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Question	Scheme	Marks
1	$\int y \, dy = \int \frac{3}{\cos^2 x} \, dx$ Can be implied. Ignore integral signs	B1
	$= \int 3 \sec^2 x \, dx$	
	$\frac{1}{2} y^2 = 3 \tan x \quad (+C)$	M1 A1
	$y = 2, x = \frac{\pi}{4}$	
	$\frac{1}{2} 2^2 = 3 \tan \frac{\pi}{4} + C$	M1
	Leading to	
	$C = -1$	
	$\frac{1}{2} y^2 = 3 \tan x - 1$ or equivalent	A1
		(5 marks)

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2(i)	$\int x e^{4x} dx = \frac{1}{4} x e^{4x} - \int \frac{1}{4} e^{4x} \{dx\}$	$\pm \alpha x e^{4x} - \int \beta e^{4x} \{dx\}, \alpha \neq 0, \beta > 0$	M1
		$\frac{1}{4} x e^{4x} - \int \frac{1}{4} e^{4x} \{dx\}$	A1
	$= \frac{1}{4} x e^{4x} - \frac{1}{16} e^{4x} \{+ c\}$	$\frac{1}{4} x e^{4x} - \frac{1}{16} e^{4x}$	A1
			(3)
2(ii)	$\int \frac{8}{(2x-1)^3} dx = \frac{8(2x-1)^{-2}}{(2)(-2)} \{+ c\}$	$\pm \lambda (2x-1)^{-2}$	M1
		$\frac{8(2x-1)^{-2}}{(2)(-2)}$ or equivalent.	A1
	$\{-2(2x-1)^{-2} \{+ c\}\}$	<i>{Ignore subsequent working}.</i>	
			(2)
2(iii)	$\frac{dy}{dx} = e^x \operatorname{cosec} 2y \operatorname{cosec} y \quad y = \frac{\pi}{6} \text{ at } x = 0$		
	$\int \frac{1}{\operatorname{cosec} 2y \operatorname{cosec} y} dy = \int e^x dx \quad \text{or} \quad \int \sin 2y \sin y dy = \int e^x dx$		B1 oe
	$\int 2 \sin y \cos y \sin y dy = \int e^x dx$	Applying $\frac{1}{\operatorname{cosec} 2y}$ or $\sin 2y \rightarrow 2 \sin y \cos y$	M1
	$\frac{2}{3} \sin^3 y = e^x \{+ c\}$	Integrates to give $\pm \mu \sin^3 y$	M1
		$2 \sin^2 y \cos y \rightarrow \frac{2}{3} \sin^3 y$	A1
		$e^x \rightarrow e^x$	B1
	$\frac{2}{3} \sin^3 \left(\frac{\pi}{6} \right) = e^0 + c \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{1}{8} \right) - 1 = c$	Use of $y = \frac{\pi}{6}$ and $x = 0$ in an integrated equation containing c	M1
	$\left\{ \Rightarrow c = -\frac{11}{12} \right\}$ giving $\frac{2}{3} \sin^3 y = e^x - \frac{11}{12}$	$\frac{2}{3} \sin^3 y = e^x - \frac{11}{12}$	A1
			(7)
			(12 marks)

