



Topic: Worked Solutions & Mark Scheme
Optimisation, Tangents & Normals
Featuring Casio fx-CG50 Calculator Instructions

Marks are awarded for Method (M), Accuracy (A), and Reasoning (R). (M1) or (A1) indicates an implied mark.

Note on GDC usage: Solutions below explicitly use Casio fx-CG50 syntax.

1. [Paper 1 Style, Short Answer, Easy, 4 marks]

- (a) $f'(x) = 2x - 4$. (M1)
Gradient at $x = 3$: $f'(3) = 2(3) - 4 = 2$. A1
- (b) Find the y -coordinate at $x = 3$: $f(3) = 3^2 - 4(3) + 5 = 9 - 12 + 5 = 2$. Point is $(3, 2)$. (A1)
Use point-slope form: $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1) \implies y - 2 = 2(x - 3)$. (M1)
 $y = 2x - 6 + 2 \implies y = 2x - 4$. A1

2. [Paper 1 Style, Short Answer, Easy, 4 marks]

- (a) In MENU 5 (Graph), enter $Y1 = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x + 2$. Draw the graph. (M1)
Press SHIFT \rightarrow F5 (G-Solv) \rightarrow F2 (MAX).
The calculator displays $X = -1, Y = 7$. Coordinates: $(-1, 7)$. A1A1
- (b) Press SHIFT \rightarrow F5 (G-Solv) \rightarrow F3 (MIN).
The calculator displays $X = 3, Y = -25$. Coordinates: $(3, -25)$. A1A1

3. [Paper 1 Style, Short Answer, Easy, 4 marks]

- (a) In MENU 5 (Graph), enter $Y1 = 0.5x^3 - 2x + 1$ and DRAW. (M1)
Press SHIFT \rightarrow F4 (Sketch) \rightarrow F3 (Norm).
Type 2 to select $x = 2$, then press EXE. A1
- (b) The calculator automatically draws the normal and displays the equation on screen:
 $y = -0.25x + 1.5$. A1A1

4. [Paper 1 Style, Short Answer, Medium, 5 marks]

- (a) $P'(x) = 2(-2)x + 120 = -4x + 120$. A1A1
- (b) Set $P'(x) = 0$ to find the maximum. (M1)
 $-4x + 120 = 0 \implies 4x = 120 \implies x = 30$ items. A1
(Alternatively, use G-Solv \rightarrow MAX on the CG50).
- (c) Substitute $x = 30$ into $P(x)$:
 $P(30) = -2(30)^2 + 120(30) - 500 = -1800 + 3600 - 500 = \1300 . A1

5. [Paper 2 Style, Longer Question, Medium, 6 marks]

- (a) The three sides of fencing are the two widths (x) and the length (L).
 $2x + L = 100 \implies L = 100 - 2x$. (M1)
 Area = width \times length = $x(100 - 2x) = 100x - 2x^2$. A1 (AG)
- (b) In MENU 5 (Graph), enter $Y1 = 100x - 2x^2$. (M1)
 Adjust V-Window (e.g., X from 0 to 50, Y from 0 to 1500) and DRAW.
 Press SHIFT \rightarrow F5 (G-Solv) \rightarrow F2 (MAX). (M1)
 $x = 25$ m. A1
- (c) Read the y -value from the maximum point: $Y = 1250$.
 Maximum Area = 1250 m^2 . A1

6. [Paper 1 Style, Short Answer, Medium, 5 marks]

- (a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = -3x^2 + 12x - 5$. A1A1
- (b) Tangent is parallel to the x -axis implies $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$. (M1)
 $-3x^2 + 12x - 5 = 0$.
 In MENU A (Equation) \rightarrow F2 (Polynomial) \rightarrow F1 (Degree 2), enter a =
 -3 , b = 12 , c = -5 . (M1)
 $x = 3.5275 \dots \approx 3.53$ and $x = 0.4724 \dots \approx 0.472$. A1A1

7. [Paper 1 Style, Short Answer, Medium, 5 marks]

- (a) $y' = 4x - 5$. (M1)
 Gradient at $x = 1$: $y'(1) = 4(1) - 5 = -1$. A1
- (b) Normal gradient $m_n = -\frac{1}{m_t} = -\frac{1}{-1} = 1$. A1
- (c) y -coordinate at $x = 1$: $y = 2(1)^2 - 5(1) = -3$. Point $(1, -3)$. (M1)
 Equation: $y - (-3) = 1(x - 1) \implies y + 3 = x - 1$.
 Rearranging to $ax + by + d = 0 \implies x - y - 4 = 0$. A1

8. [Paper 2 Style, Longer Question, Medium, 6 marks]

- (a) Perimeter = $2x + 2L = 40 \implies 2L = 40 - 2x \implies L = 20 - x$. A1A1
- (b) Area = width \times length = $x(20 - x) = 20x - x^2$. A1 (AG)
- (c) $A'(x) = 20 - 2x$. A1
 Set $A'(x) = 0 \implies 20 - 2x = 0 \implies 2x = 20 \implies x = 10$ cm. (M1)
 If width is 10, length is $20 - 10 = 10$. The rectangle is a square. R1

9. [Paper 2 Style, Longer Question, Hard, 7 marks]

