

**A-level**  
**Topic : Trigonometry**  
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**Questions**

Question 1

(i) Express  $4 \cos \theta + 3 \sin \theta$  in the form  $R \cos(\theta - \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ . Give the value of  $\alpha$  correct to 4 decimal places. [3]

(ii) Hence

(a) solve the equation  $4 \cos \theta + 3 \sin \theta = 2$  for  $0 < \theta < 2\pi$ , [4]

(b) find  $\int \frac{50}{(4 \cos \theta + 3 \sin \theta)^2} d\theta$ . [3]

Question 2

(i) By first expanding  $\cos(x + 45^\circ)$ , express  $\cos(x + 45^\circ) - (\sqrt{2}) \sin x$  in the form  $R \cos(x + \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ . Give the value of  $R$  correct to 4 significant figures and the value of  $\alpha$  correct to 2 decimal places. [5]

(ii) Hence solve the equation

$$\cos(x + 45^\circ) - (\sqrt{2}) \sin x = 2,$$

for  $0^\circ < x < 360^\circ$ . [4]

Question 3

Solve the equation  $\tan 2x = 5 \cot x$ , for  $0^\circ < x < 180^\circ$ . [5]

Question 4

(i) Express  $(\sqrt{3}) \cos x + \sin x$  in the form  $R \cos(x - \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ , giving the exact values of  $R$  and  $\alpha$ . [3]

(ii) Hence show that

$$\int_{\frac{1}{6}\pi}^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} \frac{1}{((\sqrt{3}) \cos x + \sin x)^2} dx = \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{3}. [4]$$

Question 5

(i) Prove that  $\cot \theta + \tan \theta \equiv 2 \operatorname{cosec} 2\theta$ . [3]

(ii) Hence show that  $\int_{\frac{1}{6}\pi}^{\frac{1}{3}\pi} \operatorname{cosec} 2\theta d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \ln 3$ . [4]

Question 6

(i) Given that  $\sec \theta + 2 \operatorname{cosec} \theta = 3 \operatorname{cosec} 2\theta$ , show that  $2 \sin \theta + 4 \cos \theta = 3$ . [3]

(ii) Express  $2 \sin \theta + 4 \cos \theta$  in the form  $R \sin(\theta + \alpha)$  where  $R > 0$  and  $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ , giving the value of  $\alpha$  correct to 2 decimal places. [3]

(iii) Hence solve the equation  $\sec \theta + 2 \operatorname{cosec} \theta = 3 \operatorname{cosec} 2\theta$  for  $0^\circ < \theta < 360^\circ$ . [4]

Question 7

(i) Simplify  $\sin 2\alpha \sec \alpha$ . [2]

(ii) Given that  $3 \cos 2\beta + 7 \cos \beta = 0$ , find the exact value of  $\cos \beta$ . [3]

Question 8

Solve the equation

$$\cos(x + 30^\circ) = 2 \cos x,$$

giving all solutions in the interval  $-180^\circ < x < 180^\circ$ . [5]

Question 9

(i) Show that the equation

$$\tan(x - 60^\circ) + \cot x = \sqrt{3}$$

can be written in the form

$$2 \tan^2 x + (\sqrt{3}) \tan x - 1 = 0. \quad [3]$$

(ii) Hence solve the equation

$$\tan(x - 60^\circ) + \cot x = \sqrt{3},$$

for  $0^\circ < x < 180^\circ$ . [3]

Question 10

(i) By first expanding  $\sin(2\theta + \theta)$ , show that

$$\sin 3\theta = 3 \sin \theta - 4 \sin^3 \theta. \quad [4]$$

(ii) Show that, after making the substitution  $x = \frac{2 \sin \theta}{\sqrt{3}}$ , the equation  $x^3 - x + \frac{1}{6}\sqrt{3} = 0$  can be written in the form  $\sin 3\theta = \frac{3}{4}$ . [1]

(iii) Hence solve the equation

$$x^3 - x + \frac{1}{6}\sqrt{3} = 0,$$

giving your answers correct to 3 significant figures. [4]

Question 11

(i) Show that  $\cos(\theta - 60^\circ) + \cos(\theta + 60^\circ) \equiv \cos \theta$ . [3]

