

**Subject – Math (Standard Level)**

**Topic : Algebra**

1. (a) attempt to substitute into sum formula for AP (accept term formula) (M1)  
*e.g.*  $S_{20} = \frac{20}{2} \{2(-7) + 19d\}, \left( \text{or } \frac{20}{2} (-7 + u_{20}) \right)$   
 setting up correct equation using sum formula A1  
*e.g.*  $\frac{20}{2} \{2(-7) + 19d\} = 620$  A1 N2
- (b) correct substitution  $u_{78} = -7 + 77(4)$  (A1)  
 $= 301$  A1 N2
2. (a) evidence of expanding M1  
*e.g.*  $(x - 2)^4 = x^4 + 4x^3(-2) + 6x^2(-2)^2 + 4x(-2)^3 + (-2)^4$   
 $(x - 2)^4 = x^4 - 8x^3 + 24x^2 - 32x + 16$  A2 N2
- (b) finding coefficients,  $3 \times 24 (= 72), 4 \times (-8)(= -32)$  (A1)(A1)  
 term is  $40x^3$  A1 N3
3. (a) evidence of dividing two terms (M1)  
*e.g.*  $-\frac{1800}{3000}, -\frac{1800}{1080}$   
 $r = -0.6$  A1 N2
- (b) evidence of substituting into the formula for the 10<sup>th</sup> term (M1)  
*e.g.*  $u_{10} = 3000(-0.6)^9$   
 $u_{10} = -30.2$  (accept the exact value  $-30.233088$ ) A1 N2
- (c) evidence of substituting into the formula for the infinite sum (M1)  
*e.g.*  $S = \frac{3000}{1.6}$   
 $S = 1875$  A1 N2

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4. (a) 7 terms A1 N1

(b) A valid approach (M1)

Correct term **chosen**  $\binom{6}{3}(x^3)^3(-3x)^3$  A1

Calculating  $\binom{6}{3}=20, (-3)^3=-27$  (A1)(A1)

Term is  $-540x^{12}$  A1 N3

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5. (a) Ashley  
AP  $12 + 14 + 16 + \dots$  to 15 terms (M1)

$$S_{15} = \frac{15}{2} [2(12) + 14(2)]$$
(M1)

$$= 15 \times 26$$
$$= 390 \text{ hours}$$
(A1) 3

(b) Billie  
GP  $12, 12(1.1), 12(1.1)^2, \dots$  (M1)

(i) In week 3,  $12(1.1)^2$  (A1)  
 $= 14.52 \text{ hours}$  (AG)

(ii)  $S_{15} = \frac{12[(1.1)^{15} - 1]}{1.1 - 1}$  (M1)  
 $= 381 \text{ hours (3 sf)}$  (A1) 4

(c)  $12(1.1)^{n-1} > 50$  (M1)

$(1.1)^{n-1} > \frac{50}{12}$  (A1)

$(n-1) \ln 1.1 > \ln \frac{50}{12}$

$n-1 > \frac{\ln \frac{50}{12}}{\ln 1.1}$  (A1)

$n-1 > 14.97$

$n > 15.97$

$\Rightarrow$  Week 16 (A1)

**OR**

$12(1.1)^{n-1} > 50$  (M1)

By trial and error

$12(1.1)^{14} = 45.6, 12(1.1)^{15} = 50.1$  (A1)

$\Rightarrow n-1 = 15$  (A1)

$\Rightarrow n = 16$  (Week 16) (A1)

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**6. METHOD 1**

$\log_9 81 + \log_9 \left(\frac{1}{9}\right) + \log_9 3 = 2 - 1 + \frac{1}{2}$  (M1)

$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2} = \log_9 x$  (A1)

$\Rightarrow x = 9^{\frac{3}{2}}$  (M1)

$\Rightarrow x = 27$  (A1) (C4)

**METHOD 2**

$\log 81 + \log_9 \left(\frac{1}{9}\right) + \log_9 3 = \log_9 \left[81 \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^3\right]$  (M2)

$= \log_9 27$  (A1)

$\Rightarrow x = 27$  (A1) (C4)

