



IG.M10 Direct and Inverse Proportion With Non-Linear Powers

Total Marks

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Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Answer all questions. Full sentences are required in 2 questions (where an explanation is asked). Allow 60 minutes.

- 1** Given that y is proportional to x^2 for a square tile, and when $x = 4$ cm then $y = 36$ (area units), write the equation relating y and x and find the value of k .

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

- 2** Given that T is proportional to v^3 for a model where thrust T increases with the cube of speed v , and $T = 54$ N when $v = 3$ m/s, find the constant of proportionality k in $T = kv^3$.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

- 3** Given that y is proportional to $1/\sqrt{x}$ ($y = k / x^{1/2}$) for cooling time y depending inversely on the square root of mass x , and $y = 10$ when $x = 4$, find k and state the proportionality equation.

(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)

- 4** A circular pond has water depth y that varies directly as the square of the radius r , $y = kr^2$, in an experimental model. Given that $y = 18$ when $r = 3$ m, form the equation and hence find y when $r = 5$ m.

(Total for Question 4 is 2 marks)

- 5 Given that the cost C of making a decorative square panel varies as the square of its side length s , $C = ks^2$. If a panel of side 1.2 m costs pound 43.20, find k and then find the cost of a panel of side 0.8 m. Give answers to 2 decimal places.

(Total for Question 5 is 2 marks)

- 6 Given that y is proportional to x^3 , $y = kx^3$, and $y = 16$ when $x = 2$, find k and then hence find x when $y = 432$.

(Total for Question 6 is 3 marks)

- 7 Show that if the period T of a simple pendulum is proportional to the square root of its length L , $T = k L^{1/2}$, and $T = 1.8$ s when $L = 0.81$ m, then $k = 2$. Verify the period when $L = 2.25$ m.

(Total for Question 7 is 3 marks)

- 8 The shaking force F on a small structure varies inversely as the square of the distance d from the source, $F = k / d^2$. If $F = 0.5$ N at $d = 2$ m, find k and hence find F at $d = 5$ m, giving your answer to 3 significant figures.

(Total for Question 8 is 3 marks)

- 9** A physics experiment models intensity I of radiation as $I = k / r^3$, inversely proportional to the cube of distance r . If $I = 0.125$ units at $r = 2$ m, find k and hence find r when $I = 0.001$ units. Give r to 2 decimal places.

(Total for Question 9 is 4 marks)

- 10** A recipe says that the volume V of a loaf varies directly as the $3/2$ power of the amount of yeast x used, $V = k x^{3/2}$. If using 8 g of yeast gives volume 1440 cm^3 , find k and then the volume when 2 g of yeast is used. Give the final volume to the nearest whole number.

(Total for Question 10 is 4 marks)

- 11** A thin metal plate has heat loss rate H that varies as the square root of its area A , $H = k A^{1/2}$. An experiment gives $H = 12 \text{ W}$ when $A = 16 \text{ cm}^2$. Find k and then find H when $A = 100 \text{ cm}^2$.

(Total for Question 11 is 4 marks)

- 12** Show that if the period P of oscillation of a particle varies inversely as the square of amplitude a , $P = k / a^2$, and $P = 0.5 \text{ s}$ when $a = 0.4 \text{ m}$, then $k = 0.5 \times (0.4)^2 = 0.08$. Hence find P when $a = 0.2 \text{ m}$ and explain briefly whether P increases or decreases when amplitude halves.

(Total for Question 12 is 4 marks)

- 13** A scale model ship's resistance R varies as the square of its speed v and inversely as the cube root of its length L , $R = k v^2 / L^{1/3}$. In a test tank, $R = 0.96$ N when $v = 3$ m/s and $L = 0.125$ m. Find k and then find R when $v = 5$ m/s and $L = 1.0$ m. Give R to 3 significant figures.

(Total for Question 13 is 5 marks)

- 14** A charity fundraiser states that the amount raised A varies directly as the square of the number of attendees n , $A = k n^2$. At a small event with $n = 30$ attendees, $A =$ pound 2700. Use this to estimate how many attendees would be needed to raise pound 3840, assuming the same k . Give your answer to the nearest whole person and show your working in words.

(Total for Question 14 is 5 marks)

- 15** A lamp's illuminance E varies inversely as the square root of distance d , $E = k / d^{1/2}$. At $d = 0.25$ m, $E = 80$ lux. A photographer asks: how far must the lamp be moved so that illuminance is reduced to 20 lux? Solve for the new distance d and give the answer to 2 decimal places.

(Total for Question 15 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

- **B1** $y = kx^2$ with $k = 36/16 = 9/4$ or 2.25 stated
- **Answer:** $y = (9/4)x^2$ or $y = 2.25x^2$

Question 2

- **B1** $k = 54/27 = 2$ stated
- **Answer:** $k = 2$

Question 3

- **M1** substitutes values into $y = k/x^{1/2}$: $10 = k/2$ or equivalent
- **A1** $k = 20$ and equation $y = 20 / x^{1/2}$ or $y = 20 x^{-1/2}$ cao
- **Answer:** $k = 20$, so $y = 20 / x^{1/2}$

Question 4

- **M1** finds k from $18 = k \cdot 3^2$, $k = 2$
- **A1** $y = 2 \cdot 5^2 = 50$ stated
- **Answer:** $y = 50$ (depth units)

Question 5

- **M1** finds $k = 43.20 / (1.2^2) = 43.20 / 1.44 = 30$
- **A1** cost at 0.8 m is $C = 30 \cdot 0.8^2 = 30 \cdot 0.64 = 19.20$, cao
- **Answer:** $k = 30$, cost = pound 19.20

