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MATHEMATICS

9709/23

Paper 2 Pure Mathematics 2 (P2)

May/June 2017

1 hour 15 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

Additional Materials: List of Formulae (MF9)

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name in the spaces at the top of this page.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.

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Answer **all** the questions.

Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, or 1 decimal place in the case of angles in degrees, unless a different level of accuracy is specified in the question.

The use of an electronic calculator is expected, where appropriate.

You are reminded of the need for clear presentation in your answers.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

The total number of marks for this paper is 50.

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- 1 Solve the equation $|x + a| = |2x - 5a|$, giving x in terms of the positive constant a . [3]

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- 2 Use logarithms to solve the equation $3^{x+4} = 5^{2x}$, giving your answer correct to 3 significant figures. [4]

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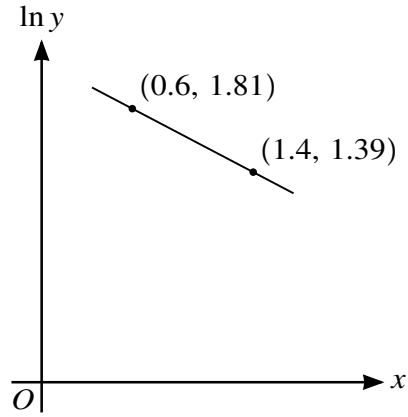
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The variables x and y satisfy the equation $y = \frac{K}{a^{2x}}$, where K and a are constants. The graph of $\ln y$ against x is a straight line passing through the points $(0.6, 1.81)$ and $(1.4, 1.39)$, as shown in the diagram. Find the values of K and a correct to 2 significant figures. [6]

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(ii) Find the coordinates of the minimum point, giving each coordinate correct to 3 significant figures. [3]

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(iii) Find the exact gradient of the normal to the curve at the point for which $x = 2$. [3]

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