



Further Math with Ali Hashir

Polar Coordinates

Topical Mark Schemes (CIE 9231)

Mark schemes corresponding to the topical questions booklet for this topic, compiled from official CIE 9231 Paper 1 marking schemes (2015–2025). Question numbers match the questions booklet.

About this resource: I teach CIE A Level Further Mathematics, and over the years I found that there simply weren't many well-organised, topic-wise resources available for this subject – it's a niche A Level with relatively few candidates, so it doesn't get much attention from resource makers. These topical booklets are my attempt to fix that: every past-paper question, sorted by topic, with its official mark scheme alongside it.

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Q1

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$\sin \frac{1}{2}\theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{1}{3}\pi$; Intersection at $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{3}\pi\right)$ (Accept 1.05 for $\frac{1}{3}\pi$.)	M1A1
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(2)

C_1 : Circle centre at pole and radius $1/\sqrt{2}$	B1
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C_2 : Curve, approx. correct orientation, from $(0, 0)$ to $(1, \pi)$.	B1
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Completely correct correct shape.	B1
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(3)

$\frac{1}{6} \times \pi \times \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{3}\pi} \sin \frac{1}{2}\theta \, d\theta$	M1A1
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$= \frac{1}{12}\pi \times \frac{1}{2} \left[-2 \cos \frac{1}{2}\theta \right]_0^{\frac{1}{3}\pi} = \frac{1}{12}\pi + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - 1$	M1A1
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$$s = \int_0^{\alpha} \sqrt{e^{8\theta} + 16e^{8\theta}} d\theta = \int_0^{\alpha} \sqrt{17} e^{4\theta} d\theta \quad (\text{AEF}) \quad (\text{LNR}) \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$= \left[\frac{\sqrt{17}}{4} e^{4\theta} \right]_0^{\alpha} \Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{17}}{4} e^{4\alpha} - \frac{\sqrt{17}}{4} = 2015 \quad \text{dM1A1}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{4\alpha} = 1955.837 \dots \Rightarrow \alpha = 1.89 \quad \text{CAO} \quad \text{dM1A1}$$

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Q3

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Closed curve through pole with correct orientation.	B1
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Completely correct.	B1
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(2)

$2 \times \frac{1}{2} a^2 \int_{\frac{1}{2}\pi}^{\pi} (1 - 2 \cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta) d\theta = a^2 \int_{\frac{1}{2}\pi}^{\pi} \left(\frac{3}{2} - 2 \cos \theta + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta \right) d\theta$	M1M1
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$= a^2 \left[\frac{3}{2} \theta - 2 \sin \theta + \frac{1}{4} \sin 2\theta \right]_{\frac{1}{2}\pi}^{\pi}$	M1A1
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$= a^2 \left(\frac{3}{4} \pi + 2 \right)$	A1
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(5)

$\left(\frac{ds}{d\theta} \right)^2 = a^2 (1 - 2 \cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)$	B1
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$= 2a^2 (1 - \cos \theta) = 2a^2 \cdot 2 \sin^2 \frac{1}{2} \theta = 4a^2 \sin^2 \frac{1}{2} \theta \text{ (AG)}$	M1A1
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$s = 2 \times \int_{\frac{1}{2}\pi}^{\pi} 2a \sin \frac{1}{2} \theta d\theta$	M1
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$= 4a \left[-2 \cos \frac{1}{2} \theta \right]_{\frac{1}{2}\pi}^{\pi}$	A1
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$= 4\sqrt{2}a$	M1A1
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Using $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$	B1
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$r^2 = 8 \operatorname{cosec} 2\theta \Rightarrow r^2 = \frac{4}{\sin \theta \cos \theta}$	M1
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$\Rightarrow r \cos \theta \cdot r \sin \theta = 4 \Rightarrow xy = 4$ (in simple form)	A1
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(3)

Sketch: Curve in 1st quadrant with correct concavity, asymptotic to both axes.	B1B1
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(2)

$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{1}{6}\pi}^{\frac{1}{3}\pi} 8 \operatorname{cosec} 2\theta \, d\theta = [2 \ln \tan \theta]_{\frac{1}{6}\pi}^{\frac{1}{3}\pi}$	M1A1
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$= 2 \left\{ \ln \sqrt{3} - \ln \left \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right \right\} = 2 \ln 3$ or $\ln 9$	A1
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$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}} \Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - x = 1 \quad \text{M1A1}$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = 1 + 2x \text{ or equivalent RHS} \quad \text{A1}$$

(3)

Sketch: Parabola symmetrical about x -axis. Intercepts at $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$ and $(0, \pm 1)$. **B1 B1**

