



UGANDA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS BOARD
Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education

**P425/1 PRINCIPAL
MATHEMATICS**

**SCORING GUIDE
FOR THE SAMPLE PAPER**

In response to the tasks, the candidate is expected to: correctly identify the relevant concepts to manipulate in response to the task(s) in the scenario, select and apply (a) correct method(s) to correctly manipulate the concepts identified, and correctly interpret accurate outputs from correctly identified and manipulated concepts to justify/inform decision.

SECTION A

ITEM 1

TASK(a)

Proving that points/trading centres $A(2,3)$, $B(-2,1)$, and $C(4,7)$ form a triangle

For line/road AB,

$$m_1 = \frac{1 - 3}{-2 - 2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

For line/road AC

$$m_2 = \frac{7 - 3}{4 - 2} = 2$$

$$\tan \theta = \left| \frac{\{m_2 - m_1\}}{\{1 + m_1 m_2\}} \right|$$

$$\tan \theta = \left| \frac{\{2 - \frac{1}{2}\}}{\{1 + 2 \times \frac{1}{2}\}} \right|$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)$$

$$\theta = 36.87^\circ$$

Since the lines AB and AC meet at an angle of 36.87° , then trading centres A, B and C form a triangle, and it is possible to construct the triangular road network.

TASK(b)

Circle Through Points A, B, C

$$\text{General equation: } x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$$

$$\{\text{For } A(2,3):\} 4 + 9 + 4g + 6f + c = 0$$

$$4g + 6f + c = -13 \{--- (i)\}$$

$$\{\text{For } B(-2,1):\} 4 + 1 - 4g + 2f + c = 0$$

$$-4g + 2f + c = -5 \{--- (ii)\}$$

$$\{\text{For } C(4,7):\} 16 + 49 + 8g + 14f + c = 0$$

$$8g + 14f + c = -65 \{--- (iii)\}$$

$$\{(iii) - (ii):\} 12g + 12f = -60$$

$$g + f = -5 \{--- (iv)\}$$

$$\{(iv) - (ii):\} 2g + f = -2$$

$$3 + f = -5$$

$$\Rightarrow f = -8$$

$$g = 3$$

$$\{\text{Substitute in (ii):\} 4(3) + 6(-8) + c = -13$$

$$12 - 48 + c = -13$$

$$c = 23$$

$$\text{Equation of the circular road: } x^2 + y^2 + 6x - 16y + 23 = 0$$

Equations to model the triangular road network:

$$\text{For road } \overline{AB}, m_1 = \frac{1}{2}, \Rightarrow \frac{y-3}{x-2} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ Therefore, } y = \frac{1}{2}x + 2$$

$$\text{For road } \overline{AC}, m_2 = 2, \Rightarrow \frac{y-3}{x-2} = 2 \text{ Therefore, } y = 2x - 1$$

$$\text{For road } \overline{BC}, m_3 = \frac{7-1}{4-(-2)} = 1, \Rightarrow \frac{y-7}{x-4} = 1 \text{ Therefore, } y = x + 3$$

Task(c)

Lengths of Roads

$$\text{For the circular road, } r = \sqrt{\{50\}}$$

$$\text{Length of the road} = \text{circumference} = 2\pi\sqrt{50} = 44.4288$$

{For the triangular road: }

$$|AB| = \sqrt{20} = 2\sqrt{5}$$

$$|AC| = \sqrt{20} = 2\sqrt{5}$$

$$|BC| = \sqrt{72} = 6\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{Total length of the road} = \sqrt{20} + \sqrt{20} + \sqrt{72} = 17.4296$$

The triangular road network should be constructed since it has shorter length

Control tower for traffic lights should be installed at (-3, 8)

ITEM 2:

Task(a)

let x be the number of sacks of maize.

$$23x - x^2 \geq 120$$

$$x^2 - 23x + 120 \leq 0$$

$$(x - 15)(x - 8) \leq 0$$

Critical values are; $x = 8$, $x = 15$

	$x < 8$	$8 < x < 15$	$x > 15$
$(x - 15)(x - 8)$	+	-	+

Range: $8 \leq x \leq 15$

The number of sacks of maize given to each farmer should be $8 \leq x \leq 15$

TASK(b)

