

A2 SKILLS CHECKS

Half Term 1 (ANSWERS)		Week 1
1	$\frac{3\sqrt{3}-2}{2-\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{2+\sqrt{3}} = 5 + 4\sqrt{3}$	
2	$6C4 \times (2x)^4(-1)^6$ 240	
3	$\int x^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx = 2\sqrt{x}$ $= 2\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{1}$ $= 2(\sqrt{2} - 1)$	
4	$\text{Gradient of tangent} = 2$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4 - 2x \quad 4 - 2x = 2$ $x = 1$ $x = 1 \quad y = 4 - 1 - 1$ $= 2 \quad \text{Point of contact at } (1,2)$	
5	$x = 0 \quad y = 8$ $y = 0 \quad 12e^x - 4e^{2x} = 0$ $4e^x(3 - e^x) = 0$ $4e^x = 0 \text{ (no solutions)}$ $e^x = 3$ $x = \ln 3 \quad (0, 8) \text{ and } (\ln 3, 0)$	

1 $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = 25$ $a^2 + b^2 = 25 \quad (8 - a)^2 + b^2 = 25$ $a^2 = 25 - b^2 \quad 64 - 16a + a^2 + b^2 = 25$ $64 - 16a + 25 - b^2 + b^2 = 25$ $a = 4$ $16 = 25 - b^2$ $b = \pm 3 \quad (4, 3) \text{ and } (4, -3)$
2 $\sin(2\theta) + 2 = 2(1 - \sin^2(2\theta))$ $2\sin^2(2\theta) + \sin(2\theta) = 0$ $\sin(2\theta)(2\sin(2\theta) + 1) = 0$ $\sin(2\theta) = 0 \quad \sin(2\theta) = -\frac{1}{2}$ $2\theta = 0^\circ, 180^\circ, 210^\circ, 330^\circ, 360^\circ$ $\theta = 0^\circ, 90^\circ, 105^\circ, 165^\circ, 180^\circ$
3 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3ax^2 - 3 \quad x = 2 \quad 12a - 3 = 45$ $a = 4$ $(2, 15) \quad 15 = 8a - 6 + c$ $15 = 32 - 6 + c$ $c = -11$
4 $(x - 1)(ax^2 + bx + c) = 2x^3 - 5x^2 - 6x + 9$ $a = 2$ $c = -9$ <p><i>Equating the coefficients of x^2</i></p> $-a + b = -5$ $b = -3$ $(x - 1)(2x + 3)(x - 3)$
5 $y = (x + 1)^3 + 3$ $y = x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1 + 3$ $= x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 4$

Half Term 1 (ANSWERS)		Week 3
1	$\int x^{-2} + 2x^{-3} + x^{-4} dx = -x^{-1} - x^{-2} - \frac{1}{3}x^{-3}$ $\left[-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{24} \right] - \left[-1 - 1 - \frac{1}{3} \right] = 1\frac{13}{24}$	
2	$8\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x\right) + 3$ $8\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} + 3$ $8\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{5}{2}$	
3	$f(x) = 8x^3$ $f(x+h) = 8(x+h)^3$ $= 8(x^3 + 3hx^2 + 3h^2x + h^3)$ $= 8x^3 + 24hx^2 + 24h^2x + 8h^3$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{8x^3 + 24hx^2 + 24h^2x + 8h^3 - 8x^3}{h}$ $= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (24x^2 + 24hx + 8h^2)$ $= 24x^2$	
4	$\int x^{-2} - x^{-3} dx = -\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} + c$ $x = -1, y = 6$ $6 = \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{1} + c$ $c = 4 \quad y = 4 - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}$	
5	$4^{(2x+1)} = \frac{1}{2^x}$ $2^{(4x+2)} = 2^{-x}$ $4x + 2 = -x$ $5x = -2$ $x = -\frac{2}{5}$	

