

AS and A level Further Mathematics Practice Paper – Complex numbers (part 1) – Mark scheme

Question	Scheme	Marks
1	$(x - 5)$ is a factor of $f(x)$ so $f(x) = (x - 5)(9x^2 \dots)$ $f(x) = (x - 5)(9x^2 + 12x + 5)$ Solve $(9x^2 + 12x + 5) = 0$ to give $x =$ $(x =) -\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3}i, -\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3}i$ or $-\frac{2}{3} \pm \frac{1}{3}i$ or $\frac{-2 \pm i}{3}$ oe (and 5)	M1 A1 M1 A1cao A1ft (5 marks)
2(a)	$f(x) = 2x^3 - 6x^2 - 7x - 4$ $f(4) = \underline{128 - 96 - 28 - 4 = 0}$	B1 (1)
2(b)	$f(4) = 0 \Rightarrow (x - 4)$ is a factor. $f(x) = (x - 4)(2x^2 + 2x + 1)$ So, $x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(2)(1)}}{2(2)}$ $(2)\left(x^2 + x + \frac{1}{2}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow (2)\left(\left(x \pm \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \pm k \pm \frac{1}{2}\right) k \neq 0 \Rightarrow x =$ $\Rightarrow x = 4, \frac{-2 \pm 2i}{4}$	M1 A1 M1 A1 (4)
		(5 marks)
3	$f(z) = 2z^3 - 3z^2 + 8z + 5$ $1 - 2i$ (is also a root) $(z - (1 + 2i))(z - (1 - 2i)) = z^2 - 2z + 5$ $f(z) = (z^2 - 2z + 5)(2z + 1)$ $(z_3) = -\frac{1}{2}$	B1 M1A1 M1 A1
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4(a)	$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{p+2i}{1-2i} \cdot \frac{1+2i}{1+2i}$ $= \frac{p+2pi+2i-4}{5}$ $= \frac{p-4}{5}, \quad + \frac{2p+2}{5}i$	M1 M1 A1A1 (4)
4(b)	$\left \frac{z_1}{z_2} \right ^2 = \left(\frac{p-4}{5} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{2p+2}{5} \right)^2,$ $\left(\frac{p-4}{5} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{2p+2}{5} \right)^2 = 13^2$ $\text{or } \sqrt{\left(\frac{p-4}{5} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{2p+2}{5} \right)^2} = 13$ $\frac{p^2-8p+16}{25} + \frac{4p^2+8p+4}{25} = 169 \text{ or } 13^2$ $5p^2+20=4225$ $p^2=841 \Rightarrow p=\pm 29$ OR $\frac{ z_1 }{ z_2 } = \frac{\sqrt{p^2+4}}{\sqrt{5}}$ $\frac{\sqrt{p^2+4}}{\sqrt{5}} = 13 \text{ oe}$ $\frac{p^2+4}{5} = 169 \text{ or } 13^2 \text{ oe}$ $p^2=841 \Rightarrow p=\pm 29$	M1 dM1 dM1A1 M1 dM1 dM1A1 (4)
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5(a)	$z = 8 + 3i, \quad w = -2i$ $z - w = \{ (8 + 3i) - (-2i) \} = 8 + 5i$	B1 (1)
5(b)	$zw = \{ (8 + 3i)(-2i) \} = 6 - 16i$	M1 A1 (2)
		(3 marks)
6(a)	$\arg z_1 = -\arctan(1)$ $= -\frac{\pi}{4}$ Correct answer only 2/2	$-\arctan(1)$ or $\arctan(1)$ or $\arctan(-1)$ or -45 or awrt -0.785 (oe e.g. $\frac{7\pi}{4}$) M1 A1 (2)
6(b)	$z_1 z_2 = (1 - i)(3 + 4i) = 3 - 3i + 4i - 4i^2$ $= 7 + i$	At least 3 correct terms (Unsimplified) M1 A1 cao (2)
6(c)	$\frac{z_2}{z_1} = \frac{(3 + 4i)}{(1 - i)} = \frac{(3 + 4i) \cdot (1 + i)}{(1 - i) \cdot (1 + i)}$ $= \frac{(3 + 4i) \cdot (1 + i)}{2}$ $= -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{7}{2}i$ Correct answers only in (b) and (c) scores no marks	Multiply top and bottom by $(1 + i)$ $(1 + i)(1 - i) = 2$ or $\frac{-1 + 7i}{2}$ M1 A1 A1 (3)
		(7 marks)

