

**MATH HL - OPTION CALCULUS**

**SOLUTIONS**

**2. DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS OF SEPARABLE VARIABLES**

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**Past paper questions**

1.  $y = e^x - x^2 + C$  (A1)(A1)(A1)  
 $3 = e^0 - 0 + C \Rightarrow C = 2$  (M1) (A1)  
 $y = e^x - x^2 + 2$  (A1) (C6)

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2.

Separating variables (M1)  
 $\int \frac{dy}{y^2} = \int 2x \, dx$  AI  
 $-\frac{1}{y} = x^2 + C$  AIAI

**Note:** The first AI above is for a correct LHS and the second AI is for a correct RHS that must include C.

Using  $y(0) = 1$  gives  $C = -1$   $\left(-\frac{1}{y} = x^2 - 1\right)$  MI  
 $y = -\frac{1}{x^2 - 1}$   $\left(= \frac{1}{1 - x^2}\right)$  AI N0

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3.  $x \frac{dy}{dx} - y^2 = 1, \Rightarrow x \frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 + 1$

Separating variables (M1)  
 $\frac{dy}{y^2 + 1} = \frac{dx}{x}$  A1  
 $\arctan y = \ln x + c$  A1A1  
 $y = 0, x = 2 \Rightarrow \arctan 0 = \ln 2 + c \Rightarrow -\ln 2 = c$  (A1)  
 $\arctan y = \ln x - \ln 2 = \ln \frac{x}{2}$   
 $y = \tan\left(\ln \frac{x}{2}\right)$  A1

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4.  $xy \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + y^2 \Rightarrow \int \frac{y}{1 + y^2} \, dx = \int \frac{1}{x} \, dx$  (M1)

$\frac{1}{2} \ln(1 + y^2) = \ln x + \ln c$  (M1)  
 $1 + y^2 = kx^2$  ( $k = c^2$ )  
 $y = 0$  when  $x = 2$ , and so  $1 = 4k$   
 Thus,  $1 + y^2 = \frac{1}{4}x^2$  or  $x^2 - 4y^2 = 4$ . (A1) (C3)

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5. Given  $\frac{dx}{dt} = kx(5-x)$

then  $\frac{1}{x(5-x)} \frac{dx}{dt} = k$  (M1)

$\int \frac{1}{5x} + \frac{1}{5(5-x)} dx = \int k dt$  (A1)

$\frac{1}{5} \ln x - \frac{1}{5} \ln(5-x) = kt$  or  $\left(\frac{x}{5-x}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} = Ae^{kt}$  or  $\left(\frac{x}{5-x}\right) = Ae^{5kt}$  (A1) (C3)

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$\frac{dy}{y} = \frac{x dx}{x^2+1}$  (M1)

$\int \frac{dy}{y} = \ln y$  (A1)

$\int \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+1)$  (A1)

**EITHER**

$\ln y = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+1) + \ln C$

$\ln y = \ln C \sqrt{x^2+1}$

$1 = C\sqrt{2}$  for substituting  $x=1, y=1$  (M1)

$C = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  (A1)

$y = \sqrt{\frac{x^2+1}{2}}$  (A1)

**OR**

$\ln y = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+1) + A$

$\ln 1 = \frac{1}{2} \ln 2 + A$  for substituting  $x=1, y=1$  (M1)

$A = -\frac{1}{2} \ln 2$  (A1)

$\ln y = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+1) - \frac{1}{2} \ln 2$   $\left( = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+1) - 0.347 \right)$  (A1)

$\left( \ln y = \ln \sqrt{\frac{x^2+1}{2}} \right)$

$\left( y = \sqrt{\frac{x^2+1}{2}} \right)$

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7.

$$\int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int \frac{4x}{(x+2)^2} dx \quad \text{MI}$$

$$\text{Let } u = x+2 \Rightarrow x = u-2$$

$$du = dx \quad \text{MI}$$

$$\ln y = \int \frac{4(u-2)}{u^2} du$$

$$= \int \frac{4}{u} - \frac{8}{u^2} du \quad \text{AI}$$

$$\ln y = 4 \ln u + 8u^{-1} + c \quad \text{AI}$$

$$\ln y = 4 \ln(x+2) + \frac{8}{x+2} + c \quad \text{AI}$$

$$(-1, 1) \Rightarrow c = -8 \quad \text{AI}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln y = 4 \ln(x+2) + \frac{8}{x+2} - 8 \quad \text{NO}$$