Question 6

- **M1** finds k from $16 = k \cdot (2^3)$ so $k = 16/8 = 2$
- **M1** substitutes k into $432 = 2 \cdot x^3$ and rearranges to $x^3 = 216$
- **A1** $x = 6$ cao
- **Answer:** $k = 2$ and $x = 6$

Question 7

- **M1** substitutes $1.8 = k \cdot (0.81)^{1/2}$ and finds $\sqrt{0.81} = 0.9$ so $k = 1.8/0.9 = 2$
- **M1** uses $k = 2$ to find $T = 2 \cdot (2.25)^{1/2}$ and evaluates $\sqrt{2.25} = 1.5$
- **A1** $T = 2 \cdot 1.5 = 3.0$ s cao
- **Answer:** $k = 2$ and $T = 3.0$ s when $L = 2.25$ m

Question 8

- **M1** finds k from $0.5 = k/2^2$ so $k = 0.5 \cdot 4 = 2$
- **M1** substitutes k to get $F = 2 / 5^2 = 2 / 25 = 0.08$
- **A1** $F = 0.0800...$ so 0.08 N or 0.080 to 3 s.f., accept 0.080 N cao
- **Answer:** $k = 2$, $F = 0.0800...$ so 0.080 N (3 s.f.)

Question 9

- **M1** finds k from $0.125 = k / 2^3$ so $k = 0.125 \cdot 8 = 1$
- **M1** uses $k = 1$ and sets $0.001 = 1 / r^3$ to get $r^3 = 1000$
- **M1** takes cube root to find $r = 10$, or evaluates $r = 1000^{1/3}$
- **A1** $r = 10.00$ m cao
- **Answer:** $k = 1$ and $r = 10.00$ m

Question 10

- **M1** substitutes $1440 = k(8)^{3/2}$. Recognises $8^{1/2} = 2\sqrt{2}$ or better to compute $8^{3/2} = (\sqrt{8})^3 = (2.828427\dots)^3 = 22.627\dots$ or $8^{3/2} = (8^1)^{3/2} = 8^{1.5} = 8 \times 2.828\dots$
- **M1** calculates $k = 1440 / 8^{3/2} = 1440 / 22.627416997 = \text{approx } 63.64$, or uses exact form $k = 1440 / (8\sqrt{8}) = 45\sqrt{2}$
- **M1** uses k to find V at $x=2$: $V = k(2)^{3/2}$ and evaluates
- **A1** $V = 180 \text{ cm}^3$ (nearest whole number) **cao**
- **Answer: k approx 63.64 (exact $45\sqrt{2}$), V at 2 g = 180 cm³**

Question 11

- **M1** finds k from $12 = k(16)^{1/2}$ so $k = 12/4 = 3$
- **M1** uses k to get $H = 3(100)^{1/2} = 3 \times 10$
- **A1** $H = 30 \text{ W}$ **cao**
- **B1** units W stated with final numeric answer
- **Answer: k = 3, H = 30 W**

Question 12

- **M1** substitutes to find k : $0.5 = k / 0.4^2$ so $k = 0.5 \times 0.16 = 0.08$
- **M1** uses k to find P at $a = 0.2$: $P = 0.08 / 0.2^2 = 0.08 / 0.04 = 2$
- **A1** $P = 2.0 \text{ s}$ **cao**
- **B1** brief explanation: when amplitude halves, denominator a^2 becomes one quarter, so P becomes four times larger, so P increases, **oe**
- **Answer: k = 0.08, P = 2.0 s; P increases (becomes 4 times larger) when amplitude halves**

Question 13

- **M1** substitutes $0.96 = k(3^2) / (0.125)^{1/3}$ and recognises $3^2 = 9$ and cube root $0.125 = 0.5$
- **M1** computes $k = 0.96 \times 0.5 / 9 = (0.48)/9 = 0.053333\dots$ or 0.0533333
- **M1** substitutes k into $R = k v^2 / L^{1/3}$ with $v=5$ and $L=1.0$ giving $R = k \times 25 / 1 = 25k$
- **M1** calculates $R = 25 \times 0.053333\dots = 1.333333\dots$
- **A1** $R = 1.33 \text{ N}$ to 3 s.f. **cao**
- **Answer: k = 0.053333... (16/300), R = 1.33 N (3 s.f.)**

Question 14

- **M1** finds k from $2700 = k \times 30^2$ so $k = 2700/900 = 3$
- **M1** sets $3840 = 3 \times n^2$ and rearranges to $n^2 = 1280$
- **M1** takes square root to get $n = \sqrt{1280}$ and evaluates
- **A1** n approx $35.777\dots$ and rounded to nearest whole person gives 36 **cao**
- **B1** brief wording: states using the same k , $n = \sqrt{3840/3}$ approx 35.78 , so 36 attendees needed, **oe**
- **Answer: n approx 35.78, so 36 attendees (nearest whole person)**

Question 15

- **M1** finds k from $80 = k / 0.25^{1/2}$; $\sqrt{0.25} = 0.5$ so $k = 80 \times 0.5 = 40$
- **M1** sets $20 = 40 / d^{1/2}$ and rearranges to $d^{1/2} = 40/20 = 2$
- **M1** squares to get $d = 4$ and evaluates
- **A1** $d = 4.00 \text{ m}$ **cao**
- **Answer: d = 4.00 m**