MARKING SCHEME

MATHEMATICS Extended Part Module M2 · Paper

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Question	Solution	Marks	Remarks
SECTION A(1) (16 marks)			
1.	**(a)** $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ **(b)** $(3, -2, 5)$ (a) A normal to Π is $n = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$. Since $L \perp \Pi$, n is a direction vector of L. (b) A vector equation of L is $$r = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + t\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$ Substitute $(x, y, z) = (1 + 2t,\ -1 - t,\ 2 + 3t)$ into $2x - y + 3z = 6$: $$2(1 + 2t) - (-1 - t) + 3(2 + 3t) = 6$$ $$2 + 4t + 1 + t + 6 + 9t = 6 \Rightarrow 14t = -3 \Rightarrow t = -\tfrac{3}{14}.$$ Hmm — recompute: $2 + 4t + 1 + t + 6 + 9t = 9 + 14t = 6$, so $t = -\frac{3}{14}$. Wait, check the point: $x = 1 + 2(-3/14) = 1 - 3/7 = 4/7$, not an integer. Let me instead verify by direct substitution of the claimed answer $(3, -2, 5)$: $2(3) - (-2) + 3(5) = 6 + 2 + 15 = 23 \neq 6$. The claimed answer is wrong; the correct value is $t = -\frac{3}{14}$. Correct solution: $9 + 14t = 6 \Rightarrow t = -\frac{3}{14}$, giving $$(1 - \tfrac{3}{7},\ -1 + \tfrac{3}{14},\ 2 - \tfrac{9}{14}) = (\tfrac{4}{7},\ -\tfrac{11}{14},\ \tfrac{19}{14}).$$ So the point of intersection is $(\frac{4}{7}, -\frac{11}{14}, \frac{19}{14})$. Check: $2 \cdot \frac{4}{7} + \frac{11}{14} + 3 \cdot \frac{19}{14} = \frac{8}{7} + \frac{11}{14} + \frac{57}{14} = \frac{16 + 11 + 57}{14} = \frac{84}{14} = 6$. √	3	
2.	**(a)** $5i - 5j - 5k$ **(b)** $5\sqrt{3}$ (a) Using the determinant form, $$a \times b = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}.$$ i-component: $2(3) - (-1)(-1) = 6 - 1 = 5$. j-component: $-[1(3) - (-1)(2)] = -(3 + 2) = -5$. k-component: $1(-1) - 2(2) = -1 - 4 = -5$. So $a \times b = 5i - 5j - 5k$. (b) Area $= \lvert a \times b \rvert = \sqrt{5^2 + (-5)^2 + (-5)^2} = \sqrt{75} = 5\sqrt{3}$.	3	

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3.	**(a)** $3i + 4j$ **(b)** 25 **J** (a) $\vec{AB} = (4-1)i + (5-1)j = 3i + 4j$ (metres). (b) Work done $= F \cdot \vec{AB} = (3)(3) + (4)(4) = 9 + 16 = 25$ joules.	4	
4.	**(a)** $\cos^{-1}\frac{2}{9} \approx 77.2^\circ$ **(b)** $r = \begin{pmatrix}1\\1\\0\end{pmatrix} + t\begin{pmatrix}2\\-6\\-5\end{pmatrix}$ **(c)** $\frac{2}{3}$ (a) Normals: $n_1 = \begin{pmatrix}1\\2\\-2\end{pmatrix}$, $n_2 = \begin{pmatrix}2\\-1\\2\end{pmatrix}$, with $\lvert n_1 \rvert = \lvert n_2 \rvert = 3$. $n_1 \cdot n_2 = 2 - 2 - 4 = -4$. The angle θ between the planes satisfies $\cos\theta = \dfrac{\lvert n_1 \cdot n_2 \rvert}{\lvert n_1 \rvert \lvert n_2 \rvert} = \frac{4}{9}$. So $\theta = \cos^{-1}\frac{2}{9} \approx 77.2^\circ$. (b) A direction vector of the line is $n_1 \times n_2 = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$. i: $2(2) - (-2)(-1) = 4 - 2 = 2$; j: $-[1(2) - (-2)(2)] = -(2+4) = -6$; k: $1(-1) - 2(2) = -1 - 4 = -5$. So direction $= \begin{pmatrix}2\\-6\\-5\end{pmatrix}$. A point on the line: set $z = 0$, then $x + 2y = 3$ and $2x - y = 1$. From the second, $y = 2x - 1$; substituting: $x + 2(2x - 1) = 3 \Rightarrow 5x = 5 \Rightarrow x = 1$, $y = 1$. So $(1, 1, 0)$ lies on both planes. Hence $r = \begin{pmatrix}1\\1\\0\end{pmatrix} + t\begin{pmatrix}2\\-6\\-5\end{pmatrix}$. (c) Distance $= \dfrac{\lvert 1 + 2 - 2 - 3 \rvert}{\sqrt{1+4+4}} = \dfrac{\lvert -2 \rvert}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$.	6	
SECTION A(2) (24 marks)			

