

Session 2

# Mathematics Section

## Multiple-Choice Questions

1. What is the value of  $\sqrt[3]{5} \times 25^{\frac{1}{3}}$ ? [2 points]

① 1      ② 2      ③ 3      ④ 4      ⑤ 5

2. For the function  $f(x) = x^3 - 8x + 7$ , what is the value of

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(2+h) - f(2)}{h}?$$
 [2 points]

① 1      ② 2      ③ 3      ④ 4      ⑤ 5

3. Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a geometric sequence where both the first term and the common ratio are equal to a positive constant  $k$ . If

$$\frac{a_4}{a_2} + \frac{a_2}{a_1} = 30,$$

what is the value of  $k$ ? [3 points]

① 1      ② 2      ③ 3      ④ 4      ⑤ 5

4. If the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 5x + a & (x < -2) \\ x^2 - a & (x \geq -2) \end{cases}$$

is continuous on the set of all real numbers, what is the value of the constant  $a$ ? [3 points]

① 6      ② 7      ③ 8      ④ 9      ⑤ 10

5. For the function  $f(x) = (x^2 + 1)(3x^2 - x)$ , what is the value of  $f'(1)$ ? [3 points]

① 8      ② 10      ③ 12      ④ 14      ⑤ 16

6. If  $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \theta\right) = -\frac{1}{5}$ , what is the value of  $\frac{\sin\theta}{1 - \cos^2\theta}$ ?

[3 points]

① -5      ②  $-\sqrt{5}$       ③ 0      ④  $\sqrt{5}$       ⑤ 5

7. If the polynomial function  $f(x)$  satisfies

$$\int_0^x f(t) dt = 3x^3 + 2x$$

for all real numbers  $x$ , what is the value of  $f(1)$ ?

[3 points]

① 7      ② 9      ③ 11      ④ 13      ⑤ 15

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8. For two real numbers  $a = 2\log \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} + \log_2 20$  and  $b = \log 2$ , what is the value of  $a \times b$ ? [3 points]

① 1      ② 2      ③ 3      ④ 4      ⑤ 5

10. For the function  $f(x) = a \cos bx + 3$  defined on the closed interval  $[0, 2\pi]$ , let  $(a, b)$  be an ordered pair of natural numbers such that  $f(x)$  has a maximum value of 13 at  $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$ . What is the minimum value of  $a + b$ ? [4 points]

① 12      ② 14      ③ 16      ④ 18      ⑤ 20

9. For the function  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 16x - 20$ , if

$$\int_{-2}^a f(x) \, dx = \int_{-2}^0 f(x) \, dx,$$

what is the value of the positive constant  $a$ ? [4 points]

① 16      ② 14      ③ 12      ④ 10      ⑤ 8

11. A point P starts moving at time  $t=0$  along a number line, and its position  $x$  at time  $t$  ( $t \geq 0$ ) is given by

$$x = t^3 - \frac{3}{2}t^2 - 6t$$

What is the acceleration of point P at the moment its direction of motion changes after starting? [4 points]

① 6      ② 9      ③ 12      ④ 15      ⑤ 18

12. Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a sequence with  $a_1 = 2$  and  $\{b_n\}$  be an arithmetic sequence with  $b_1 = 2$ . If they satisfy

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{a_k}{b_{k+1}} = \frac{1}{2}n^2$$

for all natural numbers  $n$ , what is the value of  $\sum_{k=1}^5 a_k$ ?

[4 points]

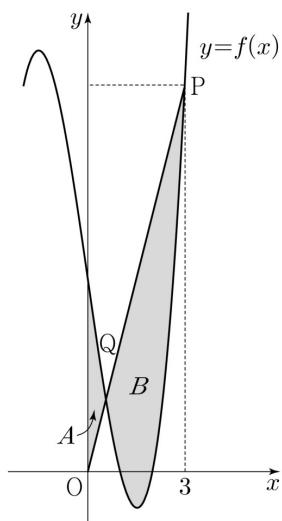
① 120      ② 125      ③ 130      ④ 135      ⑤ 140

