

# Topic Tests: Expert Tests – Set A

For AS / A Level Year 1 Edexcel  
Pure Mathematics

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# Teacher's Introduction

## Content

This pack contains 14 expert level topic tests for the Edexcel Pure Mathematics AS / Year 1 A Level content.

The tests come with fully worked solutions, containing helpful tips, hints and technique boxes for students struggling on a particular question. Answers should be given to three significant figures unless specified in the question.

These topic tests have been **fully cross-referenced** to the Pearson, Hodder and Collins textbooks for your convenience (see reference sheet on page 2). Each test has been designed to reflect the specification fully.


## About the expert tests

These **expert** tests have been designed to **prepare your students** for success in their exam. 25% of the marks come from questions similar in style to our fundamentals and challenge tests, giving all of your students a chance to show what they can do. The other 75% of the marks come from examination-style material, including compound and multistep questions that bring all parts of the topic together.

## Timings

The recommended times for students to complete each test are given at the top of individual tests.

## Calculator use

Although students are allowed to use a calculator in their examinations, the first topic (Algebraic Expressions) should be done without a calculator, as indicated by the non-calculator symbol (  ) at the top of the test. This encourages students to develop their non-calculator skills, saving time in their examinations on basic algebra and arithmetic.

## Also available from ZigZag Education

The perfect starting point for students of all abilities are our **fundamentals** tests. These isolate and test the core skills in each topic so that your students can show what they can do. They get a confidence boost and you can see at a glance where each student's weaknesses lie.

For students who are ready to go beyond the fundamentals, a complete set of **challenge** tests are available. 50% of the marks in these tests come from concepts covered in the fundamentals tests in order to reinforce learning and boost students' confidence, while the other 50% increases in difficulty and progresses the concepts covered.

For each collection of Set A tests we also offer a corresponding collection of Set B duplicated tests with the same styles of questions but different numbers. This allows for a variety of **flexible** uses including:

- **Test → Homework:** Students use test B as a homework to consolidate on areas of weakness identified from completing test A under test conditions in class.
- **Homework → Test:** Students revise as homework using test A before doing test B in class under test conditions.
- **Test → Classwork:** Students work through test B with teacher input to consolidate on areas of weakness identified from completing test A under test conditions in class.
- **Classwork → Test:** Students work through test A with teacher input, before checking their learning by completing test B under test conditions.

For total flexibility, the Set A and Set B tests of all three levels can be run on a rolling basis, using the fundamentals tests as starters, with a time interval between them, leaving one expert level test to use at the end of the course for topic revision.