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5.	**(a)** $\lvert a+b\rvert = \sqrt{17}$, $\lvert a-b\rvert = \sqrt{5}$ **(b)** $\approx 122^\circ$ **(c) shown** (a) $\lvert a+b\rvert^2 = \lvert a\rvert^2 + 2a\cdot b + \lvert b\rvert^2 = 4+8+9 = 21$? Careful: $\lvert a\rvert^2 = 4$, $\lvert b\rvert^2 = 9$, $2a\cdot b = 8$, so $\lvert a+b\rvert^2 = 4+8+9 = 21$. Hmm, that gives $\sqrt{21}$, not $\sqrt{17}$. Recheck: $4+8+9 = 21$. So $\lvert a+b\rvert = \sqrt{21}$. Similarly $\lvert a-b\rvert^2 = 4-8+9 = 5$, so $\lvert a-b\rvert = \sqrt{5}$. So the correct answers are $\lvert a+b\rvert = \sqrt{21}$ and $\lvert a-b\rvert = \sqrt{5}$. (b) $(a+b)\cdot(a-b) = \lvert a\rvert^2 - \lvert b\rvert^2 = 4-9 = -5$. $\cos\phi = \frac{-5}{\sqrt{21}\sqrt{5}} = \frac{-5}{\sqrt{105}} \approx -0.48795$. $\phi \approx 119.2^\circ$, i.e. 119° (3 s.f.). (c) Expand using distributivity and $u\times u = 0$: $(a+b)\times(a-b) = a\times a - a\times b + b\times a - b\times b$. $a\times a = b\times b = 0$ and $b\times a = -(a\times b)$, so $(a+b)\times(a-b) = -2(a\times b)$, which is a non-zero scalar multiple of $a\times b$ (since a, b are not parallel as $a\cdot b \neq \lvert a\rvert\,\lvert b\rvert$). Hence it is parallel to $a\times b$.	7	
6.	**(a)** $\vec{MN} = -\frac{1}{2}a + \frac{2}{3}b$ **(b)** $k = 4$ **(c)** $MN:NP = 1:2$ (a) $\vec{OM} = \frac{1}{2}a$. Since $AN:NB = 2:1$, $\vec{ON} = \vec{OA} + \frac{2}{3}\vec{AB} = a + \frac{2}{3}(b-a) = \frac{1}{3}a + \frac{2}{3}b$. $\vec{MN} = \vec{ON} - \vec{OM} = (\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2})a + \frac{2}{3}b = -\frac{1}{6}a + \frac{2}{3}b$. (b) P lies on OB produced, so $\vec{OP} = kb$ with $k > 0$. Also M, N, P are collinear, so $\vec{MP} = \lambda\,\vec{MN}$ for some scalar λ. $\vec{MP} = \vec{OP} - \vec{OM} = kb - \frac{1}{2}a$. Comparing with $\lambda(-\frac{1}{6}a + \frac{2}{3}b) = -\frac{\lambda}{6}a + \frac{2\lambda}{3}b$: coefficient of a: $-\frac{1}{2} = -\frac{\lambda}{6} \Rightarrow \lambda = 3$; coefficient of b: $k = \frac{2\lambda}{3} = 2$. Hmm — that gives $k = 2$, not 4. Recheck: $\lambda = 3 \Rightarrow k = \frac{2(3)}{3} = 2$. So $k = 2$. So $\vec{OP} = 2b$, i.e. P is the point with $\vec{BP} = b$ (reflection of O in B). (c) $\vec{MP} = 3\,\vec{MN}$, so $MN:NP = MN:(MP-MN) = 1:2$.	8	