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8.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1+y^2}{1+x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{1+y^2} dy = \int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx \quad \text{MI}$$

$$\Rightarrow \arctan y = \arctan x + k \quad \text{AI}$$

$$\Rightarrow \arctan \sqrt{3} = \arctan \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} + k$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\pi}{6} + k \Rightarrow k = \frac{\pi}{6} \quad \text{AI}$$

$$\Rightarrow \arctan y = \arctan x + \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \tan \left( \arctan x + \frac{\pi}{6} \right) \quad \text{MI}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{x + \tan \frac{\pi}{6}}{1 - x \tan \frac{\pi}{6}}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}}{1 - x \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}} \quad \text{AI}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{3x + \sqrt{3}}{3 - x\sqrt{3}} \quad \text{AI}$$

NO

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9. If  $kx = mv \frac{dv}{dx}$  Then  $\int kx dx = \int mv dv$  (using separation of variables) (M1)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} kx^2 = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 + C \quad \text{(A1)}$$

When  $x = 0$ ,  $v = v_0$ , therefore  $C = -\frac{1}{2} mv_0^2$  Therefore  $v^2 = v_0^2 + \frac{kx^2}{m}$

Therefore when  $x = 2$ ,  $v = \sqrt{v_0^2 + \frac{4k}{m}}$  (A1)

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10. If  $A$  g is present at any time, then  $\frac{dA}{dt} = ka$  where  $k$  is a constant.

Then,  $\int \frac{dA}{A} = k \int dt$

$\Rightarrow \ln A = kt + c$

$\Rightarrow A = e^{kt+c} = c_1 e^{kt}$

When  $t = 0, c_1 = 50 \Rightarrow 48 = 50e^{10k}$ . (A1)

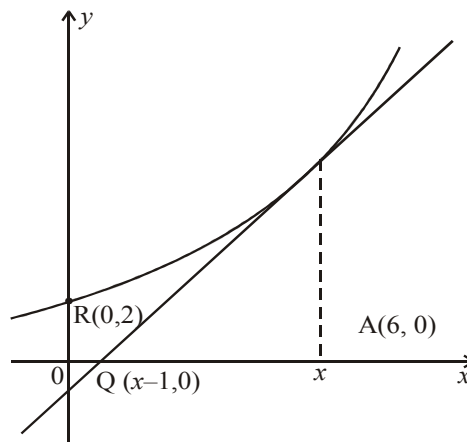
$\frac{\ln 0.96}{10} = k$  or  $k = -0.00408(2)$  (A1)

For half life,  $25 = 50e^{kt} \Rightarrow \ln 0.5 = kt \Rightarrow t = \frac{10 \ln 0.5}{\ln 0.96} = 169.8$ .

Therefore, half-life = 170 years (3 s.f.) (A1) (C3)

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From the diagram,

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{1}$  (M1)(A1)

$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{y} = \int dx \Rightarrow \ln y = x + c \Rightarrow y = e^{x+c} = Ae^x$ . (M1)(A1)(A1)

But R (0,2) lies on the curve and so  $A = 2$ . (A1)

Thus  $y = 2e^x$  (C6)

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12. (a) Given  $\frac{dv}{dt} = -kv \Leftrightarrow \int \frac{dv}{v} = -k \int dt$

$\Leftrightarrow \ln v = -kt + C$  (M1)

$\Leftrightarrow v = Ae^{-kt} (A = e^C)$

At  $t = 0, v = v_0 \Rightarrow A = v_0 \Leftrightarrow v = v_0 e^{-kt}$  (A1) 2

(b) Put  $v = \frac{v_0}{2}$  then  $\frac{v_0}{2} = v_0 e^{-kt}$  (M1)

$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} = e^{-kt} \Leftrightarrow \ln \frac{1}{2} = -kt$

$\Leftrightarrow t = \frac{\ln 2}{k}$  (A1) 2

*Note: Accept equivalent forms, e.g.  $t = \frac{\ln \frac{1}{2}}{-k}$*

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