13. Let  $f(x)$  be a cubic function with a leading coefficient of 1 satisfying

$$f(1)=f(2)=0, f'(0)=-7.$$

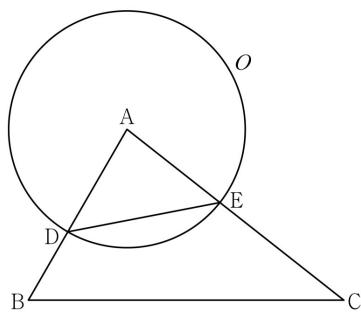
For the origin O and point P(3,  $f(3)$ ), let Q be the point other than P where segment OP intersects the curve  $y=f(x)$ . Let  $A$  be the area of the region bounded by the curve  $y=f(x)$ , the  $y$ -axis, and segment OQ, and let  $B$  be the area of the region bounded by the curve  $y=f(x)$  and segment PQ. What is the value of  $B-A$ ? [4 points]

①  $\frac{37}{4}$       ②  $\frac{39}{4}$       ③  $\frac{41}{4}$       ④  $\frac{43}{4}$       ⑤  $\frac{45}{4}$



14. As shown in the figure, in triangle ABC, let D be a point on segment AB such that  $\overline{AD} : \overline{DB} = 3 : 2$ . Let O be a circle centered at A passing through D, and let E be the point where circle O intersects segment AC.

If  $\sin A : \sin C = 8 : 5$  and the ratio of the area of triangle ADE to the area of triangle ABC is  $9 : 35$ . Given that the radius of the circumcircle of triangle ABC is 7, what is the maximum value of the area of triangle PBC for a point P on circle O? (Note:  $\overline{AB} < \overline{AC}$ ) [4 points]



①  $18 + 15\sqrt{3}$       ②  $24 + 20\sqrt{3}$       ③  $30 + 25\sqrt{3}$   
 ④  $36 + 30\sqrt{3}$       ⑤  $42 + 35\sqrt{3}$

15. For a constant  $a$  ( $a \neq 3\sqrt{5}$ ) and a quadratic function  $f(x)$  with a negative leading coefficient, let the function  $g(x)$  be defined as:

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 + ax^2 + 15x + 7 & (x \leq 0) \\ f(x) & (x > 0) \end{cases}$$

If  $g(x)$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (a) The function  $g(x)$  is differentiable on the set of all real numbers.
- (b) The number of distinct real roots of the equation  $g'(x) \times g'(x-4) = 0$  is 4.

What is the value of  $g(-2) + g(2)$ ? [4 points]

① 30      ② 32      ③ 34      ④ 36      ⑤ 38

**Short-Answer Questions**

16. What is the value of the real number  $x$  satisfying the equation  $\log_2(x-3) = \log_4(3x-5)$ ? [3 points]

17. For a polynomial function  $f(x)$ , if  $f'(x) = 9x^2 + 4x$  and  $f(1) = 6$ , what is the value of  $f(2)$ ? [3 points]

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18. Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a sequence satisfying

$$a_n + a_{n+4} = 12$$

for all natural numbers  $n$ . What is the value of  $\sum_{n=1}^{16} a_n$ ?

[3 points]

19. For a positive constant  $a$ , let the function  $f(x)$  be defined as

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 3ax^2 - 12a^2x.$$

If the local maximum value of  $f(x)$  is  $\frac{7}{27}$ , what is the value of  $f(3)$ ? [3 points]

20. Let  $k$  be the  $x$ -coordinate of the intersection point of the curve  $y = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{x-3}$  and the line  $y = x$ . A function  $f(x)$  defined on the set of all real numbers satisfies the following conditions:

$$f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{x-3} \text{ and } f(f(x)) = 3x \text{ for all real numbers } x > k.$$

What is the value of  $f\left(\frac{1}{k^3 \times 5^{3k}}\right)$ ? [4 points]

21. For integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that function

$f(x) = x^3 + ax^2 + bx + 4$  satisfies the following condition, what is the maximum value of  $f(1)$ ? [4 points]

For all real numbers  $\alpha$ , the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \alpha} \frac{f(2x+1)}{f(x)}$  exists.

22. For all sequences  $\{a_n\}$  with integer terms that satisfy the following conditions, what is the sum of all possible values of  $|a_1|$ ? [4 points]

(a) For all natural numbers  $n$ ,

$$a_{n+1} = \begin{cases} a_n - 3 & (\text{if } |a_n| \text{ is odd}) \\ \frac{1}{2}a_n & (\text{if } a_n = 0 \text{ or } |a_n| \text{ is even}) \end{cases}$$

(b) The minimum natural number  $m$  satisfying

$$|a_m| = |a_{m+2}| \text{ is } 3.$$

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# Mathematics Section (Calculus)