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7. (a) **METHOD 1**

recognizing that  $f(8) = 1$  (M1)

e.g.  $1 = k \log_2 8$

recognizing that  $\log_2 8 = 3$  (A1)

e.g.  $1 = 3k$

$k = \frac{1}{3}$  A1 N2

**METHOD 2**

attempt to find the inverse of  $f(x) = k \log_2 x$  (M1)

e.g.  $x = k \log_2 y, y = 2^{\frac{x}{k}}$

substituting 1 and 8 (M1)

e.g.  $1 = k \log_2 8, 2^{\frac{1}{k}} = 8$

$k = \frac{1}{\log_2 8} \left( k = \frac{1}{3} \right)$  A1 N2

(b) **METHOD 1**

recognizing that  $f(x) = \frac{2}{3}$  (M1)

e.g.  $\frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3} \log_2 x$

$\log_2 x = 2$  (A1)

$f^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = 4$  (accept  $x = 4$ ) A2 N3

**METHOD 2**

attempt to find inverse of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{3} \log_2 x$  (M1)

e.g. interchanging  $x$  and  $y$ , substituting  $k = \frac{1}{3}$  into  $y = 2^{\frac{x}{k}}$

correct inverse (A1)

e.g.  $f^{-1}(x) = 2^{3x}, 2^{3x}$

$f^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = 4$  A2 N3

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8. (a) 5 A1 N1

(b) **METHOD 1**

$$\log_2 \left( \frac{32^x}{8^y} \right) = \log_2 32^x - \log_2 8^y \quad (\text{A1})$$

$$= x \log_2 32 - y \log_2 8 \quad (\text{A1})$$

$$\log_2 8 = 3 \quad (\text{A1})$$

$$p = 5, q = -3 \text{ (accept } 5x - 3y) \quad \text{A1 N3}$$

**METHOD 2**

$$\frac{32^x}{8^y} = \frac{(2^5)^x}{(2^3)^y} \quad (\text{A1})$$

$$= \frac{2^{5x}}{2^{3y}} \quad (\text{A1})$$

$$= 2^{5x-3y} \quad (\text{A1})$$

$$\log_2 (2^{5x-3y}) = 5x - 3y \quad \text{A1 N3}$$

$$p = 5, q = -3 \text{ (accept } 5x - 3y)$$

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9.  $\log_{27}(x(x - 0.4)) = 1$  (M1)(A1)  
 $x^2 - 0.4x = 27$  (M1)  
 $x = 5.4 \text{ or } x = -5$  (G2)  
 $x = 5.4$  (A1) (C6)

*Note: Award (C5) for giving both roots.*

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10. (a) 10 (A2) (C2)

(b)  $(3x^2)^3 \left( -\frac{1}{x} \right)^6$  [for correct exponents] (M1)(A1)

$$\binom{9}{6} 3^3 x^6 \frac{1}{x^6} \left( \text{or } 84 \times 3^3 x^6 \frac{1}{x^6} \right) \quad (\text{A1})$$

$$\text{constant} = 2268 \quad (\text{A1) (C4)}$$

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11.  $\binom{10}{3} 2^7 (ax)^3$  (accept  $\binom{10}{7}$ ) (A1)(A1)(A1)  
 $\binom{10}{3} = 120$  (A1)  
 $120 \times 2^7 a^3 = 414\,720$  (M1)  
 $a^3 = 27$   
 $a = 3$  (A1) (C6)

*Note: Award (A1)(A1)(A0) for  $\binom{10}{3} 2^7 ax^3$ . If this leads to the answer  $a = 27$ , do not award the final (A1).*

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12. Selecting one term (may be implied) (M1)  
 $\left(\frac{7}{2}\right) 5^2 (2x^2)^5$  (A1)(A1)(A1)  
 $= 16800x^{10}$  (A1)(A1) (C6)

*Note: Award C5 for 16800.*

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13. For using  $u_3 = u_1 r^2 = 8$  (M1)  
 $8 = 18r^2$  (A1)  
 $r^2 = \frac{8}{18} \left( = \frac{4}{9} \right)$   
 $r = \pm \frac{2}{3}$  (A1)(A1)  
 $S_\infty = \frac{u_1}{1-r},$   
 $S_\infty = 54, \frac{54}{5} (=10.8)$  (A1)(A1)(C3)(C3)

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14. (a)  $\frac{1}{5}$  (0.2) A1 N1

(b) (i)  $u_{10} = 25\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^9$  (M1)

$= 0.0000128 \left( \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^7, 1.28 \times 10^{-5}, \frac{1}{78125} \right)$  A1 N2

(ii)  $u_n = 25\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{n-1}$  A1 N1