Combinations

$${}^n C_r$$

$$n = 7, \quad \text{for } r \leq 4$$

$$\text{No of ways} = {}^7C_4 + {}^7C_3 + {}^7C_2 + {}^7C_1 + {}^7C_0$$

$$= 35 + 35 + 21 + 7 + 1$$

$$= 99 \text{ ways}$$

$$(3 + 2x)^8 = 3^8 + 8(2x)(3)^7 + \frac{\{8 \times 7\}(2x)^2(3)^6}{2!} + \frac{\{8 \times 7 \times 6\}(2x)^3(3)^5}{3!} + \dots$$

$$= 6561 + 21870x + 29160x^2 + 19440x^3 + \dots$$

Number of ways to reward prizes to the helpers is as follows:

4th position, the prize amount = \$6561

3rd position, the prize amount = \$21870

2nd position, the prize amount = \$29160

1st position, the prize amount = \$19440

Task(c)

Arithmetic Progression & Time

Let the number of visitors be n

$$\text{Therefore } n = 45$$

The intervals in which the visitors arrive form an AP whose

first term a = 0 and common difference d = 5

$$T_n = a + (n - 1)d$$

Total time taken for last guest to arrive $T_{\{45\}} = 0 + 44 \times 5$

$$T_{45} = 220 \text{ minutes}$$

$$T_{45} = 3 \text{ hours: } 40 \text{ minutes}$$

Time when the Chief guest(last guest)arrives = 8:00 + 3:40

$$= 11:40 \text{ AM}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Time for official opening of the festival} &= 11:40 + 0:10 \\ &= 11:50 \text{ AM} \end{aligned}$$

ITEM 3:

Task(a)

Yield Calculation

$$(Ax + By)^3 = A^3x^3 + 3A^2x^2By + 3AxB^2y^2 + B^3y^3$$

$$x = 6, y = 1$$

$$(6A + B)^3 = 216A^3 + 108A^2B + 18AB^2 + B^3$$

$$1^{\text{st}} \text{ season, } 1728 = 216A^3$$

$$A = 2$$

$$\text{Last season, } 216 = B^3$$

$$B = 6$$

$$2^{\text{nd}} \text{ season, yield} = 108(2)^2 \times 6 = 2592 \text{ kg}$$

$$3^{\text{rd}} \text{ season, yield} = 18(2)(6)^2 = 1296 \text{ kg}$$

Therefore, 2nd season gives the highest yield when the farmer uses the fertilizer mixture.

Task(b)

Logarithm & Expiry Date

$$\log P = \log P_0 - C \log(t - 4)$$

$$\log P = \log P_0 - \log(t - 4)^C$$

$$\log P = \log \frac{P_0}{(t - 4)^C}$$

$$P = \frac{P_0}{(t - 4)^C}$$

$$t = \left(\frac{P_0}{P}\right)^{1/c} + 4$$

$$C = 0.2, P_0 = 95 \text{ and } P = 47.5$$

$$t = \left(\frac{95}{47.5}\right)^{1/0.2} + 4$$

$$t = 36 \text{ months} = 3 \text{ years}$$

Manufacture date: 1st September, 2026

Expiry date: 01st September, 2029

Task(c)

$$z^3 - 5z^2 + 17z - 13 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } P(z) = z^3 - 5z^2 + 17z - 13$$

When $z = 1$, $P(1) = 0$, $\Rightarrow z - 1$ is a factor

Using long division;

$$\begin{array}{r}
 Z^2 - 4Z + 13 \\
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 Z - 1 \quad \overline{) (z^3 - 5z^2 + 17z - 13)} \\
 \underline{-(z^3 - z^2)} \\
 -4z^2 + 17z - 13 \\
 \underline{-(-4z^2 + 4z)} \\
 13z - 13 \\
 \underline{-(13z - 13)} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Therefore } (z - 1)(z^2 - 4z + 13) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (z^2 - 4z + 13) = 0$$

$$Z = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{(4^2) - 4 \times 1 \times 13}}{2 \times 1}$$

$$Z = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{-36}}{2}$$

$$z = 2 \pm 3i$$

$$\text{Therefore } z = 1, \quad 2 \pm 3i$$

The coordinates of the sales outlets are (1, 0), (2, 3), (2, -3)