## Multiple-Choice Questions

23. What is the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x^2}{\sin^2 x}$ ? [2 points]

① 1      ② 2      ③ 3      ④ 4      ⑤ 5

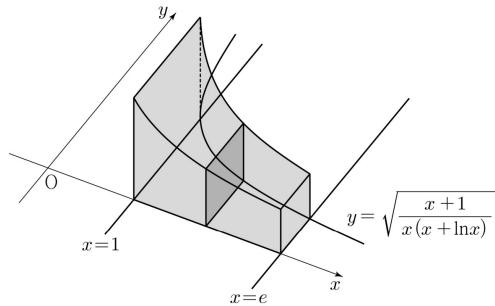
24. What is the value of  $\int_0^{10} \frac{x+2}{x+1} dx$ ? [3 points]

①  $10 + \ln 5$       ②  $10 + \ln 7$       ③  $10 + 2\ln 3$   
④  $10 + \ln 11$       ⑤  $10 + \ln 13$

25. For a sequence  $\{a_n\}$ , if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{na_n}{n^2+3} = 1$ , what is the value of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{a_n^2+n} - a_n)$ ? [3 points]

①  $\frac{1}{3}$       ②  $\frac{1}{2}$       ③ 1      ④ 2      ⑤ 3

26. As shown in the figure, there is a solid whose base is the region bounded by the curve  $y = \sqrt{\frac{x+1}{x(x+\ln x)}}$ , the  $x$ -axis, and the lines  $x=1$  and  $x=e$ . If every cross-section of this solid perpendicular to the  $x$ -axis is a square, what is the volume of this solid? [3 points]



①  $\ln(e+1)$       ②  $\ln(e+2)$       ③  $\ln(e+3)$   
 ④  $\ln(2e+1)$       ⑤  $\ln(2e+2)$

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27. For a cubic function  $f(x)$  with a leading coefficient of 1, let the function  $g(x)$  be defined as

$$g(x) = f(e^x) + e^x.$$

If the tangent line to the curve  $y = g(x)$  at the point  $(0, g(0))$  is the  $x$ -axis and the function  $g(x)$  has an inverse function  $h(x)$ , what is the value of  $h'(8)$ ? [3 points]

①  $\frac{1}{36}$       ②  $\frac{1}{18}$       ③  $\frac{1}{12}$       ④  $\frac{1}{9}$       ⑤  $\frac{5}{36}$

28. For a function  $f(x)$  differentiable on the set of all real numbers, its derivative  $f'(x)$  is given by

$$f'(x) = -x + e^{1-x^2}.$$

For a positive constant  $t$ , let  $g(t)$  be the area of the region bounded by the tangent line to the curve  $y = f(x)$  at the point  $(t, f(t))$ , the curve  $y = f(x)$ , and the  $y$ -axis. What is the value of  $g(1) + g'(1)$ ? [4 points]

①  $\frac{1}{2}e + \frac{1}{2}$       ②  $\frac{1}{2}e + \frac{2}{3}$       ③  $\frac{1}{2}e + \frac{5}{6}$   
④  $\frac{2}{3}e + \frac{1}{2}$       ⑤  $\frac{2}{3}e + \frac{2}{3}$

## Short-Answer Questions

29. Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a geometric sequence satisfying

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|a_n| + a_n) = \frac{40}{3}, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|a_n| - a_n) = \frac{20}{3}$$

What is the sum of all natural numbers  $m$  satisfying the inequality  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{2n} \left( (-1)^{\frac{k(k+1)}{2}} \times a_{m+k} \right) > \frac{1}{700}$ ? [4 points]

30. For two constants  $a$  ( $1 \leq a \leq 2$ ) and  $b$ , the function  $f(x) = \sin(ax + b + \sin x)$  satisfies the following conditions:

(a)  $f(0) = 0, f(2\pi) = 2\pi a + b$

(b) The minimum positive value of  $t$  satisfying  $f'(0) = f'(t)$  is  $4\pi$ .

Let  $A$  be the set of all values of  $\alpha$  in the open interval  $(0, 4\pi)$  such that  $f(x)$  has a local maximum at  $x = \alpha$ . Let  $n$  be the number of elements in set  $A$ , and let  $\alpha_1$  be the smallest element of  $A$ . If  $n\alpha_1 - ab = \frac{q}{p}\pi$ , what is the value of  $p+q$ ? (Note:  $p$  and  $q$  are coprime natural numbers.) [4 points]

## \* Checklist

- Please ensure that you have correctly filled in (marked) the required information in the appropriate sections of the answer sheet.
- The 'Elective Subject (Geometry)' questions follow; please verify that this is the subject you have selected.