

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**

**Advanced Subsidiary General Certificate of Education  
Advanced General Certificate of Education**

**MEI STRUCTURED MATHEMATICS**

**4758**

Differential Equations

Thursday                      **15 JUNE 2006**                      Afternoon                      1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials:  
8 page answer booklet  
Graph paper  
MEI Examination Formulae and Tables (MF2)

**TIME**    1 hour 30 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet.
- Answer any **three** questions.
- There is an **insert** for use in Question 3.
- You are permitted to use a graphical calculator in this paper.
- Final answers should be given to a degree of accuracy appropriate to the context.
- The acceleration due to gravity is denoted by  $g \text{ m s}^{-2}$ . Unless otherwise instructed, when a numerical value is needed, use  $g = 9.8$ .

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- You are advised that an answer may receive **no marks** unless you show sufficient detail of the working to indicate that a correct method is being used.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 72.

---

**This question paper consists of 3 printed pages, 1 blank page and an insert.**

**2**

- 1** The displacement  $x$  at time  $t$  of an oscillating system from a fixed point is given by

$$\ddot{x} + 2\lambda\dot{x} + 5x = 0,$$

where  $\lambda \geq 0$ .

- (i) For what value of  $\lambda$  is the motion simple harmonic? State the general solution in this case. [3]
- (ii) Find the range of values of  $\lambda$  for which the system is under-damped. [3]

Consider the case  $\lambda = 1$ .

- (iii) Find the general solution of the differential equation. [3]

When  $t = 0$ ,  $x = x_0$  and  $\dot{x} = 0$ , where  $x_0$  is a positive constant.

- (iv) Find the particular solution. [4]
- (v) Find the least positive value of  $t$  for which  $x = 0$ . [3]

Now consider the case  $\lambda = 3$  with the same initial conditions.

- (vi) Find the particular solution and show that it is never zero for  $t > 0$ . [8]

- 2** The positive quantities  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  are related and vary with time  $t$ , where  $t \geq 0$ . The value of  $x$  is described by the differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} + 2x = t + 1.$$

When  $t = 0$ ,  $x = 1$ .

- (i) Solve the equation to find  $x$  in terms of  $t$ . [9]

The quantity  $y$  is related to  $x$  by the differential equation  $2x \frac{dy}{dx} = y$ . When  $t = 0$ ,  $y = 4$ .

- (ii) Solve the equation to find  $y$  in terms of  $x$ . Hence express  $y$  in terms of  $t$ . [5]

The quantity  $z$  is related to  $x$  by the differential equation  $x \frac{dz}{dx} + 2z = 6x$ . When  $t = 0$ ,  $z = 3$ .

- (iii) Solve this equation for  $z$  in terms of  $x$ . Calculate the values of  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  when  $t = 1$ , giving your answers correct to 3 significant figures. [10]

### 3 Answer parts (i) and (ii) on the insert provided.

Two spherical bodies, Alpha and Beta, each of radius 1000 km, are in deep space. The point A is on the surface of Alpha, and the point B is on the surface of Beta. These points are the closest points on the two bodies and the distance AB has the constant value of 8000 km.

A probe is fired from A at a speed of  $V_0$  km s<sup>-1</sup> in an attempt to reach B, travelling in a straight line. At time  $t$  seconds after firing, the displacement of the probe from A is  $x$  km, and the velocity of the probe is  $v$  km s<sup>-1</sup>.

The equation of motion for the probe is

$$v \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{(9000 - x)^2} - \frac{1}{(1000 + x)^2}.$$

This differential equation is to be investigated first by means of a tangent field, shown on the insert.

- (i) Show that the direction indicators are parallel to the  $v$ -axis when  $v = 0$  ( $x \neq 4000$ ). Show also that the direction indicators are parallel to the  $x$ -axis when  $x = 4000$  ( $v \neq 0$ ). Hence complete the tangent field on the insert, excluding the point (4000, 0). [6]
- (ii) Sketch the solution curve through (0, 0.025) and the solution curve through (0, 0.05). Hence state what happens to the probe when the speed of projection is
- (A) 0.025 km s<sup>-1</sup>,
- (B) 0.05 km s<sup>-1</sup>. [6]
- (iii) Solve the differential equation to find  $v^2$  in terms of  $x$  and  $V_0$ . [6]
- (iv) Given that the probe reaches B, state the value of  $x$  at which  $v^2$  is least. Hence find from your solution in part (iii) the range of values of  $V_0$  for which the probe reaches B. [6]

### 4 The simultaneous differential equations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= 2x - y + 3 \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= 5x - 4y + 18 \end{aligned}$$

are to be solved for  $t \geq 0$ .

