



**2017 specification**  
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# Topic Tests:

## Fundamentals Tests – Set A

For A Level Year 2 Edexcel  
Pure Mathematics

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# Teacher's Introduction

## Content

This pack contains 14 fundamentals level topic tests and solutions for the Edexcel Pure Mathematics Year 2 A Level content.

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 fundamentals tests

These **fundamentals** tests focus on isolating and testing the core skills of each topic. The questions are designed to use simple numbers and contexts **so that students can show what they can do**, and to allow them to easily identify any weaknesses.

Each test comes with fully worked solutions, containing helpful tips, hints, and technique boxes to help students who may have made a mistake or who are struggling on a particular question.

## Timings

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

## Calculator use

The effective use of a calculator is one of the objectives of the new specification and is encouraged for all the enclosed tests.

## Also available from ZigZag Education

For students who have mastered 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 combines and extends the concepts covered.

To prepare students for the exam itself, our **expert** tests contain 25% repeated marks from the fundamentals and challenge tests, and 75% exam-style material with compound/multistep questions.

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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## Cross-referencing Grid

Topic	Edexcel spec. points	Subtopics
Algebraic Methods	1.1, 2.6, 2.10	Proof by contradiction, algebraic fractions, partial fractions, connected factors, algebraic division
Functions and Graphs	2.1–2.9	Graphs of the modulus function, functions and mappings, composite functions, inverse functions, $y =  f(x) $ and $y = f( x )$ , combining transformations, solving modulus problems
Sequences and Series	4.2–4.6	Arithmetic sequences, arithmetic series, geometric sequences, geometric series, sum to infinity, sigma notation, recurrence relations, modelling with series
Binomial Expansion	4.1	Expanding $(1+x)^n$ , expanding $(a+bx)^n$ , using partial fractions
Radians	5.1–5.3	Radian measure, arc length, areas of sectors and segments, solving trigonometric equations, small angle approximations
Trigonometry Part I	5.4–5.5	Secant, cosecant and cotangent, graphs of $\sec x$ , $\csc x$ and $\cot x$ , using $\sec x$ , $\csc x$ and $\cot x$ , trigonometric identities, inverse trigonometric functions
Trigonometry Part II	2.11, 5.6–5.9	Addition formulae, using the angle addition formulae, double-angle formulae, solving trigonometric equations, simplifying $a\cos x \pm b\sin x$ , proving trigonometric identities, modelling with trigonometric functions
Parametric Equations	3.3–3.4	Parametric equations, using trigonometric identities, curve sketching, points of intersection, modelling with parametric equations
Differentiation Part I	7.1–7.5	Differentiating $\sin x$ and $\cos x$ , differentiating exponentials and logarithms, the chain rule, parametric differentiation, using second derivatives
Differentiation Part II	7.2, 7.4–7.6	The product rule, the quotient rule, differentiating trigonometric functions, implicit differentiation, rates of change
Numerical Methods	9.1–9.3, 9.5	Locating roots, iteration, the Newton-Raphson method, applications to modelling
Integration Part I	6.2, 6.5–6.9	Integrating standard functions, integrating $f(ax+b)$ , using trigonometric identities, reverse chain rule, integration by substitution, integration by parts, partial fractions
Integration Part II	8.3–8.4, 8.7–8.8, 9.4	Finding areas, the trapezium rule, solving differential equations, modelling with differential equations
Vectors	10.1–10.5	3D coordinates, vectors in 3D, solving geometric problems, applications to mechanics

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## Vectors – Test A (40 mins)

*Subtopics: 3D coordinates, vectors in 3D, solving geometric problems, applications*

