



**Pure  
Math 30**

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*Diploma Style  
Practice Exam*

CONICS

--ANSWERS--

## Conics Diploma Style Practice Exam - ANSWERS

### Formulas

*These are the only formulas for conics you will be given on your diploma*

$$Ax^2 + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F = 0 \quad , \quad A, C, D, E, F \in I$$
$$(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$$
$$\frac{(x-h)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(y-k)^2}{b^2} = 1$$
$$y-k = a(x-h)^2$$
$$x-h = a(y-k)^2$$
$$\frac{(x-h)^2}{a^2} - \frac{(y-k)^2}{b^2} = \pm 1$$

<b>Answers</b>
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| 1. <b>A</b>       | 11. <b>D</b>      | 19. <b>D</b> |
| NR 1) <b>49.7</b> | NR 2) <b>2.25</b> | 20. <b>D</b> |
| 2. <b>A</b>       | NR 3) <b>2486</b> | 21. <b>D</b> |
| 3. <b>B</b>       | 12. <b>C</b>      | 22. <b>A</b> |
| 4. <b>A</b>       | 13. <b>A</b>      | 23. <b>A</b> |
| 5. <b>A</b>       | 14. <b>B</b>      | 24. <b>A</b> |
| 6. <b>A</b>       | 15. <b>B</b>      | 25. <b>A</b> |
| 7. <b>D</b>       | 16. <b>D</b>      | 26. <b>C</b> |
| 8. <b>B</b>       | 17. <b>B</b>      | 27. <b>C</b> |
| 9. <b>D</b>       | NR 4) <b>90</b>   | 28. <b>A</b> |
| 10. <b>C</b>      | 18. <b>D</b>      | 29. <b>C</b> |

1. First identify the parameters in  $\frac{(x-3)^2}{4} - \frac{(y+1)^2}{16} = -1$

The hyperbola is vertical  
because of the -1,

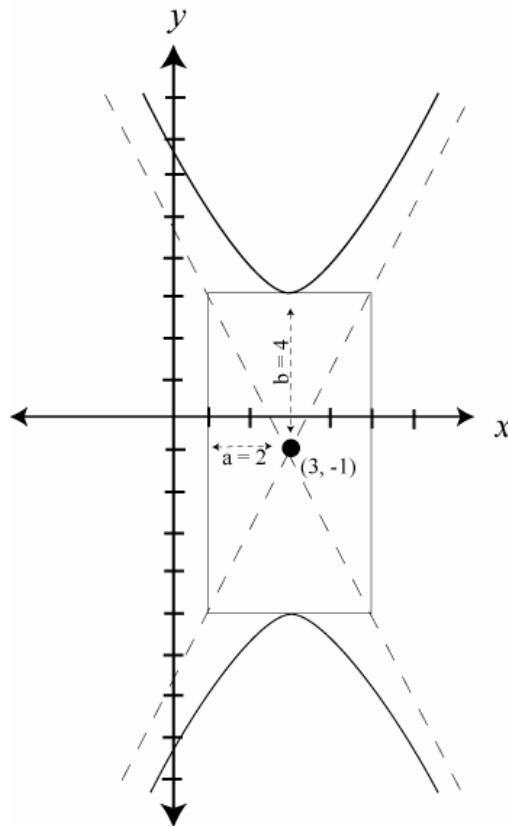
Centre is (3, -1)

$a$ -value is 2

$b$ -value is 4.

The range is  $y \geq 3$  ,  $y \leq -5$

The answer is **A**.



- NR #1.** The equation given is  $x^2 + m(y - 70) = 0$  and the point (59, 0) can be read off the graph. Plug this in for  $x$  and  $y$ , then solve for  $m$ .

$$x^2 + m(y - 70) = 0$$

$$59^2 + m(0 - 70) = 0$$

$$3481 - 70m = 0$$

$$3481 = 70m$$

$$m = 49.7$$

The answer is **49.7**

2. Two parallel lines may not be formed using a double napped cone, a cylinder is required to make this shape.

The answer is **A**.