ITEM 4:**Task(a)(i)**1. *Fencing & Optimization*

Let x and y be the length and width of the Rectangular piece of land to be fenced

$$\text{Area of the land, } xy = 39200$$

$$\text{Perimeter, } P = 2y + x - 12$$

$$\text{From } xy = 39200, y = \frac{39200}{x}$$

$$P = \frac{78400}{x} + x - 12$$

$$\frac{dP}{dx} = \frac{-78400}{x^2} + 1$$

$$\text{For minimum length, } \frac{dP}{dx} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-78400}{x^2} + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{Therefore, } x = 280\text{m}$$

$$y = \frac{39200}{x} = \frac{39200}{280} = 140 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{The required length of the fence} = 2y + x - 12 = 280 + 280 - 12$$

$$\text{The required length of the fence} = 548\text{m}$$

Task(a)(ii)

$$\frac{dL}{dt} = 12 - 0.1t$$

$$\int_0^R dL = \int_0^{12} (12 - 0.1t) dt$$

$$L = \left| 12t - \frac{0.1}{2} t^2 \right|_0^{12}$$

$$L = 144 - 7.2$$

$$L = 136.8m$$

$$\text{Time taken} = \frac{548}{136.8}$$

$$\text{Time taken} = 4.0058 \text{ days} \approx 5 \text{ days}$$

It will take five days to fence the land.

Task(b)(i)

$$y = 12 - 3x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -6x$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -6 \Rightarrow \text{a maxima}$$

$$\text{For maximum, } -6x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0$$

$$y = 12 - 3(0^2)$$

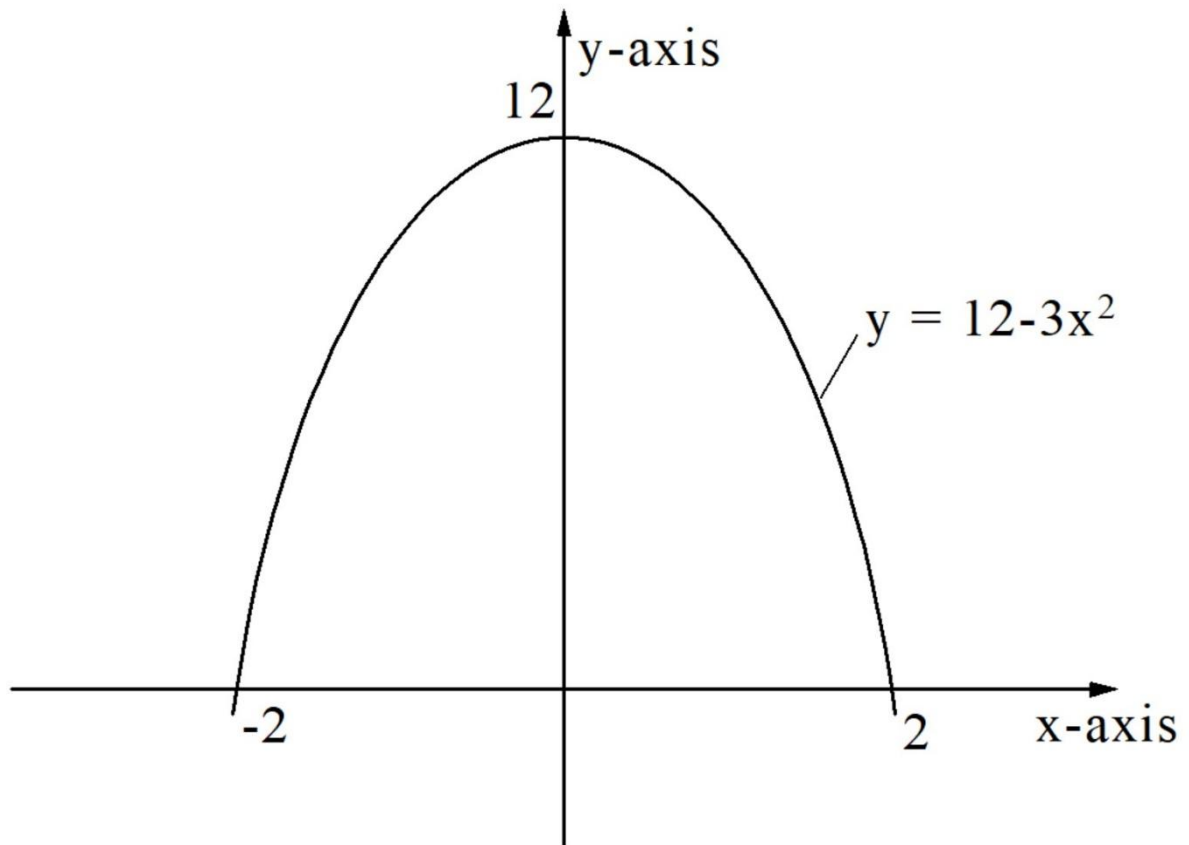
$$y = 12$$

Therefore, (12,0) is a maximum point

$$\text{From } y = 12 - 3x^2,$$

$$\text{when } y = 0, x = \pm 2$$

$\Rightarrow (2,0)$ and $(-2,0)$ are intercepts



Task(b)(ii)

