption formula and use algebraic manipulation to transform it into the required format for $n = k + 1$.	M1 A1 A1	2.1 1.1b 1.1b
	Conclusion: State that since it is true for $n = 1$, and true for $n = k + 1$ when assumed true for $n = k$, it is true for all positive integers n by induction.	B1	2.4
Total for Question 5		6 Marks	

Question 6 (Total: 9 Marks) – Argand Diagrams & Loci

Part	Scheme / Working	Marks	AO
(a)	<p>From Figure 1, the center of circle C is at $(3, -2)$.</p> <p>Locus format: $z - (a + bi) = 1 \rightarrow z - (3 - 2i) = 1$.</p> <p>Therefore, $a = 3$ and $b = -2$.</p> <p>Half-line l starts at $(1, 0)$ and passes through $(0, 1)$. Gradient = -1.</p> <p>Angle with positive real axis is $3\pi/4$.</p>	B1	1.2 1.1b
(b)	<p>Equation: $\arg(z - 1) = \frac{3\pi}{4}$</p> <p>Line equation in Cartesian form: $y - 0 = -1(x - 1) \rightarrow y = -x + 1$.</p>	M1 A1	1.1 b 2.2a
(c)	<p>Circle equation: $(x - 3)^2 + (y + 2)^2 = 1$.</p> <p>Substitute $y = -x + 1$: $(x - 3)^2 + (-x + 3)^2 = 1 \rightarrow 2(x - 3)^2 = 1 \rightarrow (x - 3)^2 = 1/2$.</p> <p>$x = 3 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ (choosing smaller x value from graph).</p> <p>Then $y = -(3 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) + 1 = -2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$.</p> <p>Complex number $P = (3 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) + (-2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})i$.</p> <p>Region constraints:</p>	M1 A1	3.1a 1.1 b
(d)	<p>1. Inside/on the circle: $z - (3 - 2i) \leq 1$</p> <p>2. Bound by half-line l and horizontal line m (which has $\arg(z - (3 - 2i)) = 0$):</p> <p>Inequality: $\arg(z - (3 - 2i)) \leq \frac{7\pi}{4}$ (or equivalent boundary metrics).</p>	M1 A2	2. 1 2. 5
Total for Question 6		9 Marks	

Question 7 (Total: 12 Marks) – Matrices & Simultaneous Equations

Par (a)	Scheme / Working	Marks	AO
	<p>Matrix $M = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -5 & 3 \\ 5 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$</p> <p>(With variable k variation if applicable).</p> <p>Find determinant: $\det(M) = 6(2 - 3) - (-5)(10 - (-1)) + 3(-15 - 1) = -6 + 55 - 48 = 1$.</p> <p>If M is singular, $\det = 0$. Shows constant holds or find $k = \text{ext}\{value\}$.</p> <p>Find matrix of cofactors, transpose to find adjugate, and divide by determinant to obtain M^{-1}.</p>	M1 A1	1.1b 1.1b
(b)	<p>Multiply M^{-1} by the column matrix of constants containing p to isolate x, y, z solutions in terms of p.</p>	M1 A3	1.1b 1.1b
(c)	<p>Set up equation compatibility check via row reduction / elimination.</p>	M1 A1	3.1a 1.1b
(d)	<p>Find condition for consistency: $p = 3$ (or equivalent determined value).</p> <p>Geometrical interpretation: The three planes do not meet at a</p>	M1 A1	2.1 1.1b
(e)	<p>unique point.</p> <p>Since the equations are inconsistent when p is not equal to the specific value, they form a triangular prism.</p>	B1 B1	2.4 2.2a
Total for Question 7		12 Marks	

Question 8 (Total: 10 Marks) – Vectors & 3D Geometry

Part (a)	Scheme / Working	Marks	AO
	Substitute parametric form of line l_1 into plane equation $2x + y - 2z = 4$ to find the scalar parameter value, then substitute back to get the unique point coordinates. Use scalar product formula: $ \sin(\theta) = \frac{ \mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{n} }{ \mathbf{d} \mathbf{n} }$, where \mathbf{d} is the line direction vector and $\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$.	A1	1.1b
(b)	Calculate exact angle to one decimal place. Construct line direction vector \mathbf{b} using the cross product	M1 M1 A1	1.1b 2.1 1.1b
(c)	or angle constraints such that it lies within plane Π and fulfills the target angle requirement. State final vector equation in form $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{a} + \mu \mathbf{b}$.	M1 A2	3.1 a 2.2 a
Total for Question 8		10 Marks	

Question 9 (Total: 11 Marks) – Volumes of Revolution & Modeling

Part (a)	Scheme / Working	Marks	AQ
	Substitute coordinates of $C(1, k)$ into curve equation $x^2 + 9(y - 4)^2 = 9$: $1^2 + 9(k - 4)^2 = 9 \rightarrow 9(k - 4)^2 = 8 \rightarrow (k - 4)^2 = 8/9$ $k = 4 - \frac{\sqrt{8}}{3} = 4 - \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$ (since $k < 4$ from the diagram).	M1 A1	3.3 1.1b
(b)	Volume of cylinder component from $y = 0$ to $y = k$: $V_1 = \pi \int_0^k 1^2 dy = \pi k$. Volume of curved head component: $V_2 = \pi \int_k^4 x^2 dy = \pi \int_k^4 [9 - 9(y - 4)^2] dy$.	M1	3.1a
	Integrate curved expression: $\int [9 - 9(y - 4)^2] dy = \left[9y - 3(y - 4)^3 \right]_k^4$. Evaluate limits accurately to find exact terms.	M1 A1	1.1 b 1.1 b
	Combine volumes: <i>Total Volume</i> = $V_1 + V_2$. Substitute numerical values and round to nearest whole number: $\approx 51 \text{ ext{ cm}^3}$.	M1 A1	2.1 3.2a
(c)	Limitation statement: The model assumes the door handle profile perfectly matches an ellipse shape, ignoring any micro-manufacturing variations or internal hollowness.	B1	3.5b
(d)	Compare values: Calculated value ($51 \text{ ext{ cm}^3}$) is close to actual value ($48 \text{ ext{ cm}^3}$) with a percentage error of approx 6.25%. Conclude that the model is reliable and valid.	B1	3.5a
(e)	Refinement: Change the curve equation component from an elliptical form to a standard circle equation form $(x^2 + (y - y_0)^2 = r^2)$ to represent a true spherical cross section.	B1	3.5c
Total for Question 9		11 Marks	