(ii) Given that  $\frac{\cos(2x - 60^\circ) + \cos(2x + 60^\circ)}{\cos(x - 60^\circ) + \cos(x + 60^\circ)} = 3$ , find the exact value of  $\cos x$ . [4]

Question 12

(i) Express  $3 \sin \theta + 2 \cos \theta$  in the form  $R \sin(\theta + \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ , stating the exact value of  $R$  and giving the value of  $\alpha$  correct to 2 decimal places. [3]

(ii) Hence solve the equation

$$3 \sin \theta + 2 \cos \theta = 1,$$

for  $0^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$ . [3]

Question 13

Solve the equation  $\cot 2x + \cot x = 3$  for  $0^\circ < x < 180^\circ$ . [6]

Question 14

The angles  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  lie between  $0^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$ , and are such that

$$\tan(\theta - \phi) = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad \tan \theta + \tan \phi = 1.$$

Find the possible values of  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ . [6]

Question 15

The angles  $A$  and  $B$  are such that

$$\sin(A + 45^\circ) = (2\sqrt{2}) \cos A \quad \text{and} \quad 4 \sec^2 B + 5 = 12 \tan B.$$

Without using a calculator, find the exact value of  $\tan(A - B)$ . [8]

Question 16

Express the equation  $\tan(\theta + 45^\circ) - 2 \tan(\theta - 45^\circ) = 4$  as a quadratic equation in  $\tan \theta$ . Hence solve this equation for  $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$ . [6]

Question 17

By expressing the equation  $\operatorname{cosec} \theta = 3 \sin \theta + \cot \theta$  in terms of  $\cos \theta$  only, solve the equation for  $0^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$ . [5]

Question 18

(i) Prove the identity  $\cos 4\theta - 4 \cos 2\theta \equiv 8 \sin^4 \theta - 3$ . [4]

(ii) Hence solve the equation

$$\cos 4\theta = 4 \cos 2\theta + 3,$$

for  $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$ . [4]

Question 19

- (i) Express  $(\sqrt{5}) \cos x + 2 \sin x$  in the form  $R \cos(x - \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ , giving the value of  $\alpha$  correct to 2 decimal places. [3]

- (ii) Hence solve the equation

$$(\sqrt{5}) \cos \frac{1}{2}x + 2 \sin \frac{1}{2}x = 1.2,$$

$$\text{for } 0^\circ < x < 360^\circ.$$

[3]

Question 20

Express the equation  $\sec \theta = 3 \cos \theta + \tan \theta$  as a quadratic equation in  $\sin \theta$ . Hence solve this equation for  $-90^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$ . [5]

Question 21

- (i) Prove the identity  $\tan 2\theta - \tan \theta \equiv \tan \theta \sec 2\theta$ . [4]

- (ii) Hence show that  $\int_0^{\frac{1}{6}\pi} \tan \theta \sec 2\theta \, d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{3}{2}$ . [4]

Question 22

Express the equation  $\cot 2\theta = 1 + \tan \theta$  as a quadratic equation in  $\tan \theta$ . Hence solve this equation for  $0^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$ . [6]

Question 23

- (i) Express  $8 \cos \theta - 15 \sin \theta$  in the form  $R \cos(\theta + \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ , stating the exact value of  $R$  and giving the value of  $\alpha$  correct to 2 decimal places. [3]

- (ii) Hence solve the equation

$$8 \cos 2x - 15 \sin 2x = 4,$$

$$\text{for } 0^\circ < x < 180^\circ.$$

[4]

Question 24

- (i) By first expanding  $2 \sin(x - 30^\circ)$ , express  $2 \sin(x - 30^\circ) - \cos x$  in the form  $R \sin(x - \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ . Give the exact value of  $R$  and the value of  $\alpha$  correct to 2 decimal places. [5]

- (ii) Hence solve the equation

$$2 \sin(x - 30^\circ) - \cos x = 1,$$

$$\text{for } 0^\circ < x < 180^\circ.$$

[3]

Question 25

(i) Express the equation  $\cot \theta - 2 \tan \theta = \sin 2\theta$  in the form  $a \cos^4 \theta + b \cos^2 \theta + c = 0$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are constants to be determined. [3]

(ii) Hence solve the equation  $\cot \theta - 2 \tan \theta = \sin 2\theta$  for  $90^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$ . [2]

