Core 2 Differentiation Questions

1 Given that $y = 16x + x^{-1}$, find the two values of x for which $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$. *(5 marks)*

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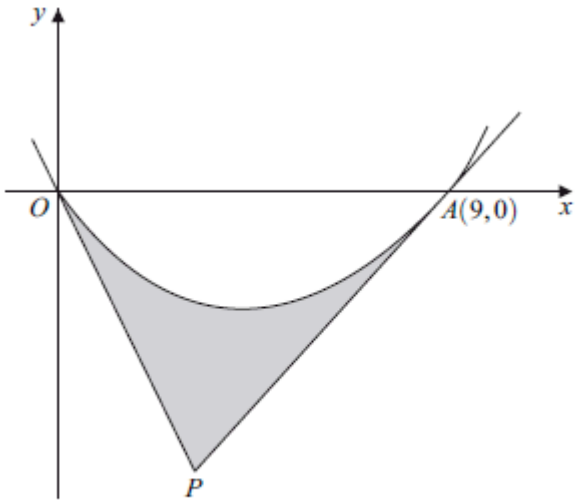
8 A curve, drawn from the origin O, crosses the x-axis at the point $A(9, 0)$. Tangents to the curve at O and A meet at the point P, as shown in the diagram.



The curve, defined for $x \geqslant 0$, has equation

$$y = x^{\frac{3}{2}} - 3x$$

(a) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$. *(2 marks)*

(b) (i) Find the value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at the point O and hence write down an equation of the tangent at O. *(2 marks)*

(ii) Show that the equation of the tangent at $A(9, 0)$ is $2y = 3x - 27$. *(3 marks)*

(iii) Hence find the coordinates of the point P where the two tangents meet. *(3 marks)*

(c) Find $\int \left(x^{\frac{3}{2}} - 3x\right) dx$. *(3 marks)*

(d) Calculate the area of the shaded region bounded by the curve and the tangents OP and AP. *(5 marks)*

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7 At the point (x, y), where $x > 0$, the gradient of a curve is given by

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{16}{x^2} - 7$$

(a) (i) Verify that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ when $x = 4$. *(1 mark)*

(ii) Write $\frac{16}{x^2}$ in the form $16x^k$, where k is an integer. *(1 mark)*

(iii) Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$. *(3 marks)*

(iv) Hence determine whether the point where $x = 4$ is a maximum or a minimum, giving a reason for your answer. *(2 marks)*

(b) The point $P(1, 8)$ lies on the curve.

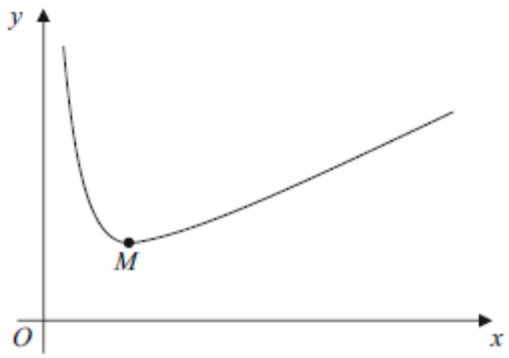
(i) Show that the gradient of the curve at the point P is 12. *(1 mark)*

(ii) Find an equation of the normal to the curve at P. *(3 marks)*

(c) (i) Find $\int (3x^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{16}{x^2} - 7)\,dx$. *(3 marks)*

(ii) Hence find the equation of the curve which passes through the point $P(1, 8)$. *(3 marks)*

6 A curve C is defined for $x > 0$ by the equation $y = x + 1 + \frac{4}{x^2}$ and is sketched below.



(a) (i) Given that $y = x + 1 + \frac{4}{x^2}$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$. *(3 marks)*

(ii) The curve C has a minimum point M. Find the coordinates of M. *(4 marks)*

(iii) Find an equation of the normal to C at the point $(1, 6)$. *(4 marks)*

(b) (i) Find $\int \left(x + 1 + \frac{4}{x^2} \right) dx$. *(3 marks)*

(ii) Hence find the area of the region bounded by the curve C, the lines $x = 1$ and $x = 4$ and the x-axis. *(2 marks)*

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5 A curve is defined for $x > 0$ by the equation

$$y = \left(1 + \frac{2}{x} \right)^2$$

The point P lies on the curve where $x = 2$.

(a) Find the y-coordinate of P. *(1 mark)*

(b) Expand $\left(1 + \frac{2}{x} \right)^2$. *(2 marks)*

(c) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$. *(3 marks)*

(d) Hence show that the gradient of the curve at P is -2. *(2 marks)*

(e) Find the equation of the normal to the curve at P, giving your answer in the form $x + by + c = 0$, where b and c are integers. *(4 marks)*
