

**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 $\frac{5}{\sqrt{29}}$	
			<b>[2]</b>		
(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 $\cos \beta$
			<b>[3]</b>		

**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  $60^\circ$  or  $\pi/3$  or 1.05 rad  
 A1√ 4 Obtain  $300^\circ$  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)**

<b>(i)</b>		$\frac{1}{2}x = 53.1^\circ, 126.9^\circ$	B1	Obtain $106^\circ$ , or better
		$x = 106^\circ, 254^\circ$	M1	Attempt correct solution method to find second angle
			A1	Obtain $254^\circ$ , or better
<b>(ii)</b>		$\tan x = 3$	<b>[3]</b> B1	State $\tan x = 3$
		$x = 71.6^\circ, 252^\circ$	M1	Attempt to solve $\tan x = k$
			A1	Obtain $71.6^\circ$ and $252^\circ$ , or better
			<b>[3]</b>	

**Q8, (Jun 2009, Q5)**

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

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



**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  $180$ ,

14.(47...)

165 - 166

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 State at least 2 correct values

B1 2 State all 4 correct values  
(radians is B1 B0)

B1 1 State  $180 - \alpha$

B1 1 State  $-\alpha$  or  $\alpha - 180$   
(radians or unsimplified is B1B0)

M1 Attempt use of  $\cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$

A1 Obtain  $3 \sin^2 x - 2 \sin x - 1 = 0$  aef with no brackets

M1 Attempt to solve 3 term quadratic in  $\sin x$

A1 Obtain  $x = -19.5^\circ$

A1√ Obtain second correct answer in range, following their  $x$

A1 6 Obtain  $90^\circ$  (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><math>\sin \theta = \cos^2 \theta</math> and completion to given result</p>	<p>M1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>[2]</p>	<p>www</p>	
(ii)	<p><math>\sin^2 \theta + \sin \theta - 1 = 0</math></p> <p><math>[\sin \theta =] \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}</math> oe may be implied by correct answers</p> <p><math>[\theta =] 38.17\dots, \text{ or } 38.2 \text{ and } 141.83\dots, 141.8 \text{ or } 142</math></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, <b>A0</b> if extra values in range or in radians</p> <p><b>NB</b> 0.6662 and 2.4754 if working in radian mode earns <b>M1A1A0</b></p>	<p>condone <math>y^2 + y - 1 = 0</math></p> <p>mark to benefit of candidate</p> <p>ignore any work with negative root &amp; condone omission of negative root with no comment eg <b>M1</b> for 0.618...</p> <p>if unsupported, <b>B1</b> for one of these, <b>B2</b> for both. If both values correct with extra values in range, then <b>B1</b>.</p> <p><b>NB</b> 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
		<b>[2]</b>		
(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 equivs 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)  <b>SR</b> If no working shown then allow <b>B1</b> for each correct solution (max of <b>B3</b> if in radians, or if extra solns in range).
		<b>[4]</b>		