Question 26

(i) Prove that if  $y = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$  then  $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \sec \theta \tan \theta$ . [2]

(ii) Prove the identity  $\frac{1 + \sin \theta}{1 - \sin \theta} \equiv 2 \sec^2 \theta + 2 \sec \theta \tan \theta - 1$ . [3]

(iii) Hence find the exact value of  $\int_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} \frac{1 + \sin \theta}{1 - \sin \theta} d\theta$ . [4]

Question 27

Prove the identity  $\frac{\cot x - \tan x}{\cot x + \tan x} \equiv \cos 2x$ . [3]

Question 28

(i) Prove the identity  $\tan(45^\circ + x) + \tan(45^\circ - x) \equiv 2 \sec 2x$ . [4]

(ii) Hence sketch the graph of  $y = \tan(45^\circ + x) + \tan(45^\circ - x)$  for  $0^\circ \leq x \leq 90^\circ$ . [3]

Question 29

By expressing the equation  $\tan(\theta + 60^\circ) + \tan(\theta - 60^\circ) = \cot \theta$  in terms of  $\tan \theta$  only, solve the equation for  $0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$ . [5]

Question 30

(i) Prove the identity  $\tan(45^\circ + x) + \tan(45^\circ - x) \equiv 2 \sec 2x$ . [4]

(ii) Hence sketch the graph of  $y = \tan(45^\circ + x) + \tan(45^\circ - x)$  for  $0^\circ \leq x \leq 90^\circ$ . [3]

Question 31

(i) Using the expansions of  $\cos(3x + x)$  and  $\cos(3x - x)$ , show that

$$\frac{1}{2}(\cos 4x + \cos 2x) \equiv \cos 3x \cos x. \quad [3]$$

(ii) Hence show that  $\int_{-\frac{1}{6}\pi}^{\frac{1}{6}\pi} \cos 3x \cos x dx = \frac{3}{8}\sqrt{3}$ . [3]

Question 32

(i) Given that  $\sin(x - 60^\circ) = 3 \cos(x - 45^\circ)$ , find the exact value of  $\tan x$ . [4]

(ii) Hence solve the equation  $\sin(x - 60^\circ) = 3 \cos(x - 45^\circ)$ , for  $0^\circ < x < 360^\circ$ . [2]

Question 33

Showing all necessary working, solve the equation  $\cot \theta + \cot(\theta + 45^\circ) = 2$ , for  $0^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$ . [5]

Question 34

(i) By first expanding  $(\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x)^3$ , or otherwise, show that

$$\cos^6 x + \sin^6 x = 1 - \frac{3}{4} \sin^2 2x. \quad [4]$$

(ii) Hence solve the equation

$$\cos^6 x + \sin^6 x = \frac{2}{3},$$

for  $0^\circ < x < 180^\circ$ . [4]

Question 35

(i) Express  $\cos \theta + 2 \sin \theta$  in the form  $R \cos(\theta - \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ . Give the exact values of  $R$  and  $\tan \alpha$ . [3]

(ii) Hence, showing all necessary working, show that  $\int_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} \frac{15}{(\cos \theta + 2 \sin \theta)^2} d\theta = 5$ . [5]

Question 36

(i) Show that the equation  $(\sqrt{2}) \operatorname{cosec} x + \cot x = \sqrt{3}$  can be expressed in the form  $R \sin(x - \alpha) = \sqrt{2}$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ . [4]

(ii) Hence solve the equation  $(\sqrt{2}) \operatorname{cosec} x + \cot x = \sqrt{3}$ , for  $0^\circ < x < 180^\circ$ . [4]

Question 37

Showing all necessary working, solve the equation  $\sin(\theta - 30^\circ) + \cos \theta = 2 \sin \theta$ , for  $0^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$ . [4]

Question 38

(i) Show that the equation  $(\sqrt{2}) \operatorname{cosec} x + \cot x = \sqrt{3}$  can be expressed in the form  $R \sin(x - \alpha) = \sqrt{2}$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ . [4]

(ii) Hence solve the equation  $(\sqrt{2}) \operatorname{cosec} x + \cot x = \sqrt{3}$ , for  $0^\circ < x < 180^\circ$ . [4]

