

# Functions

## Question Paper, Set 09

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Maximum marks: 50

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Answer all 20 questions. The marks for each question are shown in brackets.
2. Show your working for the 2, 3 and 5 mark questions.
3. The key sheet and worked solutions are at the end of this paper.

1. If  $f(x) = 4x - 9$ , find the image of 5 under  $f$ . [1 mark]
2. Let  $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{0, 1, 2, 4, 6\}$  and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be defined by  $f(x) = x^2 - x$ . Write the domain, codomain and range of  $f$ . [2 marks]
3. Write the degree of the polynomial function  $f(x) = 4 - x^3 + 2x^6$ . [1 mark]
4. Find the points where the line  $y = 6x - 21$  cuts the x-axis and the y-axis. Is its inclination less than or greater than  $90^\circ$ ? [2 marks]
5. Find the discriminant of  $2x^2 + 3x + 4 = 0$  and write the nature of its roots. [2 marks]
6. If  $\alpha, \beta$  are the roots of  $x^2 + 3x - 5 = 0$ , find  $\alpha + \beta$ ,  $\alpha\beta$  and  $|\alpha - \beta|$ . [3 marks]
7. Write  $y = -2x^2 - 8x - 11$  in vertex form. Find its vertex and its maximum value. [3 marks]
8. Draw the graph of  $y = (2x + 5)^2$ . (Find whether it opens upward or downward, where it meets the x-axis and the y-axis, and its vertex.) [5 marks]
9. For  $y = -2x^2 + 5x + 3$ , find the values of  $x$  for which (i)  $y < 0$  (ii)  $y \leq 0$  (iii)  $y > 0$  (iv)  $y \geq 0$ . [5 marks]
10. If  $\log_x 64 = 3$ , find  $x$ . [1 mark]
11. Find  $\log_6 9 + \log_6 8 - \log_6 2$ . [2 marks]
12. Solve  $\log_6 x + \log_6(x - 5) = 2$ . [3 marks]
13. If  $|x| = x$ , what can you say about  $x$ ? [1 mark]
14. Solve  $|7 - 2x| < 3$ . [2 marks]
15. Solve  $|x - 1| = |3x + 5|$ . [3 marks]
16. Solve  $|x + 1| - |x - 2| < x - \frac{1}{2}$ . [5 marks]
17. Solve  $\left| \frac{20x}{4x^2 + 25} \right| \leq 1$ . [5 marks]
18. Find the domain of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 4x + 4}$ . [2 marks]

**19.** Find  $\lceil \lceil -3.7 \rceil \rceil$ . [1 mark]

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**20.** Write the domain and range of  $f(x) = x^3$ . [1 mark]

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## Key sheet

| Q  | Answer                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 1  | 11                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2  | Domain = $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ , codomain = $\{0, 1, 2, 4, 6\}$ , range = $\{0, 2, 6\}$                                                                                              |
| 3  | 6                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 4  | x-axis at $(\frac{7}{2}, 0)$ , y-axis at $(0, -21)$ ; inclination less than $90^\circ$                                                                                          |
| 5  | $\Delta = -23$ ; roots are not real (imaginary)                                                                                                                                 |
| 6  | $\alpha + \beta = -3$ , $\alpha\beta = -5$ , $ \alpha - \beta  = \sqrt{29}$                                                                                                     |
| 7  | $y = -2(x + 2)^2 - 3$ ; vertex $(-2, -3)$ ; maximum value $-3$                                                                                                                  |
| 8  | Upward parabola; touches the x-axis at $(-\frac{5}{2}, 0)$ ; cuts the y-axis at $(0, 25)$ ; vertex $(-\frac{5}{2}, 0)$                                                          |
| 9  | (i) $x \in (-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}) \cup (3, \infty)$ ; (ii) $x \in (-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}] \cup [3, \infty)$ ; (iii) $x \in (-\frac{1}{2}, 3)$ ; (iv) $x \in [-\frac{1}{2}, 3]$ |
| 10 | 4                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 11 | 2                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 12 | 9                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 13 | $x \geq 0$ , i.e. $x \in [0, \infty)$                                                                                                                                           |
| 14 | $x \in (2, 5)$                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 15 | $x \in \{-3, -1\}$                                                                                                                                                              |
| 16 | $x \in (-\frac{5}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \cup (\frac{7}{2}, \infty)$                                                                                                                  |
| 17 | $x \in \mathbb{R}$                                                                                                                                                              |
| 18 | $\mathbb{R}$                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 19 | $-4$                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 20 | Domain = $\mathbb{R}$ , Range = $\mathbb{R}$                                                                                                                                    |