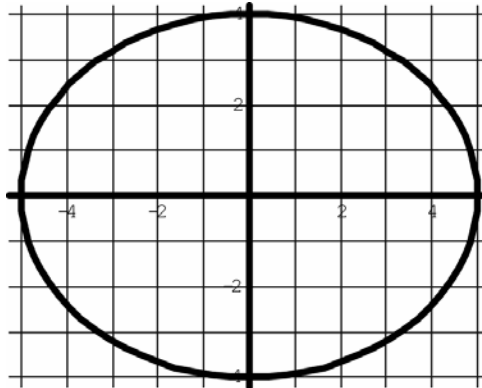
3. The conic  $16x^2 + 25y^2 - 400 = 0$  should be converted to standard form in order to properly draw the graph.

$$16x^2 + 25y^2 - 400 = 0$$

$$16x^2 + 25y^2 = 400$$

$$\frac{16x^2}{400} + \frac{25y^2}{400} = \frac{400}{400}$$

$$\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{16} = 1$$



The range of the ellipse is  $-4 \leq y \leq 4$ , which is the same as saying the absolute value of range is less or equal to 4.

The answer is **B**.

4. For an ellipse, the product of  $A$  and  $C$  must be positive (*have the same sign*).  
The answer is **A**.  
( $B$  gives a hyperbola, and  $C$  &  $D$  give parabolas)

5. Convert the equation to standard form by completing the square

$$-2y^2 - x + 20y - 47 = 0$$

$$-2y^2 + 20y = x + 47$$

$$-2(y^2 - 10y \quad \quad) = x + 47$$

$$-2(y^2 - 10y + 25) = x + 47 - 50$$

$$-2(y - 5)^2 = x - 3$$

The vertex is located at  $(3, 5)$ .

The answer is **A**.

6. The equation  $3x^2 - Dx + Ey - F = 0$  has no  $y^2$  term, so the  $C$  value is zero. This will make a parabola. The degenerate of a parabola is a single line.  
The answer is **A**.

7. If the distance between  $x$  – intercepts is  $2\sqrt{11}$ , half of that is  $\sqrt{11}$ , and that is the  $a$  – value of the ellipse.  
If the distance between  $y$  – intercepts is 10, half of that is 5, and that is the  $b$  – value of the ellipse.  
The centre is at  $(0, 0)$

Plugging into the standard form equation, we get

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

$$\frac{x^2}{(\sqrt{11})^2} + \frac{y^2}{(5)^2} = 1$$

$$\frac{x^2}{11} + \frac{y^2}{25} = 1$$

The answer is **D**.

8. Convert  $\frac{3(x-1)^2}{17} - \frac{(y+1)^2}{17} = 1$  to general form

$$17\left(\frac{3(x-1)^2}{17} - \frac{(y+1)^2}{17}\right) = 17(1)$$

$$3(x-1)^2 - (y+1)^2 = 17$$

$$3(x^2 - 2x + 1) - (y^2 + 2y + 1) = 17$$

$$3x^2 - 6x + 3 - y^2 - 2y - 1 = 17$$

$$3x^2 - y^2 - 6x - 2y - 15 = 0$$

The value of  $E$  is -2.

The answer is **B**.

Note that  $C < 0$  was extra information not needed to solve the question.

