

**Thursday 22 June 2023 – Afternoon**

**A Level Further Mathematics B (MEI)**

**Y434/01 Numerical Methods**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 15 minutes**



**You must have:**

- the Printed Answer Booklet
- the Formulae Booklet for Further Mathematics B (MEI)
- a scientific or graphical calculator



**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Use black ink. You can use an HB pencil, but only for graphs and diagrams.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided in the **Printed Answer Booklet**. If you need extra space use the lined pages at the end of the Printed Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Printed Answer Booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Where appropriate, your answer should be supported with working. Marks might be given for using a correct method, even if your answer is wrong.
- Give your final answers to a degree of accuracy that is appropriate to the context.
- Do **not** send this Question Paper for marking. Keep it in the centre or recycle it.

**INFORMATION**

- The total mark for this paper is **60**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- This document has **12** pages.

**ADVICE**

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

- 1 You are given that  $(x_1, y_1) = (0.9, 2.3)$  and  $(x_2, y_2) = (1.1, 2.7)$ .

The values of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  have been **rounded** to **1** decimal place.

- (a) Determine the range of possible values of  $x_2 - x_1$ . [2]

The values of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  have been **chopped** to **1** decimal place.

- (b) Determine the range of possible values of  $y_2 - y_1$ . [2]

You are given that  $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$ .

- (c) Determine the range of possible values of  $m$ . [2]

- (d) Explain why your answer to part (c) is much larger than your answer to part (a) and your answer to part (b). [1]

- 2 A car tyre has a slow puncture. Initially the tyre is inflated to a pressure of 34.5 psi. The pressure is checked after 3 days and then again after 5 days. The time  $t$  in days and the pressure,  $P$  psi, are shown in the table below. You are given that the pressure in a car tyre is measured in pounds per square inch (psi).

$t$	0	3	5
$P$	34.5	29.4	27.0

The owner of the car believes the relationship between  $P$  and  $t$  may be modelled by a polynomial.

- (a) Explain why it is not possible to use Newton's forward difference interpolation method for these data. [1]

- (b) Use Lagrange's form of the interpolating polynomial to find an interpolating polynomial of degree 2 for these data. [4]

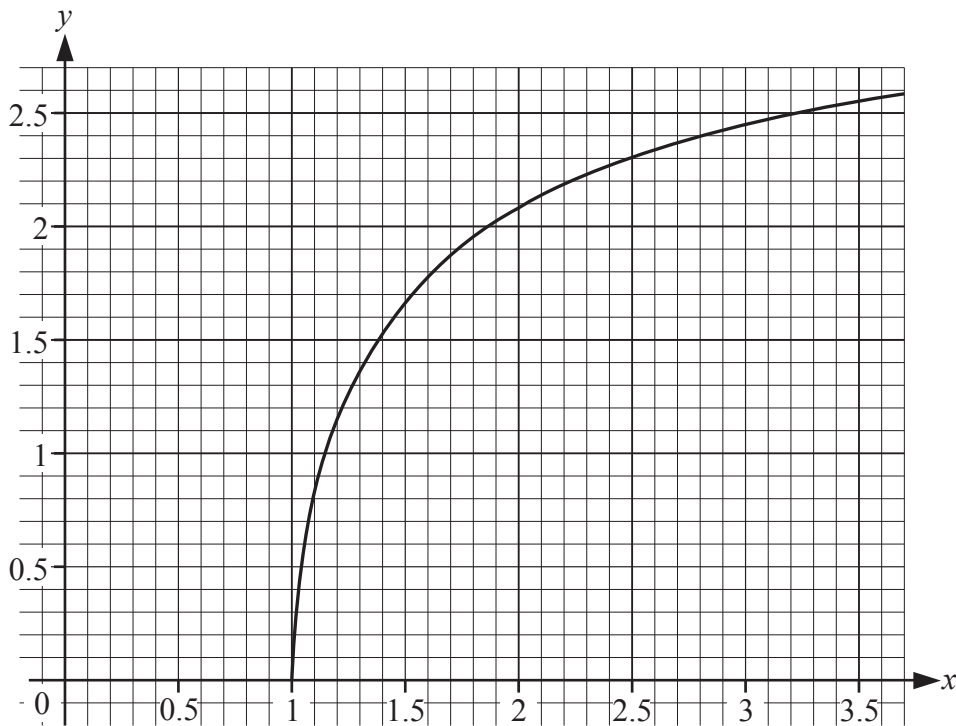
The car owner uses the polynomial found in part (b) to model the relationship between  $P$  and  $t$ .

Subsequently it is found that when  $t = 6$ ,  $P = 26.0$  and when  $t = 10$ ,  $P = 24.4$ .