(c) For attempting to use infinite sum formula for a GP  $\left( \frac{25}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)} \right)$  (M1)

$S = \frac{125}{4} = 31.25$  (=31.3 to 3 s.f.) A1 N2

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15. evidence of using binomial expansion (M1)

e.g. selecting correct term,  $a^8 b^0 + \binom{8}{1} a^7 b + \binom{8}{2} a^6 b^2 + \dots$

evidence of calculating the factors, in any order A1A1A1

e.g.  $56, \frac{2^3}{3^3}, -3^5, \binom{8}{5} \left(\frac{2}{3}x\right)^3 (-3)^5$

$-4032x^3$  (accept =  $-4030x^3$  to 3 s.f.) A1 N2

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16. (a)  $\log_3 x - \log_3 (x-5) = \log_3 \left( \frac{x}{x-5} \right)$  (A1)

$A = \frac{x}{x-5}$  (A1) (C2)

*Note: If candidates have an incorrect or no answer to part (a) award (A1)(A0)*

*if  $\log \left( \frac{x}{x-5} \right)$  seen in part (b).*

(b) **EITHER**

$$\log_3\left(\frac{x}{x-5}\right)=1$$

$$\frac{x}{x-5}=3^1 (=3) \quad \text{(M1)(A1)(A1)}$$

$$x=3x-15$$

$$-2x=-15$$

$$x=\frac{15}{2} \quad \text{(A1) (C4)}$$

**OR**

$$\frac{\log_{10}\left(\frac{x}{x-5}\right)}{\log_{10}3}=1 \quad \text{(M1)(A1)}$$

$$\log_{10}\left(\frac{x}{x-5}\right)=\log_{10}3 \quad \text{(A1)}$$

$$x=7.5 \quad \text{(A1) (C4)}$$

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17. (a)  $d=3$  (A1)  
evidence of substitution into  $u_n = a + (n-1)d$  (M1)  
e.g.  $u_{101} = 2 + 100 \times 3$   
 $u_{101} = 302$  A1 N3

(b) correct approach (M1)  
e.g.  $152 = 2 + (n-1) \times 3$   
correct simplification (A1)  
e.g.  $150 = (n-1) \times 3$ ,  $50 = n-1$ ,  $152 = -1 + 3n$   
 $n = 51$  A1 N2

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18. (a)  $u_1 = S_1 = 7$  (A1) (C1)

(b)  $u_2 = S_2 - u_1 = 18 - 7$   
 $= 11$  (A1)  
 $d = 11 - 7$  (M1)  
 $= 4$  (A1) (C3)

(c)  $u_4 = u_1 + (n-1)d = 7 + 3(4)$  (M1)  
 $u_4 = 19$  (A1) (C2)

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**19. METHOD 1**

$$9 = 3^2, 27 = 3^3 \quad (A1)(A1)$$

expressing as a power of 3,  $(3^2)^{2x} = (3^3)^{1-x}$  (M1)

$$3^{4x} = 3^{3-3x} \quad (A1)$$

$$4x = 3 - 3x \quad (A1)$$

$$7x = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{7} \quad (A1) \quad (C6)$$

**METHOD 2**

$$2x \log 9 = (1-x) \log 27 \quad (M1)(A1)(A1)$$

$$\frac{2x}{1-x} = \frac{\log 27}{\log 9} \left( = \frac{3}{2} \right) \quad (A1)$$

$$4x = 3 - 3x \quad (A1)$$

$$7x = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{7} \quad (A1) \quad (C6)$$

*Notes: Candidates may use a graphical method.  
Award (M1)(A1)(A1) for a sketch, (A1) for showing the point of  
intersection, (A1) for 0.4285....., and (A1) for  $\frac{3}{7}$ .*

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**20. (a)** interchanging  $x$  and  $y$  (seen anywhere) (M1)

e.g.  $x = \log \sqrt{y}$  (accept any base)

evidence of correct manipulation A1

$$\text{e.g. } 3^x = \sqrt{y}, 3^y = x^{\frac{1}{2}}, x = \frac{1}{2} \log_3 y, 2y = \log_3 x$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = 3^{2x} \quad \text{AG} \quad \text{N0}$$

