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**SMA 2107/AMA 4102: GEOMETRY**

SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

**SERIES: FEBRUARY/MARCH 2012**

**TIME: 2HOURS**

## **Instructions to Candidates:**

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer booklet*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions

Answer Question **ONE (Compulsory)** from **SECTION A** and any other **TWO** questions from **SECTION B**

Maximum marks for each part of a question are clearly shown

This paper consists of **THREE** printed pages

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## **SECTION A (Compulsory)**

### **QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

$$\frac{\sin 3A \sin 6A + \sin A \sin 2A}{\sin 3A \cos 6A + \sin A \cos 2A} = \tan 5A$$

- a) Prove that (4 marks)

- b) Given that  $\theta = \frac{5}{13}$  and  $\sin \alpha = \frac{3}{5}$  such that  $\alpha$  is obtuse, work out the possible values of  $\tan \alpha - \theta$  (4 marks)

- c) In triangle  $PQR$ ,  $QR = 3.5$ ,  $RP = 4$  and  $PQ = 5$ . Calculate the size of the angle P and hence find the area of the triangle. (3 marks)

- d) Find the equations of the two straight line which pass through the point (3, -2) and make angles of  $60^\circ$  with the line  $\sqrt{3}x + y = 1$  (3 marks)
- e) Verify that the point (3,2) lies on the circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 8x + 2y + 7 = 0$  and find the equation of the tangent at this point. (4 marks)
- f) Find the eccentricity, the coordinates of the foci and the equations of the asymptotes of the hyperbola  $4x^2 - 9y^2 = 36$  (4 marks)
- g) Find the general solution of the equation  $2 \sin 3x \sin x = 1$  (3 marks)
- h) Find the Cartesian equations of
- (i)  $r = a(1 + 2 \cos \theta)$  (3 marks)
- (ii)  $r \cos(\theta - \alpha) = P$  (2 marks)

**SECTION B (Attempt any TWO questions)**

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) A triangle ABC has sides a, b, c and semi-perimeter S (so that  $a + b + c = 2s$ ). Show that its area  $\Delta = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$  is real (6 marks)
- b) Solve the equation:  $\cos 6x + \cos 4x + \cos 2x = 0$  for values of x from  $0^\circ$  to  $180^\circ$  inclusive (5 marks)
- c) If  $\tan \alpha = \frac{1}{5}$ ,  $\tan \beta = \frac{4}{19}$  and  $\gamma = \frac{2}{5}$ , show that  $\tan(\alpha + \beta + \gamma) = 1$  (4 marks)
- d) The elevations of the top Q of a flagstaff PQ from three distant points, A, B, C which are in a horizontal line with P are  $\theta$ ,  $2\theta$  and  $3\theta$  respectively. Prove that  $AB = 3BC$  approximately. (5 marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

$$\left(\frac{x^2}{a^2}\right) + \left(\frac{y^2}{b^2}\right) = 1$$

- a) Show that the tangents to the ellipse at points whose eccentric angles differ

$$\left(\frac{x^2}{a^2}\right) + \left(\frac{y^2}{b^2}\right) = 2$$

by  $90^\circ$  meet on the ellipse (5 marks)

- b) The line joining the points  $(-1, 7)$  and  $(23, 17)$  is taken as the diameter of a circle. Find the equation of this circle, the length of its radius and the coordinates of its centre. (5 marks)

- c) Find:

$$6, \frac{\pi}{3}$$

- (i) The rectangular coordinates of the point whose polar coordinates are and;  
 (ii) The polar coordinates of the point whose Cartesian coordinates are  $(-5, 12)$

(5

marks)

$$2 \sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1}(x^2) = \frac{1}{2} \pi$$

- d) Find  $x$  from the equation (5 marks)

#### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

$$y^2 = 4a(a - x) \quad r = \frac{2a}{1 + \cos \theta}$$

- a) Show that has a polar equation (8 marks)

$$r = \frac{1}{\pi} \theta \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

- b) Sketch the graph for where (3 marks)

$$A(2, -2), B(3, 4) \quad x + y = 2.$$

- c) A circle passes through the point and its centre is on the line  
 Find its equation (5 marks)

- d) Show that the point of intersection of two perpendicular tangents to a parabola lies on its directrix (4 marks)

#### QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

$$F(\cos \alpha + \mu \sin \alpha) = \mu W \quad \mu = \tan \lambda \quad F = \frac{W \sin \lambda}{\cos(\alpha - \lambda)}$$

- a) If where , prove that (5 marks)

$$\theta \sin 3\theta + \sin 2\theta \sin 6\theta + \sin 3\theta \sin 9\theta = 2 \sin 3\theta \sin 7\theta \cos 2\theta$$

- b) Show that sin (6 marks)

c) A triangle has sides of lengths  $m - n$ ,  $m$  and  $m+n$  where  $m > n > 0$ . Use the cosine formula to

$$\frac{1}{4}m < n < \frac{1}{2}m.$$

show that if the triangle is obtuse angled, then

(5 marks)

d) Solve the triangle in which  $B = 60^\circ$ ,  $b = 14\text{cm}$  and  $c = 16\text{cm}$ .

(4 marks)