- (c) Determine whether the owner's model is a good fit for these data. [2]

- (d) Explain why the model would not be suitable in the long term. [1]

- 3 The diagram shows the graph of  $y = f(x)$  for values of  $x$  from 1 to 3.5.



The table shows some values of  $x$  and the associated values of  $y$ .

$x$	1.5	2	2.5
$y$	1.682137	2.094395	2.318559

- (a) Use the forward difference method to calculate an approximation to  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at  $x = 2$ . [2]
- (b) Use the central difference method to calculate an approximation to  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at  $x = 2$ . [2]
- (c) On the copy of the diagram in the Printed Answer Booklet, show how the central difference method gives the approximation to  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at  $x = 2$  which was found in part (b). [1]
- (d) Explain whether your answer to part (a) or your answer to part (b) is likely to give a better approximation to  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at  $x = 2$ . [1]

- 4 A spreadsheet is used to approximate  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$  using the midpoint rule with 1 strip.

The output is shown in the table below.

	B	C	D
3	$x$	$f(x)$	$M_1$
4	1.5	1.3103707	0.65518535

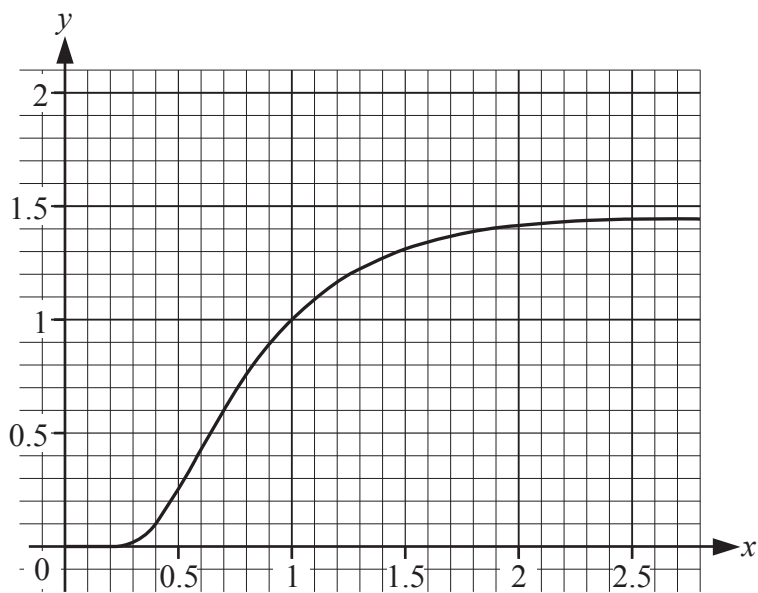
The formula in cell C4 is  .

The formula in cell D4 is  .

- (a) Write the integral in standard mathematical notation.

[3]

A graph of  $y = f(x)$  is included in the diagram below.



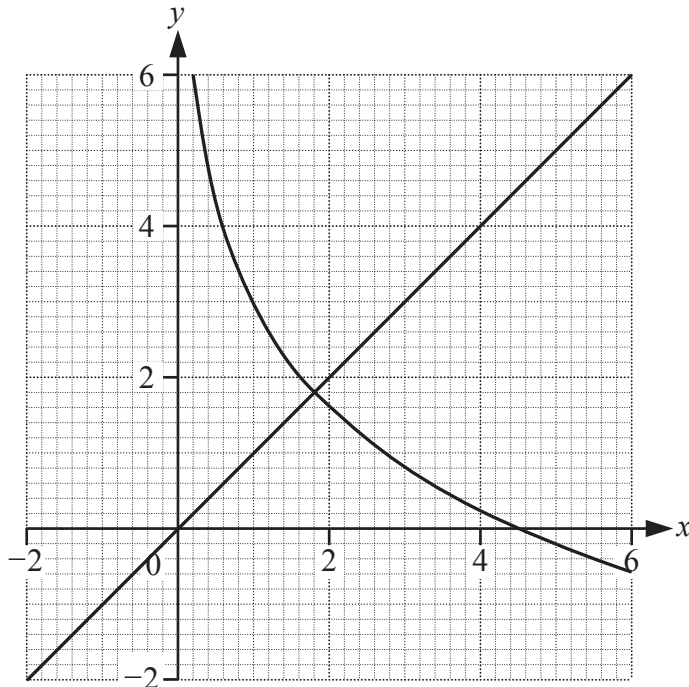
- (b) Explain whether 0.65518535 is an over-estimate or an under-estimate of  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ .

[1]

- 5 The equation  $3 - 2 \ln x - x = 0$  has a root near  $x = 1.8$ .

