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**Mathematics: applications and interpretation**  
**Higher level**  
**Paper 1**

Thursday 6 May 2021 (afternoon)

Candidate session number

2 hours

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- A graphic display calculator is required for this paper.
- Answer all questions.
- Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.
- Unless otherwise stated in the question, all numerical answers should be given exactly or correct to three significant figures.
- A clean copy of the **mathematics: applications and interpretation formula booklet** is required for this paper.
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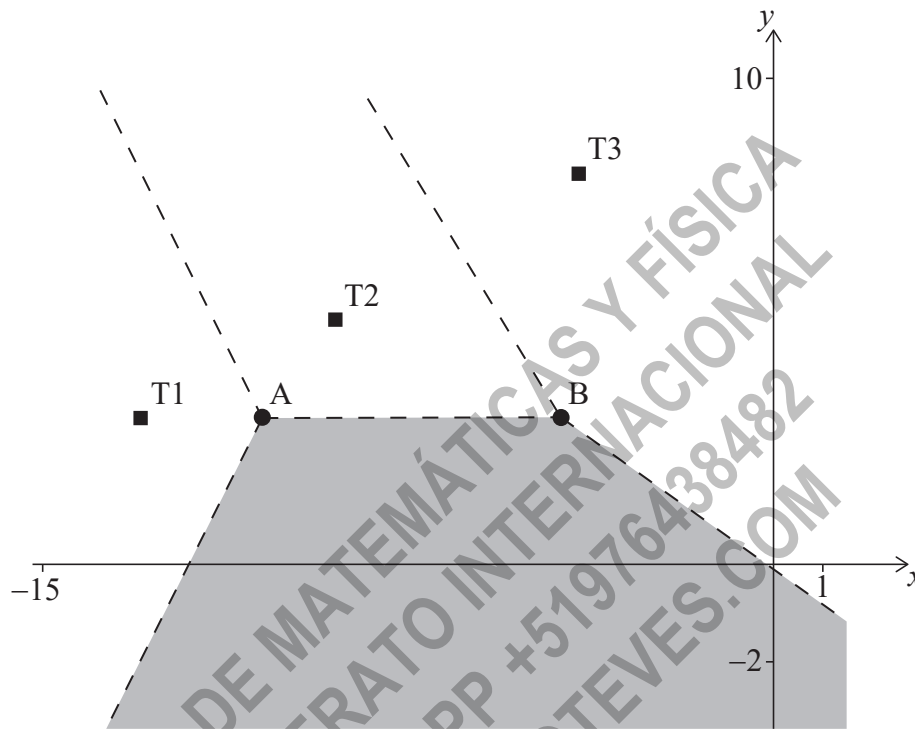


2. [Maximum mark: 6]

The Voronoi diagram below shows three identical cellular phone towers, T1, T2 and T3. A fourth cellular phone tower, T4 is located in the shaded region. The dashed lines in the diagram below represent the edges in the Voronoi diagram.

Horizontal scale: 1 unit represents 1 km.

Vertical scale: 1 unit represents 1 km.



Tim stands inside the shaded region.

(a) Explain why Tim will receive the strongest signal from tower T4. [1]

Tower T2 has coordinates  $(-9, 5)$  and the edge connecting vertices A and B has equation  $y = 3$ .

(b) Write down the coordinates of tower T4. [2]

Tower T1 has coordinates  $(-13, 3)$ .

(c) Find the gradient of the edge of the Voronoi diagram between towers T1 and T2. [3]

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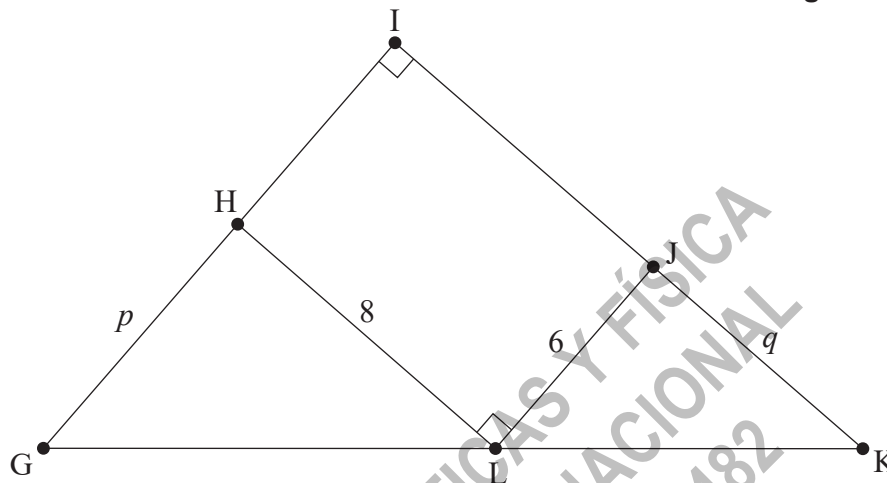


7. [Maximum mark: 8]

Ellis designs a gift box. The top of the gift box is in the shape of a right-angled triangle GIK.

