

SCOBA

S3 Mathematics

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Attempt ALL questions in both sections.
- Silent, non programmable scientific calculators and mathematical tables with a list of formulae may be used.

SECTION A

1. Use factors to evaluate:
 $617 \times 793 + 786 \times 793 + 597 \times 793$
2. Given that $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x^2-4}$ find
 - i) $f(-1)$
 - ii) values of x for which $f(x)$ is meaningless.
3. Express $\frac{\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{5}}$ in the form $a + b\sqrt{c}$ and state the values of a , b and c .
4. Given that $A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ find $\det(A + B)$.
5. If y is directly proportional to the cube of x and that y is 250 when $x = 10$, find the value of y when $x = 2$.
6. Mary is five years younger than John and Peter is twice as old as Mary. The sum of their ages is 49. Find Peter's age.
7. Given the vectors $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 13 \end{pmatrix}$, find the values of the constants P and q such that $\mathbf{c} = P\mathbf{a} + q\mathbf{b}$.
8. Solve the quadratic equation; $6x^2 + 19x + 3 = 0$.
9. Given that $\log_{10} 2 = 0.301$ and $\log_{10} 3 = 0.477$. Find without using tables or calculators the value of $\log_{10} 72$.

10. Solve the equation $\frac{x}{2} - \frac{x+1}{4} = \frac{x}{3} + 2$.

SECTION B

11. a) Given that $P = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $R = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ and that $M = PQ - R$

- find i) Matrix M
ii) the inverse of M

b) Use matrix method to solve the simultaneous equation

$$y - 2x = 3$$

$$2y + x = 11.$$

12. The table below shows the marks scored by 50 candidates in an English test.

Marks	20 – 29	30 - 39	40 – 49	50 – 59	60 – 69	70 – 79	80 – 89
Number of students	3	7	16	14	6	3	1

- a) i) Represent the information on a histogram.
ii) Use your histogram to estimate the modal mark.
b) Use the table to estimate the mean mark using a working mean of 44.5.

13. a) Given that $f(x) = \frac{3}{2x+1}$, find

- i) $f(1)$
ii) $f^{-1}(x)$
iii) $f^{-1}(-2)$

b) Given that $g(x) = x^2 + 1$ and $h(x) = x - 3$, find the value of x for which $gh(x) = hg(x)$.

END.