A student proposes to use the iterative formula  $x_{n+1} = g(x_n) = 3 - 2 \ln x_n$  to find this root.

The diagram shows the graphs of  $y = x$  and  $y = g(x)$  for values of  $x$  from  $-2$  to  $6$ .



- (a) With reference to the graph, explain why it might not be possible to use the student's iterative formula to find the root near  $x = 1.8$ . [1]
- (b) Use the relaxed iteration  $x_{n+1} = \lambda g(x_n) + (1 - \lambda)x_n$ , with  $\lambda = 0.475$  and  $x_0 = 2$ , to determine the root correct to 6 decimal places. [3]

A student uses the same relaxed iteration with the same starting value. Some analysis of the iterates is carried out using a spreadsheet, which is shown in the table below.

$r$	difference	ratio
0		
1	-0.1834898	
2	-0.0049137	0.02678
3	-6.44E-06	0.00131
4	-3.862E-09	0.0006
5	-2.313E-12	0.0006

- (c) Explain what the analysis tells you about the order of convergence of this sequence of approximations. [2]

- 6 (a) (i) Calculate the relative error when  $\pi$  is **chopped** to 2 decimal places in approximating  $\pi^2 + 2$ . [2]
- (ii) **Without** doing any calculation, explain whether the relative error would be the same when  $\pi$  is **chopped** to 2 decimal places when approximating  $(\pi + 2)^2$ . [1]

The table shows some spreadsheet output. The values of  $x$  in column A are exact.

	A	B	C
1	$x$	$10^x$	$\log_{10} 10^x$
2	1E-12	1	1.00001E-12
3	1E-11	1	9.99998E-12

The formula in cell B2 is  .

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The formula in cell C2 is  .

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- (b) (i) Write the value displayed in cell C2 in standard mathematical notation. [1]
- (ii) Explain why the values in cells C2 and C3 are neither zero nor the same as the values in cells A2 and A3 respectively. [2]

- 7 The value of a function,  $y = f(x)$ , and its gradient function,  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ , when  $x = 2$ , is given in **Table 7.1**.

**Table 7.1**

$x$	$f(x)$	$\frac{dy}{dx}$
2	6	-2.8

- (a) Determine the approximate value of the error when  $f(2)$  is used to estimate  $f(2.03)$ . [2]

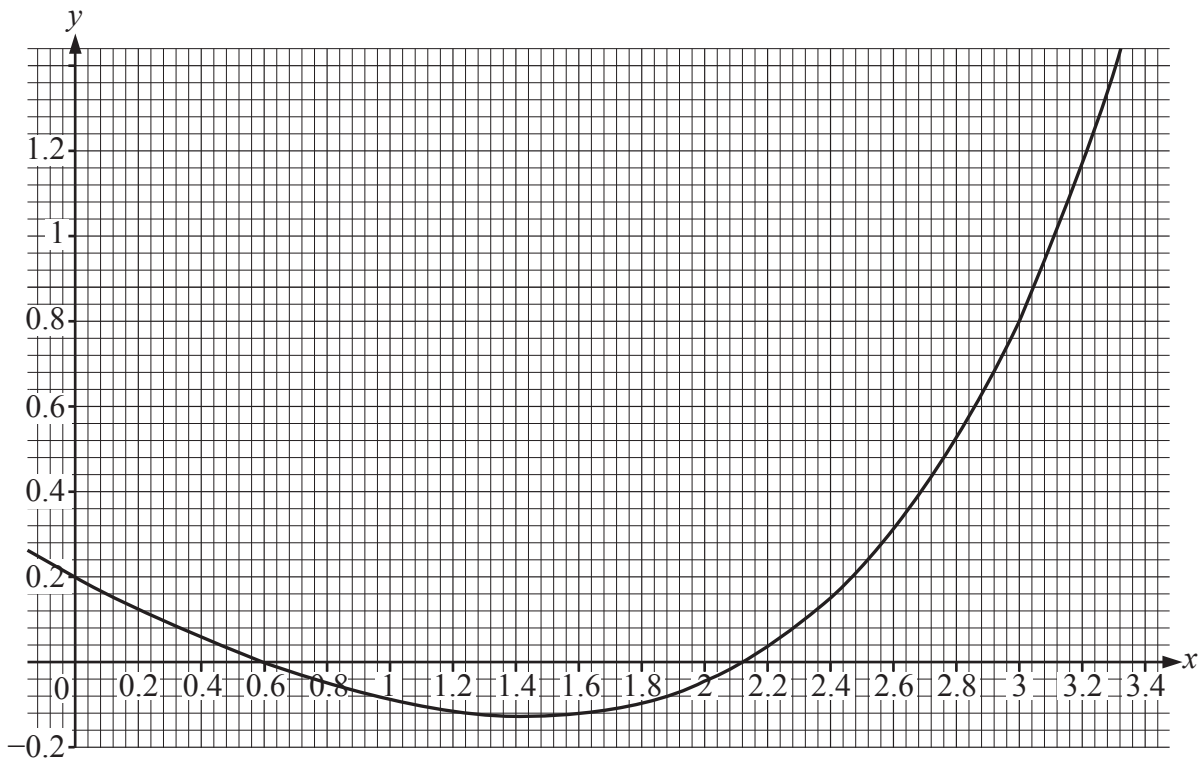
The Newton-Raphson method is used to find a sequence of approximations to a root,  $\alpha$ , of the equation  $f(x) = 0$ . The spreadsheet output showing the iterates, together with some further analysis, is shown in **Table 7.2**.