A rectangular section HIJL is inscribed inside this triangle. The lengths of GH, JK, HL, and LJ are  $p$  cm,  $q$  cm, 8 cm and 6 cm respectively.

diagram not to scale



The area of the top of the gift box is  $A$  cm<sup>2</sup>.

(a) (i) Find  $A$  in terms of  $p$  and  $q$ .

(ii) Show that  $A = \frac{192}{q} + 3q + 48$ .

[4]

(b) Find  $\frac{dA}{dq}$ .

[2]

Ellis wishes to find the value of  $q$  that will minimize the area of the top of the gift box.

(c) (i) Write down an equation Ellis could solve to find this value of  $q$ .

(ii) Hence, or otherwise, find this value of  $q$ .

[2]

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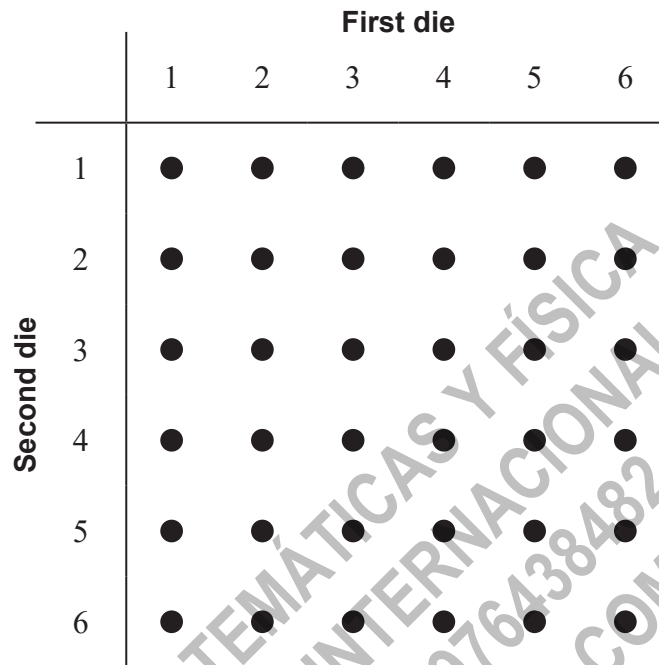


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8. [Maximum mark: 7]

A game is played where two unbiased dice are rolled and the score in the game is the greater of the two numbers shown. If the two numbers are the same, then the score in the game is the number shown on one of the dice. A diagram showing the possible outcomes is given below.



Let  $T$  be the random variable “the score in a game”.

(a) Complete the table to show the probability distribution of  $T$ . [2]

$t$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$P(T=t)$						

- (b) Find the probability that
- (i) a player scores at least 3 in a game.
  - (ii) a player scores 6, given that they scored at least 3. [3]
- (c) Find the expected score of a game. [2]

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10. [Maximum mark: 7]

An engineer plans to visit six oil rigs (A–F) in the Gulf of Mexico, starting and finishing at A. The travelling time, in minutes, between each of the rigs is shown in the table.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
A	<del>X</del>	55	63	79	87	93
B	55	<del>X</del>	46	58	88	92
C	63	46	<del>X</del>	87	77	66
D	79	58	87	<del>X</del>	23	70
E	87	88	77	23	<del>X</del>	47
F	93	92	66	70	47	<del>X</del>

The data above can be represented by a graph  $G$ .

(a) (i) Use Prim's algorithm to find the weight of the minimum spanning tree of the subgraph of  $G$  obtained by deleting A and starting at B. List the order in which the edges are selected.