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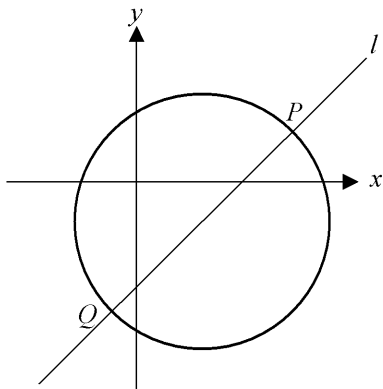
| Topic                                   | Edexcel spec. points | Subtopics   | Chapter Reference                                 |  |   |  |  |
|---|----------------------|---|---|--|---|--|--|
|   |                      |   | Edexcel Pearson textbook<br>[ISBN: 9781292183398] | Edexcel Hodder textbook<br>[ISBN: 9781471853043] | Edexcel Collins textbook<br>[ISBN: 9780008204952] | AQA Hodder textbook<br>[ISBN: 9781471852862] | OCR A Hodder textbook<br>[ISBN: 9781471853067] |
| Algebraic Expressions                   | 2.1–2.2, 2.6         | Index laws, expanding brackets, factorising, negative and fractional indices, surds, rationalising denominators   | 1   | 2, 3.1, 7.1                                      | 1.1, 1.4, 1.6–1.8                                 | 2, 3.1, 7.1                                  | 2, 3.1, 7.1                                    |
| Quadratics                              | 2.3                  | Solving quadratic equations, completing the square, functions, quadratic graphs, discriminants, modelling   | 2   | 3, 8.1   | 2.1–2.4, 3.1, 3.7–3.8, 8.2                        | 3, 8.1                                       | 3, 8.1   |
| Simultaneous Equations and Inequalities | 2.4–2.5              | Linear simultaneous equations, quadratic simultaneous equations, simultaneous equations on graphs, linear inequalities, quadratic inequalities, inequalities on graphs, regions   | 3   | 4  | 2.5–2.8   | 4  | 4  |
| Graphs and Transformations              | 2.7–2.8              | Cubic graphs, quartic graphs, reciprocal graphs, points of intersection, translations, stretching, transformations  | 4   | 8  | 3   | 8  | 8  |
| Straight Line Graphs                    | 3.1                  | Equations of straight lines, parallel and perpendicular lines, length and area, modelling   | 5   | 5.1–5.3  | 3.6, 4  | 5.1–5.3                                      | 5.1–5.3  |
| Circles                                 | 3.2                  | Midpoints and perpendicular bisectors, equation of a circle, intersections of straight lines and circles, use tangent and chord properties, circles and triangles   | 6   | 5.4–5.5  | 5   | 5.4–5.5                                      | 5.4–5.5  |
| Algebraic Methods                       | 1.1, 2.6             | Algebraic fractions, dividing polynomials, the factor theorem, mathematical proof, methods of proof   | 7   | 1, 7   | 1.5, 11   | 1, 7   | 1, 7   |
| Binomial Expansion                      | 4.1                  | Pascal's triangle, factorial notation, binomial expansion, binomial problems, binomial estimation   | 8   | 9  | 1.2–1.3   | 9  | 9  |
| Trigonometric Ratios                    | 5.1–5.2              | The cosine rule, the sine rule, areas of triangles, solving triangle problems, graphs of sine, cosine and tangent, transforming trigonometric graphs  | 9   | 6.2–6.5, 8.4                                     | 6.1–6.5, 3.7–3.8                                  | 6.2–6.5, 8.4                                 | 6.2–6.5, 8.4                                   |
| Trigonometric Identities and Equations  | 5.3–5.4              | Angles in all four quadrants, exact values of trigonometric ratios, trigonometric identities, simple trigonometric equations, harder trigonometric equations, equations and identities  | 10  | 6.1–6.2  | 6.1, 6.4–6.6                                      | 6.1–6.2                                      | 6.1–6.2  |
| Vectors                                 | 9.1–9.5              | Vectors, representing vectors, magnitude and direction, position vectors, solving geometric problems, modelling   | 11  | 12   | 10  | 12   | 12   |
| Differentiation                         | 7.1–7.3              | Gradients of curves, finding derivatives, differentiating $x^n$ , differentiating quadratics, gradients, tangents and normals, increasing and decreasing functions, second order derivatives, stationary points, sketching, modelling | 12  | 10   | 8   | 10   | 10   |
| Integration                             | 8.1–8.3              | Integrating $x^n$ , indefinite integrals, finding functions, definite integrals, areas under curves, areas under the x-axis, areas between curves and lines   | 13  | 11   | 9   | 11   | 11   |
| Exponentials and Logarithms             | 6.1– 6.7             | Exponential functions, $y = e^x$ , exponential modelling, logarithms, laws of logarithms, solving equations using logarithms, working with natural logarithms, logarithms and non-linear data   | 14  | 13   | 7   | 13   | 13   |

## Circles – Test A (11 mins)

*Subtopics: Midpoints and perpendicular bisectors, equation of a circle, intersections of straight lines and circles, and chord properties, circles and triangles*

*For this test you should leave your answers in surd form where appropriate.*

1. Find the **centre** and **radius** of each of the following circles:
  - a)  $x^2 - 8x + y^2 + 4y = 0$
  - b)  $x^2 + y^2 + 7x - 3y + \frac{5}{2} = 0$
2. The points  $P = (3, 8)$  and  $Q = (-5, 11)$  are two points on the circumference of a circle  $C$ .
  - a) Find the **centre** and **radius** of  $C$ .
  - b) Hence write down an equation for the circle  $C$ .
3. The circle  $C$  has equation  $x^2 + y^2 - 5x + 2y = k$ . Find the **range** of possible values of  $k$ .
4. The line  $l$  with equation  $y = x - 4$  intersects the circle  $C$  with equation  $x^2 + y^2 = 20$  at two points  $P$  and  $Q$  as shown in the diagram below. The line  $PQ$  is a **diameter** of the circle  $C$ .
 