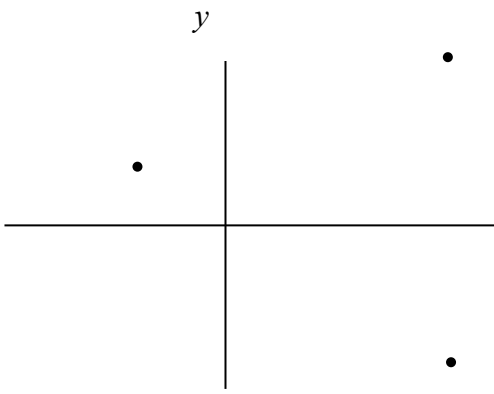
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7(a)	$z = 5 - 3i, w = 2 + 2i$ $z^2 = (5 - 3i)(5 - 3i)$ $= 25 - 15i - 15i + 9i^2$ $= 25 - 15i - 15i - 9$ $= 16 - 30i$	An attempt to multiply out the brackets to give four terms (or four terms implied). zw is M0 $16 - 30i$ Answer only 2/2	M1 A1 (2)
7(b)	$\frac{z}{w} = \frac{(5 - 3i)}{(2 + 2i)}$ $= \frac{(5 - 3i)}{(2 + 2i)} \times \frac{(2 - 2i)}{(2 - 2i)}$ $= \frac{10 - 10i - 6i - 6}{4 + 4}$ $= \frac{4 - 16i}{8}$ $= \frac{1}{2} - 2i$	Multiplies $\frac{z}{w}$ by $\frac{(2 - 2i)}{(2 - 2i)}$ Simplifies realising that a real number is needed on the denominator and applies $i^2 = -1$ on their numerator expression and denominator expression. $\frac{1}{2} - 2i$ or $a = \frac{1}{2}$ and $b = -2$ or equivalent Answer as a single fraction A0	M1 M1 A1 (3)
			(5 marks)

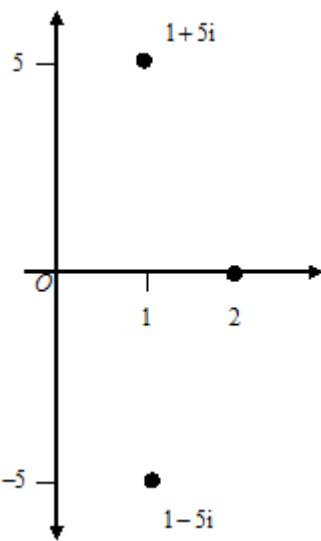
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8(a)	$ z_1 = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{5} = 2.236\dots$	$\sqrt{5}$ or awrt 2.24	B1 (1)
8(b)	$\arg z = \pi - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ $= 2.677945045\dots = 2.68$ (2 dp) $\arg z = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{-2}\right) = -0.46$ on its own is M0 but $\pi + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{-2}\right) = 2.68$ scores M1A1 $\pi - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ is M0 as is $\pi - \tan\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ (2.60)	$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ or $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{1}\right)$ or $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right)$ or $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right)$ or $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right)$ or $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right)$ awrt 2.68	M1 A1 oe (2)
8(c)	$z^2 - 10z + 28 = 0$ $z = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{100 - 4(1)(28)}}{2(1)}$ $= \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{100 - 112}}{2}$ $= \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{-12}}{2}$ $= \frac{10 \pm 2\sqrt{3}i}{2}$ So, $z = 5 \pm \sqrt{3}i$. $\{p = 5, q = 3\}$	An attempt to use the quadratic formula (usual rules) Attempt to simplify their $\sqrt{-12}$ in terms of i, e.g. $i\sqrt{12}$ or $i\sqrt{3 \times 4}$ $5 \pm \sqrt{3}i$	M1 M1 A1 oe (3)

