

# Math SL PROBLEM SET 9

## Section A (Short Answer)

- (A1.3 - E) (CI)** I have a collection of four boxes each holding two balls, one marked with an  $x$  and one marked with the number 1. I choose exactly one ball from each box. *(Cirrito 14.2, p498)*

  - In how many ways can I choose two  $x$ s and two ones from the four boxes?
  - What is the coefficient of  $x^2$  in the expansion of  $(x + 1)(x + 1)(x + 1)(x + 1)$ ?
- (A1.1 - N) (CA)** On September 1<sup>st</sup>, my cat eats three “Lucky Lynx” treats. On the next day, she eats seven, and on each day throughout September the number of treats she eats increases by the same amount. *(Cirrito, 8.1.2, p245)*

  - How many snacks did my cat eat on the tenth day?
  - On what day does she eat the 1121<sup>st</sup> treat?
- (F2.7 - R) (CI)** By considering the discriminant, or otherwise, find the value(s) of  $k$  for which the following equation  $x^2 - 10x + k = 0$  has two distinct real roots. *(Cirrito 2.4.1, p39)*
- (F2.7 - R) (CI)** For what value(s) of  $c$  does the parabola  $y = x^2 + 6x + 2$  meet the line  $y = 2x + c$  in exactly two places? *(Cirrito 2.4.1, p39)*
- (A1.2 - R) (CI)** Use your knowledge of exponent laws to simplify the following expressions: *(Cirrito 7.1.1, p197)*

  - $\left(\frac{3y^2}{4x^3}\right)^3 \times (2x^2y^3)^3$
  - $\frac{9^n \times 3^{n+2}}{27^n}$
  - $\frac{4^{n+2} - 16}{4}$
- (A1.1 - N) (CA)** On my first birthday, my Grandmother put \$5 into a savings account for me. On my second birthday, she put \$15 into the same account, increasing the amount she deposited by \$10 every year up to and including my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. How much did she deposit in total over my first eighteen years? *(Cirrito, 8.1.2, p245)*

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## Section B (Extended Response/Investigation)

7. **(C6.1 - N) (CA)** Drag car C is moving along a straight track. At time  $t$  seconds it has travelled a distance  $x_c$  metres, where  $x_c = t^2 + 2t$ . **(Cirrito 18.1.2, p582)**
- Find the average speed of the car in the interval  $3 \leq t \leq 4$ .
  - Find the car's average speed in the following intervals:
    - $2 \leq t \leq 3$ ;
    - $2 \leq t \leq 2.5$ ;
    - $2 \leq t \leq 2.1$ ;
    - $2 \leq t \leq 2.01$ .

Each of these speeds is the average speed across an interval, but at any time the car's speedometer will read an instantaneous speed.

- What will be the car's instantaneous speed when  $t = 2$ ?
8. **(T3.2 - E) (CA)** A wheel of radius 1 m has a single point marked on its circumference with a blob of red paint. Initially, the blob is level with the wheel's axle and the wheel is turned so that the blob rises. **(Cirrito, 10.3, p336)**

- Use your calculator to determine height of the blob above the axle height after the wheel has rotated through an angle of:  $15^\circ$ ,  $30^\circ$ ,  $45^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$ ,  $75^\circ$ ,  $90^\circ$ .
- Without using your calculator, find the height of the blob above the axle height after the wheel has been rotated by  $105^\circ$ ,  $120^\circ$ ,  $135^\circ$ ,  $150^\circ$ ,  $165^\circ$ ,  $180^\circ$ ,  $195^\circ$ ,  $210^\circ$ ,  $225^\circ$ ,  $240^\circ$ ,  $255^\circ$ ,  $270^\circ$ ,  $285^\circ$ ,  $300^\circ$ ,  $315^\circ$ ,  $330^\circ$ ,  $345^\circ$ ,  $360^\circ$ .