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3(a)	$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \int -\frac{5}{2} dt$	B1
	$\ln x = -\frac{5}{2}t + c$	M1 A1
	$\{t = 0, x = 60 \Rightarrow\} \ln 60 = c$ $\ln x = -\frac{5}{2}t + \ln 60 \Rightarrow \underline{x = 60e^{-\frac{5}{2}t}} \text{ or } \underline{x = \frac{60}{e^{\frac{5}{2}t}}}$	A1 cso
		(4)
3(b)	$20 = 60e^{-\frac{5}{2}t} \text{ or } \ln 20 = -\frac{5}{2}t + \ln 60$	M1
	$t = -\frac{2}{5} \ln\left(\frac{20}{60}\right) \quad \{= 0.4394449... \text{ (days)}\}$	dM1
	$\Rightarrow t = 632.8006... = 633 \text{ (to the nearest minute)}$	A1 cso
		(3)
		(7 marks)
4(a)	$\frac{dh}{dt} = k\sqrt{(h-9)}, \quad 9 < h \leq 200; \quad h = 130, \quad \frac{dh}{dt} = -1.1$	
	$-1.1 = k\sqrt{(130-9)} \Rightarrow k = ...$	M1
	so, $k = -\frac{1}{10} \text{ or } -0.1$	A1
		(2)
4(b)	$\int \frac{dh}{\sqrt{(h-9)}} = \int k dt$	B1
	$\int (h-9)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dh = \int k dt$	
	$\frac{(h-9)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(\frac{1}{2})} = kt (+c)$	M1
	$\{t = 0, h = 200 \Rightarrow\} 2\sqrt{(200-9)} = k(0) + c$	A1
	$\Rightarrow c = 2\sqrt{191} \Rightarrow 2(h-9)^{\frac{1}{2}} = -0.1t + 2\sqrt{191}$ $\{h = 50 \Rightarrow\} 2\sqrt{(50-9)} = -0.1t + 2\sqrt{191}$ $t = ...$	M1
	$t = 20\sqrt{191} - 20\sqrt{41}$ or $t = 148.3430145... = 148 \text{ (minutes) (nearest minute)}$	dM1
		A1 cso
		(6)
		(8 marks)

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5(a)	$\frac{2}{P(P-2)} = \frac{A}{P} + \frac{B}{(P-2)}$	
	$2 \equiv A(P-2) + BP$	M1
	$A = -1, B = 1$	A1
	giving $\frac{1}{(P-2)} - \frac{1}{P}$	A1
		(3)
5(b)	$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}P(P-2)\cos 2t$	
	$\int \frac{2}{P(P-2)} dP = \int \cos 2t dt$	B1 oe
	$\ln(P-2) - \ln P = \frac{1}{2}\sin 2t (+c)$	M1
		A1
	$\{t=0, P=3 \Rightarrow\} \ln 1 - \ln 3 = 0 + c \quad \left\{ \Rightarrow c = -\ln 3 \text{ or } \ln\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \right\}$	M1
	$\ln(P-2) - \ln P = \frac{1}{2}\sin 2t - \ln 3$	
	$\ln\left(\frac{3(P-2)}{P}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\sin 2t$	
	$\frac{3(P-2)}{P} = e^{\frac{1}{2}\sin 2t}$	M1
	$3(P-2) = Pe^{\frac{1}{2}\sin 2t} \Rightarrow 3P - 6 = Pe^{\frac{1}{2}\sin 2t}$ gives $3P - Pe^{\frac{1}{2}\sin 2t} = 6 \Rightarrow P(3 - e^{\frac{1}{2}\sin 2t}) = 6$	dM1
	$P = \frac{6}{(3 - e^{\frac{1}{2}\sin 2t})} *$	A1 * cso
		(7)
5(c)	$\{\text{population} = 4000 \Rightarrow\} P = 4$	M1
	$\frac{1}{2}\sin 2t = \ln\left(\frac{3(4-2)}{4}\right) \left\{ = \ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \right\}$	M1
	$t = 0.4728700467...$	A1
		(3)
		(13 marks)

