



Clavis TMUA Set B Paper 2

Recommended time: 75 minutes

Calculators: not permitted

Format: 20 multiple-choice questions

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Question 1

The function f is defined for $x > 0$ by

$$f(x) = \frac{(2x - 3)^2}{\sqrt{x}}$$

Find the value of $f'(1)$.

A $-\frac{9}{2}$

B -4

C $-\frac{3}{2}$

D 0

E $\frac{3}{2}$

F $\frac{9}{2}$

Question 2

Find the value of

$$\int_0^2 (3x - 1)^2 \, dx$$

A $\frac{26}{3}$

B 10

C $\frac{38}{3}$

D 14

E $\frac{46}{3}$

F 18

Question 3

Consider the following claim:

For all real numbers x , if $x^2 > x$ then $x > 1$.

Which of the following is/are a counterexample to the claim?

I $x = -2$

II $x = \frac{1}{2}$

III $x = 2$

A none of them

B I only

C II only

D III only

E I and II only

F I and III only

G II and III only

H I, II and III

Question 4

Let n be a positive integer, and consider the two statements:

P : n^2 is a multiple of 9

Q : n is a multiple of 3

Which one of the following is true?

- A** P is necessary and sufficient for Q .
- B** P is necessary but not sufficient for Q .
- C** P is sufficient but not necessary for Q .
- D** P is not necessary and not sufficient for Q .

Question 5

Let n be a positive integer, and let P be the statement
if n is a multiple of 10, then n is a multiple of 5 and n is even.

Which of the following must be true?

- I P
 - II the converse of P
 - III the contrapositive of P
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- A none of them
 - B I only
 - C II only
 - D III only
 - E I and II only
 - F I and III only
 - G II and III only
 - H I, II and III

Question 6

Consider the following statement (*) about a real number k :

(*) For all real numbers x , $x^2 + kx + k > 0$.

What is the complete set of values of k for which (*) is true?

A there are no such values of k

B $0 < k < 4$

C $0 \leq k \leq 4$

D $k < 0$ or $k > 4$

E $k \leq 0$ or $k \geq 4$

F $k > 0$

G all real values of k

Question 7

Here is an attempted proof of the following claim.

If $\sin \theta = \cos \theta$ then $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$.

(I) Suppose $\sin \theta = \cos \theta$.

(II) Squaring both sides gives $\sin^2 \theta = \cos^2 \theta$.

(III) Since $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$, it follows that $2 \cos^2 \theta = 1$, so $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2}$.

(IV) Hence $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$.

(V) Therefore $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$.

Which of the following is the case?

- A** The proof is correct.
- B** The proof is incorrect, and the first error occurs in line (I).
- C** The proof is incorrect, and the first error occurs in line (II).
- D** The proof is incorrect, and the first error occurs in line (III).
- E** The proof is incorrect, and the first error occurs in line (IV).
- F** The proof is incorrect, and the first error occurs in line (V).

Question 8

The function f is defined for all real x by

$$f(x) = x|x|$$

Which of the following statements must be true?

- I f is an even function.
 - II f is strictly increasing.
 - III $f(x) = 0$ only when $x = 0$.
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- A** none of them
 - B** I only
 - C** II only
 - D** III only
 - E** I and II only
 - F** I and III only
 - G** II and III only
 - H** I, II and III

Question 9

A positive integer is called *tidy* if and only if all of its digits, written in base 10, are different from one another. For example 1023 and 7 are tidy, but 121 and 330 are not.

Which one of the following statements is not true?

- A Every one-digit positive integer is tidy.
- B The sum of two tidy numbers is always tidy.
- C There are only finitely many tidy numbers.
- D Every tidy number has at most 10 digits.

Question 10

The line L has equation $y = mx + c$, and d is the distance from the origin to L .

Which one of the following is sufficient on its own to determine the value of d ?

- A** the value of m
- B** the value of c
- C** the value of the x -intercept of L
- D** the values of m and c
- E** none of the options above is sufficient on its own

Question 11

Which of the following statements is/are true?

I For every positive integer n there is a positive integer m such that $m < n$.

II There is a real number x such that for every real number y , $x < y$.

III For every real number x there is a real number y such that $xy = 1$.

A none of them

B I only

C II only

D III only

E I and II only

F I and III only

G II and III only

H I, II and III

Question 12

Consider the following statement:

There is a positive integer n such that for every positive integer m , $m + n$ is composite.

Which one of the following is the negation of this statement?

