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COMMON TEST

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This question paper consists of 6 pages.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

Read the following instructions carefully before answering the questions.

1. This question paper consists of **6** questions.
2. Answer **ALL** the questions.
3. Clearly show **ALL** calculations, diagrams, graphs, etc. which you have used in determining your answers.
4. Answers only will **NOT** necessarily be awarded full marks.
5. You may use an approved scientific calculator (non-programmable and non-graphical), unless stated otherwise.
6. If necessary, round off answers correct to **TWO** decimal places, unless stated otherwise.
7. Diagrams are **NOT** necessarily drawn to scale.
8. Write neatly and legibly.

QUESTION 1

1.1 Determine the product of the following and simplify fully:

1.1.1 $ab^2(-2a^2 + 4b)$ (2)

1.1.2 $(x-2)(x^2 + 2x + 8)$ (3)

1.2 Factorise the following expressions fully:

1.2.1 $2x^2 + 7x - 4$ (2)

1.2.2 $a^2x - ay - b^2x + by$ (3)

1.2.3 $125 - 27m^3$ (2)

1.3 Simplify the following expressions fully:

1.3.1 $25x^4y^{-2} \times (5x^3y^0)^{-2}$ (3)

1.3.2 $\frac{x^2 + 7x + 10}{x + 5} \div \frac{x + 2}{5}$ (4)

1.3.3 $\frac{9 \cdot 3^{x+2} + 5 \cdot 3^x}{3^x - 3^{x+1}}$ (4)

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QUESTION 2

2.1 Solve for x in each of the following equations:

2.1.1 $1 - 5x = 6$ (2)

2.1.2 $(x+2)(x-4) = 0$ (2)

2.1.3 $g = \frac{1+2x}{x}$ (3)

2.1.4 $3 \cdot 7^{x-1} + 7 = 154$ (3)

2.2 Solve for x : $3(2x+4) - 3(x-3) < 0$. Represent your answer in interval notation. (3)

2.3 Solve for x and y simultaneously:

$4x - 2y = 6$
 $2y + 3x = 8$ (5)

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QUESTION 3

3.1 Simplify the following expression:

3.1.1 $\frac{x-2}{3} - \frac{x+4}{6}$ (3)

3.1.2 Hence, determine the value of x if: $\frac{x-2}{3} - \frac{x+4}{6} = 2$ (2)

3.2 Without using a calculator, simplify the following expression fully:

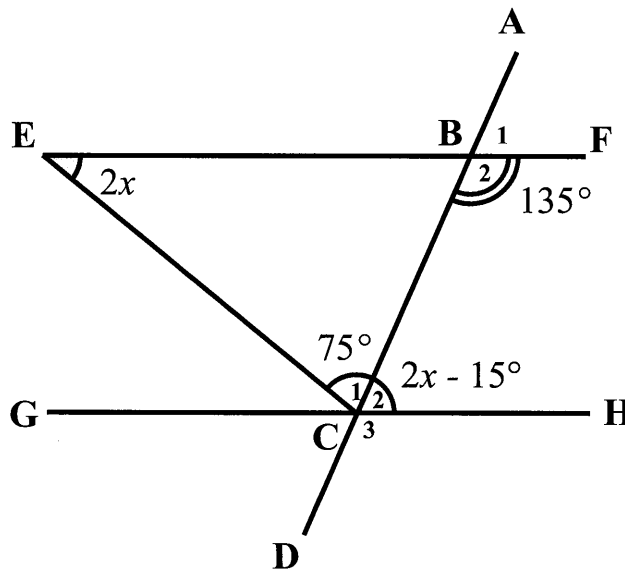
$$\frac{2021}{1-2020^2}$$
 (3)

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Give reasons for your statements in the answers to QUESTIONS 4, 5 and 6.

QUESTION 4

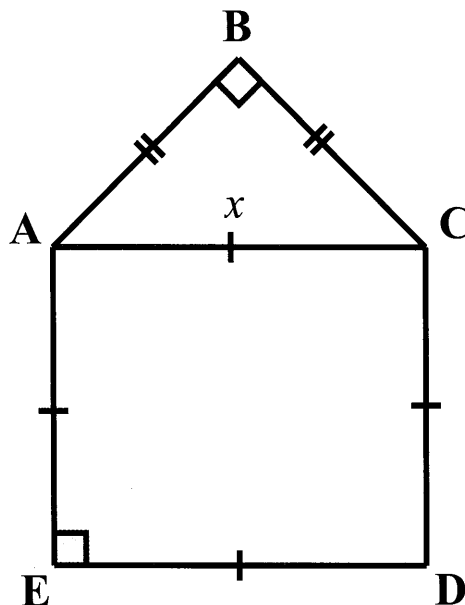
4.1 In the diagram below, $\hat{E} = 2x$, $\hat{C}_1 = 75^\circ$, $\hat{C}_2 = 2x - 15^\circ$ and $\hat{B}_2 = 135^\circ$.



