

Past-paper walk-through

The Quotient Rule ■ 2.9

eXercise

Questions in this set

- 2016 Q6
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Reading the mark scheme

- **B1** a mark that stands on its own – the point is either made or not.
- **M1** a *method* mark: the right approach, even if the number is wrong.
- **A1** an *answer* mark, and it usually needs its M mark first.
- **C1** a working mark on the way to the answer.
- **//** separates answers the examiner accepts equally.
- **ecf** = error carried forward: a later part is marked on your own earlier answer.
- **owtte** = “or words to that effect” – the wording need not match.

Question 6

2016 ■ Q6

The functions f and g have continuous second derivatives. The table above gives values of the functions and their derivatives at selected values of x .

x	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$	$g(x)$	$g'(x)$
1	-6	3	2	8
2	2	-2	-3	0
3	8	7	6	2
6	4	5	3	-1

Question 6

(a) Let $k(x) = f(g(x))$. Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of k at $x = 3$.

(b) Let $h(x) = \frac{g(x)}{f(x)}$. Find $h'(1)$.

(c) Evaluate $\int_1^3 f''(2x) \, dx$.

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Solution 6

(a)

Mark scheme

- $k(x)=f(g(x))$. $k(3)=f(g(3))=f(6)=4$. By the chain rule,
 $k'(x)=f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$, so $k'(3) = f'(g(3)) \cdot g'(3) = f'(6) \cdot g'(3) = 5 \cdot 2 = 10$. *Tangentline : $y = 10(x - 3) + 4$. Points : 2 for correctly finding the slope $k'(3) = 10$ (chain rule using table values), 1 for the correct tangent line equation.*

Solution 6

(b) Mark scheme

■ $h(x)=g(x)/f(x)$. By the quotient rule: $h'(x) = \frac{f(x)g'(x) - g(x)f'(x)}{[f(x)]^2}$. $h'(1) =$

$$\frac{f(1)g'(1) - g(1)f'(1)}{[f(1)]^2} = \frac{(-6)(8) - (2)(3)}{(-6)^2} = \frac{-48 - 6}{36} = \frac{-54}{36} = -\frac{3}{2}.$$

Points : 2 for the correct expression for $h'(1)$ using the quotient rule and table values, 1 for the correct final answer

Solution 6

(c) Mark scheme

- $\int_1^3 f'(2x) dx = \frac{1}{2} [f(2x)]_1^3 = \frac{1}{2} [f(6) - f(2)] = \frac{1}{2} [5 - (-2)] = \frac{1}{2}(7) = \frac{7}{2}$. Points :
2 for the correct antiderivative via u – substitution ($\frac{1}{2}f(2x)$), 1 for the correct final answer ($7/2$).

Question 3

2014 ■ Q3

[Graph of f on the closed interval $[-5, 4]$, consisting of three line segments: the graph starts at the open point $(-5, 2)$ and descends to a point at approximately $(-2, 0)$ on the x -axis; from there it rises steeply (steeper slope) through the origin area up to a peak near $x = 0$ (peak value not labeled, appears above $y = 3$); from the peak it descends steeply down to the point $(4, -4)$. Axis tick marks shown at 1 on both the x -axis and y -axis. Labelled "Graph of f ".]

The function f is defined on the closed interval $[-5, 4]$. The graph of f consists of three line segments and is shown in the figure above. Let g be the function defined by

$$g(x) = \int_{-3}^x f(t) dt.$$

(a) Find $g(3)$.

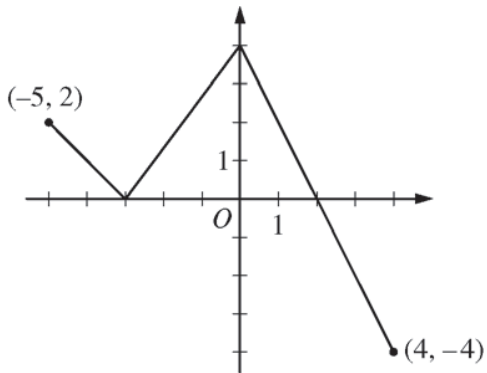
Question 3

(b) On what open intervals contained in $-5 < x < 4$ is the graph of g both increasing and concave down? Give a reason for your answer.

(c) The function h is defined by $h(x) = \frac{g(x)}{5x}$. Find $h'(3)$.

(d) The function p is defined by $p(x) = f(x^2 - x)$. Find the slope of the line tangent to the graph of p at the point where $x = -1$.

Question 3



Graph of f

Solution 3

(a)

Mark scheme

- $g(3) = \int_{-3}^3 f(t) dt = 6 + 4 - 1 = 9$, computed as assigned areas under the three line segments of f between -3 and $x = 3$. Points : 1 for the correct answer $g(3) = 9$.

Solution 3

(b)

Mark scheme

- $g'(x) = f(x)$. The graph of g is increasing and concave down on the intervals $-5 < x < -3$ and $0 < x < 2$, because $g' = f$ is positive and decreasing on those intervals. Points: 1 for the correct intervals, 1 for a correct reason referencing $g' = f$ being both positive and decreasing on those intervals.

Solution 3

(c) Mark scheme

- $h(x) = g(x)/(5x)$. By the quotient rule, $h'(x) = 5xg'(x) -$

$$g(x) \cdot 5 \frac{5xg'(x) - 5g(x)}{(5x)^2} \cdot h'(3) = \frac{(5)(3)g'(3) - 5g(3)}{25 \cdot 9} = \frac{15(-2) - 5(9)}{225} = \frac{-75}{225} = -\frac{1}{3}, \text{ using } g'(3) = f(3) = -2 \text{ (slope of } f \text{ segment at } x=3\text{)}$$

Solution 3

(d)

Mark scheme

- $p(x) = f(x^2 - x)$. By the chain rule, $p'(x) = f'(x^2 - x) \cdot (2x - 1)$. $p'(-1) = f'(2) \cdot (-3) = (-2)(-3) = 6$, using $f'(2) = -2$ (slope of the straight line segment). Points : 2 for a correct expression for $p'(x)$ (chain rule applied correctly), 1 for the correct final answer $p'(-1) = 6$.