

Trigonometric Equations and Identities Exam Questions MS (From OCR 4722)

Q1, (Jun 2012, Q7a)

(a)	(i)	$\cos \alpha = \frac{5}{\sqrt{29}}$	M1	Attempt $\cos \alpha$
			A1	Obtain $\frac{5}{\sqrt{29}}$
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(a)	(ii)	$\cos \beta = \frac{-\sqrt{40}}{7}$	M1	Attempt $\cos \beta$
			A1	Obtain $\frac{\sqrt{40}}{7}$
			A1 FT	Obtain $\frac{-\sqrt{40}}{7}$, or -ve of their exact numerical value for $\cos \beta$
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Q2, (OCR 4752, Jun 2006, Q3)

$1/\sqrt{15}$ i.s.w. not +/-

3	M2 for $\sqrt{15}$ seen M1 for rt angled triangle with side 1 and hyp 4, or $\cos^2 \theta = 1 - 1/4^2$.	3
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Q3, (OCR 4752, Jan 2007, Q3)

$\sqrt{8}$ or $2\sqrt{2}$ not $\pm\sqrt{8}$

3	M1 for use of $\sin^2 \theta + (1/3)^2 = 1$ and M1 for $\sin \theta = \sqrt{8}/3$ (ignore \pm) Diag.: hypot = 3, one side = 1 M1 3rd side $\sqrt{8}$ M1	3
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Q4, (OCR 4752, Jan 2008, Q3)

right angled triangle with 1 and 2 on correct sides

Pythagoras used to obtain hyp = $\sqrt{5}$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{a}{h} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$$

M1	or M1 for $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta$ and M1 for substituting in $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$	3
M1	E1 for sufficient working	
A1		

Q5, (Jan 2010, Q1)

(i) $2(1 - \cos^2 x) = 5\cos x - 1$
 $2\cos^2 x + 5\cos x - 3 = 0$ **A.G.**

M1 Use $\sin^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 x$
 A1 2 Show given equation correctly

(ii) $(2\cos x - 1)(\cos x + 3) = 0$

$\cos x = \frac{1}{2}$
 $x = 60^\circ$
 $x = 300^\circ$

M1 Recognise equation as quadratic in $\cos x$ and attempt recognisable method to solve
 M1 Attempt to find x from root(s) of quadratic
 A1 Obtain 60° or $\pi/3$ or 1.05 rad
 A1√ 4 Obtain 300° only (or $360^\circ - \text{their } x$) and no extra in range
 SR answer only is B1 B1

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Q6, (Jun 2010, Q7)

(i) $\frac{\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x}{1 - \sin^2 x} = \frac{\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x}{\cos^2 x}$
 $= \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} - \frac{\cos^2 x}{\cos^2 x}$
 $= \tan^2 x - 1$

M1 Use either $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$, or
 $\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$
 A1 2 Use other identity to obtain given answer convincingly.

(ii) $\tan^2 x - 1 = 5 - \tan x$
 $\tan^2 x + \tan x - 6 = 0$
 $(\tan x - 2)(\tan x + 3) = 0$
 $\tan x = 2, \tan x = -3$
 $x = 63.4^\circ, 243^\circ \quad x = 108^\circ, 288^\circ$

B1 State correct equation
 M1 Attempt to solve three term quadratic in $\tan x$
 A1 Obtain 2 and -3 as roots of their quadratic
 M1 Attempt to solve $\tan x = k$ (at least one root)
 A1ft Obtain at least 2 correct roots
 A1 6 Obtain all 4 correct roots

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Q7, (Jun 2013, Q2)

(i)		B1	Obtain 106° , or better
	$\frac{1}{2}x = 53.1^\circ, 126.9^\circ$	M1	Attempt correct solution method to find second angle
	$x = 106^\circ, 254^\circ$	A1	Obtain 254° , or better
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(ii)		B1	State $\tan x = 3$
	$\tan x = 3$	M1	Attempt to solve $\tan x = k$
	$x = 71.6^\circ, 252^\circ$	A1	Obtain 71.6° and 252° , or better
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Q8, (Jun 2009, Q5)

