

Old Past Papers - Trigonometry

[SQA] 1. Solve the equation $3 \cos 2x^\circ + \cos x^\circ = -1$ in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360$.

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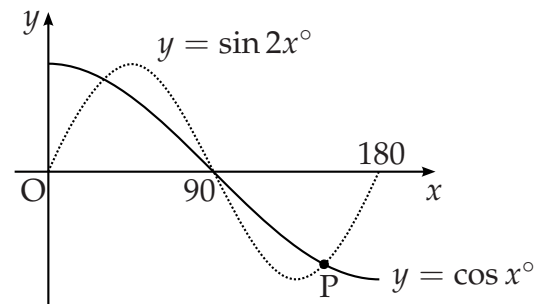
Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	U2 OC3	
	5	A/B	CR	T10	60, 131.8, 228.2, 300	2000 P2 Q5	
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ ss: know to use $\cos 2x = 2 \cos^2 x - 1$ •² pd: process •³ ss: know to/and factorise quadratic •⁴ pd: process •⁵ pd: process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $3(2 \cos^2 x^\circ - 1)$ •² $6 \cos^2 x^\circ + \cos x^\circ - 2 = 0$ •³ $(2 \cos x^\circ - 1)(3 \cos x^\circ + 2)$ •⁴ $\cos x^\circ = \frac{1}{2}, x = 60, 300$ •⁵ $\cos x^\circ = -\frac{2}{3}, x = 132, 228$ 		

[SQA] 2. (a) Solve the equation $\sin 2x^\circ - \cos x^\circ = 0$ in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 180$.

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(b) The diagram shows parts of two trigonometric graphs, $y = \sin 2x^\circ$ and $y = \cos x^\circ$.

Use your solutions in (a) to write down the coordinates of the point P.



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Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	U2 OC3	
(a)	4	C	NC	T10	30, 90, 150	2001 P1 Q5	
(b)	1	C	NC	T3	$(150, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$		
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ ss: use double angle formula •² pd: factorise •³ pd: process •⁴ pd: process •⁵ ic: interpret graph 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $2 \sin x^\circ \cos x^\circ$ •² $\cos x^\circ (2 \sin x^\circ - 1)$ •³ $\cos x^\circ = 0, \sin x^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$ •⁴ 90, 30, 150 <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •³ $\sin x^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$ and $x = 30, 150$ •⁴ $\cos x^\circ = 0$ and $x = 90$ •⁵ $(150, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$ 		

[SQA] 3. Functions f and g are defined on suitable domains by $f(x) = \sin(x^\circ)$ and $g(x) = 2x$.

(a) Find expressions for:

- (i) $f(g(x))$;
- (ii) $g(f(x))$.

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(b) Solve $2f(g(x)) = g(f(x))$ for $0 \leq x \leq 360$.

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(a)	2	C	CN	A4	(i) $\sin(2x^\circ)$, (ii) $2 \sin(x^\circ)$	2002 P1 Q3
(b)	5	C	CN	T10	$0^\circ, 60^\circ, 180^\circ, 300^\circ, 360^\circ$	

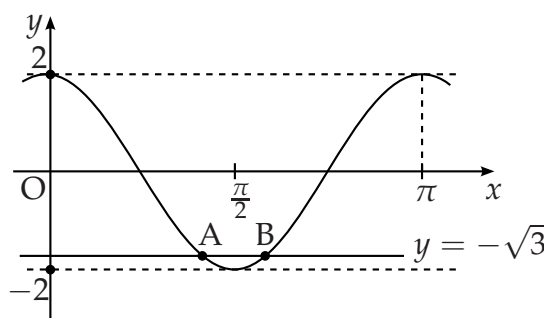
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ ic: interpret $f(g(x))$ •² ic: interpret $g(f(x))$ •³ ss: equate for intersection •⁴ ss: substitute for $\sin 2x$ •⁵ pd: extract a common factor •⁶ pd: solve a 'common factor' equation •⁷ pd: solve a 'linear' equation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $\sin(2x^\circ)$ •² $2 \sin(x^\circ)$ •³ $2 \sin(2x^\circ) = 2 \sin(x^\circ)$ •⁴ appearance of $2 \sin(x^\circ) \cos(x^\circ)$ •⁵ $2 \sin(x^\circ) (2 \cos(x^\circ) - 1)$ •⁶ $\sin(x^\circ) = 0$ and $0, 180, 360$ •⁷ $\cos(x^\circ) = \frac{1}{2}$ and $60, 300$ <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •⁶ $\sin(x^\circ) = 0$ and $\cos(x^\circ) = \frac{1}{2}$ •⁷ $0, 60, 180, 300, 360$
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[SQA] 4. The diagram shows the graph of a cosine function from 0 to π .