Shading correct area **B1**

(3)

Recognises $\frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{3\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{(1 - \cos \theta)^2} d\theta$ as the area of the region between parabola and y -axis. **M1**

$$= 2 \times \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^0 (1 + 2x)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx$$

$$= 2 \left[\frac{1}{3} (1 + 2x)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_{-\frac{1}{2}}^0 = \frac{2}{3} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

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$$\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 = 36t^2 + 1 - 18t^2 + 81t^4 = 1 + 18t^2 + 81t^4 = (1 + 9t^2)^2 \text{ (AG)} \quad \mathbf{M1A1}$$

(2)

$$s = \int_0^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} (1 + 9t^2) dt = [t + 3t^3]_0^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \mathbf{M1A1}$$

(2)

$$S = 2\pi \int_0^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} t(1 - 3t^2)(1 + 9t^2) dt = 2\pi \int_0^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} (t + 6t^3 - 27t^5) dt \quad \mathbf{*M1}$$

$$= 2\pi \left[\frac{1}{2}t^2 + \frac{3}{2}t^4 - \frac{9}{2}t^6 \right]_0^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} = \frac{\pi}{3} \quad \mathbf{DM1A1}$$

(3)

Substitute $t = \frac{y}{x}$ in one of the parametric equations to obtain e.g. $x = 1 - 3\frac{y^2}{x^2}$. $\mathbf{M1}$

Uses $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta \Rightarrow r \cos \theta = 1 - 3 \tan^2 \theta \Rightarrow r = \sec \theta (1 - 3 \tan^2 \theta)$. $\mathbf{M1A1}$

States domain for θ : $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{6}$, $\mathbf{B1}$

(4)

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \sec^2 \theta (1 - 6 \tan^2 \theta + 9 \tan^4 \theta) d\theta \quad \mathbf{M1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\tan \theta - 2 \tan^3 \theta + \frac{9}{5} \tan^5 \theta \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} = \frac{4}{45} \sqrt{3} \quad \mathbf{A1A1}$$

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Sketch of a cardioid	B1
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Correct orientation and labelled	B1
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(2)

$A = \frac{a^2}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (1 + 2 \sin \theta + \sin^2 \theta) d\theta$	M1
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$= \left(\frac{a^2}{2} \right) \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left(1 + 2 \sin \theta + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta \right) d\theta$	M1
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$= \left(\frac{a^2}{2} \right) \left[\frac{3\theta}{2} - 2 \cos \theta - \frac{1}{4} \sin 2\theta \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{3\pi a^2}{2}$	M1A1
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(4)

Show that when $r = 0$, $\theta = -\frac{\pi}{2}$, when $r = 2a$ $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ and that $\frac{dr}{d\theta} = a \cos \theta$	B1
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$s = \int_{-\frac{1}{2}\pi}^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} \sqrt{a^2(1 + 2 \sin \theta + \sin^2 \theta) + a^2 \cos^2 \theta} d\theta = \sqrt{2}a \int_{-\frac{1}{2}\pi}^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} \sqrt{1 + \sin \theta} d\theta$	M1A1
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(Uses correct formula for arc length; AG)

(3)

$u = 1 + \sin \theta \Rightarrow \frac{du}{d\theta} = \cos \theta = \sqrt{1 - (u - 1)^2} = \sqrt{2u - u^2}$	M1
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so $s = \sqrt{2}a \int_0^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2-u}} du$ AG (Including limits)	A1
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$= \sqrt{2}a \left[-2(2-u)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]_0^2 = 4a$	M1A1
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$r = 2a \left(\cos 2\theta \cos \frac{1}{2}\pi - \sin 2\theta \sin \frac{1}{2}\pi \right) = 2a(0 - \sin 2\theta) = -2a \sin 2\theta \text{ (AG)}$	M1A1
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[Sketch: loops in 2nd and 4th quadrant]	B1
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Symmetry and shape correct	B1
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(4)

$r = -4a \sin \theta \cos \theta = -4a \cdot \frac{y}{r} \cdot \frac{x}{r} \Rightarrow r^3 = -4axy \Rightarrow ((x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} = -4axy) \text{ (AG)}$	M1A1
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(2)

Area of one loop is $\frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{1}{2}\pi}^{\pi} 4a^2 \sin^2 2\theta \, d\theta = a^2 \int_{\frac{1}{2}\pi}^{\pi} 2 \sin^2 2\theta \, d\theta \text{ (OE)}$	M1
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$= a^2 \int_{\frac{1}{2}\pi}^{\pi} (1 - \cos 4\theta) \, d\theta$	M1A1
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$= a^2 \left[\theta - \frac{1}{4} \sin 4\theta \right]_{\frac{1}{2}\pi}^{\pi} = \frac{1}{2} \pi a^2$	M1A1
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(5)

