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Exam Questions

Functions

Introduction to Functions / Composite Functions / Inverse Functions

Total Marks	/134
Very Hard (9 questions)	/33
Hard (14 questions)	/53
Medium (10 questions)	/48

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Medium Questions

1 (a) f and g are functions such that

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{x^2}$$
 and $g(x) = 4x^3$

Find f(-5)

(1 mark)

(b) Find fg(1)

$$f(x) = 3x - 2$$

$$g(x) = \frac{10}{x+2}$$

Express the inverse function f^{-1} in the form $f^{-1}(x) = ...$

(2 marks)

(b) Find gf(x)Simplify your answer.

3 (a) f is a function such that

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1}$$

Find
$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

(1 mark)

(b) g is a function such that

$$g(x) = \sqrt{x-1} \qquad x \geqslant 1$$

Find
$$fg(x)$$

Give your answer as simply as possible.

4 (a) f is the function f(x) = 2x + 5Find f(3)

(1 mark)

(b) Express the inverse function f^{-1} in the form $f^{-1}(x) =$

(2 marks)

(c) g is the function $g(x) = x^2 - 25$ Find g(-3)

(1 mark)

(d) i) Find gf(x)Give your answer as simply as possible.

[3]

ii) Solve gf(x) = 0

[2]

(5 marks)

5 (a) The functions \boldsymbol{f} and \boldsymbol{g} are defined as

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x + 4$$

$$g(x) = \frac{2x}{x+1}$$

Work out f(6)

(1 mark)

(b) Work out fg(-3)

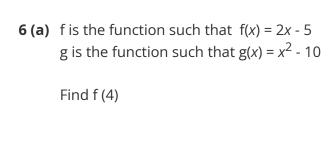
(2 marks)

(c)
$$g(a) = -2$$

Work out the value of *a*.

(2 marks)

(d) Express the inverse function f^{-1} in the form $f^{-1}(x) = ...$



(1 mark)

(b) Find fg(-4)

(2 marks)

(c) Express the inverse function f^{-1} in the form $f^{-1}(x) = ...$

(2 marks)

(d) Solve gf (x) = -1

(4 marks)

7 (a) The functions \boldsymbol{f} and \boldsymbol{g} are such that

$$f(x) = 3(x - 4)$$
 and $g(x) = \frac{x}{5} + 1$

Find the value of f(10)

(1 mark)

(b) Find $g^{-1}(x)$

(2 marks)

(c) Show that ff(x) = 9x - 48

(2 marks)

8
$$g(x) = 2x$$
 and $h(x) = \frac{x-1}{2}$

Choose the expression for hg(x)

A.
$$\frac{2x^2 - x}{2}$$

B.
$$\frac{2x-1}{2}$$

C.
$$x^2 - x$$

D.
$$x - 1$$

(1 mark)

9
$$f(x) = 3x$$

Choose the expression for $f^{-1}(x)$

A.
$$-3x$$

- **B.** $\frac{3}{x}$
- **D.** $\frac{x}{3}$

(1 mark)

10 (a) A function is represented by the following function machine.



A number is input into the machine.

The output is used as a new input.

The second output is 11.

Work out the number that was the **first input**.

(2 marks)

(b) A number is input into the machine. The output given is the same number.

Work out the number.

Hard Questions

1
$$f(x) = 3x^2 - 2x - 8$$

Express f(x + 2) in the form $ax^2 + bx$

(3 marks)

2 (a) The functions f and g are such that
$$f(x) = x + 3$$
 and $g(x) = \frac{1}{x-2}$

Find fg(x)

Give your answer as a single algebraic fraction expressed as simply as possible.

(3 marks)

(b) Express the inverse function
$$g^{-1}$$
 in the form $g^{-1}(x) = ...$

3 (a) The function \boldsymbol{f} is such that

$$f(x) = 4x - 1$$

Find $f^{-1}(x)$

(2 marks)

(b) The function g is such that

$$g(x) = kx^2$$
 where k is a constant.

Given that fg(2) = 12

work out the value of k

4 (a) The functions \boldsymbol{f} and \boldsymbol{g} are such that

$$f(x) = 3x - 1$$
 and $g(x) = x^2 + 4$

Find $f^{-1}(x)$

(2 marks)

(b) Given that fg(x) = 2gf(x),

show that $15x^2 - 12x - 1 = 0$

(5 marks)

5
$$f(x) = 2x - 3$$
 and $g(x) = x^2$

Show that $f^{-1}(55) = fg(4)$

(4 marks)

6
$$f(x) = \frac{x}{3} + 4$$
 for all values of x .

 $g(x) = 6x^2 + 3$ for all values of x.

Work out fg(x).

Give your answer in the form $ax^2 + b$ where a and b are integers.