<p>5 (i) $2x = 30^\circ, 150^\circ$ $x = 15^\circ, 75^\circ$</p>	<p>M1 Attempt $\sin^{-1} 0.5$, then divide or multiply by 2 A1 Obtain 15° (allow $\pi/12$ or 0.262) A1 3 Obtain 75° (not radians), and no extra solutions in range</p>
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<p>(ii) $2(1 - \cos^2 x) = 2 - \sqrt{3} \cos x$ $2\cos^2 x - \sqrt{3} \cos x = 0$ $\cos x (2\cos x - \sqrt{3}) = 0$ $\cos x = 0, \cos x = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}$ range $x = 90^\circ, x = 30^\circ$</p>	<p>M1 Use $\sin^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 x$ A1 Obtain $2\cos^2 x - \sqrt{3} \cos x = 0$ or equiv (no constant terms) M1 Attempt to solve quadratic in $\cos x$ A1 Obtain 30° (allow $\pi/6$ or 0.524), and no extra solns in B1 5 Obtain 90° (allow $\pi/2$ or 1.57), from correct quadratic only SR answer only B1 one correct solution B1 second correct solution, and no others</p>

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Q9, (Jun 2014, Q4)

(i)	$\tan x (\sin x - \cos x) = 6 \cos x$ $\tan x \left(\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} - 1 \right) = 6$ $\tan x (\tan x - 1) = 6$ $\tan^2 x - \tan x = 6$ $\tan^2 x - \tan x - 6 = 0$ AG	M1	Use $\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$ correctly once
		A1	Obtain $\tan^2 x - \tan x - 6 = 0$
		[2]	
(ii)	$(\tan x - 3)(\tan x + 2) = 0$ $\tan x = 3, \tan x = -2$ $x = \tan^{-1}(3), x = \tan^{-1}(-2)$ $x = 71.6^\circ, 252^\circ, 117^\circ, 297^\circ$	M1	Attempt to solve quadratic in $\tan x$
		M1	Attempt to solve $\tan x = k$ at least once
		A1	Obtain two correct solutions
		A1	Obtain all 4 correct solutions, and no others in range

Q11, (OCR 4752, Jun 2009, Q7)

use of $\cos^2 \theta = 1 - \sin^2 \theta$

at least one correct interim step in
obtaining $4 \sin^2 \theta - \sin \theta = 0$.

$\theta = 0$ and 180 ,

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M1

M1

NB answer given

B1

B1

r.o.t to nearest degree or better

B1

-1 for extras in range

Q12, (OCR 4752, Jun 2011, Q7)

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = 2 \sin \theta$$

$$2 \cos \theta - 1 = 0 \text{ and } \sin \theta = 0$$

$$[\theta =] 0, 180, 360,$$

$$[\theta =] 60, 300$$

if 4 marks awarded, lose 1 mark for extra values in the range, ignore extra values outside the range

M1 *may be implied by $2 \cos \theta - 1 = 0$ or better*

A1

B1

B1

or, if to advantage of candidate

B4 for all 5 correct

B3 for 4 correct

B2 for 3 correct

B1 for 2 correct

if extra value(s) in range, deduct one mark from total

do not award if values embedded in trial and improvement approach

Q13, (Jan 2008, Q9)

(i) $(90^\circ, 2), (-90^\circ, -2)$

(ii) (a) $180 - \alpha$

(b) $-\alpha$ or $\alpha - 180$

(iii) $2 \sin x = 2 - 3 \cos^2 x$

$$2 \sin x = 2 - 3(1 - \sin^2 x)$$

$$3 \sin^2 x - 2 \sin x - 1 = 0$$

$$(3 \sin x + 1)(\sin x - 1) = 0$$

$$\sin x = -\frac{1}{3}, \sin x = 1$$

$$x = -19.5^\circ, -161^\circ, 90^\circ$$

B1

B1 2

B1 1

B1 1

M1

A1

M1

A1

A1√

A1 6

State at least 2 correct values

State all 4 correct values
(radians is B1 B0)