$y = r \sin \theta = -2a \sin 2\theta \sin \theta$	B1
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$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = -2a(2 \cos 2\theta \sin \theta + \sin 2\theta \cos \theta) = 0$	M1
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$2 \cos 2\theta \sin \theta = -\sin 2\theta \cos \theta \Rightarrow 2 \tan \theta = -\tan 2\theta \text{ (AG)}$	A1
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Closed curve (cardioid) starting and ending at pole, in approximately correct location.	B1
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Cardioid with indication of correct scale.	B1
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(2)

$r = a(1 + \cos \theta) \Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = a \left(1 + \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right)$	M1
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$x^2 + y^2 = a \left(x + \sqrt{(x^2 + y^2)} \right)$ (Substitutes for r and $\cos(\theta)$)	A1
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(2)

Sector area = $\frac{a^2}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{3}\pi} (1 + 2 \cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta) d\theta$	M1A1
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$= \frac{a^2}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{3}\pi} \left(\frac{3}{2} + 2 \cos \theta + \frac{\cos 2\theta}{2} \right) d\theta$	
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$= \frac{a^2}{2} \left[\frac{3\theta}{2} + 2 \sin \theta + \frac{\sin 2\theta}{4} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{3}\pi}$	M1
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$= \frac{a^2}{16} (4\pi + 9\sqrt{3})$	A1
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(4)

Arc length = $\int_0^{\frac{1}{3}\pi} \sqrt{a^2(1 + 2 \cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta) + a^2(-\sin \theta)^2} d\theta$	M1A1
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$= a \int_0^{\frac{1}{3}\pi} \sqrt{2 + 2 \cos \theta} d\theta$	A1
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$= a \left[4 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{3}\pi} = 2a$	M1A1
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Correct position including label of 1 on initial line, and symmetric about initial	B1
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Single correct loop.	B1
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(2)

$\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos^2 2\theta \, d\theta$. Correct integral	M1
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$= \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos 4\theta + 1 \, d\theta =$. Correct use of double angle formula	M1
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$\frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{1}{4} \sin 4\theta + \theta \right]_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{\pi}{8} = 0.393$	A1
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(3)

$r = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$ OE. Uses trig identity	B1
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Thus $(x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} = x^2 - y^2$. Uses $x = r \cos \theta$ or $y = r \sin \theta$ or both, AEF	M1A1
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$a = 2a \cos \theta \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \pm \frac{1}{2}$. Eliminates r .	M1
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$\left(a, \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ and $\left(a, \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$. Both points needed for A1.	A1
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(2)

Semicircle for C_1 including $r = a$.	B1
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Half of C_2 including $r = 2a$.	B1
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Other half of C_2 and line of symmetry.	B1
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(3)

$4a^2 \int_{\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^2 \theta d\theta$. Finds area of segment OP_1 and OP_2 of C_2	M1
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$= 2a^2 \int_{\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos 2\theta + 1 d\theta$. Uses $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2}(\cos 2\theta + 1)$	M1
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$= 2a^2 \left[\frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta + \theta \right]_{\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = 2a^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} + \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \right) = a^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$. Integrates correctly.	A1
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Area = $\frac{\pi a^2}{6} - a^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) = -\frac{\pi a^2}{6} + \frac{a^2 \sqrt{3}}{2}$. M1 for subtracting 'their' $OP_1 P_2$ from $\frac{\pi a^2}{6}$	M1A1FT
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$\frac{25}{2} \int_{0.01}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cot \theta \, d\theta$ (Uses $\frac{1}{2} \int r^2 \, d\theta$.)	M1
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$= \frac{25}{2} [\ln \sin \theta]_{0.01}^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$	A1
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$= -\frac{25}{2} \ln \sin 0.01 \approx 57.6$	A1
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(3)

$y = 5 \cos^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta \sin^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} \sin^{\frac{1}{2}} 2\theta$ (Uses $y = r \sin \theta$.)	M1
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$\theta = 0.01 \Rightarrow y \approx 0.5$	A1
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(2)

$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} \sin^{-\frac{1}{2}} 2\theta \cos 2\theta = 0$ or $\max(\sin 2\theta) = 1$ (Sets $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 0$ or considers $\max$ (AEF).)	M1A1
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$\Rightarrow y = \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{2} (= 3.54)$	A1
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(3)