Question 39

(i) Given that  $\sin(\theta + 45^\circ) + 2 \cos(\theta + 60^\circ) = 3 \cos \theta$ , find the exact value of  $\tan \theta$  in a form involving surds. You need not simplify your answer. [4]

(ii) Hence solve the equation  $\sin(\theta + 45^\circ) + 2 \cos(\theta + 60^\circ) = 3 \cos \theta$  for  $0^\circ < \theta < 360^\circ$ . [2]

Question 40

By first expressing the equation  $\cot \theta - \cot(\theta + 45^\circ) = 3$  as a quadratic equation in  $\tan \theta$ , solve the equation for  $0^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$ . [6]

Question 41

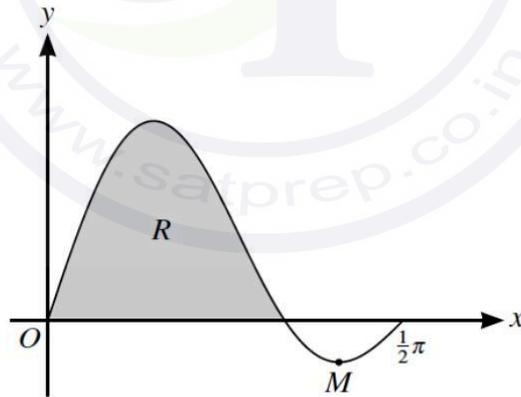
(i) By first expanding  $\sin(2x + x)$ , show that  $\sin 3x \equiv 3 \sin x - 4 \sin^3 x$ . [4]

(ii) Hence, showing all necessary working, find the exact value of  $\int_0^{\frac{1}{3}\pi} \sin^3 x \, dx$ . [4]

Question 42

Showing all necessary working, solve the equation  $\cot 2\theta = 2 \tan \theta$  for  $0^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$ . [5]

Question 43



The diagram shows the curve  $y = \sin 3x \cos x$  for  $0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}\pi$  and its minimum point  $M$ . The shaded region  $R$  is bounded by the curve and the  $x$ -axis.

By expanding  $\sin(3x + x)$  and  $\sin(3x - x)$  show that

$$\sin 3x \cos x = \frac{1}{2}(\sin 4x + \sin 2x). \quad [3]$$

Question 44

$$\text{Let } f(\theta) = \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta + \sin 2\theta}{1 + \cos 2\theta + \sin 2\theta}.$$

(i) Show that  $f(\theta) = \tan \theta$ . [3]

(ii) Hence show that  $\int_{\frac{1}{6}\pi}^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} f(\theta) d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{3}{2}$ . [4]

Question 45

(i) By first expanding  $\cos(2x + x)$ , show that  $\cos 3x \equiv 4 \cos^3 x - 3 \cos x$ . [4]

(ii) Hence solve the equation  $\cos 3x + 3 \cos x + 1 = 0$ , for  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ . [2]

(iii) Find the exact value of  $\int_{\frac{1}{6}\pi}^{\frac{1}{3}\pi} \cos^3 x dx$ . [4]

Question 46

(i) Express  $(\sqrt{6}) \sin x + \cos x$  in the form  $R \sin(x + \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ . State the exact value of  $R$  and give  $\alpha$  correct to 3 decimal places. [3]

(ii) Hence solve the equation  $(\sqrt{6}) \sin 2\theta + \cos 2\theta = 2$ , for  $0^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$ . [4]

Question 47

(i) By first expanding  $\tan(2x + x)$ , show that the equation  $\tan 3x = 3 \cot x$  can be written in the form  $\tan^4 x - 12 \tan^2 x + 3 = 0$ . [4]

(ii) Hence solve the equation  $\tan 3x = 3 \cot x$  for  $0^\circ < x < 90^\circ$ . [3]

Question 48

(a) Show that  $\frac{\cos 3x}{\sin x} + \frac{\sin 3x}{\cos x} = 2 \cot 2x$ . [4]

(b) Hence solve the equation  $\frac{\cos 3x}{\sin x} + \frac{\sin 3x}{\cos x} = 4$ , for  $0 < x < \pi$ . [3]

Question 49

Express the equation  $\tan(\theta + 60^\circ) = 2 + \tan(60^\circ - \theta)$  as a quadratic equation in  $\tan \theta$ , and hence solve the equation for  $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$ . [6]