4.1.1 Determine the value of x . (3)

4.1.2 Determine if $EF \parallel GH$. Motivate your answer. (3)

4.2 In the diagram below, square $ACDE$ has an area of 256 cm^2 and $AB = BC$.



4.2.1 Determine the length of AC . (Let $AC = x$) (3)

4.2.2 Hence, determine the length of AB . (Correct to TWO decimal places). (3)

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QUESTION 5

5.1 The angles of a certain quadrilateral are in the ratio $2 : 3 : 4 : 6$.

Calculate the size of the largest angle. (2)

5.2 Complete the statements below for the properties of a **rhombus**:
 (write the question number and missing word / term only)

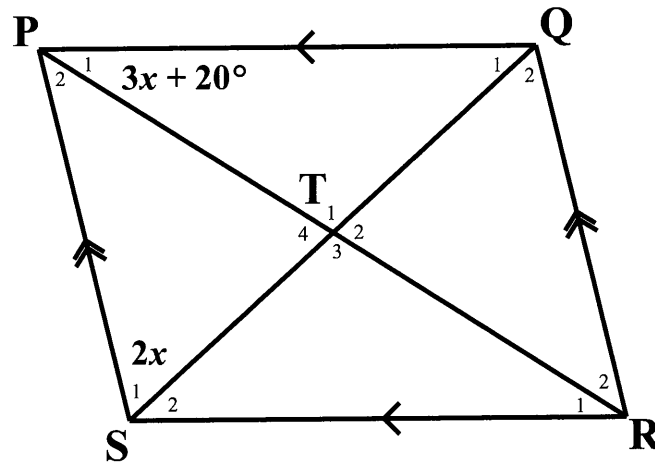
5.2.1 Opposite angles are (1)

5.2.2 All sides are and, opposite sides are parallel to each other. (1)

5.2.3 Diagonals bisect each other at degrees. (1)

5.3 The diagonals of rhombus $PQRS$ intersect at T .

$$\hat{S}_1 = 2x \text{ and } \hat{P}_1 = 3x + 20^\circ$$



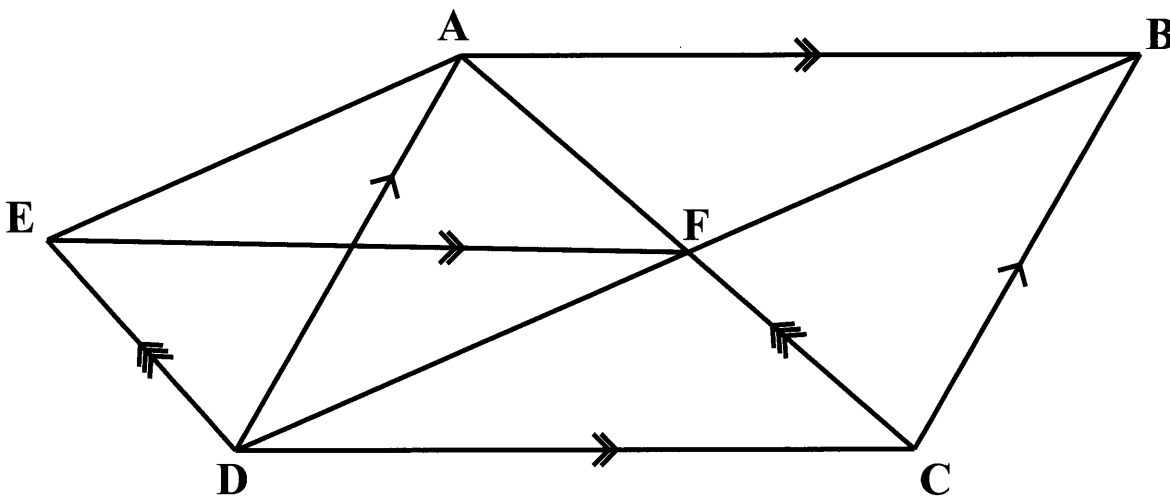
5.3.1 State the value of \hat{Q}_1 , in terms of x . (1)

5.3.2 Hence, calculate the value of x . (3)

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QUESTION 6

In the diagram below, $ABCD$ and $EFCD$ are parallelograms.



Prove that $AFDE$ is a parallelogram.