[Sketch: curve rising steeply from origin to a peak then decreasing asymptotically, intersecting the initial line only when $x = 0$ and $y = 0$.] (Intersecting the initial line only when $x = 0$ and $y = 0$.)	B1
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Correct shape.	B1
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[Sketch: single loop, correct shape at extremities, symmetric about the initial line, passing through the pole with tangents at angle $\pm \frac{1}{6}\pi$, labelled point $(a, 0)$.] (Just one loop, correct shape at extremities)	B1
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Correct position including $(a, 0)$ labelled or in table.	B1
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(2)

$\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{6}} a^2 \cos^2 3\theta \, d\theta$ (For using correct formula)	M1
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$\frac{a^2}{4} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{6}} (\cos 6\theta + 1) \, d\theta$ (Using double angle formula correctly)	M1
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$= \frac{a^2}{4} \left[\frac{1}{6} \sin 6\theta + \theta \right]_{-\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{6}} = \frac{\pi a^2}{12}$	A1
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(3)

$r = a \cos \theta (4 \cos^2 \theta - 3) \Rightarrow r = a \left(\frac{x}{r} \right) \left(4 \left(\frac{x}{r} \right)^2 - 3 \right)$ (Uses $x = r \cos \theta$ and $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$.)	B1
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$\Rightarrow r^4 = ax(4x^2 - 3r^2) \Rightarrow (x^2 + y^2)^2 = ax(4x^2 - 3(x^2 + y^2))$ (For eliminating θ)	M1
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$\Rightarrow (x^2 + y^2)^2 = ax(x^2 - 3y^2)$ (Any equivalent cartesian form without fractions.)	A1
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$x = \sqrt{2}\theta^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos \theta$	M1
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$\frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sqrt{2}\theta^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos \theta \right) = \sqrt{2} \left(-\theta^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin \theta + \frac{1}{2}\theta^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cos \theta \right) = 0$	M1A1
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$-\theta^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin \theta + \frac{1}{2}\theta^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cos \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \cos \theta = 2\theta \sin \theta \Rightarrow 2\theta \tan \theta = 1$	A1
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$2(0.6) \tan(0.6) - 1 = -0.179$ and $2(0.7) \tan(0.7) - 1 = 0.179$	B1
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(5)

$2\theta = \theta \sec^2 \theta \Rightarrow \theta^{\frac{1}{2}} (\sec \theta - \sqrt{2}) = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$	M1A1
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(2)

[Sketch: correct shape]	B1
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[Sketch: intersection correct]	B1
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(2)

$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/4} 2\theta \, d\theta - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/4} \theta \sec^2 \theta \, d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/4} \theta(2 - \sec^2 \theta) \, d\theta$	M1
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$\frac{1}{2} [\theta(2\theta - \tan \theta)]_0^{\pi/4} - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/4} (2\theta - \tan \theta) \, d\theta$	M1A1
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$\frac{1}{2} [\theta(2\theta - \tan \theta)]_0^{\pi/4} - \frac{1}{2} [\theta^2 + \ln \cos \theta]_0^{\pi/4}$	A1
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$\frac{\pi}{8} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 1 \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\left(\frac{\pi}{4} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \ln 2 \right) = \frac{1}{4} \ln 2 + \frac{\pi}{8} \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - 1 \right)$	A1
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[Sketch: correct shape, domain and orientation]	B1
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[Sketch: the initial line is tangential to C at the pole]	B1
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(2)

$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \ln(1 + \theta) \, d\theta$	M1
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$\int_0^{2\pi} \ln(1 + \theta) \, d\theta = \int_1^{2\pi+1} \ln u \, du$	M1
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$\int_1^{2\pi+1} \ln u \, du = [u \ln u]_1^{2\pi+1} - [u]_1^{2\pi+1}$	M1A1
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$A = \left(\pi + \frac{1}{2}\right) \ln(2\pi + 1) - \pi$	A1
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$$e^{2\alpha} - e^{-2\alpha} = 2(e^\alpha + e^{-\alpha}) \Rightarrow e^\alpha - e^{-\alpha} = 2 \quad \text{M1}$$

Sets equations equal and divides by $e^\alpha + e^{-\alpha}$.

$$e^{2\alpha} - 2e^\alpha - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow e^\alpha = 1 + \sqrt{2} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

Forms quadratic in e^α , AG.

$$\alpha = \ln(1 + \sqrt{2}) \quad \text{A1}$$

Must be exact.

$$r = 2(1 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2} - 1) = 4\sqrt{2} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

Substitutes to find r .