9. First complete the square to obtain the standard form equation.

$$9x^2 + 4y^2 - 54x + 16y + 61 = 0$$

$$9x^2 - 54x + 4y^2 + 16y = -61$$

$$9(x^2 - 6x \quad) + 4(y^2 + 4y \quad) = -61$$

$$9(x^2 - 6x + 9) + 4(y^2 + 4y + 4) = -61 + 81 + 16$$

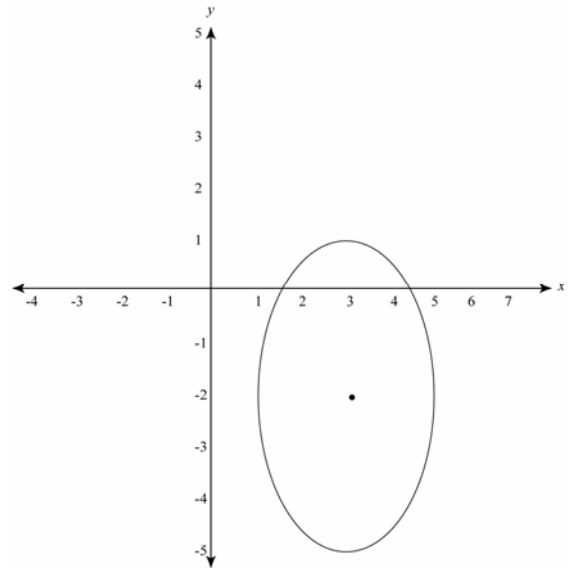
$$9(x-3)^2 + 4(y+2)^2 = 36$$

$$\frac{9(x-3)^2}{36} + \frac{4(y+2)^2}{36} = \frac{36}{36}$$

$$\frac{(x-3)^2}{4} + \frac{(y+2)^2}{9} = 1$$

The range is  $-5 \leq y \leq 1$

The answer is **D**.



10. The  $y$ -intercepts of  $x^2 + y^2 - x + 5y - 6 = 0$  can be found by substituting zero for  $x$ , then solving for  $y$ .

$$x^2 + y^2 - x + 5y - 6 = 0$$

$$y^2 + 5y - 6 = 0$$

$$(y+6)(y-1) = 0$$

$$y = -6, 1$$

The answer is **C**. Remember that  $y$ -intercepts are actually a coordinate with  $x = 0$ , so write the  $y$ -intercepts as  $(0, -6)$  and  $(0, 1)$

11. The second graph has been reflected in the line  $y = x$ , which makes it an inverse. The answer is **D**.

**NR 2.** If the parabola has a vertical axis of symmetry, the standard form equation is  $y - k = a(x - h)^2$ . Plug the data into this equation and solve for  $a$ .

$$h = -3, \quad k = 5, \quad x = -1, \quad y = -4.$$

$$y - k = a(x - h)^2$$

$$-4 - 5 = a(-1 - (-3))^2$$

$$-9 = a(2)^2$$

$$-9 = 4a$$

$$a = \frac{-9}{4}$$

The answer for  $|a|$  is **2.25**

**NR 3.** Since the total distance across the spark gap is double the value of  $a$ , we need to multiply this value by 2.

The answer is **2486** nm

**12.** To transform the x-intercept of 4 to 6, multiply by 1.5, or  $\frac{3}{2}$

To transform the y-intercept of 4 to 10, multiply by 2.5, or  $\frac{5}{2}$

The answer is **C**.