- (i) Show that  $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\frac{dx}{dt} - 3x = -6$ . [6]
- (ii) Find the general solution for  $x$  in terms of  $t$ . Hence obtain the corresponding general solution for  $y$ . [9]
- (iii) Given that  $x = 4$ ,  $y = 17$  when  $t = 0$ , find the particular solutions for  $x$  and  $y$  and sketch a graph of each solution. [9]

Candidate Name	Centre Number	Candidate Number

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**

**Advanced Subsidiary General Certificate of Education  
Advanced General Certificate of Education**

**MEI STRUCTURED MATHEMATICS**

**4758**

Differential Equations

INSERT

Thursday

**15 JUNE 2006**

Afternoon

1 hours 30 minutes

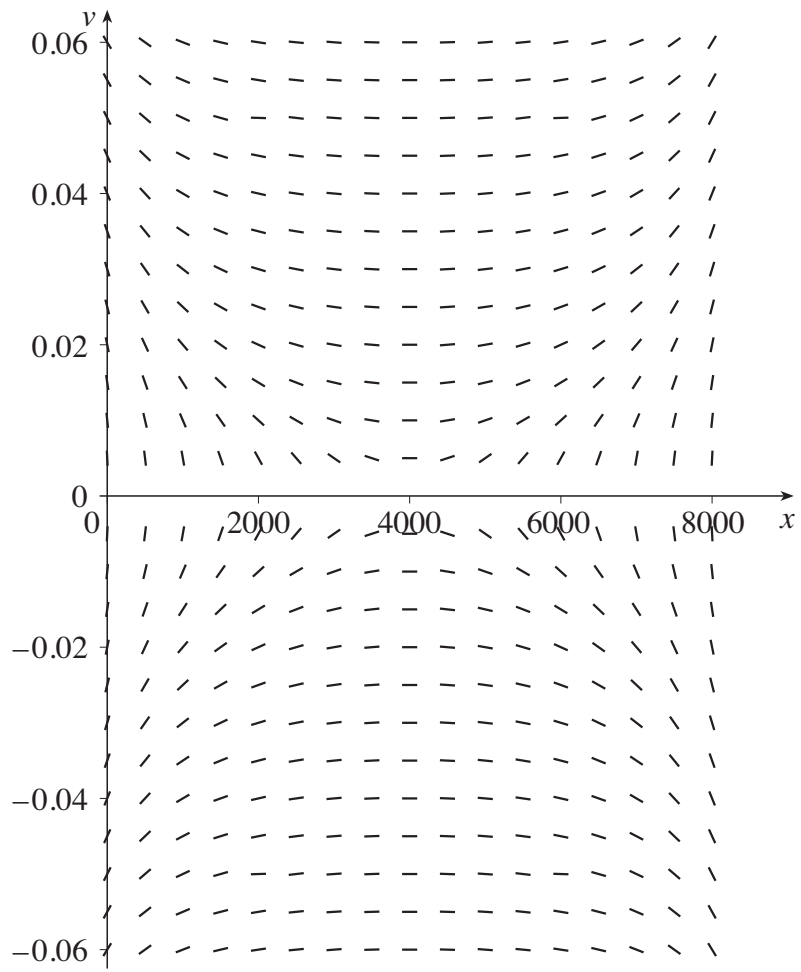
**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- This **insert** should be used in Question **3**.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided at the top of this page and attach it to your answer booklet.

---

**This insert consists of 2 printed pages.**

Insert for use with Question 3



**Mark Scheme 4758**  
**June 2006**

1(i)	$\lambda = 0$ $x = A \cos \sqrt{5}t + B \sin \sqrt{5}t$	B1 M1 A1	$\cos \sqrt{5}t$ or $\sin \sqrt{5}t$ or $A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t$ seen or GS for their $\lambda$	3
(ii)	$(2\lambda)^2 - 4 \cdot 5 < 0$ $0 < \lambda < \sqrt{5}$	M1 A1 A1	Use of discriminant Correct inequality Accept lower limit omitted or $-\sqrt{5}$	3
(iii)	$\alpha^2 + 2\alpha + 5 = 0$ $\alpha = -1 \pm 2j$ $x = e^{-t} (C \cos 2t + D \sin 2t)$	M1 A1 F1	Auxiliary equation CF for their roots	3
(iv)	$x_0 = C$ $\dot{x} = -e^{-t} (C \cos 2t + D \sin 2t) + e^{-t} (-2C \sin 2t + 2D \cos 2t)$ $0 = -C + 2D$ $D = \frac{1}{2}x_0$ $x = x_0 e^{-t} \left( \cos 2t + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t \right)$	M1 M1 M1 A1	Condition on $x$ Differentiate (product rule) Condition on $\dot{x}$ cao	4
(v)	$\cos 2t + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t = 0$ $\tan 2t = -2$ $t = 1.017$	M1 M1 A1	cao	3
(vi)	$\alpha^2 + 6\alpha + 5$ $\alpha = -1, -5$ $x = E e^{-t} + F e^{-5t}$ $x_0 = E + F$ $\dot{x} = -E e^{-t} - 5F e^{-5t}$ $0 = -E - 5F$ $E = \frac{5}{4}x_0, F = -\frac{1}{4}x_0$ $x = \frac{1}{4}x_0 (5e^{-t} - e^{-5t})$ $x = \frac{1}{4}x_0 e^{-t} (5 - e^{-4t})$ $t > 0 \Rightarrow 5 > e^{-4t}, x_0 > 0, e^{-t} > 0 \Rightarrow x > 0$ i.e. never zero	M1 A1 F1 M1 M1 A1 M1 E1	Auxiliary equation CF for their roots Condition on $x$ Condition on $\dot{x}$ cao Attempt complete method Fully justified (only $\neq 0$ required)	8

