



MATHEMATICS 3 Part A

Date: Wednesday 15th December 2021

DURATION OF EXAMINATION:

1 hour 30 minutes (90 minutes)

Answer ALL questions



SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answers must be supported by explanations.
- They must show the reasoning behind the results or solutions provided.
- If graphs are used to find a solution, they must be sketched as part of the answer.
- Unless indicated otherwise, full marks will not be awarded if a correct answer is not accompanied by supporting evidence or explanations of how the results or the solutions have been achieved.
- When the answer provided is not the correct one, some marks can be awarded if it is evident that an appropriate method and/or a correct approach has been used.

K. Osborne



 A town`s population is growing linearly. In 2018 the population was 5000. By 2020 the population had increased to 7400. 	
(a) Give the function $P(t)$ where P is the population and t is the number of years since 2018.	3
(b) Use your function $P(t)$ to predict the population in 2025.	2
(c) According to this model in which year will the population reach 19400?	2
4) The function <i>f</i> is defined as $f(x) = 2x^2 - 8x + 8$.	
(a) Determine the coordinates of the y-intercept.	2
(b) Calculate $f(2)$	2
(c) Determine the derivative $f'(x)$.	2
(d) For what value of x does the function $f(x)$ have a turning point? State the nature of the turning point and explain your answer.	3
(e) Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at the point	4
(1,2).	
(f) The point A is a point on the graph of f. The gradient at the point A is equal to 12. Find the coordinates of the point A.	4

5) The diagram below shows the graph of the function $f(x) = \frac{ax+b}{x+c}$. The dotted blue lines represent the asymptotes. The graph passes through the point $\left(0, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$.	
(a) Give the equation of the vertical asymptote.	2
(b) State the domain of the function.	2
(c) Find value of c.	2
(d) Give the equation of the horizontal asymptote.	2
(e) State the range of the function.	2
(f) Find value of a.	2
(g) A student says that the value of <i>b</i> is 1. Are they correct? You must justify your answer.	2
x	