  - a) Find the **coordinates** of  $P$  and  $Q$ .
  - b) Find the length of  $PQ$ .
  - c) Find the equation of the line that is a **perpendicular bisector** of  $PQ$ .
5. The circle  $C$  has equation  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$  and the point  $P = (-\sqrt{3}, 1)$  lies on the circumference of  $C$ . A straight line  $l$  passes through  $P$  and meets the  $x$ -axis at the point  $A$  and the  $y$ -axis at the point  $B$ .

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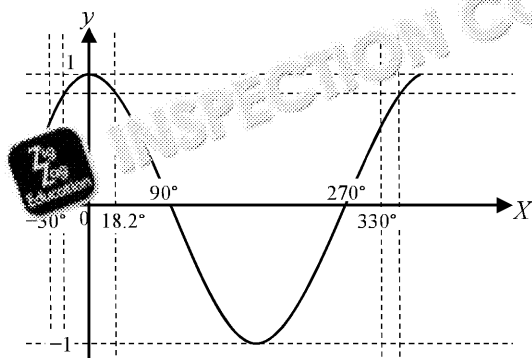
## Solutions to Trigonometric Identities and Equations – Test A

$$\begin{aligned}
 1. \quad \frac{\sqrt{1-\cos^2 \theta}}{\cos \theta \tan \theta} &= \frac{\sqrt{\sin^2 \theta}}{\cos \theta \tan \theta} \quad \text{M1} \\
 &= \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta \tan \theta} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \times \frac{1}{\tan \theta} \quad \text{M1} \\
 &= \tan \theta \times \frac{1}{\tan \theta} = 1 \quad \text{A1}
 \end{aligned}$$

[3 Marks]

Technique  
 $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$   
 $\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 2. \quad a) \quad \cos(\theta - 30^\circ) &= 0.95 \\
 \therefore \theta - 30^\circ &= \arccos(0.95) = 18.1948... = 18.2^\circ \quad (1 \text{ d.p.}) \quad \text{M1} \\
 \text{Let } X = \theta - 30^\circ, \text{ then } -30^\circ &\leq X \leq 330^\circ
 \end{aligned}$$



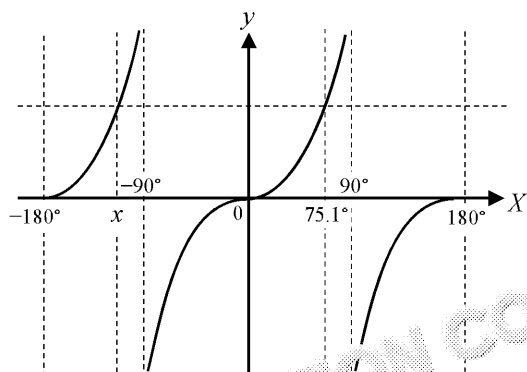
Technique  
 $y = \cos X$   
 find the value of  $X$  that gives the given value of  $y$ .  
 used for questions involving  $\cos$

So  $X = 18.2^\circ$  is a solution in the interval  $-30^\circ \leq X \leq 330^\circ$  A1  
 There is a second solution  $x$  in the interval  $-30^\circ \leq X \leq 330^\circ$   
 From the graph can see that  $x = 0 - 18.1948... = -18.1948... = -18.2^\circ$  (1 d.p.)  
 So  $X = 18.2^\circ$ , or  $X = -18.2^\circ$ , therefore  $\theta = 48.2^\circ$ , or  $\theta = 11.8^\circ$  A1

$$\begin{aligned}
 b) \quad 4 \sin 3\theta - 15 \cos 3\theta &= 0 \therefore 4 \sin 3\theta = 15 \cos 3\theta \\
 \therefore \frac{4 \sin 3\theta}{\cos 3\theta} &= 15 \therefore 4 \tan 3\theta = 15 \therefore \tan 3\theta = \frac{15}{4} \quad \text{M1} \\
 \therefore 3\theta &= \arctan\left(\frac{15}{4}\right) = 75.0685... = 75.1^\circ \quad (1 \text{ d.p.}) \quad \text{M1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Technique  
 $\tan X = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}}$   
 $\tan 3\theta = \frac{15}{4}$

Let  $X = 3\theta$ , then  $-180^\circ \leq X \leq 180^\circ$



So  $X = 75.1^\circ$  is a solution in the interval  $-180^\circ \leq X \leq 180^\circ$   
 There is a second solution  $x$  in the interval  $-180^\circ \leq X \leq 180^\circ$   
 As  $\tan X$  has a period of  $180^\circ$  we can see that  $x = 75.0685... - 180 = -104.9315... = -104.9^\circ$  (1 d.p.)  
 So  $X = 75.1^\circ$ , or  $X = -104.9^\circ$ , therefore,  $\theta = 25.0^\circ$ , or  $\theta = -35.0^\circ$  A1