Question 50

(a) Express  $\sqrt{2} \cos x - \sqrt{5} \sin x$  in the form  $R \cos(x + \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ . Give the exact value of  $R$  and the value of  $\alpha$  correct to 3 decimal places. [3]

(b) Hence solve the equation  $\sqrt{2} \cos 2\theta - \sqrt{5} \sin 2\theta = 1$ , for  $0^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$ . [4]

Question 51

By first expressing the equation

$$\tan \theta \tan(\theta + 45^\circ) = 2 \cot 2\theta$$

as a quadratic equation in  $\tan \theta$ , solve the equation for  $0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$ . [6]

Question 52

(a) Express  $\sqrt{6} \cos \theta + 3 \sin \theta$  in the form  $R \cos(\theta - \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ . State the exact value of  $R$  and give  $\alpha$  correct to 2 decimal places. [3]

(b) Hence solve the equation  $\sqrt{6} \cos \frac{1}{3}x + 3 \sin \frac{1}{3}x = 2.5$ , for  $0^\circ < x < 360^\circ$ . [4]

Question 53

(a) Show that the equation  $\tan(\theta + 60^\circ) = 2 \cot \theta$  can be written in the form

$$\tan^2 \theta + 3\sqrt{3} \tan \theta - 2 = 0. \quad [3]$$

(b) Hence solve the equation  $\tan(\theta + 60^\circ) = 2 \cot \theta$ , for  $0^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$ . [3]

Question 54

(a) Express  $\sqrt{6} \cos \theta + 3 \sin \theta$  in the form  $R \cos(\theta - \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ . State the exact value of  $R$  and give  $\alpha$  correct to 2 decimal places. [3]

(b) Hence solve the equation  $\sqrt{6} \cos \frac{1}{3}x + 3 \sin \frac{1}{3}x = 2.5$ , for  $0^\circ < x < 360^\circ$ . [4]

Question 55

(a) Express  $\sqrt{7} \sin x + 2 \cos x$  in the form  $R \sin(x + \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ . State the exact value of  $R$  and give  $\alpha$  correct to 2 decimal places. [3]

(b) Hence solve the equation  $\sqrt{7} \sin 2\theta + 2 \cos 2\theta = 1$ , for  $0^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$ . [5]

Question 56

By first expressing the equation  $\tan(x + 45^\circ) = 2 \cot x + 1$  as a quadratic equation in  $\tan x$ , solve the equation for  $0^\circ < x < 180^\circ$ . [6]

Question 57

(a) By first expanding  $\tan(2\theta + 2\theta)$ , show that the equation  $\tan 4\theta = \frac{1}{2} \tan \theta$  may be expressed as  $\tan^4 \theta + 2 \tan^2 \theta - 7 = 0$ . [4]

(b) Hence solve the equation  $\tan 4\theta = \frac{1}{2} \tan \theta$ , for  $0^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$ . [3]

Question 58

Prove that  $\operatorname{cosec} 2\theta - \cot 2\theta \equiv \tan \theta$ . [3]

Question 59

Prove that  $\frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{1 + \cos 2\theta} \equiv \tan^2 \theta$ . [2]

Question 60

(a) Given that  $\cos(x - 30^\circ) = 2 \sin(x + 30^\circ)$ , show that  $\tan x = \frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{1 - 2\sqrt{3}}$ . [4]

(b) Hence solve the equation

$$\cos(x - 30^\circ) = 2 \sin(x + 30^\circ),$$

for  $0^\circ < x < 360^\circ$ . [2]

Question 61

(a) By first expanding  $\cos(x - 60^\circ)$ , show that the expression

$$2 \cos(x - 60^\circ) + \cos x$$

can be written in the form  $R \cos(x - \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ . Give the exact value of  $R$  and the value of  $\alpha$  correct to 2 decimal places. [5]

(b) Hence find the value of  $x$  in the interval  $0^\circ < x < 360^\circ$  for which  $2 \cos(x - 60^\circ) + \cos x$  takes its least possible value. [2]

Question 62

Solve the equation  $\sin \theta = 3 \cos 2\theta + 2$ , for  $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$ . [5]

Question 63

(a) By first expanding  $(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)^2$ , show that

$$\cos^4 \theta + \sin^4 \theta \equiv 1 - \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 2\theta. [3]$$

