

**S.5 MATHEMATICS PAPER ONE**  
**CHAPTER ONE : DIFFERENTIATION**  
**REVISION QUESTIONS 2020**

**Attempt all questions**

1. Find the gradient function  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  for each of the following functions.

a)  $y = x^2 + 7x - 4$

b)  $y = 6x^2 - 7x + 8$

c)  $y = 3x^6 - 7x^2 + 6x - 8$

d)  $y = 3x - \frac{5}{x} + \frac{6}{x^2}$

e)  $(x^2 + 2)(4x - 1)$

2. Find the gradients of the following lines at the points indicated.

a)  $y = 2x^3 - x^2 + 3x - 1$  at  $(-1, -6)$

b)  $y = x^2 + 7x - 4$  at  $(2, 21)$

c)  $y = 2x^2 - x + \frac{4}{x}$  at  $(2, 8)$

d)  $y = 3x + \frac{1}{x}$  at  $(1, 4)$

e)  $y = (x+1)(2x+3)$  at  $(2, 21)$

3. If  $f(x) = x^3 + 4x$  find

a)  $f(1)$

b)  $f'(x)$

c)  $f'(1)$

d)  $f''(x)$

e)  $f''(2)$

4. If  $f(x) = 3x^2 + \frac{24}{x}$  find

a)  $f'(x)$

b)  $f'(-12)$

5. Find the equation of the normal to the curve  $y = x^2 + 4x - 3$  at the point where the curve cuts the y- axis.  
Ans :  $4y + x + 12 = 0$

6. Find the equation of the tangent to the curve  $y = x^2 - 3x - 4$  at the point where this curve cuts the line  $x = 5$ .  
Ans:  $y = 7x - 29$

7. Find the equation of the tangent to the curve  $y = (2x-3)(x-1)$  at each of the points where this curve cuts the x- axis. Find the point of intersection of these tangents.

Ans:  $y + x = 1$  ,  $2y = 2x - 3$ ;  $(\frac{5}{4}, -\frac{1}{4})$

8. Find the equation of the normal to the curve  $y = x^2 - 6x + 5$  at each of the points where the curve cuts the x- axis.  
Ans:  $4y - x + 1 = 0$ ,  $4y + x - 5 = 0$

9. Find the equation of the tangent to the curve  $y = x^2 + 5x - 3$  at the points where the line  $y = x + 2$  crosses the curve.  
Ans:  $y = 7x - 4$ ,  $y + 5x + 28 = 0$

10. Find the coordinates of the point on the curve  $y = 2x^2$  at which the gradient is 8 Hence find the equation of the tangent to  $y = 2x^2$  whose gradient is 8. Ans:  $(2, 8)$ ,  $y = 8x - 8$

11. Find the coordinates of the point on the curve  $3x^2 - 1$  at which the gradient is 3. Ans:  $(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{4})$

12. Find the equation of the tangent to the curve  $y = 2x^2 - 2x + 1$  which has a gradient of 0.5

Ans :  $2y = x + 2$

13. Find the value of k for which  $y = 2x + k$  is a tangent to the curve  $y = 2x^2 - 3$ . Ans  $k = -\frac{7}{2}$

14. Find the equation of the tangent to the curve  $y = (x-5)(2x + 1)$  which is parallel to the x- axis. Ans:  $8y + 121 = 0$

15. A curve has the equation  $y = x^3 - px + q$ . The tangent to the curve at the point  $(2, -8)$  is parallel to the x-axis. Find the values of p and q. find also the coordinates of the other point where the tangent is parallel to the x-axis. Ans  $p=12, q=8; (-2, 24)$

16. The function  $ax^2 + bx + c$  has a gradient function  $4x + 2$  and a stationary value of 1. Find the values of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ . **Ans  $a=2$ ,  $b=2$  and  $c=\frac{3}{2}$**

17. Find the second differential of  $y$  with respect to  $x$  for each of the following :

a)  $y = 6x^2 + 7$

b)  $y = 5x^3 + 6x - 5$

c)  $y = 2 + \frac{3}{x}$

18. If  $y = 3x^2 - x$  show that  $y \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} - 6y + 1 = 6x$ .

19. The tangent to the curve  $y = ax^2 + bx + 2$  at  $(1, \frac{1}{2})$  is parallel to the normal to the curve  $y = x^2 + 6x + 10$  at  $(-2, 2)$ . Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ . **Ans: 1, -2.5**

20. Find the coordinates of any stationary points on the given curves and distinguish between them.

a)  $y = 2x^2 - 8x$

b)  $y = x^3 - x^2 - x + 7$

c)  $y = 1 - 3x + x^3$

d)  $y = (x-1)(x^2 - 6x + 2)$

e)  $y = 18x - 20 - 3x^3$

f)  $y = x^3 + 6x^2 + 12x + 12$

g)  $y = x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1$

21. Find the coordinates of the stationary points on the following curves and distinguish between them. Hence sketch the curves.

a)  $y = x^4 + 2x^3$

b)  $y = x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x$

c)  $y = 5x^6 - 12x^5$

d)  $y = x^4 - 4x^3 + 4x^2$

22. Differentiate  $x^2 + \frac{1}{x}$  from first principles.

23. Differentiate  $y = \frac{x}{x^2+1}$  with respect to  $x$  from first principles

24. Find the derivative of  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$  from first principles

25. Find the equation of the normal to the curve  $y = x^2 + 5x + 3$  that is parallel to the line

$$y = 9x.$$

26. Differentiate  $P = x - x^2 + \frac{\pi}{2x}$  with respect to  $x$  where  $\pi$  is a constant

27. Find the equation of a tangent to the curve  $y = 2 - 4^{x^2} + x^3$  at a point (1,-1)

28. Find the stationary points of the curve  $y = 5 + 24x - 9x^2 - 2x^3$  and distinguish the nature of these stationary points.