## Solutions

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1. If  $f(x) = 4x - 9$ , find the image of 5 under  $f$ . [1]

Image of 5 is  $f(5)$

$$f(5) = 4(5) - 9 = 11$$

**Ans: 11**

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2. Let  $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{0, 1, 2, 4, 6\}$  and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be defined by  $f(x) = x^2 - x$ . Write the domain, codomain and range of  $f$ . [2]

$$f(0) = (0)^2 - (0) = 0, f(1) = (1)^2 - (1) = 0, f(2) = (2)^2 - (2) = 2, f(3) = (3)^2 - (3) = 6$$

$$\text{Domain} = A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

$$\text{Codomain} = B = \{0, 1, 2, 4, 6\}$$

$$\text{Range} = f(A) = \{0, 2, 6\}$$

**Ans: Domain =  $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ , codomain =  $\{0, 1, 2, 4, 6\}$ , range =  $\{0, 2, 6\}$**

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3. Write the degree of the polynomial function  $f(x) = 4 - x^3 + 2x^6$ . [1]

The highest power of  $x$  is in the term  $2x^6$  (coefficient  $2 \neq 0$ )

$\therefore$  degree of  $f(x)$  is 6

**Ans: 6**

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4. Find the points where the line  $y = 6x - 21$  cuts the x-axis and the y-axis. Is its inclination less than or greater than  $90^\circ$ ? [2]

$$\text{put } x = 0 \Rightarrow y = -21: \text{y-intercept } (0, -21)$$

$$\text{put } y = 0 \Rightarrow 6x - 21 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{7}{2}: \text{x-intercept } (\frac{7}{2}, 0)$$

$a = 6 > 0$ , so the inclination is less than  $90^\circ$

**Ans: x-axis at  $(\frac{7}{2}, 0)$ , y-axis at  $(0, -21)$ ; inclination less than  $90^\circ$**

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5. Find the discriminant of  $2x^2 + 3x + 4 = 0$  and write the nature of its roots. [2]

$$a = 2, b = 3, c = 4$$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac = 3^2 - 4(2)(4) = -23$$

$\Delta < 0 \Rightarrow$  roots are not real (imaginary)

**Ans:  $\Delta = -23$ ; roots are not real (imaginary)**

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6. If  $\alpha, \beta$  are the roots of  $x^2 + 3x - 5 = 0$ , find  $\alpha + \beta$ ,  $\alpha\beta$  and  $|\alpha - \beta|$ . [3]

$$a = 1, b = 3, c = -5$$

$$\alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} = -3$$

$$\alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a} = -5$$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac = 3^2 - 4(1)(-5) = 29$$

$$|\alpha - \beta| = \frac{\sqrt{\Delta}}{|a|} = \sqrt{29} = \sqrt{29}$$

**Ans:  $\alpha + \beta = -3$ ,  $\alpha\beta = -5$ ,  $|\alpha - \beta| = \sqrt{29}$**

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7. Write  $y = -2x^2 - 8x - 11$  in vertex form. Find its vertex and its maximum value. [3]

$$a = -2, b = -8, c = -11$$

$$\text{Vertex} = \left(-\frac{b}{2a}, \frac{4ac-b^2}{4a}\right) = \left(-2, \frac{88-64}{-8}\right) = (-2, -3)$$