$$\text{Volume of the Ant - hill} = \int_0^{12} \pi x^2 dy$$

$$\text{From } y = 12 - 3x^2, \quad x^2 = \frac{12 - y}{3}$$

$$\text{Volume of the Ant - hill} = \int_0^{12} \pi \left(\frac{12 - y}{3} \right) dy$$

$$\text{Volume of the Ant - hill} = \int_0^{12} \left(\frac{12\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi y}{3} \right) dy$$

$$\text{Volume of the Ant - hill} = \left| \left(4\pi y - \frac{\pi y^2}{6} \right) \right|_0^{12}$$

$$\text{Volume of the Ant - hill} = (4\pi \times 12) - \frac{144\pi}{6}$$

$$\text{Volume of the Ant - hill} = 48\pi - 24\pi$$

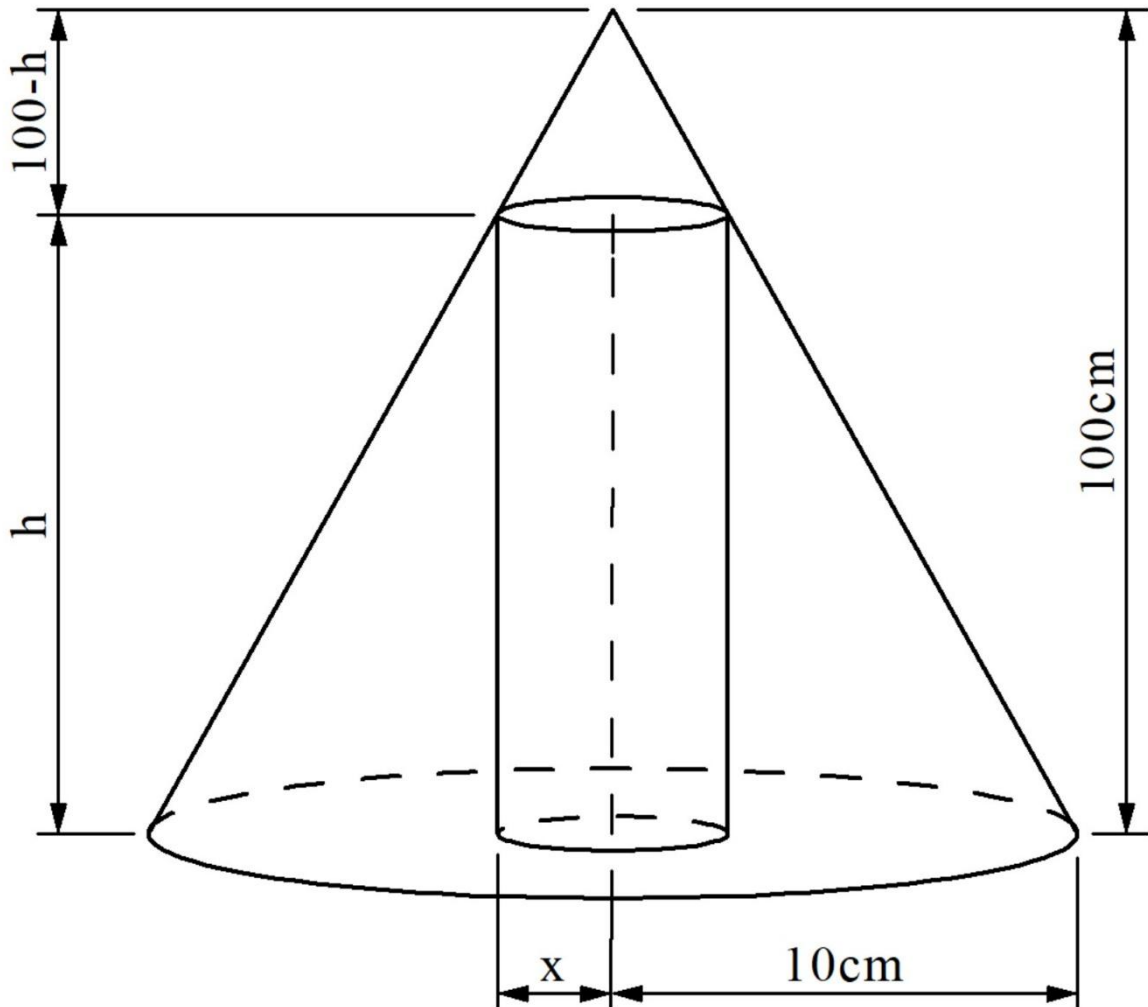
$$\text{Volume of the Ant - hill} = 24\pi$$