(b) Hence solve the equation

$$\cos^4 \theta + \sin^4 \theta = \frac{5}{9},$$

for  $0^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$ . [4]

Question 64

- (a) Show that the equation

$$\cot 2\theta + \cot \theta = 2$$

can be expressed as a quadratic equation in  $\tan \theta$ . [3]

- (b) Hence solve the equation  $\cot 2\theta + \cot \theta = 2$ , for  $0 < \theta < \pi$ , giving your answers correct to 3 decimal places. [3]

Question 65

- (a) Express  $5 \sin x - 3 \cos x$  in the form  $R \sin(x - \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ . Give the exact value of  $R$  and give  $\alpha$  correct to 2 decimal places. [3]

- (b) Hence state the greatest and least possible values of  $(5 \sin x - 3 \cos x)^2$ . [2]

Question 66

The angles  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  lie between  $0^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$  and are such that

$$\tan(\alpha + \beta) = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad \tan \alpha = 3 \tan \beta.$$

Find the possible values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . [6]

Question 67

Solve the equation  $\cos(\theta - 60^\circ) = 3 \sin \theta$ , for  $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$ . [5]

Question 68

Solve the equation  $3 \cos 2\theta = 3 \cos \theta + 2$ , for  $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$ . [5]

Question 69

Solve the equation  $2 \cot 2x + 3 \cot x = 5$ , for  $0^\circ < x < 180^\circ$ . [6]

Question 70

- (a) Show that the equation  $\sqrt{5} \sec x + \tan x = 4$  can be expressed as  $R \cos(x + \alpha) = \sqrt{5}$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ . Give the exact value of  $R$  and the value of  $\alpha$  correct to 2 decimal places. [4]

- (b) Hence solve the equation  $\sqrt{5} \sec 2x + \tan 2x = 4$ , for  $0^\circ < x < 180^\circ$ . [4]

Question 71

- (a) Express  $4 \cos x - \sin x$  in the form  $R \cos(x + \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ . State the exact value of  $R$  and give  $\alpha$  correct to 2 decimal places. [3]

- (b) Hence solve the equation  $4 \cos 2x - \sin 2x = 3$  for  $0^\circ < x < 180^\circ$ . [5]

Question 72

Solve the equation  $\tan(x + 45^\circ) = 2 \cot x$  for  $0^\circ < x < 180^\circ$ . [5]

Question 73

(a) Prove the identity  $\cos 4\theta + 4 \cos 2\theta + 3 \equiv 8 \cos^4 \theta$ . [4]

(b) Hence solve the equation  $\cos 4\theta + 4 \cos 2\theta = 4$  for  $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$ . [3]

Question 74

(a) Express  $5 \sin \theta + 12 \cos \theta$  in the form  $R \cos(\theta - \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ . [3]

(b) Hence solve the equation  $5 \sin 2x + 12 \cos 2x = 6$  for  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ . [4]

Question 75

(a) Express  $3 \cos x + 2 \cos(x - 60^\circ)$  in the form  $R \cos(x - \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ . State the exact value of  $R$  and give  $\alpha$  correct to 2 decimal places. [4]

(b) Hence solve the equation

$$3 \cos 2\theta + 2 \cos(2\theta - 60^\circ) = 2.5$$

for  $0^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$ . [4]

Question 76

Solve the equation  $2 \cos x - \cos \frac{1}{2}x = 1$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ . [5]

Question 77

(a) Show that the equation  $\sin 2\theta + \cos 2\theta = 2 \sin^2 \theta$  can be expressed in the form

$$\cos^2 \theta + 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta - 3 \sin^2 \theta = 0. [2]$$

(b) Hence solve the equation  $\sin 2\theta + \cos 2\theta = 2 \sin^2 \theta$  for  $0^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$ . [4]

Question 78

(a) Show that the equation  $\cot^2 \theta + 2 \cos 2\theta = 4$  can be written in the form

$$4 \sin^4 \theta + 3 \sin^2 \theta - 1 = 0. [3]$$

(b) Hence solve the equation  $\cot^2 \theta + 2 \cos 2\theta = 4$ , for  $0^\circ < \theta < 360^\circ$ . [3]

Question 79

(a) By expressing  $3\theta$  as  $2\theta + \theta$ , prove the identity  $\cos 3\theta \equiv 4 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta$ . [3]

(b) Hence solve the equation

$$\cos 3\theta + \cos \theta \cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta$$

for  $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$ . [5]

Question 80

- (a) Given that

$$\sin\left(x + \frac{1}{6}\pi\right) - \sin\left(x - \frac{1}{6}\pi\right) = \cos\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\pi\right) - \cos\left(x - \frac{1}{3}\pi\right),$$

find the exact value of  $\tan x$ .