(ii) Hence find a lower bound for the travelling time needed to visit all the oil rigs. [6]

(b) Describe how an improved lower bound might be found. [1]

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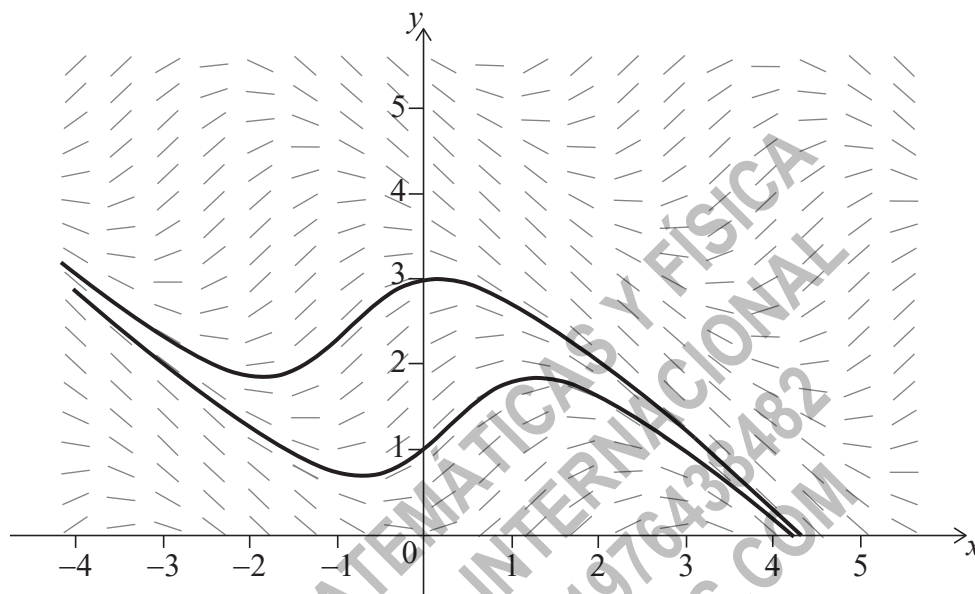


15. [Maximum mark: 5]

The diagram shows the slope field for the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sin(x + y), \quad -4 \leq x \leq 5, \quad 0 \leq y \leq 5.$$

The graphs of the two solutions to the differential equation that pass through points  $(0, 1)$  and  $(0, 3)$  are shown.



For the two solutions given, the local minimum points lie on the straight line  $L_1$ .

(a) Find the equation of  $L_1$ , giving your answer in the form  $y = mx + c$ . [3]

For the two solutions given, the local maximum points lie on the straight line  $L_2$ .

(b) Find the equation of  $L_2$ . [2]

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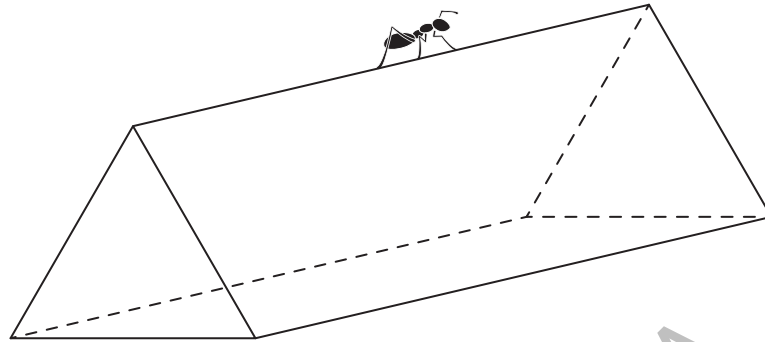


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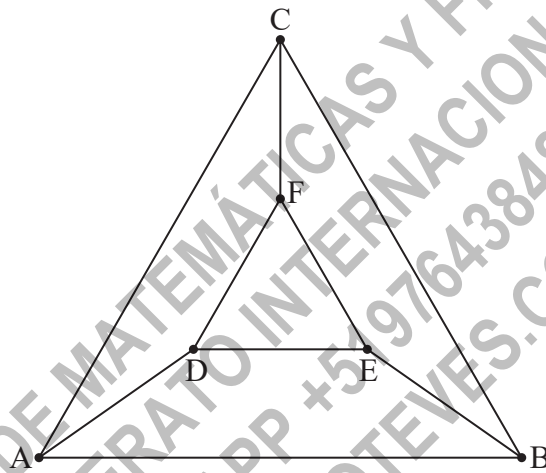
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16. [Maximum mark: 5]

An ant is walking along the edges of a wire frame in the shape of a triangular prism.



The vertices and edges of this frame can be represented by the graph below.



- (a) Write down the adjacency matrix,  $M$ , for this graph. [3]
- (b) Find the number of ways that the ant can start at the vertex A, and walk along exactly 6 edges to return to A. [2]

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