(b)  $y > 0, f^{-1}(x) > 0$  A1 N1

(c) **METHOD 1**

finding  $g(2) = \log_3 2$  (seen anywhere) A1

attempt to substitute (M1)

e.g.  $(f^{-1} \circ g)(2) = 3^{\log_3 2}$

evidence of using log or index rule (A1)

e.g.  $(f^{-1} \circ g)(2) = 3^{\log_3 4}, 3^{\log_3 2^2}$

$(f^{-1} \circ g)(2) = 4$  A1 N1

**METHOD 2**

attempt to form composite (in any order) (M1)

e.g.  $(f^{-1} \circ g)(x) = 3^{2 \log_3 x}$

evidence of using log or index rule (A1)

e.g.  $(f^{-1} \circ g)(x) = 3^{\log_3 x^2}, 3^{\log_3 x^2}$

$(f^{-1} \circ g)(x) = x^2$  A1

$(f^{-1} \circ g)(2) = 4$  A1 N1

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21. (a) (i) attempt to set up equations (M1)

$-37 = u_1 + 20d$  and  $-3 = u_1 + 3d$  A1

$-34 = 17d$

$d = -2$  A1 N2

(ii)  $-3 = u_1 - 6 \Rightarrow u_1 = 3$  A1 N1

(b)  $u_{10} = 3 + 9 \times -2 = -15$  (A1)

$S_{10} = \frac{10}{2} (3 + (-15))$  M1

$= -60$  A1 N2

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22. (a) combining 2 terms (A1)

e.g.  $\log_3 8x - \log_3 4$ ,  $\log_3 \frac{1}{2}x + \log_3 4$

expression which clearly leads to answer given A1

e.g.  $\log_3 \frac{8x}{3}$ ,  $\log_3 \frac{4x}{2}$

$f(x) = \log_3 2x$  AG N0 2

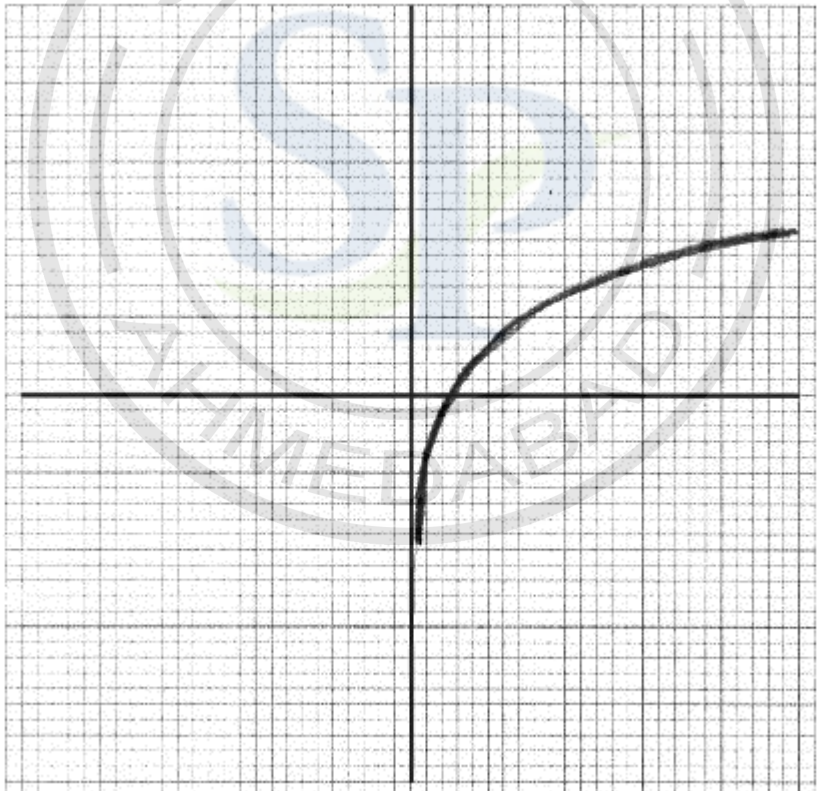
(b) attempt to substitute either value into  $f$  (M1)

e.g.  $\log_3 1$ ,  $\log_3 9$

$f(0.5) = 0$ ,  $f(4.5) = 2$  A1A1 N3 3

(c) (i)  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 3$  A1A1 N1N1

(ii)



A1A1A1 N3

**Note:** Award A1 for sketch approximately through  $(0.5 \pm 0.1, 0 \pm 0.1)$   
 A1 for approximately correct shape,  
 A1 for sketch asymptotic to the y-axis.

