1)

The curve C has equation

$$y = 3x^4 - 8x^3 - 3$$

(a) Find (i) $\frac{dy}{dx}$

(ii) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$

(3)

(b) Verify that C has a stationary point when $x = 2$

(2)

(c) Determine the nature of this stationary point, giving a reason for your answer.

(2)

2)

A curve has equation $y = f(x)$ and is such that $f'(x) = 3x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 3x^{-\frac{1}{2}} - 10$.

(i) By using the substitution $u = x^{\frac{1}{2}}$, or otherwise, find the values of x for which the curve $y = f(x)$ has stationary points. [4]

(ii) Find $f''(x)$ and hence, or otherwise, determine the nature of each stationary point. [3]

(iii) It is given that the curve $y = f(x)$ passes through the point $(4, -7)$. Find $f(x)$. [4]

3)

The curve C has equation $y = 6 - 3x - \frac{4}{x^3}$, $x \neq 0$

(a) Use calculus to show that the curve has a turning point P when $x = \sqrt{2}$

(4)

(b) Find the x-coordinate of the other turning point Q on the curve.

(1)

(c) Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$.

(1)

(d) Hence or otherwise, state with justification, the nature of each of these turning points P and Q.

(3)

4)

(i) Find the coordinates of the stationary point on the curve $y = x^4 + 32x$. **[5]**

(ii) Determine whether this stationary point is a maximum or a minimum. **[2]**

5)

A curve has equation $y = (x + 2)(x^2 - 3x + 5)$.

(i) Find the coordinates of the minimum point, justifying that it is a minimum. **[8]**

(ii) Calculate the discriminant of $x^2 - 3x + 5$. **[2]**

(iii) Explain why $(x + 2)(x^2 - 3x + 5)$ is always positive for $x > -2$. **[2]**

6)

The curve C has equation $y = 12\sqrt{(x)} - x^{\frac{3}{2}} - 10, \quad x > 0$

(a) Use calculus to find the coordinates of the turning point on C.

(7)

(b) Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$.

(2)

(c) State the nature of the turning point.

(1)