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8(d)		Note that the points are $(-2, 1)$, $(5, \sqrt{3})$ and $(5, -\sqrt{3})$. The point $(-2, 1)$ plotted correctly on the Argand diagram with/without label. The distinct points z_2 and z_3 plotted correctly and symmetrically about the x-axis on the Argand diagram with/without label.	B1 B1 (2)
			(8 marks)
9(a)	$\frac{50}{3+4i} = \frac{50(3-4i)}{(3+4i)(3-4i)} = \frac{50(3-4i)}{25} = 6-8i$		M1 A1cao (2)
9(b)	$z^2 = (6-8i)^2 = 36 - 64 - 96i = -28 - 96i$		M1 A1 (2)
9(c)	$ z = \sqrt{6^2 + (-8)^2} = 10$		M1 A1ft (2)
9(d)	$\tan \alpha = \frac{-96}{-28}$ so $\alpha = -106.3^\circ$ or 253.7°		M1 A1 cao (2)
			(8 marks)

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10(a)	$x^3 + px^2 + 30x + q = 0$ $1 + 5i$	B1 (1)
10(b)	$((x - (1 + 5i))(x - (1 - 5i))) = x^2 - 2x + 26$ $((x - 2)(x - (1 \pm 5i))) = x^2 - (3 \pm 5i)x + 2(1 \pm 5i)$ $(x^2 - 2x + 26)(x - 2) = x^3 + px^2 + 30x + q$ $p = -4, \quad q = -52$ $f(1 + 5i) = 0 \text{ or } f(1 - 5i) = 0$ $q - 24p - 44 = 0 \text{ and } 10p + 40 = 0$ $p = -4, \quad q = -52$	M1A1 M1 A1A1 M1 A1 M1 A1A1 (5)
10(c)		B1 B1 (2)
		(8 marks)

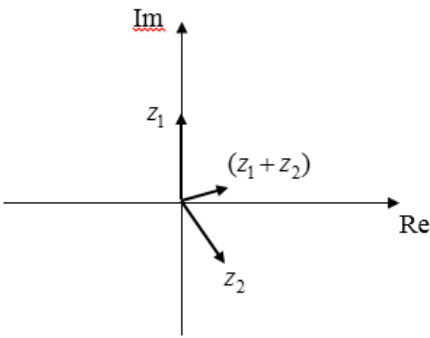
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11(a)	Ignore part labels and mark part (a) and part (b) together. $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - 9\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + k\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 13$ $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) - \left(\frac{9}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{k}{2}\right) - 13 = 0 \Rightarrow k = \dots\dots$ $k = 30$ Alternative using long division: $2x^3 - 9x^2 + kx - 13 \div (2x - 1)$ $= x^2 - 4x + \frac{1}{2}k - 2 \text{ (Quotient)}$ Remainder $\frac{1}{2}k - 15$ $\frac{1}{2}k - 15 = 0$ $k = 30$ Alternative by inspection: $(2x - 1)(x^2 - 4x + 13) = 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 30x - 13$ $k = 30$	M1 dM1 A1 cao M1 dM1 A1 M1dM1 A1 (3)
11(b)	$f(x) = (2x - 1)(x^2 - 4x + 13)$ or $\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)(2x^2 - 8x + 26)$ $x^2 - 4x + 13 \text{ or } 2x^2 - 8x + 26$ $x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{4^2 - 4 \times 13}}{2} \text{ or equivalent}$ $x = \frac{4 \pm 6i}{2} = 2 \pm 3i$	M1 A1 M1 A1 oe (4)
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12(a)	$w = \frac{p-4i}{2-3i} \quad \arg w = \frac{\pi}{4}$ $w = \frac{(p-4i)}{(2-3i)} \times \frac{(2+3i)}{(2+3i)}$ $= \left(\frac{2p+12}{13} \right) + \left(\frac{3p-8}{13} \right)i$	M1 A1 A1 (3)
12(b)	$\left\{ \arg w = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \right\} \quad 2p+12=3p-8 \text{ o.e. seen anywhere.}$ $\Rightarrow p=20$	M1 A1 (2)
12(c)	$z = (1-\lambda i)(4+3i) \text{ and } z =45$ $\sqrt{1+\lambda^2} \sqrt{4^2+3^2}$ $\sqrt{1+\lambda^2} \sqrt{4^2+3^2} = 45$ $\{ \lambda^2 = 9^2 - 1 \Rightarrow \} \quad \lambda = \pm 4\sqrt{5}$	M1 A1 A1 (3)
		(8 marks)