(iii)  $x = 0$  (must be an equation)

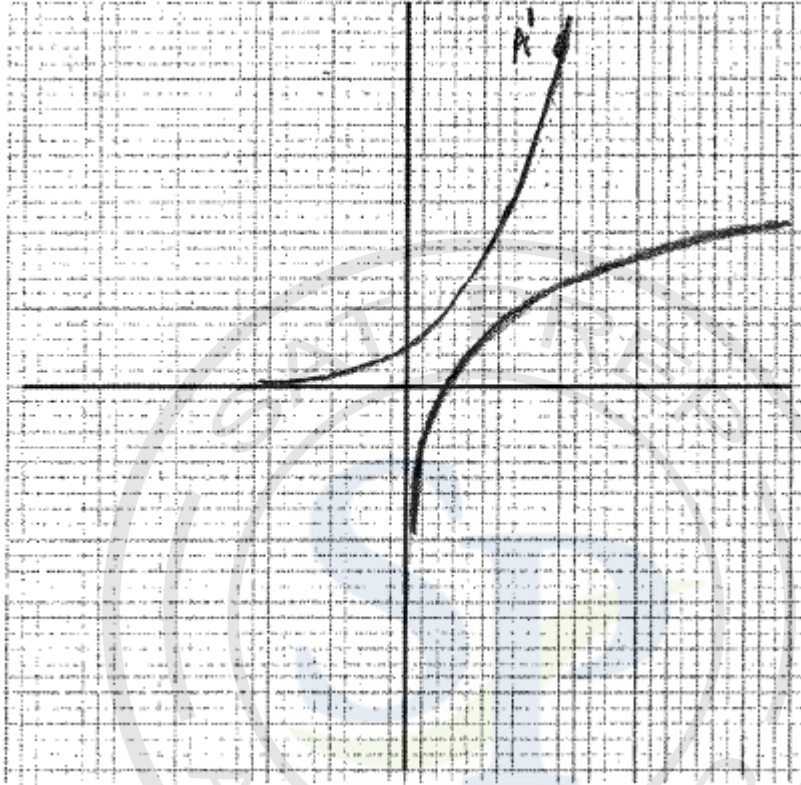
A1 N1

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(d)  $f^{-1}(0) = 0.5$

A1 N1 1

(e)



A1A1A1A1 N4 4

**Note:** Award A1 for sketch approximately through  $(0 \pm 0.1, 0.5 \pm 0.1)$ ,  
A1 for approximately correct shape of the graph reflected over  $y = x$ ,  
A1 for sketch asymptotic to x-axis,  
A1 for point  $(2 \pm 0.1, 4.5 \pm 0.1)$  clearly marked **and** on curve.

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23. (a) Recognizing an AP (M1)  
 $u_1 = 15$   $d = 2$   $n = 20$  (A1) 4  
 substituting into  $u_{20} = 15 + (20 - 1) \times 2$  M1  
 $= 53$  (that is, 53 seats in the 20th row) A1
- (b) Substituting into  $S_{20} = \frac{20}{2} (2(15) + (20-1)2)$  (or into  $\frac{20}{2} (15 + 53)$ ) M1  
 $= 680$  (that is, 680 seats in total) A1 2

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24. (a) (i)  $r = -2$  A1 N1  
 (ii)  $u_{15} = -3 (-2)^{14}$  (A1)  
 $= -49152$  (accept  $-49200$ ) A1 N2
- (b) (i) 2, 6, 18 A1 N1  
 (ii)  $r = 3$  A1 N1
- (c) Setting up equation (or a sketch) M1  
 $\frac{x+1}{x-3} = \frac{2x+8}{x+1}$  (or correct sketch with relevant information) A1  
 $x^2 + 2x + 1 = 2x^2 + 2x - 24$  (A1)  
 $x^2 = 25$   
 $x = 5$  or  $x = -5$   
 $x = -5$  A1 N2
- Notes: If "trial and error" is used, work must be documented with several trials shown. Award full marks for a correct answer with this approach. If the work is not documented, award N2 for a correct answer.*
- (d) (i)  $r = \frac{1}{2}$  A1 N1  
 (ii) For attempting to use infinite sum formula for a GP (M1)  
 $S = \frac{-8}{1 - \frac{1}{2}}$   
 $S = -16$  A1 N2
- Note: Award M0A0 if candidates use a value of  $r$  where  $r > 1$ , or  $r < -1$ .*

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