$$\text{Volume of the Ant - hill} = 75.40\text{m}^3$$

The soil obtained by clearing the Ant-hill will not be enough to fill the depression since it is $<200m^3$.

ITEM 5:

Task(a)



$$\text{By similar triangles: } \frac{100}{100 - h} = \frac{10}{x}$$

$$100x = 1000 - 10h$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 100 - 10x$$

$$\text{Volume: } V = \pi r^2 h = \pi x^2 (100 - 10x)$$

$$V = \pi(100x^2 - 10x^3)$$

$$\frac{dV}{dx} = \pi(200x - 30x^2)$$

$$\text{For } \frac{\text{max}}{\text{min}}: \pi(200x - 30x^2) = 0$$

$$(20 - 3x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 20/3 = 6\frac{2}{3} \text{ cm}$$

$$V_{\text{max}} = \pi \left(\frac{20}{3}\right)^2 \left(100 - 10 \times \frac{20}{3}\right)$$

$$V_{\text{max}} = \frac{400\pi}{9} \left(\frac{300 - 200}{3}\right)$$

$$V_{\text{max}} = \frac{4000\pi}{27}$$

$$V_{\text{max}} = 465.4211 \text{ cm}^3$$

The volume of the biggest cylinder Jalia can mould from her conical shaped piece is 465.4211 cm^3

Task(b)

$$\text{b) Error in } r = 10 - 9.8 = 0.2$$

$$\% \text{ error} = \frac{0.2}{10} \times 100 = 2\%$$

$$\delta r = \frac{2r}{100} = 0.02r$$

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

$$\frac{dV}{dr} = 4\pi r^2$$

$$\delta V = \frac{dV}{dr} \cdot \delta r$$

$$\delta V = 4\pi r^2(0.02r)$$

$$\frac{\delta V}{V} \times 100 = \frac{4\pi r^2(0.02r)}{\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3} \times 100$$

$$= 6\%$$

Margaret's mould will be approved for the competition since the error in the volume of her mould is 6% and therefore does not exceed the 8% error required for approval.

Task(c)

Moses – Bottle Problem

$$\frac{dN}{dt} \propto (100 - N)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dN}{dt} = k(100 - N)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{dN}{(100 - N)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = k dt$$

$$\int (100 - N)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dN = \int k dt$$

$$-2(100 - N)^{\frac{1}{2}} = kt + C$$

$$\text{When } t = 0, N = 0: -2\sqrt{100} = C \Rightarrow C = -20$$

$$\text{When } t = 1, N = 19: -2\sqrt{81} = k - 20 \Rightarrow k = 2$$

$$-2\sqrt{100 - N} = 2t - 20$$

$$-2\sqrt{100 - 100} = 2t - 20$$

$$t = 10 \text{ minutes}$$

Conclusion: Moses is likely to win the competition since the time he takes to pack the bottles during practice is less than the time the win in that category took last year.

Alternative

Let x represent number of bottles remaining at time t.

$$\frac{dx}{dt} \propto \sqrt{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = k\sqrt{x}$$

$$\frac{dx}{\sqrt{x}} = k dt$$

$$\int x^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx = \int k dt$$

$$2x^{\frac{1}{2}} = kt + C$$

$$\text{At } t = 0, x = 100: 2\sqrt{100} = C \Rightarrow C = 20$$

$$\text{At } t = 1, x = 81: 2\sqrt{81} = k + 20 \Rightarrow k = -2$$

$$2\sqrt{x} = -2t + 20$$

$$\text{When } x = 0: 0 = -2t + 20 \Rightarrow t = 10 \text{ minutes}$$

Conclusion: Moses is likely to win the competition since the time he takes to pack the bottles during practice is less than the time the win in that category took last year.