[4]

- (b) Hence find the exact roots of the equation

$$\sin\left(x + \frac{1}{6}\pi\right) - \sin\left(x - \frac{1}{6}\pi\right) = \cos\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\pi\right) - \cos\left(x - \frac{1}{3}\pi\right)$$

for  $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ .

[2]

Question 81

- (a) Express  $3 \sin x + 2\sqrt{2} \cos\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\pi\right)$  in the form  $R \sin(x + \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ . State the exact value of  $R$  and give  $\alpha$  correct to 3 decimal places.

[4]

- (b) Hence solve the equation

$$6 \sin \frac{1}{2}\theta + 4\sqrt{2} \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}\theta + \frac{1}{4}\pi\right) = 3$$

for  $-4\pi < \theta < 4\pi$ .

[5]

Question 82

Express  $3 \cos 2x - \sqrt{3} \sin 2x$  in the form  $R \cos(2x + \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ . Give the exact values of  $R$  and  $\alpha$ .

[3]

Question 83

- (a) Show that  $\cos^4 \theta - \sin^4 \theta - 4 \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta \equiv \cos^2 2\theta + \cos 2\theta - 1$ .

[3]

- (b) Solve the equation  $\cos^4 \alpha - \sin^4 \alpha = 4 \sin^2 \alpha \cos^2 \alpha$  for  $0^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 180^\circ$ .

[3]

Question 84

- (a) Show that the equation  $\tan^3 x + 2 \tan 2x - \tan x = 0$  may be expressed as

$$\tan^4 x - 2 \tan^2 x - 3 = 0$$

for  $\tan x \neq 0$ .

[3]

- (b) Hence solve the equation  $\tan^3 2\theta + 2 \tan 4\theta - \tan 2\theta = 0$  for  $0 < \theta < \pi$ . Give your answers in exact form.

[3]

Question 85

(a) Show that  $\sec^4 \theta - \tan^4 \theta \equiv 1 + 2 \tan^2 \theta$ . [3]

(b) Hence or otherwise solve the equation  $\sec^4 2\alpha - \tan^4 2\alpha = 2 \tan^2 2\alpha \sec^2 2\alpha$  for  $0^\circ < \alpha < 180^\circ$ . [5]

Question 86

By first expressing the equation  $\tan(x - 60^\circ) = 2 \cot x$  as a quadratic equation in  $\tan x$ , solve the equation for  $0^\circ \leq x \leq 180^\circ$ . [6]

Question 87

(a) Prove the identity  $\cot^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta \equiv 4 \cot 2\theta \operatorname{cosec} 2\theta$ . [4]

(b) Hence solve the equation  $\cot^2 x - \tan^2 x = 5 \sec 2x$  for  $0^\circ < x < 90^\circ$ . [4]

Question 88

(a) Express  $7 \sin \theta + 24 \cos \theta$  in the form  $R \cos(\theta - \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ . Give the value of  $\alpha$  correct to 4 decimal places. [3]

(b) Hence solve the equation  $7 \sin \frac{1}{3}x + 24 \cos \frac{1}{3}x = 24.5$  for  $0 < x < \pi$ . [4]

Question 89

Solve the equation  $3 \cot x - 4 \cot 2x = 3$  for  $0^\circ \leq x \leq 180^\circ$ . [6]

Question 90

(a) Express  $5 \sin\left(x + \frac{1}{6}\pi\right) - 4 \cos x$  in the form  $R \sin(x - \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ . State the exact value of  $R$  and give the value of  $\alpha$  correct to 3 decimal places. [4]

(b) Hence solve the equation  $5 \sin\left(2\theta + \frac{1}{6}\pi\right) - 4 \cos 2\theta = \sqrt{7}$  for  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ . Give your answers correct to 2 decimal places. [4]