$$y = a(x-h)^2 + k = -2(x+2)^2 - 3$$

$a < 0$ , so the parabola opens downward: maximum value  $= -3$  at  $x = -2$

**Ans:**  $y = -2(x+2)^2 - 3$ ; vertex  $(-2, -3)$ ; maximum value  $-3$

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8. Draw the graph of  $y = (2x+5)^2$ . (Find whether it opens upward or downward, where it meets the x-axis and the y-axis, and its vertex.) [5]

$$y = (2x+5)^2 = 4x^2 + 20x + 25$$

$$a = 4 > 0 \text{ (upward parabola)}$$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac = 20^2 - 4(4)(25) = 0$$

$$\Delta = 0: \text{ touches the x-axis at } \left(-\frac{5}{2}, 0\right)$$

$$\text{put } x = 0 \Rightarrow y = 25: \text{ cuts the y-axis at } (0, 25)$$

$$\text{Vertex} = \left(-\frac{b}{2a}, \frac{4ac-b^2}{4a}\right) = \left(-\frac{5}{2}, 0\right)$$

Plot these points and draw the upward parabola through them (minimum value 0 at  $x = -\frac{5}{2}$ )

**Ans:** Upward parabola; touches the x-axis at  $(-\frac{5}{2}, 0)$ ; cuts the y-axis at  $(0, 25)$ ; vertex  $(-\frac{5}{2}, 0)$

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9. For  $y = -2x^2 + 5x + 3$ , find the values of  $x$  for which (i)  $y < 0$  (ii)  $y \leq 0$  (iii)  $y > 0$  (iv)  $y \geq 0$ . [5]

$$a = -2 < 0 \text{ (downward parabola)}$$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac = 5^2 - 4(-2)(3) = 49$$

$$y = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{-5 \pm 7}{-4} = -\frac{1}{2}, 3$$

Sign:  $-$  outside  $-\frac{1}{2}$  and  $3$ ,  $+$  between them

$$(i) y < 0 \Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}) \cup (3, \infty)$$

$$(ii) y \leq 0 \Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}] \cup [3, \infty)$$

$$(iii) y > 0 \Rightarrow x \in (-\frac{1}{2}, 3)$$

$$(iv) y \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \in [-\frac{1}{2}, 3]$$

**Ans:** (i)  $x \in (-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}) \cup (3, \infty)$ ; (ii)  $x \in (-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}] \cup [3, \infty)$ ; (iii)  $x \in (-\frac{1}{2}, 3)$ ; (iv)  $x \in [-\frac{1}{2}, 3]$

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10. If  $\log_x 64 = 3$ , find  $x$ . [1]

$$\log_x 64 = 3 \Leftrightarrow x^3 = 64$$

$$x^3 = 4^3 \Rightarrow x = 4$$

**Ans:** 4

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11. Find  $\log_6 9 + \log_6 8 - \log_6 2$ . [2]

$$\log_6 9 + \log_6 8 - \log_6 2 = \log_6 \frac{9 \times 8}{2}$$

$$= \log_6 36 = \log_6 6^2 = 2$$

**Ans:** 2

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12. Solve  $\log_6 x + \log_6(x - 5) = 2$ . [3]

$$\log_6 x(x - 5) = 2 \Rightarrow x(x - 5) = 36$$

$$x^2 - 5x - 36 = 0 \Rightarrow (x - 9)(x + 4) = 0$$

$$x = 9 \text{ (or) } x = -4$$

For  $x = -4$ ,  $\log_6(-4)$  is not defined

$$\therefore x = 9$$

**Ans:** 9

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13. If  $|x| = x$ , what can you say about  $x$ ? [1]

$$|x| = x \text{ for } x \geq 0 \text{ and } |x| = -x \neq x \text{ for } x < 0$$

$$\therefore x \geq 0, \text{ i.e. } x \in [0, \infty)$$

**Ans:**  $x \geq 0$ , i.e.  $x \in [0, \infty)$

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14. Solve  $|7 - 2x| < 3$ . [2]

$$-3 < 7 - 2x < 3$$

$$\Rightarrow -3 - 7 < -2x < 3 - 7$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 < x < 5 \text{ (dividing by a negative number turns the signs)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (2, 5)$$