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QUESTION 1

1.1	1.1.1	$ab^2(-2a^2 + 4b)$ $= -2a^3b^2 + 4ab^3$	✓ ✓	$-2a^3b^2$ $4ab^3$	(2)
	1.1.2	$(x-2)(x^2+2x+8)$ $= x^3+2x^2+8x-2x^2-4x-16$ $= x^3+4x-16$	✓ ✓ ✓	x^3+2x^2+8x $-2x^2-4x-16$ CA	(3)
1.2	1.2.1	$2x^2+7x-4$ $= (2x-1)(x+4)$	✓ ✓	$(2x-1)$ $(x+4)$	(2)
	1.2.2	$a^2x-ay-b^2x+by$ $= a^2x-b^2x-ay+by$ $= x(a^2-b^2)-y(a-b)$ $= x(a-b)(a+b)-y(a-b)$ $= (a-b)[x(a+b)-y]$ $= (a-b)(ax+bx-y)$	✓ ✓ ✓	common factors $(a-b)(a+b)$ CA	(3)
	1.2.3	$125-27m^3$ $= (5-3m)(25+15m+9m^2)$	✓ ✓	$(5-3m)$ $(25+15m+9m^2)$	(2)
1.3	1.3.1	$25x^4y^{-2} \times (5x^3y^0)^{-2}$ $= 5^2x^4y^{-2} \cdot 5^{-2}x^{-6}y^0$ $= 5^{2-2}x^{4-6}y^{-2+0}$ $= 5^0x^{-2}y^{-2}$ $= \frac{1}{x^2y^2}$	✓ ✓ ✓	$5^{-2}x^{-6}y^0$ simplification of indices $\frac{1}{x^2y^2}$	(3)
	1.3.2	$\frac{x^2+7x+10}{x+5} \div \frac{x+2}{5}$ $= \frac{(x+5)(x+2)}{x+5} \times \frac{5}{x+2}$ $= 5$	✓✓ ✓ ✓	both factors $x \cdot \frac{5}{x+2}$ ca	(4)
	1.3.3	$\frac{9 \cdot 3^{x+2} + 5 \cdot 3^x}{3^x - 3^{x+1}}$ $= \frac{9 \cdot 3^x \cdot 3^2 + 5 \cdot 3^x}{3^x - 3^x \cdot 3}$ $= \frac{3^x(81+5)}{3^x(1-3)}$ $= \frac{86}{-2}$ $= -43$	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	$3^x \cdot 3^2$ $3^x \cdot 3$ factorisation of 3^x ca	(4)
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QUESTION 2

2.1	2.1.1	$1 - 5x = 6$ $-5x = 6 - 1$ $-5x = 5$ $x = -1$	<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">Answer only: 2/2</div>	✓ simplification ✓ answer	(2)
	2.1.2	$(x+2)(x-4) = 0$ $x = -2$ or $x = 4$		✓✓ answers	(2)
	2.1.3	$g = \frac{1+2x}{x}$ $gx = 1+2x$ $gx - 2x = 1$ $x(g-2) = 1$ $x = \frac{1}{g-2}$		✓ gx on LHS ✓ factorisation ✓ answer	(3)
	2.1.4	$3 \cdot 7^{-x} + 7 = 154$ $3 \cdot 7^{-x} = 147$ $7^{-x} = \frac{147}{3}$ $7^{-x} = 49$ $7^{-x} = 7^2$ $\therefore x - 1 = 2$ $\therefore x = 3$	<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">Answer only: 1/3</div>	✓ $\frac{147}{3}$ ✓ prime base ✓ answer	(3)
2.2		$3(2x+4) - 3(x-3) < 0$ $6x+12 - 3x+9 < 0$ $3x+21 < 0$ $3x < -21$ $x < -7$ $\therefore x \in (-\infty; -7)$		✓ simplification ✓ $x < -7$ ✓ answer	(3)
2.3		$4x - 2y = 6$ Eq1 $2y + 3x = 8$ Eq2 $Eq1 + Eq2: 7x = 14$ $x = 2$ $Sub x = 2: 4(2) - 2y = 6$ $-2y = -2$ $y = 1$	OR	✓ Eq1 + Eq2 (elimination) ✓ $7x = 14$ ✓ $x = 2$ ✓ substitution of $x = 2$ ✓ $y = 1$	(5)

