



# EXAM PAPERS PRACTICE

GCSE OCR Math J560

Iteration

Question Paper

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### Question 1

Explain the relationship between the values of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  and the equation  $x^3 + 2x^2 + 4 = 0$

[2 marks]

### Question 2

(b) Show that the equation  $x^3 + x = 7$  can be rearranged to give  $x = \sqrt[3]{7 - x}$

[1 mark]

### Question 3

(a) Show that the equation  $x^3 + 4x = 1$  has a solution between  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$

[2 marks]

### Question 4

(c) Starting with  $x_0 = 0$ , use the iteration formula  $x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{x_n^3}{4}$  twice, to find an estimate for the solution of  $x^3 + 4x = 1$

[3 marks]

### Question 5

The number of slugs in a garden  $t$  days from now is  $p_t$  where

$$p_0 = 100$$

$$p_{t+1} = 1.06p_t$$

Work out the number of slugs in the garden 3 days from now.

[3 marks]



**Question 6**

Using  $x_{n+1} = -2 - \frac{4}{x_n^2}$

with  $x_0 = -2.5$

(a) find the values of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$

[3 marks]

**Question 7**

(a) Show that the equation  $x^3 + x = 7$  has a solution between 1 and 2

[2 marks]

**Question 8**

(c) Starting with  $x_0 = 2$ ,  
use the iteration formula  $x_{n+1} = \sqrt[3]{7 - x_n}$  three times to find an estimate for a  
solution of  $x^3 + x = 7$

[3 marks]

**Question 9**

(b) Show that the equation  $x^3 + 4x = 1$  can be arranged to give  $x = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{x^3}{4}$

[1 mark]



**Question 10**

The number of bees in a beehive at the start of year  $n$  is  $P_n$ .

The number of bees in the beehive at the start of the following year is given by

$$P_{n+1} = 1.05(P_n - 250)$$

At the start of 2015 there were 9500 bees in the beehive.

How many bees will there be in the beehive at the start of 2018?

[3 marks]

**Question 11**

(b) Show that the equation  $x^3 + 7x - 5 = 0$  can be arranged to give  $x = \frac{5}{x^2 + 7}$

[2 marks]

**Question 12**

(d) By substituting your answer to part (c) into  $x^3 + 7x - 5$ ,  
comment on the accuracy of your estimate for the solution to  $x^3 + 7x - 5 = 0$

[2 marks]



**Question 13**

(b) Using

$$x_{n+1} = 3 + \frac{3}{x_n^2} \quad \text{with } x_0 = 3.2,$$

find the values of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$

[3 marks]

**Question 14**

$$f(x) = x^4 - 8x^2 + 2$$

(a) Show that the equation  $f(x) = 0$  can be written as  $x = \sqrt{ax^4 + b}$ ,  $x > 0$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants to be found.

Let  $x_0 = 1.5$ .

[2 marks]

**Question 15**

$$f(x) = x^3 - 2x - 5.$$

(a) Show that there is a root  $\alpha$  of  $f(x) = 0$  for  $x$  in the interval  $[2, 3]$ .

[2 marks]