(2 marks)

$$f(x) = cx + d$$
7 $f(4) = 7$
 $f(10) = 22$

Work out the values of c and d.

c =

d =

(3 marks)

8
$$f(x) = 3x^2 - 4x + 8$$
 for all values of x

Jenny says,

"f(10) must equal $2 \times f(5)$, because 10 is 2×5 "

Is Jenny correct?

Show working to support your answer.

(2 marks)

9
$$g(x) = 16 - x$$
 $h(x) = x^3$

Solve gh(x) = 24

(3 marks)

10
$$f(x) = \frac{x}{x+2}$$
 $g(x) = x^2 - 2$

Work out fg(x)

Give your answer in the form $a + bx^n$ where a, b and n are integers.

(3 marks)

11
$$f(x) = \frac{2x+3}{x-4}$$

Work out $f^{-1}(x)$

(4 marks)

12
$$g(x) = 3x + 7$$

Solve
$$g^{-1}(x) = 2x$$

X =

13 A function machine is shown below.



If the Input is 3, the Output is 5. If the Input is 7, the Output is 25.

Use this information to fill in the two boxes.

(3 marks)

14 (a) Let

$$f(x) = (x-1)^2$$

$$g(x) = 3x + 2$$

where x > 0.

Let

$$h(x) = fg(x)$$

Write an expression for h(x) in the form $ax^2 + bx + c$.

(b) Find $h^{-1}(x)$ when x > 0.



Very Hard Questions

1 (a) Show that
$$\frac{x^2 + 3x}{2x^2 + 5x - 3}$$
 can be written as $\frac{x}{kx - 1}$

State the value of k.

(2 marks)

(b)
$$f(x) = \frac{x}{2x - 1}$$

Find the inverse function f^{-1} in the form $f^{-1}(x) = \dots$ Show your working clearly.

(3 marks)

2 The functions f and g are such that

$$f(x) = 5x + 3$$
 $g(x) = ax + b$ where a and b are constants.

$$g(3) = 20$$
 and $f^{-1}(33) = g(1)$

Find the value of a and the value of b.

(5 marks)

3
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x$$
 $g(x) = x - x^2$

Solve
$$f^{-1}(x) = gf(x)$$

(4 marks)

4
$$f(x) = \frac{2x}{5} - 1$$

Work out the value of $f^{-1}(3) + f(-0.5)$

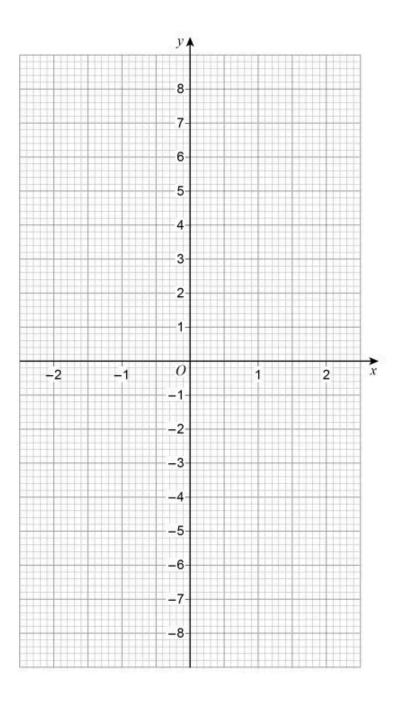
(5 marks)

5
$$f(x) = 5 - x$$
 and $g(x) = 3x + 7$

Simplify
$$f(2x) + g(x-1)$$

6
$$h(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$$
 for all values of x

On the grid, draw the graph of the inverse function $y = h^{-1}(x)$ for $-2 \le x \le 2$



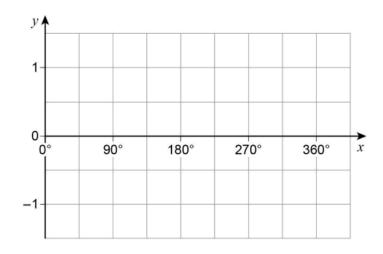
(2 marks)

7 For all values of x

$$f(x) = \sin x$$

$$g(x) = x + 90$$

On the grid, draw the graph of the composite function y = fg(x) for $0^{\circ} \le x \le 360^{\circ}$



(2 marks)

8
$$f(x) = 2x + c$$

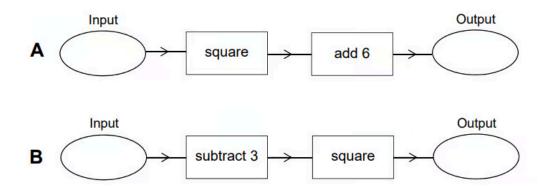
$$g(x) = cx + 5$$

$$fg(x) = 6x + d$$

c and d are constants.

Work out the value of d .

9 Here are two function machines, **A** and **B**.



Both machines have the same input.

Work out the range of input values for which the output of **A** is **less** than the output of **B**.

(4 marks)