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3.  $7\sin^2\theta + 3\cos\theta - 5 = 0 \therefore 7(1 - \cos^2\theta) + 3\cos\theta - 5 = 0$  M1

$7 - 7\cos^2\theta + 3\cos\theta - 5 = 0 \therefore 7\cos^2\theta - 3\cos\theta - 2 = 0$  A1

Using the quadratic formula:  $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

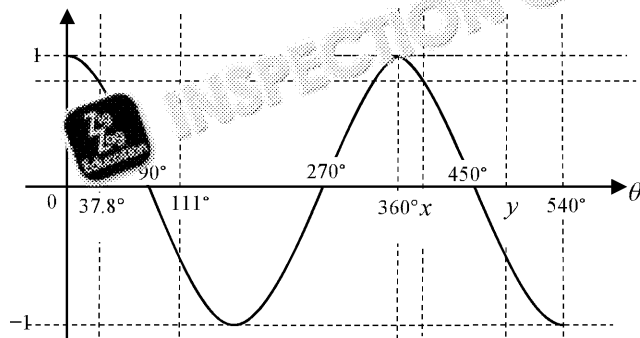
with  $a = 7$ ,  $b = -3$ ,  $c = -2$ ,  $x = \cos\theta$

$\cos\theta = \frac{-(-3) \pm \sqrt{(-3)^2 - 4 \times 7 \times (-2)}}{2 \times 7} = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{65}}{14}$  M1

$\therefore \theta = \arccos\left(\frac{3 + \sqrt{65}}{14}\right) = 37.7994... = 37.8^\circ$  (3 s.f.) A1

or  $\theta = \arccos\left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{65}}{14}\right) = 111.197... = 111^\circ$  (3 s.f.) A1

Neither of these values are in the interval given.



There are two solutions  $x$  and  $y$  in the interval  $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$

From the symmetry of the graph, you can see that  $x = 360 + 37.7994... = 397.799...$

and  $y = 360 + 111.197... = 471.197... = 471^\circ$  (3 s.f.) A1

[7 Marks]

4. a)  $\frac{1}{2}\sin^2\theta + 3 - \frac{7}{2}\cos^2\theta = \frac{1}{2}\sin^2\theta + 3 - \frac{7}{2}(1 - \sin^2\theta)$  M1

$= \frac{1}{2}\sin^2\theta + 3 - \frac{7}{2} + \frac{7}{2}\sin^2\theta$  M1

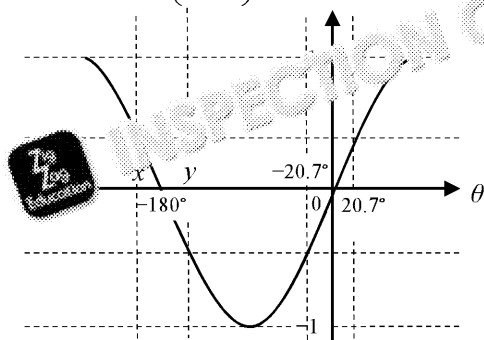
$= 4\sin^2\theta - \frac{1}{2}$  A1

b)  $\frac{1}{2}\sin^2\theta + 3 - \frac{7}{2}\cos^2\theta = 0 \therefore 4\sin^2\theta - \frac{1}{2} = 0$  by part a) M1

$\therefore \sin^2\theta = \frac{1}{8} \therefore \sin\theta = \pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{8}} = \pm\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$  M1

$\therefore \theta = \arcsin\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}\right) = 20.7048... = 20.7^\circ$  (3 s.f.) A1

or  $\theta = \arcsin\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}\right) = -20.7048... = -20.7^\circ$  (3 s.f.) A1



So  $\theta = 20.7^\circ$  and  $\theta = -20.7^\circ$  are two solutions in the interval  $-270^\circ \leq \theta \leq 90^\circ$

There are two additional solutions  $x$  and  $y$  in the interval  $-270^\circ \leq \theta \leq 90^\circ$

From the symmetry of the graph can see that  $x = -180 - 20.7048... = -200.7048...$

and  $y = -180 + 20.7048... = -159.295... = -159^\circ$  (3 s.f.)