(a) State the equation of the graph.

(b) The line with equation $y = -\sqrt{3}$ intersects this graph at point A and B.

Find the coordinates of B.



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(a)	1	C	NC	T4	$y = 2 \cos 2x$	2002 P1 Q8
(b)	3	C	NC	T7	$B(\frac{7\pi}{12}, -\sqrt{3})$	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ ic: interpret graph •² ss: equate equal parts •³ pd: solve linear trig equation in radians •⁴ ic: interpret result 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $2 \cos 2x$ •¹ $2 \cos 2x = -\sqrt{3}$ •² $2x = \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{6}$ •³ $x = \frac{7\pi}{12}$
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[SQA] 5. Functions $f(x) = \sin x$, $g(x) = \cos x$ and $h(x) = x + \frac{\pi}{4}$ are defined on a suitable set of real numbers.

(a) Find expressions for:

(i) $f(h(x))$;

(ii) $g(h(x))$.

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(b) (i) Show that $f(h(x)) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos x$.

(ii) Find a similar expression for $g(h(x))$ and hence solve the equation $f(h(x)) - g(h(x)) = 1$ for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$.

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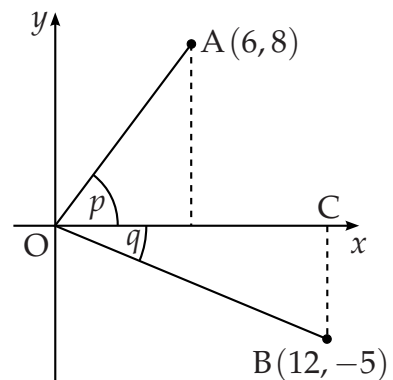
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(a)	2	C	NC	A4	(i) $\sin(x + \frac{\pi}{4})$, (ii) $\cos(x + \frac{\pi}{4})$	2001 P1 Q7
(b)	5	C	NC	T8, T7	(i) proof, (ii) $x = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}$	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ ic: interpret composite functions •² ic: interpret composite functions •³ ss: expand $\sin(x + \frac{\pi}{4})$ •⁴ ic: interpret •⁵ ic: substitute •⁶ pd: start solving process •⁷ pd: process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $\sin(x + \frac{\pi}{4})$ •² $\cos(x + \frac{\pi}{4})$ •³ $\sin x \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + \cos x \sin \frac{\pi}{4}$ and complete •⁴ $g(h(x)) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin x$ •⁵ $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos x) - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin x)$ •⁶ $\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \sin x$ •⁷ $x = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}$ <i>accept only radians</i>
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[SQA] 6. On the coordinate diagram shown, A is the point (6,8) and B is the point (12,-5). Angle AOC = p and angle COB = q .

Find the exact value of $\sin(p + q)$.

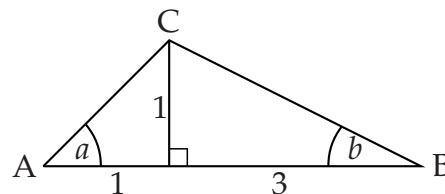
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	4	C	NC	T9	$\frac{63}{65}$	2000 P1 Q1

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ ss: know to use trig expansion •² pd: process missing sides •³ ic: interpret data •⁴ pd: process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $\sin p \cos q + \cos p \sin q$ •² 10 and 13 •³ $\frac{8}{10} \cdot \frac{12}{13} + \frac{6}{10} \cdot \frac{5}{13}$ •⁴ $\frac{126}{130}$
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- [SQA] 7. In triangle ABC , show that the exact value of $\sin(a + b)$ is $\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$.



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	4	C	NC	T9	proof	2002 P1 Q5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ pd: process the missing sides •² ss: expand •³ pd: substitute •⁴ pc: process and complete proof 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $AC = \sqrt{2}$ and $BC = \sqrt{10}$ <i>stated or implied by</i> •³ •² $\sin(a + b) = \sin a \cos b + \cos a \sin b$ •³ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}$ •⁴ $\frac{4}{\sqrt{20}} = \dots = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$ 		

[END OF QUESTIONS]