13. First draw in the reference box to determine the  $a$  and  $b$  values

$$a = 3$$

$$b = 2$$

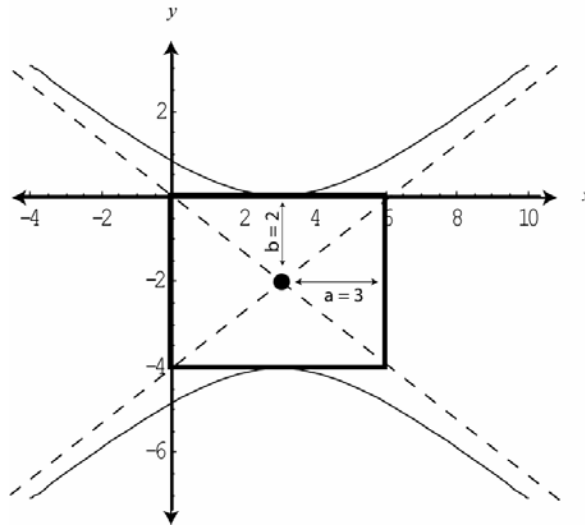
$$\text{Centre} = (3, -2)$$

Plug these into the standard form equation for a vertical hyperbola

$$\frac{(x-h)^2}{a^2} - \frac{(y-k)^2}{b^2} = -1$$

$$\frac{(x-3)^2}{3^2} - \frac{(y-(-2))^2}{2^2} = -1$$

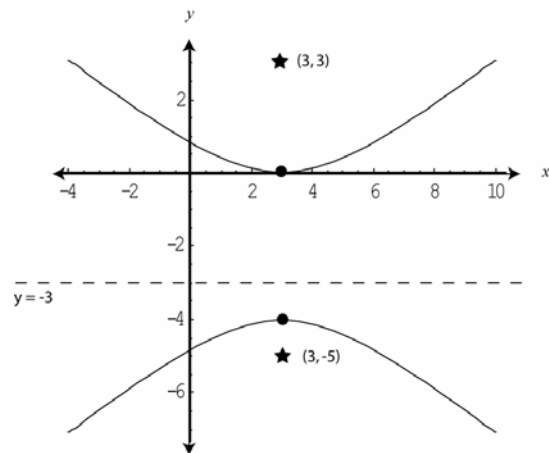
$$\frac{(x-3)^2}{9} - \frac{(y+2)^2}{4} = -1$$



The answer is **A**.

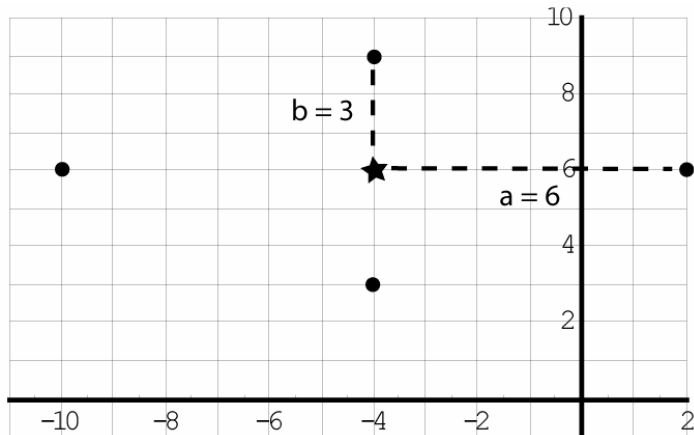
14. Draw in the line  $y = -3$ , and then perform the stretch by a factor of 2 on the vertices. The new vertices can be found at  $(3, 3)$  and  $(3, -5)$

The new range is  $y \leq -5$  ,  $y \geq 3$   
The answer is **B**.





15. If both A and C are negative, the product will give a positive, making the shape an ellipse.  
The answer is **B**.
16. Draw in the known points, and use them to determine the a and b values.



The standard form of the ellipse is  $\frac{(x+4)^2}{36} + \frac{(y-6)^2}{9} = 1$

The answer is **D**.

17. Since the plane is cutting between the generator and central axis, it will give a hyperbola.  
The answer is **B**.

**NR 4.** The cutting plane can produce a circle at only one angle, and that is when it is perpendicular to the central axis.  
The answer is **90°**

18. The plane passing parallel to the generator will give a parabola, and since it passes through the vertex, it will give the degenerate case of a single line.  
The answer is **D**.

19. Stretches must be applied before translations, so this rules out both A and B, and C will not give the correct shape.  
The answer is **D**.

20. Replace  $x$  with  $(x + 2)$  to represent 2 units left, and replace  $y$  with  $(y + 1)$  to represent 1 unit down.

$$2(x+2)^2 + (y+1)^2 - 2(x+2) + 3(y+1) - 9 = 0$$

$$2(x^2 + 4x + 4) + (y^2 + 2y + 1) - 2(x+2) + 3(y+1) - 9 = 0$$

$$2x^2 + 8x + 8 + y^2 + 2y + 1 - 2x - 4 + 3y + 3 - 9 = 0$$

$$2x^2 + y^2 + 6x + 5y - 1 = 0$$

The answer is **D**.

