

A 51—II

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATIONS

General Certificate of Education

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Advanced Level

PURE MATHEMATICS, PAPER II

Thursday, 25 June. Time allowed: 3 hours

Write the number of the paper, A 51/II, on the left at the head of each sheet of your answers in the space provided.

Complete answers to a few questions receive more credit than scrappy attempts at the whole paper. A pass may be obtained on good answers to about four questions.

Mathematical tables are provided.

1. Prove that, if $t = \tan \frac{1}{2}\theta$,

$$\sin \theta = \frac{2t}{1+t^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \cos \theta = \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}.$$

If β, γ are solutions of the equation

$$p \cos \theta + q \sin \theta = r$$

which do not differ by an integral multiple of 2π , prove that

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}\beta \tan \frac{1}{2}\gamma = \frac{r-p}{r+p} \quad \text{and} \quad \tan \frac{1}{2}\beta + \tan \frac{1}{2}\gamma = \frac{2q}{r+p}.$$

If β, γ are two such solutions of the equation for θ

$$a^2 \cos \theta + a \sin \theta + 1 = 0,$$

prove that

$$a^2 \cos \beta \cos \gamma + a(\sin \beta + \sin \gamma) + 1 = 0.$$

2. The bisectors of the angles B and C of triangle ABC meet the opposite sides at E and F . Find the projections of EF on BC and perpendicular to BC and prove that the acute angle between EF and BC is

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{|b-c|\sin A}{(a+b)\cos C + (a+c)\cos B}.$$

3. Two vertical towers of heights h ft. and k ft. stand on level ground. To a man at a point D on the line joining the feet B and C of the towers, the angles of elevation of the tops of the towers are both α . On walking a ft. along a straight horizontal path inclined at an acute angle β to the line joining the feet of the towers, to a point A , the man finds that the angles of elevation of the tops of the towers are both γ . Prove that AD bisects angle BAC and that

$$\left| \frac{a}{h} - \frac{a}{k} \right| = 2 \cot \alpha \cos \beta \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{a^2}{hk} = \cot^2 \gamma - \cot^2 \alpha.$$

4. The perpendiculars from the vertices of triangle ABC to the opposite sides meet at P . Prove that angle BPC is $180^\circ - A$.

Prove also that the circumcircles of triangles BPC , CPA , APB have equal radii and that their centres form a triangle congruent to ABC and having P as its circumcentre.

5. Spheres are drawn each passing through two fixed points, P and Q , and touching a fixed plane p . P and Q are on the same side of p . Prove that the locus of the point of contact of the spheres with the plane is a circle whose centre is the point of intersection of PQ with p .

Prove also that the centres of the spheres lie on the curve of intersection of a certain right circular cylinder, whose axis is perpendicular to p , with a certain plane perpendicular to PQ .

6. Prove that the coordinates of any point on the normal to the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ at the point $P(a \cos \alpha, b \sin \alpha)$ can be put in the form

$$((1-b^2t)a \cos \alpha, (1-a^2t)b \sin \alpha),$$

and show that the distance between the points for which the values of t are t_1 and t_2 is

$$ab(t_1 - t_2)\sqrt{(b^2 \cos^2 \alpha + a^2 \sin^2 \alpha)}.$$

If the normal meets the ellipse again at R , prove that

$$PR = \frac{2ab(b^2 \cos^2 \alpha + a^2 \sin^2 \alpha)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{b^4 \cos^2 \alpha + a^4 \sin^2 \alpha}.$$

7. Find the equation of the chord of the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ joining the points $(at_1^2, 2at_1)$, $(at_2^2, 2at_2)$, and show that it intersects the axis of the parabola at the point $(-at_1t_2, 0)$.

XY is any chord of a parabola through the point $(5a, 0)$. The circle on XY as diameter cuts the parabola again at Z and W . Prove that ZW passes through the focus of the parabola.

8. The parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ and the hyperbola $4xy = a^2$ meet at P . Their common tangent touches the parabola at Q and the hyperbola at R . Prove that PR is the tangent at P to the parabola and that QP is the tangent at P to the hyperbola.

9. Find the equation of the tangent to the curve

$$y = a \sin^3 \theta, \quad x = a \cos^3 \theta$$

at the point $\theta = \alpha$. Show that the tangents at the points α , $\alpha + \frac{1}{2}\pi$, $\alpha + \pi$ and $\alpha + \frac{3}{2}\pi$ form a square whose diagonals are $y + x \tan(\alpha + \frac{1}{4}\pi) = 0$ and $y - x \tan(\alpha + \frac{3}{4}\pi) = 0$.

10. Show that the equation in polar coordinates, $r = a \cos \theta$, represents a circle, and find where it meets the curve

$$r = a(1 + \cos 2\theta).$$

Trace the curves and calculate the area common to the circle and a loop of the other curve.