

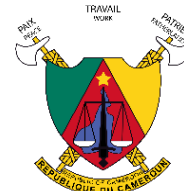


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## **MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD**

**LEVEL: NATIONAL**

**DATE: 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021**

**DURATION OF PAPER: 2 hours**

**CANDIDATES: UPPER SIXTH**

### **PART B**

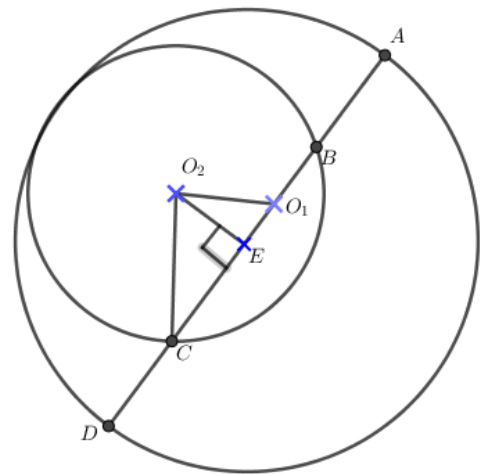
#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

- Mobile phones are **NOT ALLOWED** in the examination room
- You should attempt to answer all questions.
- You are reminded of the necessity for orderly presentation and good English in your work.
- In calculations, you are advised to show all steps in your work, and show answers at each stage
- Non-programmable electronic calculators are allowed
- Graph paper will be provided

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ALL FOUR QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 15 MARKS**

- 1** (i) Find the number of solutions in the set of positive integers of the following equations:
- $x + y = 14$
  - $x + y + z = 5$
- (ii) Solve simultaneously, the linear congruences:
- $$\begin{cases} x \equiv 1(\text{mod}3) \\ x \equiv 5(\text{mod}8) \\ x \equiv 11(\text{mod}17) \end{cases}$$
- (iii) Show that the equation  $x^2 - y^2 = 74$  has no integer solution

- 2** Two circles are internally tangent. A line passing through the center( $O_1$ ) of the larger circle intersects it at the points A and D. The same line intersects the smaller circle with center( $O_2$ ) at the points B and C as shown below. Given that  $|AB|:|BC|:|CD| = 3:7:2$ , find the ratio of the radii of the circles.



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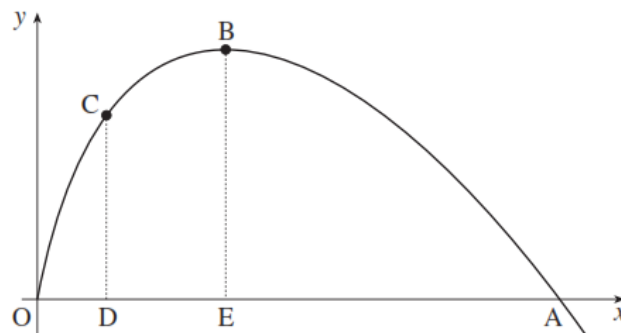
The Figure beside shows the curve of  $y = 2x - x \ln x$ , where  $x > 0$

The curve crosses the x-axis at A, and has a turning point at B. The point C on the curve has x-coordinate 1. Lines CD and BE are parallel to the y-axis.

- Find the x-coordinate of A, giving your answer in terms of e.
- Find the exact coordinates of B.
- Show that the tangents at A and C are perpendicular to each other.
- Using integration by parts, show that

$$\int x \ln x dx = \frac{1}{2} x^2 \ln x - \frac{1}{4} x^2 + C$$

Hence find the exact area of the region enclosed by the curve, the x-axis and the lines CD and BE



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i) Given that  $I_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{-x} \cos^n x dx$ , where  $n \geq 2$ , prove that:

a)  $I_n = 1 - n \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{-x} \sin x \cos^{n-1} x dx$

b)  $(n^2 + 1)I_n = 1 + n(n-1)I_{n-2}$

c)  $I_6 = \frac{263 - 144e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}}}{629}$

ii) Test whether the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2^{n-1}}{4+n} \right)$  converges or not.