**Table 7.2**

	A	B	C	D
1	$r$	$x_r$	difference	ratio
2	0	12		
3	1	-13.1165572	-25.1165572	
4	2	1.76283279	14.87939004	-0.5924136
5	3	2.18052157	0.41768878	0.02807163
6	4	2.182419024	0.001897454	0.00454275
7	5	2.182419066	4.13985E-08	2.1818E-05

- (b) (i) Explain what the values in column D tell you about the order of convergence of this sequence of approximations. [2]
- (ii) **Without** doing any further calculation, state the value of  $\alpha$  as accurately as you can, justifying the precision quoted. [2]

- 8 The graph of  $y = 0.2 \cosh x - 0.4x$  for values of  $x$  from 0 to 3.32 is shown on the graph below.



The equation  $0.2 \cosh x - 0.4x = 0$  has two roots,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  where  $\alpha < \beta$ , in the interval  $0 < x < 3$ . The secant method with  $x_0 = 1$  and  $x_1 = 2$  is to be used to find  $\beta$ .

- (a) On the copy of the graph in the Printed Answer Booklet, show how the secant method works with these two values of  $x$  to obtain an improved approximation to  $\beta$ . [1]



The spreadsheet output in the table below shows the result of applying the secant method with  $x_0 = 1$  and  $x_1 = 2$ .

	I	J	K	L	M
2	$r$	$x_r$	$f(x_r)$	$x_{r+1}$	$f(x_{r+1})$
3	0	1	-0.0914	2	-0.0476
4	1	2	-0.0476	3.08529	0.95784
5	2	3.08529	0.95784	2.05134	-0.0298
6	3	2.05134	-0.0298	2.08259	-0.0181
7	4	2.08259	-0.0181	2.13042	0.00155
8	5	2.13042	0.00155	2.12664	-7E-05

- (b) Write down a suitable cell formula for cell J4. [1]
- (c) Write down a suitable cell formula for cell L4. [2]
- (d) Write down the most accurate approximation to  $\beta$  which is displayed in the table. [1]
- (e) Determine whether your answer to part (d) is correct to 5 decimal places. You should **not** calculate any more iterates. [2]
- (f) It is decided to use the secant method with starting values  $x_0 = 1$  and  $x_1 = a$ , where  $a > 1$ , to find  $\alpha$ . State a suitable value for  $a$ . [1]

- 9 The trapezium rule is used to calculate 3 approximations to  $\int_0^1 \sqrt[3]{\sinh(x)} dx$  with 1, 2 and 4 strips respectively. The results are shown in **Table 9.1**.

**Table 9.1**

$n$	$T_n$
1	0.52764369
2	0.66617652
4	0.72534275

- (a) Use these results to determine two approximations to  $\int_0^1 \sqrt[3]{\sinh(x)} dx$  using Simpson's rule. [2]
- (b) Use your answers to part (a) to state the value of  $\int_0^1 \sqrt[3]{\sinh(x)} dx$  as accurately as you can, justifying the precision quoted. [1]

**Table 9.2** shows some further approximations found using the trapezium rule, together with some analysis of these approximations.

**Table 9.2**

$n$	$T_n$	difference	ratio
1	0.5276437		
2	0.6661765	0.138533	
4	0.7253427	0.059166	0.42709
8	0.7498821	0.024539	0.41475
16	0.7598858	0.010004	0.40766
32	0.7639221	0.004036	0.40348
64	0.7655404	0.001618	0.40095

- (c) Explain what can be deduced about the order of the method in this case. [2]
- (d) Use extrapolation to obtain the value of  $\int_0^1 \sqrt[3]{\sinh(x)} dx$  as accurately as you can, justifying the precision quoted. [4]

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**



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