

# UNIT 1 MATHEMATICAL METHODS

## BOOK 1 – POLYNOMIALS I

### Section 1: Introduction to Algebra

#### Substitution of Values

#### Expanding Expressions

The Distributive Law

Expanding Expressions by Rule

#### Techniques in Factorisation

Number Systems

### Section 2: Linear Polynomials

#### Polynomial Expressions

#### Factorising Linear Polynomials

Highest Common Factor

Grouping Terms

#### Solving Linear Equations

Solving Equations Using the Null Factor Law

Solving Literal Equations

Rearrangement and Substitution

Simultaneous Equations

#### Graphs of Linear Polynomials

Technology Neutral Applications

#### Determining Rules for Linear Functions

#### Sketching and Solving Linear Inequalities

#### Linear Models and Applications

### Section 3: Quadratic Polynomials

#### Factorising Quadratic Polynomials

Factorising Quadratic Trinomials by Rule

The Difference of Two Squares

The FOIL Technique

Completing the Square

Transposition Using Completing the Square

Grouping Terms

Expressions that Can be Reduced to Quadratics

#### Solving Quadratic Equations

Solving Equations

Solving Equations Using the Null Factor Law

Verifying Solutions

The Quadratic Formula

The Discriminant

Solving Equations by Equating Coefficients

Points of Intersection of a Quadratic with a Line or Quadratic

### **Graphs of Quadratic Polynomials**

Quadratics Written as Combinations of Linear Factors  
Quadratic Functions in their Fully Expanded Form  
Technology Neutral Applications

### **Transformations of Quadratic Functions**

Transformations of Functions  
Dilations  
Reflections  
Translations  
Summary of Transformation Notations  
Order of Transformations  
Identifying Transformations  
The Perfect Square or Transformation Form  
Sketching Curves by Considering Transformations

### **Determining Rules for Quadratic Functions**

### **Sketching and Solving Quadratic Inequations**

### **Quadratic Models and Applications**

#### **The Discriminant Function**

Calculating the Discriminant  
Solving Discriminant Applications  
Applications Involving X Intercepts/Roots  
Applications Involving Curve Features  
Applications Involving Points of Intersection

### **Section 4: Matrices**

Dimensions/Order/Size of Matrices  
Equality of Matrices

#### **The Algebra of Matrices**

Addition and Subtraction of Matrices  
Scalar Multiplication  
Matrix Multiplication  
The Determinant & Multiplicative Inverse  
Finding Inverse Matrices  
Solving Matrix Equations  
Solving Linear Simultaneous Equations

#### **Matrix Representation of Transformations**

Finding the Image of a Point  
Finding the Image of a Function or Relation

## **BOOK 2 – POLYNOMIALS II**

### **Section 5: Cubic Polynomials**

#### **Factorising Cubic Polynomials**

Grouping Terms  
The Sum or Difference of Two Cubes  
Division of Polynomial Expressions  
The Remainder Theorem  
The Factor Theorem  
Long Division  
Division Done Easy  
Synthetic Division

### **Solving Cubic Equations**

Solving Equations Using the Null Factor Law  
Solving Equations by Equating Coefficients  
Point(s) of Intersection Between a Cubic and a Line or Quadratic

### **Graphs of Cubic Polynomials**

Cubic Functions Written as Combinations of Linear Factors  
Technology Neutral Applications  
Cubic Functions in their Fully Expanded Form  
Technology Neutral Applications  
Cubic Functions Written in Transformation Form  
Transformations of Cubic Functions  
Sketching Cubic Functions by Considering Transformations  
Technology Neutral Applications

### **Sketching and Solving Cubic Inequations**

#### **Determining Rules for Cubic Functions**

#### **Cubic Models and Applications**

## **Section 6: Quartic Polynomials**

### **Factorising Quartic Polynomials**

Highest Common Factors  
Grouping Terms  
Disguised Quartic Expressions  
Factor Theorem & Division

