



QUESTION WORKBOOK

Mean values and improper integrals

Further calculus · Year FM

6 questions · 20 marks

NAVY SCREEN EDITION

SECTION A · Warm-up

A1 Define the mean value of a function f on the interval $[a, b]$, and describe what it represents geometrically. [2]

A2 Find the mean value of $f(x) = \sin x$ on the interval $[0, \pi]$. [3]

SECTION B · Standard

B1 Find the exact mean value of $f(x) = e^{2x}$ on $[0, 1]$. [4]

B2 Evaluate $\int x^{-3/2} dx$ from 1 to ∞ , or show that it diverges. [4]

B3 Evaluate $\int 1/\sqrt{x} \, dx$ from 0 to 4, treating the lower limit with care. [4]

SECTION C · Stretch

C1 Both $1/x$ and $1/x^{3/2}$ tend to zero as $x \rightarrow \infty$, yet only one of $\int$ from 1 to ∞ converges. Identify which, and explain what distinguishes them. [3]