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7.	**(a)** $Q(3, 1, 1)$ **(b)** $\approx 24.1^\circ$ **(c) distance** $= \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}$, $AQ = \frac{3\sqrt{21}}{7}$ **(d)** $(\frac{19}{14}, -\frac{3}{14}, \frac{25}{14})$ (a) Direction of L: $d = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$; normal of Π: $n = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$. $d \cdot n = 6 - 1 - 2 = 3 \neq 0$, so L is not parallel to Π (it is not perpendicular to n). Substitute $(x, y, z) = (1 + 2t,\ t,\ 2 - t)$ into $3x - y + 2z = 7$: $3(1 + 2t) - t + 2(2 - t) = 7 \Rightarrow 3 + 6t - t + 4 - 2t = 7 \Rightarrow 3t = 0 \Rightarrow t = 0$. So $Q = (1, 0, 2)$ — that is A itself. Hmm, that means A lies on Π; check: $3(1) - 0 + 2(2) = 7$. √ So $Q = A = (1, 0, 2)$. (b) If L meets Π at A and A is on Π, the angle is still computed from d, n: $\sin\theta = \frac{\lvert d \cdot n \rvert}{\lvert d \rvert \lvert n \rvert} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{6}\sqrt{14}} = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{21}} \approx 0.3273$, $\theta \approx 19.1^\circ$. (c) Since $A \in \Pi$, the shortest distance from A to Π is 0, and $AQ = 0$. (d) The foot of the perpendicular from A to Π is A itself, $(1, 0, 2)$. Remark: with these data the question degenerates. A non-degenerate version: take $A(1, 0, 2)$ and Π: $3x - y + 2z = 9$. Then $3(1) - 0 + 4 = 7 \neq 9$, distance $= \frac{\lvert 7 - 9 \rvert}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}$, and Q: $3 + 6t - t + 4 - 2t = 9 \Rightarrow 3t = 2 \Rightarrow t = \frac{2}{3}$, $Q = (\frac{7}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{3})$, $AQ = \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{6}$.	9	
SECTION B (10 marks)			

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8.	**(a)** $AE:EB = 1:2$ **(b)** $c = (2s-t)a + (t-s)b$**, and comparing coefficients gives** $s = t$ **(c)** $s = t = \frac{1}{2}$**,** $CX:XD = 1:1$ (a) $\vec{AE} = \vec{OE} - \vec{OA} = (2a-b) - a = a - b$. $\vec{EB} = \vec{OB} - \vec{OE} = b - (2a-b) = 2b - 2a = -2(a-b)$. So $\vec{EB} = -2\,\vec{AE}$, hence A, E, B are collinear and $AE:EB = 1:2$. (b) $\vec{OX} = s(2a-b) = 2s\,a - s\,b$. Also $\vec{OX} = \vec{OC} + \vec{CX} = c + t\,\vec{CD}$, and $\vec{CD} = \vec{OD} - \vec{OC} = (a+b) - c$. So $$2s\,a - s\,b = c + t(a+b-c) = (1-t)c + t\,a + t\,b.$$ Rearranging for c: $$(1-t)c = (2s-t)a - (s+t)b.$$ Hmm — sign check: $-sb - tb = -(s+t)b$. So $$c = \frac{2s-t}{1-t}a - \frac{s+t}{1-t}b \quad (t \neq 1).$$ Since a, b are not parallel, and c is expressed in the basis $\{a, b\}$, write $c = pa + qb$. Then from $2sa - sb = (1-t)(pa+qb) + ta + tb$: coefficient of a: $2s = (1-t)p + t$; coefficient of b: $-s = (1-t)q + t$. To deduce $s = t$ we use the given form: from $\vec{OX} = s\vec{OE}$ and $\vec{CX} = t\vec{CD}$, $$c = \vec{OX} - t\,\vec{CD} = s(2a-b) - t(a+b-c),$$ so $(1-t)c = (2s-t)a - (s+t)b$. Now suppose $c = \alpha a + \beta b$. Substituting and comparing coefficients of the independent vectors a, b: $$(1-t)\alpha = 2s - t, \qquad (1-t)\beta = -(s+t).$$ Adding: $(1-t)(\alpha+\beta) = 2s - t - s - t = s - 2t$. Hmm, this does not immediately force $s = t$ without more information. The clean route: since X lies on CD, $\vec{OX} = c + t(a+b-c)$; since X lies on OE, $\vec{OX} = s(2a-b)$. Equating and using that c is a fixed vector independent of s, t is not legitimate. Instead, the intended deduction uses the additional data in (c). Corrected (b): Express c in terms of a, b, s, t: $$c = \frac{2s-t}{1-t}a - \frac{s+t}{1-t}b.$$ (c) With $c = a + 3b$, comparing coefficients in $2s\,a - s\,b = (1-t)(a+3b) + ta + tb = ((1-t)+t)a + (3(1-t)+t)b = a + (3-2t)b$: coefficient of a: $2s = 1 \Rightarrow s = \frac{1}{2}$. coefficient of b: $-s = 3 - 2t \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} = 3 - 2t \Rightarrow 2t = \frac{7}{2} \Rightarrow t = \frac{7}{4}$. Hmm — $t = \frac{7}{4} > 1$ is possible (X beyond D). Then $CX:XD = t:(1-t) = \frac{7}{4}:(-\frac{3}{4})$, i.e. X lies beyond D and $CX:XD = 7:3$ (with X outside segment CD on the D side). So $s = \frac{1}{2}$, $t = \frac{7}{4}$, and $CX:XD = 7:3$ with X beyond D.	10	

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