

**HARRISON COLLEGE INTERNAL EXAMINATION MARCH 2020**  
**CARIBBEAN ADVANCED PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION**  
**SCHOOL BASED ASSESSMENT**  
**PURE MATHEMATICS PREVIEW**  
**UNIT I – TEST 1**  
**1 hour 20 minutes**

**NAME OF STUDENT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SCHOOL CODE:** 030014 \_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

This examination paper consists of 8 printed pages and 2 blank pages for extra working.  
This paper consists of 9 questions.  
The maximum mark for this examination is 60.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- (i) Write your NAME and FORM clearly in the spaces provided above
- (ii) Answer ALL questions in the SPACES PROVIDED
- (iii) DO NOT write your solutions to different questions beside each other
- (iv) Unless otherwise stated in the question, any numerical answer that is not exact, MUST be written correct to three (3) significant figures

**EXAMINATION MATERIALS ALLOWED**

- (a) Mathematical formulae
- (b) Scientific calculator (non-programmable, non-graphical)

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- 1) Given that  $p$  and  $q$  are propositions, use the algebra of propositions to prove  
 $\sim (p \vee q) \vee (\sim p \wedge q) \equiv \sim p$  [4]
- 2) Prove that for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}, y \in \mathbf{R}; x^2 + y^2 \geq -2xy$  [4]
- 3) Without the use of a calculator, find the EXACT value of  $\frac{\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{2}}$ . **Ans.**  $-\frac{4\sqrt{14}}{5}$  [5]
- 4) Prove by mathematical induction that  $9^{2n} - 1$  is a multiple of 8. [7]
- 5) The expression  $x^3 - bx + 6$  is exactly divisible by  $(x - 2)$
- (i) Calculate the value of  $b$ . **Ans.** 7 [3]
  - (ii) Factorize the expression completely. **Ans.**  $(x-1)(x-2)(x+3)$  [4]
- 6) (a) Solve for  $x, 3\log_8 x - 5 = 2\log_x 8$ . **Ans.**  $\frac{1}{2}, 64$  [6]
- (b) Solve for  $x$  the following equation  $9^x - 7(3^x) = 6$ . **Ans.**  $1 + \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 3}$  [4]

- 7) The number of mosquito larvae,  $N$ , found in a pond initially was 3 200.  
The number of larvae after  $t$  days was found to be directly proportional to  $\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^t$ .

Calculate estimates of

- (i) the number of larvae after 3 days **Ans.** 10 800 [3]  
(ii) the number of days for which the population is expected to exceed 16 000. **Ans.** 4 [5]
- 8) Find the range of values of  $x$  for which  $\left|\frac{x+8}{x-4}\right| \leq 5, x \neq 4$ . **Ans.**  $x \leq 2, x \geq 7$  [6]
- 9) If  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are the roots of the equation  $3x^3 - 4x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0$ , find the equation with roots  $\alpha - 1, \beta - 1$  and  $\gamma - 1$ . **Ans.**  $3x^3 + 5x^2 - 4x - 4 = 0$  [9]

**End of Test**