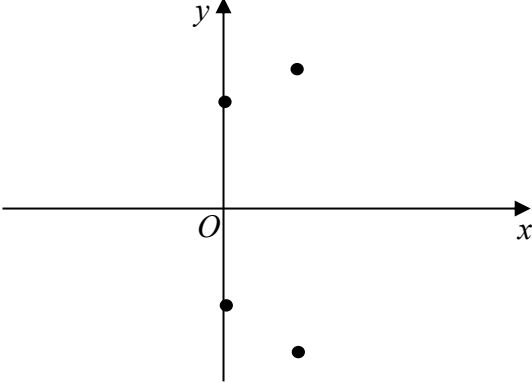
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13(a)	$z_2 = \frac{6(1-i\sqrt{3})}{(1+i\sqrt{3})(1-i\sqrt{3})} = \frac{6(1-i\sqrt{3})}{4}$ $z_2 = \frac{6(1-i\sqrt{3})}{4} \left(= \frac{3}{2} - i\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{3} \right)$	M1 A1 (2)
13(b)	$ z_2 = \sqrt{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{9}{4} + \frac{27}{4}}$ The modulus of z_2 is 3 $\tan \theta = (\pm)\sqrt{3}$ and attempts to find θ and the argument is $-\frac{\pi}{3}$	M1 A1 M1 A1 (4)
13(c)		M1 A1 (2)
		(8 marks)

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14(a)	$z = \frac{p+2i}{3+pi} \cdot \frac{3-pi}{3-pi}$ $= \frac{3p - p^2i + 6i + 2p}{9 + p^2}$ $= \frac{5p}{p^2+9}, \quad + \frac{6-p^2}{p^2+9}i$	M1 M1 A1A1 (4)
14(b)	$\arg(z) = \arctan \left(\frac{\frac{6-p^2}{p^2+9}}{\frac{5p}{p^2+9}} \right)$ $\frac{6-p^2}{5p} = 1$ $p^2 + 5p - 6 = 0$ $(p+6)(p-1) = 0 \Rightarrow x =$ $p = 1, p = -6$	M1 M1 A1 M1 A1 (5)
		(9 marks)

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15(a)	$f(x) = (4x^2 + 9)(x^2 - 2x + 5) = 0$ $(4x^2 + 9) = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{3i}{2}, -\frac{3i}{2}$ $(x^2 - 2x + 5) = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(1)(5)}}{2(1)}$ $\Rightarrow x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-16}}{2}$ $\Rightarrow x = 1 \pm 2i$	M1 A1 M1 A1 (4)
15(b)		B1ft B1ft (2)
		(6 marks)

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	Source paper	Question number	New spec references	Question description	New AOs
1	FP1 2015	1		Complex numbers	1.1b, 3.1a
2	FP1 2012	1		Complex numbers	1.1b, 3.1a
3	FP1 2014R	1		General complex numbers	1.1b, 3.1a
4	FP1 2014	1		General complex numbers	1.1b, 3.1a
5	FP1 2013R	1		Complex numbers	1.1b, 3.1a
6	FP1 Jan 2012	1		Complex numbers	1.1b, 3.1a
7	FP1 2011	1		Complex numbers	1.1b
8	FP1 2011	2		Complex numbers	1.1b
9	FP1 Jan 2013	2		Complex numbers	1.1b, 3.1a
10	FP1 2014	3		General complex numbers	1.1b, 3.1a
11	FP1 2013	3		Complex numbers	1.1b, 3.1a
12	FP1 2017	4		Complex numbers	1.1b, 3.1a
13	FP1 2015	4		Complex numbers	1.1b, 3.1a
14	FP1 2014R	4		General complex numbers	1.1b, 3.1a
15	FP1 2013R	4		Complex numbers	1.1b, 3.1a