2(i)	$\lambda + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = -2$	M1	
	CF $x = Ae^{-2t}$	A1	
	PI $x = at + b$	B1	
	$a + 2(at + b) = t + 1$	M1	Differentiate and substitute
	$2a = 1, a + 2b = 1$	M1	Compare
	$a = \frac{1}{2}, b = \frac{1}{4}$	A1	
	$x = \frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{4} + Ae^{-2t}$	F1	CF + PI
	$t = 0, x = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = \frac{1}{4} + A$	M1	Condition on x
	$x = \frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}e^{-2t}$	F1	Follow a non-trivial GS
	Alternatively:		
	$I = \exp\left(\int 2 dt\right) = e^{2t}$	M1	
	$e^{2t} \frac{dx}{dt} + 2e^{2t} x = e^{2t} (t + 1)$	A1	Integrating factor
	$e^{2t} x = \int e^{2t} (t + 1) dt$	B1	Multiply DE by their I
	$= \frac{1}{2} e^{2t} (t + 1) - \int \frac{1}{2} e^{2t} dt$	M1	Attempt integral
	$e^{2t} x = \frac{1}{2} e^{2t} (t + 1) - \frac{1}{4} e^{2t} + A$	M1	Integration by parts
	$x = \frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{4} + Ae^{-2t}$	A1	
	$t = 0, x = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = \frac{1}{4} + A$	F1	Divide by their I (must also divide constant)
	$x = \frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}e^{-2t}$	M1	Condition on x
		F1	Follow a non-trivial GS
			9
(ii)	$\frac{2}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$	M1	Separate
	$\int \frac{2}{y} dy = \int \frac{1}{x} dx$	M1	Integrate
	$2 \ln y = \ln x + c$		
	$y = B\sqrt{x}$	M1	Make y subject, dealing properly with constant
	$(t = 0), x = 1, y = 4 \Rightarrow y = 4\sqrt{x}$	M1	Condition
	$y = 4\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}e^{-2t}}$	F1	$y = 4\sqrt{(\text{their } x \text{ in terms of } t)}$
			5
(iii)	$\frac{dz}{dx} + \frac{2}{x}z = 6$	M1	Divide DE by x
	$I = \exp\left(\int \frac{2}{x} dx\right)$	M1	Attempt integrating factor
	$= x^2$	A1	Simplified
	$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 z) = 6x^2$	F1	Follow their integrating factor
	$x^2 z = 2x^3 + C$	A1	
	$z = 2x + Cx^{-2}$	F1	Divide by their I (must also divide constant)
	$(t = 0), x = 1, z = 3 \Rightarrow C = 1$	M1	Condition on z
	$z = 2x + x^{-2}$	A1	cao (in terms of x)
	$t = 1 \Rightarrow x = 0.852$		
	$y = 3.69$	B1	Any 2 values (at least 3sf)
	$z = 3.08$	B1	All 3 correct (and 3sf)



3(i)  $\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{v} f(x)$  so (unless  $f(x) = 0$ ),  $v \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} \rightarrow \pm\infty$

i.e. gradient parallel to  $v$ -axis (vertical)

$x = 4000 \Rightarrow v \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{5000^2} - \frac{1}{5000^2} = 0$

so if  $v \neq 0$  then gradient parallel to  $x$ -axis (horizontal)