21. First state what you know, then plug the values into the standard form equation

$$a = \sqrt{10b}, \quad b = b, \quad h = 2, \quad k = -1$$

$$\frac{(x-2)^2}{(\sqrt{10b})^2} + \frac{(y+1)^2}{b^2} = 1$$

$$\frac{(x-2)^2}{10b^2} + \frac{(y+1)^2}{b^2} = 1$$

The answer is **D**.

22. If the vertex angle is  $60^\circ$ , half of that will give the generator angle, which is  $30^\circ$ . An ellipse will be formed if the angle of the cutting plane is between the generator and perpendicular, so  $30^\circ < x < 90^\circ$ . Note that you don't want to use the equal sign, since that would give a parabola & circle too.  
The answer is **A**.

23. Complete the square.

$$x^2 + 9y - 2x - 35 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 2x = -9y + 35$$

$$x^2 - 2x + 1 = -9y + 35 + 1$$

$$(x-1)^2 = -9y + 36$$

$$(x-1)^2 = -9(y-4)$$

The vertex is located at  $(1, 4)$

The answer is **A**.

- 24.** Replace  $x$  with  $x + h$  and  $y$  with  $y - k$  to account for the transformations.

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

$$(x + h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = 1$$

To find the  $x$ -intercepts, let  $y = 0$ .

$$(x + h)^2 + (0 - k)^2 = 1$$

$$(x + h)^2 + k^2 = 1$$

The answer is **A**.

- 25.** The standard form of  $x - h = a(y - k)^2$  will give a horizontal parabola since the  $y$  is squared. A horizontal parabola does not pass the vertical line test, so it is not a function. The answer is **A**.

- 26.** Complete the square to write the conic in standard form.

$$x^2 + y^2 + 6x - 2y - 6 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 6x + y^2 - 2y = 6$$

$$(x^2 + 6x + 9) + (y^2 - 2y + 1) = 6 + 9 + 1$$

$$(x + 3)^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 16$$

The radius is  $\sqrt{16} = 4$  units.

The answer is **C**.

27. First draw in the reference box for the hyperbola to determine the  $a$  and  $b$  values.

From here, we can see that

$$a = 8$$

$$b = 12$$

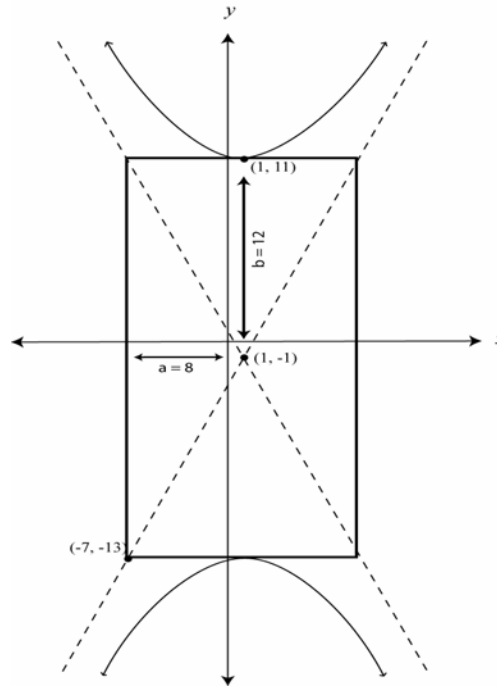
$$\text{Centre} = (1, -1)$$

Plug these values into the standard form equation of a vertical hyperbola.

$$\frac{(x-1)^2}{8^2} - \frac{(y+1)^2}{12^2} = -1$$

$$\frac{(x-1)^2}{64} - \frac{(y+1)^2}{144} = -1$$

The answer is **C**.