1. Find the **distances** between the following pairs of points:
  - a)  $(0, 0, 0)$  and  $(2, 6, 9)$
  - b)  $(1, 0, -1)$  and  $(3, 10, 10)$
  - c)  $(-1, -1, 2)$  and  $(5, -7, -15)$
2. Let  $\mathbf{v} = 4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{w} = -\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ . Find the following vectors, giving your answers in  $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}$  notation.
  - a)  $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$
  - b)  $\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}$
  - c)  $3\mathbf{v} - 2\mathbf{w}$
3. Let  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 14 \\ 10 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$ . Show that the **resultant** of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  is parallel to the **z-axis**.
4. Given that  $\mathbf{v} = 2\mathbf{i} + p\mathbf{j} - 14\mathbf{k}$  and that  $|\mathbf{v}| = 15$ , find the **two possible values** of  $p$ .
5. Find the **unit vector** that is in the direction of each of the following vectors, giving your answers in  $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}$  notation **exactly**:
  - a)  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$
  - b)  $\begin{pmatrix} -12 \\ 16 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix}$
  - c)  $\begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ -3 \\ \sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}$
6. Find, to **3 significant figures**, the angle in **degrees** made by the vector  $\mathbf{v} = 3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 12\mathbf{k}$  with
  - a) the positive  $x$ -axis
  - b) the positive  $y$ -axis
  - c) the positive  $z$ -axis
7.  $O$  is the origin, while the points  $P$  and  $Q$  have coordinates  $(3, 4, 0)$  and  $(5, 2, 3)$  respectively. Find the coordinates of the point  $R$  such that  $OPQR$  is a **parallelepiped** by using **vectors** to find the coordinates of the point  $R$  such that  $OPQR$  is a **parallelepiped**.
8. The points  $P$  and  $Q$  have coordinates  $(3, 3, 3)$  and  $(5, -2, -3)$  respectively.
  - a) Show that  $\triangle OPQ$  is a **right-angled** triangle.
  - b) Find the **exact area** of the triangle  $\triangle OPQ$ .
9. A body of mass **3 kg** is acted on by a force  $(-6\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} - 12\mathbf{k})$  N. Find the **acceleration** of the body, giving your answer in **ijk** notation.
10. A body is acted on by forces  $(a\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k})$  N,  $(2\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$  N and  $(-5\mathbf{i} - c\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$  N. The body is in a state of **equilibrium**. Find the values of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ .

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## Solutions to Integration Part II – Test A

1. a)  $\int_0^{\pi} \sin x \, dx = [-\cos x]_0^{\pi}$  M1  
 $= -\cos \pi - (-\cos 0)$  M1  
 $= -(-1) - (-1)$   
 $= 2$  A1

b)  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x+1} \, dx = [\ln|x+1|]_0^1$  M1  
 $= \ln 2 - \ln 1$  M1  
 $= \ln 2$  A1

c)  $\int_0^{\ln 10} e^x \, dx = [e^x]_0^{\ln 10}$  M1  
 $= e^{\ln 10} - e^0$  M1  
 $= 10 - 1$

d)  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} x \, dx = [\tan x]_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}}$  M1  
 $= \tan \frac{\pi}{3} - \tan 0$  M1  
 $= \sqrt{3} - 0$   
 $= \sqrt{3}$  A1

[12 Marks]

2. Area of R is  $\int_0^3 \frac{x}{\sqrt{x+1}} \, dx$  M1

Let  $u = x + 1$ , so  $\frac{du}{dx} = 1$

The lower limit of integration  $x = 0$  becomes  $u = 0 + 1 = 1$

The upper limit of integration  $x = 3$  becomes  $u = 3 + 1 = 4$

So  $\int_0^3 \frac{x}{\sqrt{x+1}} \, dx = \int_1^4 \frac{u-1}{\sqrt{u}} \, du$  M1  
 $= \int_1^4 (u^{\frac{1}{2}} - u^{-\frac{1}{2}}) \, du$   
 $= \left[ \frac{2}{3} u^{\frac{3}{2}} - 2u^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]_1^4$  M1  
 $= \left( \frac{2}{3} \times 4^{\frac{3}{2}} - 2 \times 4^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) - \left( \frac{2}{3} \times 1^{\frac{3}{2}} - 2 \times 1^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)$  M1  
 $= \frac{4}{3} - \left( -\frac{4}{3} \right)$   
 $= \frac{8}{3}$  A1

[5 Marks]

3. a) Prove that  $\sec^2 x - \tan^2 x \equiv 1$ .