### **Solving Quartic Equations**

### **Graphs of Quartic Polynomials**

Quartic Functions Written as Combinations of Linear Factors  
Technology Neutral Applications  
Quartic Functions in the Fully Expanded Form  
Technology Neutral Applications  
Quartic Functions Written in Transformation Form  
Transformations of Quartic Functions  
Sketching Quartic Functions by Considering Transformations  
Technology Neutral Applications

### **Sketching and Solving Quartic Inequations**

#### **Determining Rules for Quartic Functions**

#### **Quartic Models and Applications**

## **Section 7: Higher Order Polynomial Functions**

Even Power Functions  
Odd Power Functions  
End Behaviour  
Factors and Roots

## **Section 8: Families of Polynomial Functions**

Linear Families  
Quadratic Families  
Cubic Families  
Quartic Families

## **Section 9: Approximating the Roots of Polynomial Graphs**

Roots & Intervals  
Numerical Estimation of Roots (The Method of Bisection)  
Graphical Estimation of Roots  
Using Points of Intersection to Estimate Roots

## **BOOK 3**

### **RELATIONS, FUNCTIONS AND THEIR GRAPHS**

#### **Section 1: Relations and Functions**

Relations and Correspondence  
Functions and Inverses  
Domains and Ranges  
Notations Used to Describe Domains and Ranges  
Including and Excluding Values  
Number Systems  
Finding the Domain  
Finding the Range  
Largest Possible Domain  
Function Notation

#### **Section 2: Other Relations**

The Rectangular Hyperbola  
The Truncus  
The Circle  
The Square Root Function  
The Cube Root Function

#### **Section 3: Hybrid Functions**

#### **Section 4: Inverse Functions and Relations**

Inverse Relations  
Inverse Functions  
Identifying Inverse Pairs  
Sketching Inverse Functions  
Finding Equations Describing Inverse Functions

### **RATES OF CHANGE**

#### **Section 5: Rates of Change**

##### **Definitions and Notations**

##### **Types of Rates of Change**

##### **Constant Rates of Change**

##### **Variable Rates of Change**

Average Rates of Change  
The Graphical Approach  
The Numerical Approach  
The Algebraic Approach  
Instantaneous Rates of Change  
The Graphical Approach  
The Numerical Approach  
The Algebraic Approach

##### **Sketching Rate of Change Graphs from the Graph of $f(x)$**



## **Vessels and Rates of Change**

### **Motion and its Graphs**

Important Rules and Definitions  
Distance, Displacement and Position  
Speed and Velocity  
Acceleration  
Distance – Time Graphs  
Displacement – Time Graphs  
Speed – Time Graphs  
Velocity – Time Graphs  
Acceleration – Time Graphs  
Relationships Between Motion Graphs

## **BOOK 4**

### **COORDINATE GEOMETRY**

#### **Section 1: Coordinate Geometry**

##### **The Distance Between Two Points**

##### **Collinear Points**

##### **The Midpoint of a Line**

##### **Parallel and Perpendicular Lines**

##### **Perpendicular Bisectors**

##### **Proofs in Coordinate Geometry**

To Prove that the Given Lines are Parallel  
To Prove that the Given Lines are Perpendicular  
To Prove that a Triangle is Scalene, Isosceles or Equilateral  
To Prove that a Triangle is a Right-Angled Triangle  
To Prove that a Quadrilateral is a Parallelogram  
To Prove that a Quadrilateral is a Square  
To Prove that a Quadrilateral is a Rectangle  
To Prove that a Quadrilateral is a Trapezoid  
Applications

### **PROBABILITY**

#### **Section 2: Probability**

##### **Basic Probability Facts**

##### **Overview of Set Language**

##### **Venn Diagrams**

##### **Probabilities of Compound Events**

Choices of Events – The Addition Rule  
Combinations of Events – The Multiplication Rule  
Independent Events  
Dependent Events – Conditional Probability

**Probability Diagrams**

Tree Diagrams

Lattice Diagrams

Karnaugh Maps

Helpful Information for Probability Applications

**Mixed Questions in Probability**