Half Term 1 (ANSWERS)		Week 4
1	$b^2 - 4ac > 0$ $(k+4)^2 - 4k > 0$ $k^2 + 8k + 16 - 4k > 0$ $k^2 + 4k + 16 > 0$ $(k+2)^2 + 12 > 0$ for all values of k	
2	$y^2 = 4^2 + 8^2 - 2 \times 4 \times 8 \times \cos(60^\circ)$ $y = 4\sqrt{3}$ $\frac{\sin x}{4} = \frac{\sin 60}{4\sqrt{3}}$ $\sin x = \frac{1}{2}$	
3	$\int 3\sqrt{x} + 2x \, dx = 2x^{\frac{3}{2}} + x^2$ $2 \times 4^{\frac{3}{2}} + 4^2 - 2 \times 1^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1^2$ $= 29$	
4	$y = x^2 - x^3$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - 3x^2$ $x = \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{4} \quad y = \frac{1}{8}$ $y - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{4} \left(x - \frac{1}{2} \right) \quad y = \frac{1}{4}x$	
5	$Translation \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$	

Half Term 1 (ANSWERS)		Week 5
1	$\int 5 - 3x \, dx = 5x - \frac{3x^2}{2} (+c)$ $10a - 6a^2 - 5a + \frac{3a^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$ $10a - 9a^2 = 1$ $9a^2 - 10a + 1 = 0$ $(a - 1)(9a - 1) = 0$ $a = 1 \quad a = \frac{1}{9}$	
2	$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 8x - 35$ $3x^2 - 8x - 35 < 0$ $(3x + 7)(x - 5) < 0$ $-\frac{7}{3} < x < 5$	
3	$\frac{\sin(2\theta - 20^\circ)}{\cos(2\theta - 20^\circ)} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}}$ $\tan(2\theta - 20^\circ) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}}$ $2\theta - 20^\circ = 60^\circ, 240^\circ$ $\theta = 40^\circ, 130^\circ$	
4	<i>Centre of circle (5, 4)</i> <i>Gradient of radius at B = $\frac{4}{3}$</i> <i>Gradient of tangent at B = $-\frac{3}{4}$</i> $y - 8 = -\frac{3}{4}(x - 8)$ $3x + 4y = 56$	
5	$2^8 + 8C1(2^7)\left(-\frac{1}{4}x\right) + 8C2(2^6)(-\frac{1}{4}x)^2$ $256 - 256x + 112x^2$	

Half Term 1 (ANSWERS)		Week 6
1	$b^2 - 4ac > 0$ $16k^2 + 12k > 0$ $4k(4k + 3) > 0$ $k < -\frac{3}{4} \text{ or } k > 0$	
2	$\vec{AB} = 4i + 8j$ $ AB = \sqrt{4^2 + 8^2}$ $= 4\sqrt{5}$	
3	$5 - 2\cos 3\theta = 8(1 - \cos^2 3\theta)$ $8\cos^2 3\theta - 2\cos 3\theta - 3 = 0$ $\cos 3\theta = \frac{3}{4} \quad \cos 3\theta = -\frac{1}{2}$ $3\theta = 41.4^\circ, 120^\circ, 240^\circ, 318.6^\circ, 401.4^\circ, 480^\circ$ $\theta = 13.8^\circ, 40^\circ, 80^\circ, 106.2^\circ, 133.8^\circ, 160^\circ$	
4	$2e^{2x} + 3e^x - 2 = 0$ $(2e^x - 1)(e^x + 2) = 0$ $e^x = \frac{1}{2} \quad e^{2x} = -2 \text{ (no solutions)}$ $x = \ln \frac{1}{2}$	
5	$f(1) = a - 1 - b + 6 \quad a - b = -5$ $f(-2) = -8a - 4 + 2b + 6 \quad 8a - 2b = 2 \quad \underline{4a - b = 1}$ $3a + 0 = 6$ $a = 2 \quad b = 7$	

Half Term 1 (ANSWERS)		Week 7
1	$12x^2 - 32x + 5 > 0$ $(2x - 5)(6x - 1) > 0$ $x < \frac{1}{6} \text{ or } x > \frac{5}{2}$	
2	$\frac{3\sqrt{2}-1}{\sqrt{2}-1} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{\sqrt{2}+1} = 5 + 2\sqrt{2}$	
3	$1 + 10C1(-2x) + 10C2(-2x)^2 + 10C3(-2x)^3$ $= 1 - 20x + 180x^2 - 960x^3$	
4	$y = 3x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 16x^{-1}$ $x = 4 \quad y = 28$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{9}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{16}{x^2}$ $y - 28 = 8(x - 4)$ $x = 4 \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 8$ $y = 8x - 4$	
5	$\sqrt{20^2 + 21^2} = \sqrt{29}$ $\frac{20}{\sqrt{29}}i - \frac{21}{\sqrt{29}}j$	