Consider  $\frac{dv}{dx}$  or  $\frac{dx}{dv}$  when  $v = 0$ , but not if

M1

$\frac{dv}{dx} = 0$

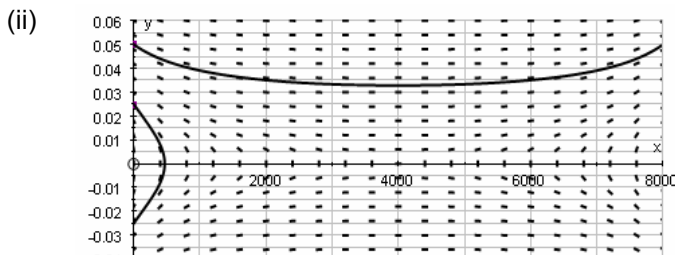
E1 Must conclude about direction

M1 Consider  $\frac{dv}{dx}$  when  $x = 4000$

E1 Must conclude about direction

M1 Add to tangent field

A1 Several vertical direction indicators on  $x$ -axis



$V_0 = 0.05 \Rightarrow$  probe reaches B

$V_0 = 0.025 \Rightarrow$  probe returns to A

M1 Attempt one curve

A1

M1 Attempt second curve

A1

B1 Must be consistent with their curve

B1 Must be consistent with their curve

N.B. Cannot score these if curve not drawn

(iii)  $\int v \, dv = \int ((9000 - x)^{-2} - (1000 + x)^{-2}) \, dx$

$\frac{1}{2} v^2 = \frac{1}{9000 - x} + \frac{1}{1000 + x} + c$

$\frac{1}{2} V_0^2 = \frac{1}{9000} + \frac{1}{1000} + c$

$v^2 = \frac{2}{9000 - x} + \frac{2}{1000 + x} + V_0^2 - \frac{1}{450}$

M1 Separate

M1 Integrate

B1 LHS

A1 RHS

M1 Condition

A1

(iv) minimum when  $x = 4000$

$v_{\min}^2 = \frac{2}{5000} + \frac{2}{5000} + V_0^2 - \frac{1}{450}$

need  $v_{\min}^2 > 0$

$v_{\min}^2 > 0$  if  $V_0^2 > \frac{1}{450} - \frac{4}{5000}$

$V_0 > 0.0377$

B1 Clearly stated

M1 Substitute their  $x$  into  $v$  or  $v^2$

F1 Their  $v^2$  or  $v$  when  $x = 4000$

M1 For  $v_{\min}^2 > 0$

M1 Attempt inequality for  $V_0^2$

A1 cao

6

6

6

6

4(i)  $\ddot{x} = 2\dot{x} - y$   
 $= 2\dot{x} - (5x - 4y + 18)$   
 $y = 2x + 3 - \dot{x}$   
 $\ddot{x} = 2\dot{x} - 5x + 4(2x + 3 - \dot{x}) - 18$   
 $\ddot{x} + 2\dot{x} - 3x = -6$

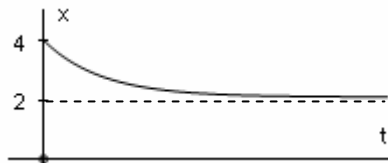
M1 Differentiate first equation  
 M1 Substitute for  $\dot{y}$   
 M1  $y$  in terms of  $x, \dot{x}$   
 M1 Substitute for  $y$   
 E1 LHS  
 E1 RHS

(ii)  $\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 3 = 0$   
 $\lambda = 1$  or  $-3$   
 CF  $x = Ae^{-3t} + Be^t$   
 PI  $x = a$   
 $-3a = -6 \Rightarrow a = 2$   
 $x = 2 + Ae^{-3t} + Be^t$   
 $y = 2x + 3 - \dot{x}$   
 $= 4 + 2Ae^{-3t} + 2Be^t + 3 - (-3Ae^{-3t} + Be^t)$   
 $y = 7 + 5Ae^{-3t} + Be^t$

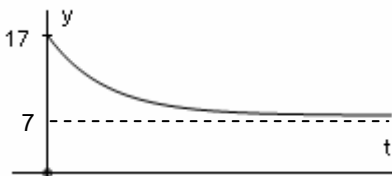
M1 Auxiliary equation  
 A1  
 F1 CF for their roots  
 B1 Constant PI  
 B1 PI correct  
 F1 Their CF + PI  
 M1  $y$  in terms of  $x, \dot{x}$   
 M1 Differentiate  $x$  and substitute  
 A1 Constants must correspond with those in  $x$

(iii)  $4 = 2 + A + B$   
 $17 = 7 + 5A + B$   
 $A = 2, B = 0$   
 $x = 2 + 2e^{-3t}$   
 $y = 7 + 10e^{-3t}$

M1 Condition on  $x$   
 M1 Condition on  $y$   
 M1 Solve  
 F1 Follow their GS  
 F1 Follow their GS



B1 Sketch of  $x$  starts at 4 and decreases  
 B1 Asymptote  $x = 2$



B1 Sketch of  $y$  starts at 17 and decreases  
 B1 Asymptote  $y = 7$

6

9

9