$\frac{1}{\cos^2 x} - \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} \equiv 1$

Provided  $\cos x \neq 0$  we can divide through by  $\cos^2 x$  to get:

$\frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} + \frac{\cos^2 x}{\cos^2 x} \equiv \frac{1}{\cos^2 x}$  M1

$\therefore \tan^2 x + 1 \equiv \sec^2 x$

$\therefore \sec^2 x - \tan^2 x \equiv 1$  A1

Technique  
curve  
the x-axis  
 $x = b$

$f(x) \geq 0$   
Other  
the curve  
x-axis

Technique  
 $\int_a^b f(x) \, dx$

Technique

Tip: The  
example  
of the

Technique  
substitution  
•  $x = b$   
of  $u$   
•  $dx = du$   
• the  
correct

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b) Area between the two curves is  $\int_0^1 (\sec^2 x - \tan^2 x) dx$  **M1**

From part a) this is equal to  $\int_0^1 1 dx$

And so the area is  $\int_0^1 1 dx = [x]_0^1$  **M1**  
 $= 1 - 0$   
 $= 1$  **A1**

[5 Marks]

4. By the trapezium rule,

$$\int_0^\pi \cos(\sin x) dx \approx \frac{1}{2} h \{ (y_0 + y_4) + 2(y_1 + y_2 + y_3) \}$$

where  $h = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{\pi-0}{4} = \frac{\pi}{4}$  **M1**

and the  $y$  values are given in the table:

So  $\int_0^\pi \cos(\sin x) dx \approx \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\pi}{4} \{ 1 + 2(0.760 + 0.540 + 0.760) \}$  **M1**  
 $= \frac{\pi}{8} \times 6.12$   
 $= 2.40331...$   
 $= 2.40$  (3 s.f.) **A1**

[3 Marks]

5. The graph of  $y = \sin x$  is concave **B1**

So the line forming the top of each trapezium will be beneath the curve, and thus it underestimates the area.  
 [Allow use of sketch graph or other reasonable explanations; for example, referring to the concavity of the curve.] **[2 Marks]**

6.  $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2$

$\therefore y = \int x^2 dx$  **M1**

$\therefore y = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + c$  **A1**

[2 Marks]

7.  $x^3 \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x^4 + x$

$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x^4 + x}{x^3} = 2x + \frac{1}{x^2}$  **M1**

$\therefore y = \int 2x + x^{-2} dx$

$\therefore y = x^2 - x^{-1} + c$  **A1**

We are told that  $y = 1$  when  $x = 1$ , so  $1 = 1^2 - 1^{-1} + c = c - 1 = 1$  **M1**

So the particular solution is  $y = x^2 - x^{-1} + 1$  [or  $y = x^2 - \frac{1}{x} + 1$ ] **A1** **[4 Marks]**

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8. a)  $\frac{dP}{dt} = 0.1P$

$\therefore \frac{1}{P} \frac{dP}{dt} = 0.1$

$\therefore \int \frac{1}{P} dP = \int 0.1 dt$  **M1**

$\therefore \ln P = 0.1t + c$  **A1**

$\therefore P = e^{0.1t+c}$  **A1**

We can rewrite this as  $P = e^{0.1t} e^c = A e^{0.1t}$ , where  $A = e^c$

We are told that when  $t = 0$ ,  $P = 150$ , so  $150 = A e^{0.1 \times 0} = A$ , so  $A = 150$  **M1**

And so  $P = 150 e^{0.1t}$  **A1**

b) When  $t = 25$ ,  $P = 150 e^{0.1 \times 25} = 150 e^{2.5} = 1'277.7 \approx 1800$  to the nearest hundred

c) No, exponential growth eventually becomes larger than realistically possible

[Can also reference the predicted figure when  $t = 250$  of  $P \approx 10^{13}$  penguins as



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