	$4x - 2y = 6$ Eq1 $2y + 3x = 8$ Eq2 $Eq1 \rightarrow Eq3: 2y = 4x - 6$ $y = 2x - 3$ $Sub Eq3 into Eq2: 2(2x-3) + 3x = 8$ $4x - 6 + 3x = 8$ $7x = 14$ $x = 2$ $Sub x = 2: 4(2) - 2y = 6$ $-2y = -2$ $y = 1$	✓ Eq1 → Eq3 ✓ Substitution of (Eq 3) into (Eq 2) ✓ $x = 2$ ✓ substitution of $x = 2$ ✓ $y = 1$	(5)
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QUESTION 3

3.1	3.1.1	$\frac{x-2}{3} - \frac{x+4}{6}$ LCD: 6 $= \frac{2(x-2) - (x+4)}{6}$ $= \frac{2x-4-x-4}{6}$ $= \frac{x-8}{6}$	✓ LCD = 6 ✓ $-x - 4$ ✓ answer	(3)
	3.1.2	$\frac{x-2}{3} - \frac{x+4}{6} = 2$ $\therefore \frac{x-8}{6} = 2$ $x - 8 = 12$ $x = 20$	✓ substitution of answer from 3.1.1 ✓ ca	(2)
3.2		$\frac{2021}{1-2020^2}$ $= \frac{2021}{(1-2020)(1+2020)}$ $= \frac{2021}{(-2019)(2021)}$ $= -\frac{1}{2019}$	✓ factorisation ✓ simplification ✓ answer	(3)
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QUESTION 4

4.1					
4.1.1	$\hat{B}_2 = \hat{E} + \hat{C}_1$ (ext \angle of \square) $135^\circ = 2x + 75^\circ$ $2x = 135^\circ - 75^\circ$ $2x = 60^\circ$ $x = 30^\circ$	✓ S ✓ R ✓ answer	(3)		
4.1.2	$\hat{C}_2 = 2(30^\circ) - 15^\circ$ $\hat{C}_2 = 45^\circ$ $\hat{B}_2 + \hat{C}_2 = 135^\circ + 45^\circ = 180^\circ$ $\therefore EF \parallel GH$ (co-int \angle s supplementary) OR $\hat{C}_2 = 2(30^\circ) - 15^\circ$ $\hat{C}_2 = 45^\circ$ $\hat{EBC} = 45^\circ$ (\angle s on straight line) $\therefore \hat{C}_2 = \hat{EBC}$ $\therefore EF \parallel GH$ (alternate \angle s equal)	✓ $\hat{C}_2 = 45^\circ$ ✓ statement reason ✓ ✓ $\hat{C}_2 = 45^\circ$ ✓ statement reason ✓	(3)		
4.2	4.2.1	$Area\ of\ \square = AC \times AE$ $AC = AE = x$ $\therefore x^2 = 256cm^2$ $\therefore x = 16cm$		✓ S ✓ $x^2 = 256cm^2$ ✓ answer	(3)

4.2.2	In \square $AB = BC$ (given) and $AB^2 + BC^2 = AC^2$ (pythag) $2AB^2 = 16^2$ $AB^2 = 128$ $AB = 8\sqrt{2} cm$ $AB = 11,31 cm$	✓ S/R ✓ $2AB^2 = x^2$ ✓ ca	(3)
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QUESTION 5

5.1	$2x + 3x + 4x + 6x = 360^\circ$ (sum of \angle s in quad) $15x = 360^\circ$ $x = 24^\circ$ \therefore largest angle = $6 \times 24^\circ = 144^\circ$		✓ x value ✓ ca	(2)
5.2	5.2.1	equal	✓ answer	(1)
	5.2.2	equal	✓ answer	(1)
	5.2.3	90	✓ answer	(1)



5.3				
5.3.1	$\hat{Q}_1 = 2x$	(angles opp=sides)	✓ S	(1)
5.3.2	$\hat{T}_1 = 90^\circ$	(diags of rhombus)	✓ S/R	(3)
	In \square	$3x + 20^\circ + 90^\circ + 2x = 180^\circ$	✓ S/R	
		$5x = 70^\circ$ $x = 14^\circ$	✓ answer	
		OR		
	$\hat{P}_2 = 3x + 20^\circ$	(diags of rhombus)	✓ S/R	(3)
	In \square	$6x + 40^\circ + 2x + 2x = 180^\circ$	✓ S/R	
		$10x = 140^\circ$ $x = 14^\circ$	✓ answer	
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QUESTION 6

$ED = FC$	(opp sides of parm EFCD =)	✓ S/R	[5]
$AF = FC$	(diags of parm ABCD)	✓ S/R	
$\therefore ED = AF$		✓ S/R	
but $ED \parallel FC$		✓ S/R	
$\therefore AFDE$ is a parallelogram	(2 opposite sides equal and parallel)	✓ R	

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