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6(a)	$\frac{dN}{dt} = \frac{(kt-1)(5000-N)}{t}, \quad t > 0, \quad 0 < N < 5000$	
	$\int \frac{1}{5000-N} dN = \int \frac{(kt-1)}{t} dt \quad \left\{ \text{or} = \int \left(k - \frac{1}{t} \right) dt \right\}$	B1
	$-\ln(5000-N) = kt - \ln t; + c$	M1 A1 A1
	<i>then eg either...</i>	<i>or...</i>
	$-kt + c = \ln(5000-N) - \ln t$	$kt + c = \ln t - \ln(5000-N)$
	$-kt + c = \ln\left(\frac{5000-N}{t}\right)$	$kt + c = \ln\left(\frac{t}{5000-N}\right)$
	$e^{-kt+c} = \frac{5000-N}{t}$	$e^{kt+c} = \frac{t}{5000-N}$
	leading to $N = 5000 - Ate^{-kt}$ with no incorrect working/statements.	A1 * cso
		(5)
6(b)	$\{t=1, N=1200 \Rightarrow\} \quad 1200 = 5000 - Ae^{-k}$ $\{t=2, N=1800 \Rightarrow\} \quad 1800 = 5000 - 2Ae^{-2k}$	B1
	So $Ae^{-k} = 3800$ and $2Ae^{-2k} = 3200$ or $Ae^{-2k} = 1600$	
	Eg. $\frac{e^{-k}}{2e^{-2k}} = \frac{3800}{3200}$ or $\frac{2e^{-2k}}{e^{-k}} = \frac{3200}{3800}$	M1
	So $\frac{1}{2}e^k = \frac{3800}{3200}$ or $2e^{-k} = \frac{3200}{3800}$	
	$k = \ln\left(\frac{7600}{3200}\right)$ or equivalent $\left\{ \text{eg } k = \ln\left(\frac{19}{8}\right) \right\}$	A1
	$\left\{ A = 3800(e^k) = 3800\left(\frac{19}{8}\right) \Rightarrow \right\} A = 9025$	A1
		(4)
6(c)	$\left\{ t = 5, N = 5000 - 9025(5)e^{-5\ln\left(\frac{19}{8}\right)} \right\}$	
	$N = 4402.828401... = 4400$ (fish) (nearest 100)	B1
		(1)
		(10 marks)

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7(a)	$\int (4y+3)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx = \frac{(4y+3)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(4)(\frac{1}{2})} (+C)$	M1 A1
		(2)
	$\left(= \frac{1}{2}(4y+3)^{\frac{1}{2}} + C \right)$	
7(b)	$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{4y+3}} dy = \int \frac{1}{x^2} dx$	B1
	$\int (4y+3)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dy = \int x^{-2} dx$	
	$\frac{1}{2}(4y+3)^{\frac{1}{2}} = -\frac{1}{x} (+C)$	M1
	Using $(-2, 1.5)$ $\frac{1}{2}(4 \times 1.5 + 3)^{\frac{1}{2}} = -\frac{1}{-2} + C$	M1
	leading to $C = 1$	A1
	$\frac{1}{2}(4y+3)^{\frac{1}{2}} = -\frac{1}{x} + 1$	
	$(4y+3)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2 - \frac{2}{x}$	M1
	$y = \frac{1}{4} \left(2 - \frac{2}{x} \right)^2 - \frac{3}{4}$ or equivalent	A1
		(6)
		(8 marks)

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8(a)	$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \lambda(120 - \theta), \quad \theta_{\infty} = 100$		
	$\int \frac{1}{120 - \theta} d\theta = \int \lambda dt \quad \text{or} \quad \int \frac{1}{\lambda(120 - \theta)} d\theta = \int dt$		B1
	$-\ln(120 - \theta); = \lambda t + c \quad \text{or} \quad -\frac{1}{\lambda} \ln(120 - \theta); = t + c$		M1 A1 M1 A1
	$\{t = 0, \theta = 20 \Rightarrow\} -\ln(120 - 20) = \lambda(0) + c$		M1
	$c = -\ln 100 \Rightarrow -\ln(120 - \theta) = \lambda t - \ln 100$		
	<i>then either...</i>	<i>or...</i>	
	$-\lambda t = \ln(120 - \theta) - \ln 100$	$\lambda t = \ln 100 - \ln(120 - \theta)$	
	$-\lambda t = \ln\left(\frac{120 - \theta}{100}\right)$	$\lambda t = \ln\left(\frac{100}{120 - \theta}\right)$	
	$e^{-\lambda t} = \frac{120 - \theta}{100}$	$e^{\lambda t} = \frac{100}{120 - \theta}$	dddM1
	$100e^{-\lambda t} = 120 - \theta$	$(120 - \theta)e^{\lambda t} = 100$ $\Rightarrow 120 - \theta = 100e^{-\lambda t}$	A1 *
	leading to $\theta = 120 - 100e^{-\lambda t}$		
			(8)
8(b)	$\{\lambda = 0.01, \theta = 100 \Rightarrow\} \quad 100 = 120 - 100e^{-0.01t}$		M1
	$\Rightarrow$ $100e^{-0.01t} = 120 - 100 \Rightarrow -0.01t = \ln\left(\frac{120 - 100}{100}\right)$ $t = \frac{1}{-0.01} \ln\left(\frac{120 - 100}{100}\right)$	Uses correct order of operations by moving from $100 = 120 - 100e^{-0.01t}$ to give $t = \dots$ and $t = A \ln B$, where $B > 0$	dM1
	$\left\{t = \frac{1}{-0.01} \ln\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) = 100 \ln 5\right\}$		
	$t = 160.94379\dots = 161 \text{ (s) (nearest second)}$	awrt 161	A1
			(3)
			(11 marks)