29. P and Q are neighboring points on the curve  $y = 2(x - x^2)$ . P is the point (x,y) and Q the point  $(x + \delta x, y + \delta y)$ . Find the value of the ratio  $\frac{\delta y}{\delta x}$  and determine the gradient of the curve at point P.

30. Differentiate the following using the first principles.

a)  $y = x^3 + x^2$

b)  $y = \frac{1}{x^2}$

c)  $y = \frac{1}{2x^2}$

31. P is the point (x,y) and Q the point  $(x + \delta x, y + \delta y)$ . On the graph of  $y = \sqrt{x}$ . Show that  $\frac{\delta y}{\delta x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x+\delta x)} + \sqrt{x}}$ . And hence find the gradient of the curve at the point P.

32. Find the slope of the curve  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ , where a,b and c are constants at the point whose x coordinate is x. At what point is the tangent to the curve parallel to the x- axis?

33. Find the gradient of the curve  $y = 9x - x^3$  at the point where  $x = 1$ . Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at this point. Where does this tangent meet the line  $y = x$ ?
34. Find the equation of the tangent at the point  $(2,4)$  to the curve  $y = x^3 - 2x$ . Also find the coordinates of the point where the tangent meets the curve again.
35. Find the equation of the tangent to the curve  $y = x^3 - 9x^2 + 20x - 8$  at the point  $(1,4)$ . At what points of the curve is the tangent parallel to the line  $4x + y - 3 = 0$ ?
36. Find the equation of the tangent to the curve  $y = x^3 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 1$  at the point  $(-1, \frac{1}{2})$ . Find the coordinates of another point on the curve where the tangent is parallel to that at the point  $(-1, \frac{1}{2})$ .
37. Find the points of intersection with the x-axis of the curve  $y = x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x$ , and find the equation of the tangent to the curve at each of these points.
38. Find the equations of the normals to the parabola  $4y = x^2$  at the points  $(-2,1)$  and  $(-4,4)$ . Show that the point of intersection of these two normals lies on the parabola.
39. Find the equation of the tangent at the point  $(1,-1)$  to the curve  $y = 2 - 4x^2 + x^3$ . What are the coordinates of the point where the tangent meets the curve again? Find the equation of the tangent at this point.
40. Find the coordinates of the point P on the curve  $8y = 4 - x^2$  at which the gradient is  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Write down the equation of the tangent to the curve at P. Find also the equation of the tangent to the curve whose gradient is  $-\frac{1}{2}$ , and the coordinates of its point of intersection with the tangent at P.
41. Find the equations of the tangents to the curve  $y = x^3 - 6x^2 + 12x + 2$  which are parallel to the line  $y = 3x$ .
42. Find the coordinates of the points of intersection of the line  $x - 3y = 0$  with the curve  $y = x(1 - x^2)$ . If these points are in order P, O, Q, prove that the tangents to the curve at P and Q are parallel, and that the tangent at O is perpendicular to them.
43. Find the equations of the tangent and the normal to the parabola  $x^2 = 4y$  at the point  $(6,9)$ . Also find the distance between the points where the tangent and the normal meet the y-axis.
44. The curve  $y = (x-2)(x-4)(x-3)$  cuts the x-axis at the points P(2,0), Q(3,0), R(4,0). Prove that the tangents at P and R are parallel. At what point does the normal to the curve at Q cut the y-axis?

45. Find the equation of the tangent at the point P(3,9) to the curve  $y = x^3 - 6x^2 + 15x - 9$

If O is the origin and N is the foot of the perpendicular from P to the x-axis, prove that the tangent at P passes through the mid-point of ON. Find the coordinates of another point on the curve, the tangent at which is parallel to the tangent at the point (3,9).

46. A tangent to the parabola  $x^2 = 16y$  is perpendicular to the line  $x - 2y - 3 = 0$ . Find the equation of this tangent and the coordinates of its point of contact.

47. Find the equation of the tangent to  $y = x^2$  at the point (1,1) and of the tangent to  $y = \frac{1}{6}x^3$  at the point  $(2, \frac{4}{3})$ . Show that these tangents are parallel, and find the distance between them.

48. The curve C is defined by  $y = ax^2 + b$ , where a and b are constants. Given that the gradient of the curve at the point (2,-2) is 3, find the values of a and b.

49. Given that the curve with equation  $y = Ax^2 + Bx$  has gradient 7 at the point (6,8), find the values of the constants A and B.

50. A curve with equation  $y = A\sqrt{x} + \frac{B}{\sqrt{x}}$ , for constants A and B, passes through the point (1,6) with gradient -1. Find A and B.

51. Find the equation of the tangent, t, to the curve  $y = x^2 + 5x + 2$ , which is perpendicular to the line, l, with equation  $3y + x = 5$ .

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