

Assessment Schedule – 2020

Calculus: Apply the algebra of complex numbers in solving problems (91577)

Evidence Statement

	Expected coverage	Achievement (u)	Merit (r)	Excellence (t)
ONE (a)	$st = (2 + 3i)(3 + ki)$ $= 6 + 2ki + 9i + 3ki^2$ $= (6 - 3k) + (2k + 9)i = 21 - i$ $k = -5$	Correct solution.		
(b)	$x^2 + 4rx + r = 0$ $(4r)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times r = 0$ $16r^2 - 4r = 0$ $4r(4r - 1) = 0$ $r = 0 \text{ or } r = \frac{1}{4}$	Correct solution.		
(c)	$2\sqrt{x} - 5 = \sqrt{4x - g}$ $4x - 20\sqrt{x} + 25 = 4x - g$ $25 + g = 20\sqrt{x}$ $x = \left(\frac{25 + g}{20}\right)^2$	Correct squaring of both sides.	Correct solution.	
(d)	$\frac{k + ki}{1 - i} + \frac{2k}{1 + i} = \frac{(k + ki)(1 + i) + 2k(1 - i)}{(1 - i)(1 + i)}$ $= \frac{k + ki + ki + ki^2 + 2k - 2ki}{2}$ $= \frac{2k}{2} = k$	Correct expansion with common denominator (line 2).	Correct solution.	

(e)	$\frac{1+T^2}{2T} = \frac{1 + \left(\frac{a-bi}{a+bi}\right)^2}{2\left(\frac{a-bi}{a+bi}\right)}$ $= \frac{\left(\frac{a+bi}{a+bi}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{a-bi}{a+bi}\right)^2}{\frac{2(a-bi)}{a+bi}}$ $= \frac{(a+bi)^2 + (a-bi)^2}{(a+bi)^2} \times \frac{(a+bi)}{2(a-bi)}$ $= \frac{(a+bi)^2 + (a-bi)^2}{(a+bi) \times 2(a-bi)}$ $= \frac{a^2 + 2abi + b^2i^2 + a^2 - 2abi + b^2i^2}{2(a^2 + abi - abi - b^2i^2)}$ $= \frac{2(a^2 - b^2)}{2(a^2 + b^2)}$ $= \frac{(a^2 - b^2)}{(a^2 + b^2)}$	This line, or equivalent.	This line, or equivalent.	Correct solution.
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NØ	N1	N2	A3	A4	M5	M6	E7	E8
No response; no relevant evidence.	ONE partial solution.	1u	2u	3u	1r	2r	1t with minor error(s).	1t

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TWO (a)	$2 \times 2^3 + q \times 2^2 - 17 \times 2 - 10 = 0$ $16 + 4q - 34 - 10 = 0$ $q = 7$	Correct solution.		
(b)	$ 5 + 3ki = 13$ $25 + 9k^2 = 169$ $9k^2 = 144$ $k^2 = 16$ $k = \pm 4$	Correct solutions (both required). Can be done by inspection.		
(c)	$2z^3 - 15z^2 + bz - 30 = 0$ $z = 3 + i$ a solution $\Rightarrow z = 3 - i$ a solution $(z - 3 - i)(z - 3 + i) = z^2 - 6z + 10$ $2z^3 - 15z^2 + bz - 30 = (2z - 3)(z^2 - 6z + 10)$ Other solution is $z = \frac{3}{2}$ and $b = 38$.	Other TWO solutions found. OR b found.	Other TWO solutions found. AND b found.	
(d)	$u = p + pi \quad v = -q + qi$ $\frac{u}{v} = \frac{p + pi}{-q + qi} \times \frac{-q - qi}{-q - qi}$ $= \frac{-pq - pqi - pqi - pqi^2}{2q^2}$ $= \frac{-2pqi}{2q^2} = \frac{-pi}{q}$ $\arg\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{-\pi}{2}$ OR $\arg(u) = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \arg(v) = \frac{3\pi}{4}$ $\arg\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{3\pi}{4} = \frac{-\pi}{2}$	3rd line with i^2 substituted. OR Correct $\arg(u)$ and $\arg(v)$.	Correct solution. Accept other correct expressions of argument.	
(e)	$ z + i ^2 + z - i ^2 = 10$ Let $z = x + yi$ $ x + yi + i ^2 + x + yi - i ^2 = 10$ $x^2 + (y+1)^2 + x^2 + (y-1)^2 = 10$ $2x^2 + y^2 + 2y + 1 + y^2 - 2y + 1 = 10$ $2x^2 + 2y^2 = 8$ $x^2 + y^2 = 4$		Correct expanded expression (line 4).	Correct solution.

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THREE (a)	$6k^2 \operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$	Correct solution.		
(b)	$z = 5 - i \quad w = -2 + 3i$ $ z ^2 = 26 \quad w ^2 = 13$ $\therefore z ^2 = 2 w ^2$	Correct solution.		
(c)	$\frac{z\bar{z}}{z + \bar{z}} = \frac{(a + bi)(a - bi)}{a + bi + a - bi}$ $= \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2a} \text{ which is real}$	Both numerator and denominator evaluated correctly.	Correct solution with a statement indicating real part only OR imaginary part = 0.	
(d)	$z^4 = -16k^8 = 16k^8 \operatorname{cis}(\pi)$ $z_1 = 2k^2 \operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ $z_2 = 2k^2 \operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$ $z_3 = 2k^2 \operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{-3\pi}{4}\right)$ $z_4 = 2k^2 \operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{-\pi}{4}\right)$	z^4 written correctly in polar form and one correct solution, OR all arguments correct.	Four correct solutions. Accept equivalents in degrees.	