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Question	Scheme		Marks
9(a)	$\left\{ \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{(3-\theta)}{125} \right\} \Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{3-\theta} d\theta = \int \frac{1}{125} dt \quad \text{or} \quad \int \frac{125}{3-\theta} d\theta = \int dt$		B1
	$-\ln(\theta - 3) = \frac{1}{125}t \quad \{+ \ c\} \quad \text{or}$ $-\ln(3 - \theta) = \frac{1}{125}t \quad \{+ \ c\}$	<i>See notes.</i> <i>Correct</i> completion to $\theta = Ae^{-0.008t} + 3$.	M1 A1
	$\ln(\theta - 3) = -\frac{1}{125}t + c$		
	$\theta - 3 = e^{-\frac{1}{125}t + c} \quad \text{or} \quad e^{-\frac{1}{125}t} e^c$		A1
	$\theta = Ae^{-0.008t} + 3 \quad *$		
			(4)
9(b)	$\{t = 0 \text{ , } \theta = 16 \Rightarrow\}$ $16 = Ae^{-0.008(0)} + 3 \text{ ; } \Rightarrow \underline{A = 13}$	<i>See notes.</i> <i>Correct algebra to $-0.008t = \ln k$, where k is a positive value.</i>	
	$10 = 13e^{-0.008t} + 3$	Substitutes $\theta = 10$ into an equation of the form $\theta = Ae^{-0.008t} + 3$, or equivalent.	
	$e^{-0.008t} = \frac{7}{13} \quad \Rightarrow \quad -0.008t = \ln\left(\frac{7}{13}\right)$		
	$\left\{ t = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{7}{13}\right)}{(-0.008)} \right\} = 77.3799... = 77 \text{ (nearest minute)}$	awrt 77	
			(5)
			(9 marks)

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	Source paper	Question number	New spec references	Question description	New AOs
1	C4 2012	4	8.7	First order differential equations	1.1b, 2.1
2	C4 June 2014	6	8.2, 8.5, 8.7, 5.6	Integration, First order differential equations	1.1b, 2.1, 3.1a
3	C4 2016	4	8.8, 6.3, 6.5	First order differential equations	1.1b, 2.1, 3.1a, 3.4
4	C4 2017	7	8.7	First order differential equations	1.1b, 2.1, 3.1a
5	C4 2015	7	2.10, 8.7, 8.8,	First order differential equations	1.1b, 2.1, 3.1a, 3.2a, 3.4
6	C4 June 2014R	7	8.7, 8.8, 6.3	Differential equations	1.1b, 3.1a, 3.2a, 3.4
7	C4 2011	8	8.7	First order differential equations	1.1b, 2.1
8	C4 2013	6	8.7, 8.8	Solution of a differential equation	1.1b, 2.1, 3.1a, 3.4
9	C4 Jan 2013	8	8.7, 8.8, 6.3	First order differential equations	1.1b, 2.1, 3.1a, 3.2a, 3.4