28. From the standard form  $\frac{(x-2)^2}{16} + \frac{(y+3)^2}{36} = 1$ , the centre is at  $(2, -3)$

If moved 3 left and 5 up, the new centre is  $(-1, 2)$

The new standard form, then, is  $\frac{(x+1)^2}{16} + \frac{(y-2)^2}{36} = 1$

The answer is **A**.

29. Multiply both sides of the equation by the common denominator.

$$400 \left[ \frac{(x-1)^2}{16} + \frac{(y-1)^2}{25} \right] = 400[1]$$

$$25(x-1)^2 + 16(y-1)^2 = 400$$

$$25(x^2 - 2x + 1) + 16(y^2 - 2y + 1) = 400$$

$$25x^2 - 50x + 25 + 16y^2 - 32y + 16 = 400$$

$$25x^2 + 16y^2 - 50x - 32y - 359 = 0$$

The answer is **C**.

## Written Response 1

### **Ellipse:**

First state what you know:  $a = 60$ ,  $b = 40$ , centre =  $(0, 0)$

Plug these values into the standard form equation to get the answer.

$$\text{The equation is } \frac{x^2}{3600} + \frac{y^2}{1600} = 1$$

### **Parabola:**

First state what you know: Vertex =  $(0, 40)$ ,  
and a point on the graph is  $(60, 0)$

Plug these values into the standard form  
equation to solve for  $a$ , then you can write  
the final equation.

$$y - k = a(x - h)^2$$

$$0 - 40 = a(60 - 0)^2$$

$$-40 = a(60)^2$$

$$-40 = 3600a$$

$$a = -\frac{1}{90}$$

$$\text{The equation is } y - 40 = -\frac{1}{90}x^2$$

**The height at  $x = 30$   
gives the following  
for each model:**

Ellipse: 34.64 m

Parabola: 30 m

The parabola comes  
closest to the actual  
height.

## Written Response 2

**Dartboard:** The diameter of the dartboard is 50.3 cm, so the radius is 25.15 cm

$$x^2 + y^2 = (25.15)^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 632.52$$

**Backing:** The diameter of the dartboard is 80.7 cm, so the radius is 40.35 cm

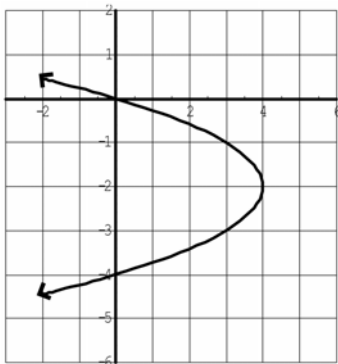
$$x^2 + y^2 = (40.35)^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1628.12$$

**Transformation:** The small circle undergoes a horizontal stretch

by a factor of  $\frac{40.35}{25.15} = 1.6$ , and a vertical stretch by the same value.

## Written Response 3



The vertex is located at (4, -2). These are the  $h$  &  $k$  values.

A point on the graph is located at (0, 0). This is a value you can use for  $x$  &  $y$ .

Standard form for horizontal parabolas  $\rightarrow x - h = a(y - k)^2$

$$0 - 4 = a(0 - (-2))^2$$

$$0 - 4 = a(0 + 2)^2$$

$$-4 = a(4)$$

$$a = -1$$

$$\text{The equation is: } x - 4 = -(y + 2)^2$$

Plug everything in and solve for  $a$ .

### $x$ - intercept:

Set  $y = 0$ , then solve for  $x$ .

$$x - 4 = -(0 + 2)^2$$

$$x - 4 = -4$$

$$x = 0$$

### $y$ - intercepts:

Set  $x = 0$ , then solve for  $y$ .

$$0 - 4 = -(y + 2)^2$$

$$-4 = -(y + 2)^2$$

$$4 = (y + 2)^2$$

$$\sqrt{4} = \sqrt{(y + 2)^2}$$

First evaluate for +2

$$+2 = y + 2$$

$$y = 0$$

Then evaluate for -2

$$-2 = y + 2$$

$$y = -4$$

The domain is  $x \leq 4$

The range is  $y \in R$