**Ans:**  $x \in (2, 5)$

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15. Solve  $|x - 1| = |3x + 5|$ . [3]

$$|x| = |y| \Rightarrow x = \pm y$$

$$x - 1 = \pm(3x + 5)$$

$$x - 1 = 3x + 5 \Rightarrow 2x + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -3$$

$$x - 1 = -3x - 5 \Rightarrow 4x + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -1$$

$$\therefore x \in \{-3, -1\}$$

**Ans:**  $x \in \{-3, -1\}$

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16. Solve  $|x + 1| - |x - 2| < x - \frac{1}{2}$ . [5]

$$\text{Critical points: } x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -1, x - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 2$$

Case (i) Suppose  $x < -1$  ( $x + 1 < 0, x - 2 < 0$ ):  $(-x - 1) - (2 - x) < x - \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow -x - \frac{5}{2} < 0 \Rightarrow x \in (-\frac{5}{2}, \infty)$ : common values  $(-\frac{5}{2}, -1)$

Case (ii) Suppose  $-1 \leq x \leq 2$  ( $x + 1 \geq 0, x - 2 \leq 0$ ):  $(x + 1) - (2 - x) < x - \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x - \frac{1}{2} < 0 \Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, \frac{1}{2})$ : common values  $[-1, \frac{1}{2})$

Case (iii) Suppose  $x > 2$  ( $x + 1 > 0, x - 2 > 0$ ):  $(x + 1) - (x - 2) < x - \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{7}{2} - x < 0 \Rightarrow x \in (\frac{7}{2}, \infty)$ : common values  $(\frac{7}{2}, \infty)$

$$\text{Ans: } x \in (-\frac{5}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \cup (\frac{7}{2}, \infty)$$

$$\text{Ans: } x \in (-\frac{5}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \cup (\frac{7}{2}, \infty)$$

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17. Solve  $\left| \frac{20x}{4x^2+25} \right| \leq 1$ . [5]

$$\frac{20|x|}{4x^2+25} \leq 1 \text{ (the denominator is positive)}$$

$$(i) \ x < 0: -20x \leq 4x^2 + 25 \Rightarrow 4x^2 + 20x + 25 \geq 0 \Rightarrow (2x + 5)^2 \geq 0: \text{true for all } x < 0$$

$$(ii) \ x \geq 0: 20x \leq 4x^2 + 25 \Rightarrow 4x^2 - 20x + 25 \geq 0 \Rightarrow (2x - 5)^2 \geq 0: \text{true for all } x \geq 0$$

$$\text{From (i), (ii): } x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup [0, \infty) = \mathbb{R}$$

**Ans:**  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

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18. Find the domain of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 4x + 4}$ . [2]

$$\sqrt{x^2 - 4x + 4} \text{ is defined when } x^2 - 4x + 4 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 2)^2 \geq 0: \text{a perfect square}$$

$$\text{Domain} = \mathbb{R}$$

**Ans:**  $\mathbb{R}$

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19. Find  $[[ -3.7 ]]$ . [1]

$$[ -3.7 ] = -4$$

$$[[ -3.7 ]] = [-4] = -4 \text{ (property } [[x]] = [x])$$

**Ans:**  $-4$

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20. Write the domain and range of  $f(x) = x^3$ . [1]

$$x^3 \text{ is defined for all real } x: \text{Domain} = \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{It takes every real value (negative for } x < 0): \text{Range} = \mathbb{R}$$

**Ans:** Domain =  $\mathbb{R}$ , Range =  $\mathbb{R}$

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