

differentiation

[SQA] 1. Functions f and g are given by $f(x) = 3x + 1$ and $g(x) = x^2 - 2$.

(a) (i) Find $p(x)$ where $p(x) = f(g(x))$.

(ii) Find $q(x)$ where $q(x) = g(f(x))$.

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(b) Solve $p'(x) = q'(x)$.

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Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	U1 OC3
(a)	3	C	CN	A4	$3(x^2 - 2) + 1, (3x + 1)^2 - 2$	2009 P2 Q2
(b)	3	C	CN	C1	$x = -\frac{1}{2}$	

- ¹ ss: substitute for $g(x)$ in $f(x)$
- ² ic: complete
- ³ ic: sub. and complete for $q(x)$

- ⁴ ss: simplify
- ⁵ pd: differentiate
- ⁶ pd: solve

- ¹ $f(x^2 - 2)$
- ² $3(x^2 - 2) + 1$
- ³ $(3x + 1)^2 - 2$

- ⁴ $p(x) = 3x^2 - 5, q(x) = 9x^2 + 6x - 1$
- ⁵ $p'(x) = 6x, q'(x) = 18x + 6$
- ⁶ $x = -\frac{1}{2}$

[SQA] 2. If $y = x^2 - x$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + \frac{2y}{x}$.

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Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	U1 OC3
	1	C	NC	C1		1989 P1 Q12
	2	A/B	NC	A6, CGD		

•¹ $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - 1$

•² $RHS = 1 + \frac{2(x^2 - x)}{x}$

•³ $1 + 2(x - 1)$ and complete

[SQA] 3. Given $f(x) = 3x^2(2x - 1)$, find $f'(-1)$.

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Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	U1 OC3
	3	C	NC	C1		1999 P1 Q5

•¹ $6x^3 - 3x^2$

•² $18x^2 - 6x$

•³ 24

[SQA] 4. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ where $y = \frac{4}{x^2} + x\sqrt{x}$.

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Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	U1 OC3
	4	C	NC	C1		1995 P1 Q7

• ¹	$4x^{-2}$	stated or implied by	• ³
• ²	$+x^{\frac{3}{2}}$	stated or implied by	• ⁴
• ³	$-8x^{-3}$		
• ⁴	$+\frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}}$		

[SQA] 5. Find $f'(4)$ where $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{\sqrt{x}}$.

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Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	U1 OC3
	5	C	NC	C1		1996 P1 Q9

• ¹	$\frac{x}{\sqrt{x}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$	or	$x \times x^{-\frac{1}{2}} - 1 \times x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$	• ³	$\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$
• ²	$x^{\frac{1}{2}} - x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$			• ⁴	$\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{3}{2}}$
				• ⁵	$\frac{5}{16}$

[SQA] 6. Given that $y = 2x^2 + x$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and hence show that $x \left(1 + \frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 2y$.

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Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	U1 OC3
	3	C	NC	C1		1997 P1 Q8

• ¹	$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x + 1$
• ²	$LHS = x(1 + 4x + 1)$ or $RHS = 2(2x^2 + x)$
• ³	completes proof

[SQA] 7. Differentiate $2\sqrt{x}(x+2)$ with respect to x .

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Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	U1 OC3
	4	C	NC	C1		1998 P1 Q14

• ¹	know to expand
• ²	$2x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 4x^{\frac{1}{2}}$
• ³	$3x^{\frac{1}{2}}$
• ⁴	$2x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

[SQA] 8. If $f(x) = kx^3 + 5x - 1$ and $f'(1) = 14$, find the value of k .

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Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	U1 OC3
	3	C	NC	C1, A6		1994 P1 Q2

• ¹	$f'(x) = 3kx^2 + 5$
• ²	$f'(1) = 3k + 5$
• ³	$k = 3$

[SQA] 9. If $f(x) = \cos^2 x - \frac{2}{3x^2}$, find $f'(x)$.

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Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	U3 OC2
	2	C	NC	C21, C1		1990 P1 Q19
	2	A/B	NC	C21, C1		

• ¹	$-\frac{2}{3}x^{-2}$
• ²	$2\cos x$
• ³	$\times(-\sin x)$
• ⁴	$\frac{4}{3}x^{-3}$

[SQA] 10. Differentiate $4\sqrt{x} + 3\cos 2x$ with respect to x .

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Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	U3 OC2
	2	C	NC	C21, C1		1993 P1 Q9
	2	A/B	NC	C21, C1		

• ¹	$4x^{\frac{1}{2}}$
• ²	$2x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$
• ³	$-\sin 2x$
• ⁴	$\times 2$

[SQA] 11. Differentiate $\sin 2x + \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}$ with respect to x .

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Part	Marks	Level	Calc.	Content	Answer	U3 OC2
	2	C	NC	C3		1989 P1 Q10
	2	A/B	NC	C20		

- ¹ $2x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$
- ² $\cos 2x$
- ³ $\times 2$
- ⁴ $-x^{-\frac{3}{2}}$

[END OF QUESTIONS]