- A** There is a positive integer n such that for every positive integer m , $m + n$ is prime.
- B** For every positive integer n there is a positive integer m such that $m + n$ is prime.
- C** For every positive integer n and every positive integer m , $m + n$ is prime.
- D** For every positive integer n there is a positive integer m such that $m + n$ is composite.
- E** There is a positive integer n and a positive integer m such that $m + n$ is prime.
- F** For every positive integer m there is a positive integer n such that $m + n$ is prime.
- G** There is a positive integer m such that for every positive integer n , $m + n$ is prime.
- H** For every positive integer n and every positive integer m , $m + n$ is composite.

Question 13

Consider the following attempt to solve the equation $(x - 3)(x + 1) = 2(x - 3)$.

(I) Dividing both sides by $(x - 3)$ gives $x + 1 = 2$.

(II) Therefore $x = 1$.

(III) So the only solution is $x = 1$.

Which one of the following is true?

- A** The working is correct.
- B** The working is incorrect: $x = 1$ is not a solution of the original equation, and the error arises as a result of step (I).
- C** The working is incorrect: there is a further solution of the original equation, and the error arises as a result of step (I).
- D** The working is incorrect: there is a further solution of the original equation, and the error arises as a result of step (II).
- E** The working is incorrect: there is a further solution of the original equation, but every step shown is valid.
- F** The working is incorrect: the original equation has no solutions.

Question 14

In this question f is a function defined for all real x .

Consider the following three conditions:

I $f(-x) = -f(x)$ for all real x

II $f(0) = 0$

III $f(|x|) = |f(x)|$ for all real x

Which of these conditions is/are necessary and sufficient for the graph of $y = f(x)$ to have rotational symmetry of order 2 about the origin?

Which row in the following table is correct?

	Condition I is necessary and sufficient	Condition II is necessary and sufficient	Condition III is necessary and sufficient
A	yes	yes	yes
B	yes	yes	no
C	yes	no	yes
D	yes	no	no
E	no	yes	yes
F	no	yes	no
G	no	no	yes
H	no	no	no

A A

B B

C C

D D

E E

F F

G G

H H

Question 15

The real numbers a and b satisfy $a < b$.

Which of the following statements must be true?

I $a^2 < b^2$

II $a^3 < b^3$

III $\frac{1}{a} > \frac{1}{b}$

A none of them

B I only

C II only

D III only

E I and II only

F I and III only

G II and III only

H I, II and III

Question 16

Consider the following statement (*) about a real number x :

(*) For every real number y , $x + y^2 \geq 2y$.

What is the complete set of values of x for which (*) is true?

A $x < 1$

B $x \leq 1$

C $x \geq 1$

D $x > 1$

E all real values of x

F there are no such values of x

Question 17

The function f is a polynomial with $f(x) > 0$ for all real x , and the function g is defined for all real x by

$$g(x) = \int_0^x f(t) \, dt$$

Which of the following statements must be true?

- I $g(x) > 0$ for all real x .
- II g is strictly increasing.
- III $g(-x) = -g(x)$ for all real x .

- A none of them
- B I only
- C II only
- D III only
- E I and II only
- F I and III only
- G II and III only
- H I, II and III

Question 18

The function f is a non-zero polynomial defined for all real x .

Which one of the following is a necessary condition for the equation $f(x) = 0$ to have at least two distinct real roots?

- A** f has degree at least 3
- B** $f(0) = 0$
- C** $f''(x) = 0$ has at least one real solution
- D** $f'(x) < 0$ for all real x
- E** $f'(x) = 0$ has at least one real solution
- F** f has even degree

Question 19

A positive integer is called *stepped* if and only if its digits, read from left to right, are strictly increasing. For example 137 and 5 are stepped, but 132 and 771 are not.

Which of the following statements is/are true?

I Every stepped number has at most 9 digits.

II No stepped number contains the digit 0.

III If n is stepped then $2n$ is stepped.

A none of them

B I only

C II only

D III only

E I and II only

F I and III only

G II and III only

H I, II and III

Question 20

The function f is defined for all real x and satisfies

$$f(x + 2) = f(x) \quad \text{for all real } x$$

Which of the following statements is/are necessarily true?

- I $f(x + 6) = f(x)$ for all real x .
- II $f(1) = f(2)$.
- III If f is a polynomial then f is constant.

- A** none of them
- B** I only
- C** II only
- D** III only
- E** I and II only
- F** I and III only
- G** II and III only
- H** I, II and III