So solutions are  $\theta = 20.7^\circ$ ,  $\theta = -20.7^\circ$ ,  $\theta = -201^\circ$ ,  $\theta = -159^\circ$  A1 [9 Marks]

Technique  
 $\sin^2\theta + c$

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5. a) Cosine rule for angles:  $\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$  ← **Technique**  
 $a = 9, b = 4, c = 6, A = Q$   
 $\therefore \cos Q = \frac{4^2 + 6^2 - 9^2}{2 \times 4 \times 6}$  **M1**  
 $= \frac{16 + 36 - 81}{48} = -\frac{29}{48}$  **A1**

b) Using the identity  $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$   
 $\sin^2 Q + \cos^2 Q = 1 \therefore \sin^2 Q + \left(-\frac{29}{48}\right)^2 = 1$  **M1**  
 $\therefore \sin^2 Q = 1 - \frac{841}{2304} = \frac{1463}{2304}$  **M1**  
 $\therefore \sin Q = \sqrt{\frac{1463}{2304}} = \frac{\sqrt{1463}}{48}$  **A1** [5 Marks]

**Technique**  
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6. a) The graph of  $y = \sin(x - 30^\circ)$  has been drawn incorrectly. **M1**  
 It should have been translated  $30^\circ$  to the right, not  $30^\circ$  to the left. **A1**  
 The second solution is, therefore, wrong.  
 b) The correct proof is shown below:

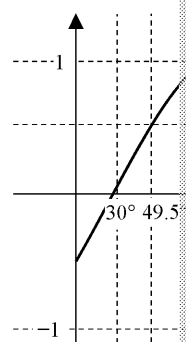
$$3 \sin(x - 30^\circ) = 1$$

$$\sin(x - 30^\circ) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$x - 30^\circ = \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 19.4712\dots^\circ$$

$$\therefore x = 19.4712\dots + 30 = 49.4712\dots^\circ = 49.5^\circ \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

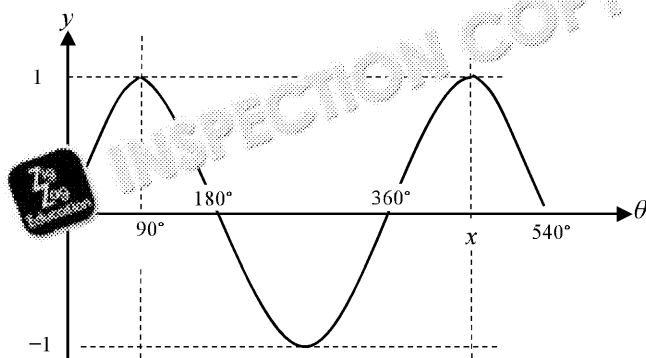
There is another solution to the equation at  $y$ .  
 From the graph  $y = 210 - (49.4712\dots - 30)$  **M1**  
 $= 190.528\dots^\circ = 191^\circ \text{ (3 s.f.)}$  **A1**



[5 Marks]

7.  $\sin^3 \theta - 2 \sin \theta + 1 = \cos^2 \theta \therefore \sin^3 \theta - 2 \sin \theta + 1 = 1 - \sin^2 \theta$  **M1**  
 $\therefore \sin^3 \theta + \sin^2 \theta - 2 \sin \theta = 0$  **M1**  
 $\therefore \sin \theta (\sin^2 \theta + \sin \theta - 2) = 0$   
 $\therefore \sin \theta (\sin \theta + 2)(\sin \theta - 1) = 0$  **M1**  
 $\therefore \sin \theta = 0$  or  $\sin \theta = -2$  or  $\sin \theta = 1$   
 $\therefore \theta = \arcsin(0) = 0^\circ$  **A1**  
 or  $\theta = \arcsin(1) = 90^\circ$  **A1**  
 $\sin \theta = -2$  has no solutions as  $-1 \leq \sin \theta \leq 1$  for all values of  $\theta$  **A1**

**Technique**  
 $\sin^2 \theta +$



From the graph can see that other solutions to  $\sin \theta = 0$  are  $\theta = 180^\circ$  and  $\theta$  (not  $540^\circ$  as strict inequality)  
 There is a second solution to  $\sin \theta = 1$  at  $x$ , where  $x = 360 + 90 = 450^\circ$   
 So the solutions are  $\theta = 0, 180^\circ, 360^\circ, 90^\circ, 450^\circ$  **A1** [8 Marks]

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