- (a) $V = \pi r^2 h \implies 1000\pi = \pi r^2 h$. (M1)
 $h = \frac{1000\pi}{\pi r^2} = \frac{1000}{r^2}$. A1
- (b) $SA = 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi r h$. (M1)
 Substitute h : $SA = 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi r \left(\frac{1000}{r^2}\right)$. (M1)
 $SA = 2\pi r^2 + \frac{2000\pi}{r}$. A1 (AG)
- (c) In MENU 5 (Graph), enter $Y1 = 2\pi x^2 + (2000\pi)/x$. (M1)
 Adjust V-Window (e.g. X: 0 to 20, Y: 0 to 2000) and DRAW.
 Press G-Solv \rightarrow MIN.
 $x = 7.9370\dots \implies \text{Radius } r \approx 7.94$ cm. A1

10. [Paper 2 Style, Longer Question, Hard, 7 marks]

- (a) Substitute (1, 2) into $f(x)$:
 $2 = p(1)^3 + q(1)^2 + 5(1) \implies p + q + 5 = 2 \implies p + q = -3$. A1A1
- (b) $f'(x) = 3px^2 + 2qx + 5$. A1
- (c) Minimum at $x = 1$ implies $f'(1) = 0$. (M1)
 $0 = 3p(1)^2 + 2q(1) + 5 \implies 3p + 2q = -5$. A1
- (d) System: $p + q = -3 \implies q = -3 - p$.
 Substitute into 2nd eq: $3p + 2(-3 - p) = -5 \implies 3p - 6 - 2p = -5 \implies p = 1$. (M1)
 $1 + q = -3 \implies q = -4$. A1
 (Alternatively, use *Simultaneous Equation solver* on CG50).

11. [Paper 1 Style, Short Answer, Hard, 5 marks]

- (a) From $y = -3x + 10$, the gradient $m = -3$. A1
- (b) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 8x + k$. A1A1
- (c) Gradient is -3 when $x = 2$:
 $3(2)^2 - 8(2) + k = -3$. (M1)
 $12 - 16 + k = -3 \implies -4 + k = -3 \implies k = 1$. A1

12. [Paper 2 Style, Longer Question, Hard, 7 marks]

- (a) Base dimensions are $(20 - 2x)$ by $(20 - 2x)$. Height is x . (M1)
 $V(x) = x(20 - 2x)(20 - 2x) = x(20 - 2x)^2$. A1A1
- (b) Lengths must be strictly positive: $x > 0$ and $20 - 2x > 0 \implies 2x < 20 \implies x < 10$.
Domain: $0 < x < 10$. A1A1
- (c) In MENU 5 (Graph), enter $Y1 = x(20 - 2x)^2$. DRAW. (M1)
Press G-Solv \rightarrow MAX.
 $x = 3.333 \dots \approx 3.33$ cm.
 $Y = 592.592 \dots \approx 593$ cm³. A1

13. [Paper 2 Style, Longer Question, Very Hard, 6 marks]

- (a) Distance formula: $D = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$. (M1)
 $D(x) = \sqrt{(x - 0)^2 + (x^2 - 2)^2} = \sqrt{x^2 + (x^2 - 2)^2}$. A1 (AG)
- (b) In MENU 5 (Graph), enter $Y1 = \sqrt{x^2 + (x^2 - 2)^2}$. DRAW. (M1)
Press G-Solv \rightarrow MIN.
The calculator displays $X = 1.2247 \dots$ and $Y = 1.3228 \dots$
Minimum distance ≈ 1.32 . A1A1
- (c) The points occur at $x = 1.22$ and $x = -1.22$ (due to symmetry). A1

14. [Paper 1 Style, Short Answer, Very Hard, 5 marks]

- (a) Go to MENU 5 (Graph), enter $Y1 = 200 + 50/x + x^2/100$. (M1)
Adjust V-Window (e.g. X: 0 to 30, Y: 150 to 300). DRAW to display the curve.
A1
- (b) Press G-Solv \rightarrow MIN. (M1)
 $X = 13.572 \dots \implies x \approx 13.6$ (hundred laptops). A1
- (c) Read the Y value: $Y = 205.526 \dots \approx 206$ (thousands of dollars, or \$205,526).
A1

15. [Paper 2 Style, Longer Question, Very Hard, 7 marks]

- (a) At $x = 2, y = 2^2 - 2 = 2$. Point $(2, 2)$. (M1)
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - 1$. Gradient at $x = 2$ is $m_t = 2(2) - 1 = 3$. (A1)
Normal gradient $m_n = -\frac{1}{3}$. A1
Equation: $y - 2 = -\frac{1}{3}(x - 2) \implies y = -\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{2}{3} + 2 \implies y = -\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{8}{3}$. A1
- (b) In MENU 5 (Graph), enter $Y1 = x^2 - x$ and $Y2 = -1/3x + 8/3$. DRAW. (M1)
Press G-Solv \rightarrow ISCT.
First intersection is $X = 2, Y = 2$ (the original point).
Press the right arrow key to find the second intersection. (M1)
 $X = -1.333\dots, Y = 3.111\dots$
 Q is approximately $(-1.33, 3.11)$. A1