State $180 - \alpha$

State $-\alpha$ or $\alpha - 180$
(radians or unsimplified is B1B0)

Attempt use of $\cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$

Obtain $3 \sin^2 x - 2 \sin x - 1 = 0$ aef with no brackets

Attempt to solve 3 term quadratic in $\sin x$

Obtain $x = -19.5^\circ$

Obtain second correct answer in range, following their x

Obtain 90° (radians or extra answers is max 5 out of 6)

SR: answer only (and no extras) is B1 B1√ B1

Q14, (OCR 4752, Jun 2013, Q9)

(i)	$\left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}\right) = 1 \text{ oe}$ $\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$ <p>$\sin \theta = \cos^2 \theta$ and completion to given result</p>	<p>M1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>[2]</p>	<p>www</p>	
(ii)	<p>$\sin^2 \theta + \sin \theta - 1 = 0$</p> <p>$[\sin \theta =] \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$ oe may be implied by correct answers</p> <p>$[\theta =] 38.17\dots, \text{ or } 38.2 \text{ and } 141.83\dots, 141.8 \text{ or } 142$</p>	<p>M1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>[3]</p>	<p>allow 1 on RHS if attempt to complete square</p> <p>may be implied by correct answers</p> <p>ignore extra values outside range, A0 if extra values in range or in radians</p> <p>NB 0.6662 and 2.4754 if working in radian mode earns M1A1A0</p>	<p>condone $y^2 + y - 1 = 0$</p> <p>mark to benefit of candidate</p> <p>ignore any work with negative root & condone omission of negative root with no comment eg M1 for 0.618...</p> <p>if unsupported, B1 for one of these, B2 for both. If both values correct with extra values in range, then B1.</p> <p>NB 0.6662 and 2.4754 to 3sf or more</p>

Q15, (Jun 2014, Q4)

(i)	$\tan x (\sin x - \cos x) = 6 \cos x$ $\tan x \left(\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} - 1\right) = 6$ $\tan x (\tan x - 1) = 6$ $\tan^2 x - \tan x = 6$ $\tan^2 x - \tan x - 6 = 0 \quad \mathbf{AG}$	M1	Use $\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$ correctly once	Must be used clearly at least once - either explicitly or by writing eg 'divide by $\cos x$ ' at side of solution Allow M1 for any equiv eg $\sin x = \cos x \tan x$ Allow poor notation eg writing just \tan rather than $\tan x$
		A1	Obtain $\tan^2 x - \tan x - 6 = 0$	Correct equation in given form, including $= 0$ Correct notation throughout so A0 if eg \tan rather than $\tan x$ seen in solution
(ii)	$(\tan x - 3)(\tan x + 2) = 0$ $\tan x = 3, \tan x = -2$	M1	Attempt to solve quadratic in $\tan x$	This M mark is just for solving a 3 term quadratic (see guidance sheet for acceptable methods) Condone any substitution used, inc $x = \tan x$
	$x = \tan^{-1}(3), x = \tan^{-1}(-2)$	M1	Attempt to solve $\tan x = k$ at least once	Attempt $\tan^{-1}k$ at least once Not dependent on previous mark so M0M1 possible If going straight from $\tan x = k$ to $x = \dots$, then award M1 only if their angle is consistent with their k
	$x = 71.6^\circ, 252^\circ, 117^\circ, 297^\circ$	A1	Obtain two correct solutions	Allow 3sf or better Must come from a correct method to solve the quadratic (as far as correct factorisation or substitution into formula) Allow radian equivalents ie 1.25 / 4.39 / 2.03 / 5.18
		A1	Obtain all 4 correct solutions, and no others in range	Must now all be in degrees Allow 3sf or better A0 if other incorrect solutions in range $0^\circ - 360^\circ$ (but ignore any outside this range) SR If no working shown then allow B1 for each correct solution (max of B3 if in radians, or if extra solns in range).
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