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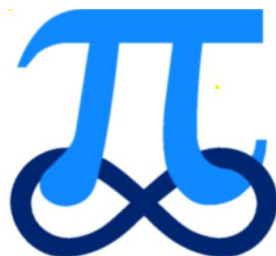
GCSE Maths (9 – 1)

Past Exam Questions by

Topics:

*Solving Equations using*

*Iteration methods.*



1. (a) Show that the equation  $x^3 + x = 7$  has a solution between 1 and 2.

(2)

(b) Show that the equation  $x^3 + x = 7$  can be rearranged to give  $x = \sqrt[3]{7 - x}$

(1)

(c) Starting with  $x_0 = 2$ ,  
use the iteration formula  $x_{n+1} = \sqrt[3]{7 - x_n}$  three times to find an estimate for a  
solution of  $x^3 + x = 7$

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(3)

(6 marks)

2. (a) Show that the equation  $x^3 + 7x - 5 = 0$  has a solution between  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$

(2)

(b) Show that the equation  $x^3 + 7x - 5 = 0$  can be arranged to give  $x = \frac{5}{x^2 + 7}$

(2)

(c) Starting with  $x_0 = 1$ , use the iteration formula  $x_{n+1} = \frac{5}{x_n^2 + 7}$  three times to find an estimate for the solution of  $x^3 + 7x - 5 = 0$

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(3)

(d) By substituting your answer to part (c) into  $x^3 + 7x - 5$ , comment on the accuracy of your estimate for the solution to  $x^3 + 7x - 5 = 0$

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(2)

(9 marks)

3. Using  $x_{n+1} = -2 - \frac{4}{x_n^2}$

with  $x_0 = -2.5$

(a) find the values of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$

$x_1 = \dots\dots\dots$

$x_2 = \dots\dots\dots$

$x_3 = \dots\dots\dots$

**(3)**

(b) Explain the relationship between the values of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  and the equation  $x^3 + 2x^2 + 4 = 0$

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**(2)**

**(5 marks)**

4. (a) Show that the equation  $x^3 + 4x = 1$  has a solution between  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$

(2)

(b) Show that the equation  $x^3 + 4x = 1$  can be arranged to give  $x = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{x^3}{4}$

(1)

(c) Starting with  $x_0 = 0$ , use the iteration formula  $x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{x_n^3}{4}$  twice,  
to find an estimate for the solution of  $x^3 + 4x = 1$

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(3)

(6 marks)

5. (a) Show that the equation  $x^3 + 5x - 4 = 0$  has a solution between  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$

(2)

(b) Show that the equation  $x^3 + 5x - 4 = 0$  can be arranged to give  $x = \frac{4}{x^2 + 5}$

(2)

(c) Starting with  $x_0 = 0$ , use the iteration formula  $x_{n+1} = \frac{4}{x_n^2 + 5}$  twice,  
to find an estimate for the solution of  $x^3 + 5x - 4 = 0$

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(3)

(7 marks)

6. (a) Show that the equation  $2x^3 + 4x = 3$  has a solution between 0 and 1.

(2)

(b) Show that  $2x^3 + 4x = 3$  can be arranged to give  $x = \frac{3}{4} - \frac{x^3}{2}$

(1)

(c) Starting with  $x_0 = 0$ , use the iteration formula  $x_{n+1} = \frac{3}{4} - \frac{x_n^3}{2}$  three times to find an estimate for the solution to  $2x^3 + 4x = 3$

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(3)

(6 marks)

7. (a) Show that the equation  $x^3 - 3x^2 + 3 = 0$  has a solution between  $x = 2$  and  $x = 3$

(2)

(b) Show that the equation  $x^3 - 3x^2 + 3 = 0$  can be rearranged to give  $x = \sqrt[3]{3x^2 - 3}$

(1)

(c) Starting with  $x_0 = 2$ , use the iteration formula  $x_{n+1} = \sqrt[3]{3x_n^2 - 3}$  to find the value of  $x_2$ .  
Give your answer correct to 3 decimal places.

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(3)

(6 marks)



8.

$$f(x) = 3x^3 - 2x - 6.$$

(a) Show that  $f(x) = 0$  has a root,  $\alpha$ , between  $x = 1.4$  and  $x = 1.45$ .

(2)

(b) Show that the equation  $f(x) = 0$  can be written as

$$x = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{x} + \frac{2}{3}\right)}, \quad x \neq 0.$$

(3)

(c) Starting with  $x_0 = 1.43$ , use the iteration

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{x_n} + \frac{2}{3}\right)}$$

to calculate the values of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ , giving your answers to 4 decimal places.

(3)

(8 marks)

9.

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - x - 4.$$

(a) Show that  $f(x) = 0$  has a root,  $\alpha$ , between 1.35 and 1.4. (2)

(b) Show that the equation  $f(x) = 0$  can be written as

$$x = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{2}\right)}.$$

(3)

(c) Use the iteration formula

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{x_n} + \frac{1}{2}\right)},$$

with  $x_0 = 1.35$ , to find, to 2 decimal places, the value of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ . (3)

(8 marks)