(6)

 C_1 has correct shape. **B1** C_2 has correct shape. **B1**Intersection points positioned correctly. **B1**

(3)

$$2 \int_0^{\ln(1+\sqrt{2})} (e^\theta + e^{-\theta})^2 d\theta - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\ln(1+\sqrt{2})} (e^{2\theta} - e^{-2\theta})^2 d\theta \quad \text{M1A1}$$

Uses $\frac{1}{2} \int r^2 d\theta$ to formulate correct area.

$$= \int_0^{\ln(1+\sqrt{2})} 5 + 2e^{2\theta} + 2e^{-2\theta} - \frac{1}{2}e^{4\theta} - \frac{1}{2}e^{-4\theta} d\theta$$

$$= \left[5\theta + e^{2\theta} - e^{-2\theta} - \frac{1}{8}e^{4\theta} + \frac{1}{8}e^{-4\theta} \right]_0^{\ln(1+\sqrt{2})} \quad \text{M1A1}$$

Expands and integrates.

$$= 5 \ln(1 + \sqrt{2}) + (1 + \sqrt{2})^2 - (1 + \sqrt{2})^{-2} - \frac{1}{8}((1 + \sqrt{2})^4 - (1 + \sqrt{2})^{-4}) = 5.82 \quad \text{A1}$$

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Q17

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$x = \theta \cos^2 \theta$	B1
$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = -2\theta \cos \theta \sin \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 0$	M1A1
$\cos \theta \neq 0 \Rightarrow 2\theta \tan \theta - 1 = 0$	A1
$2(0.6) \tan 0.6 - 1 = -0.179$ and $2(0.7) \tan 0.7 - 1 = 0.179$	B1
	(5)
$\theta \cos \theta = \theta \sin \theta \Rightarrow \tan \theta = 1$	M1
$(\frac{1}{8}\pi\sqrt{2}, \frac{1}{4}\pi)$	A1
	(2)
Sketch: initial line drawn and C_1 correct	B1
Sketch: C_2 correct	B1
Sketch: intersection correct	B1
	(3)
$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} \theta^2 (\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) d\theta$	M1
$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} \theta^2 \cos 2\theta d\theta$	M1
$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\left[\frac{1}{2} \theta^2 \sin 2\theta \right]_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} - \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} \theta \sin 2\theta d\theta \right)$	M1A1
$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\left[\frac{1}{2} \theta^2 \sin 2\theta \right]_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} - \left[-\frac{1}{2} \theta \cos 2\theta \right]_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} \cos 2\theta d\theta \right)$	M1
$= \frac{1}{4} \left[\theta^2 \sin 2\theta + \theta \cos 2\theta - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta \right]_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi}$	A1
$= \frac{1}{64} \pi^2 - \frac{1}{8}$	A1
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Sketch: C correct with initial line	B1
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Maximum distance of C from the pole is a .	B1
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$\frac{1}{2}a^2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} \tan^2 \theta \, d\theta$	M1
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$= \frac{1}{2}a^2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} \sec^2 \theta - 1 \, d\theta = \frac{1}{2}a^2 [\tan \theta - \theta]_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi}$	M1A1
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$= \frac{1}{2}a^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\pi\right)$	A1
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(4)

$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = a \frac{y}{x}$	B1
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$x^2(x^2 + y^2) = a^2 y^2 \Rightarrow y^2(a^2 - x^2) = x^4$	M1
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$y = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}$	A1 AG
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(3)

$\frac{1}{2} \left(a \cos \frac{1}{4}\pi\right) \left(a \sin \frac{1}{4}\pi\right) - \frac{1}{2}a^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\pi\right) = \frac{1}{4}a^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\pi - 1\right)$	M1A1
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$r^5 = 4xy(x^2 - y^2)$	B1
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Uses $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$.	
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$r^5 = 4r^4 \cos \theta \sin \theta (\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta)$	B1
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Uses $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$.	
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$r = 2 \sin 2\theta \cos 2\theta$	M1
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Applies at least one double angle formula.	
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$r = \sin 4\theta$	A1
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Applies both double angle formulae, AG.	
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[Sketch: initial line drawn and one loop in the first quadrant; correct shape at extremities.]	B1B1
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$\theta = \frac{1}{8}\pi$	B1
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States the equation of the line of symmetry.	
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	(3)
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$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} \sin^2 4\theta \, d\theta$	M1
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Uses $\frac{1}{2} \int r^2 \, d\theta$ with correct limits.	
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$= \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} 1 - \cos 8\theta \, d\theta = \frac{1}{4} \left[\theta - \frac{1}{8} \sin 8\theta \right]_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi}$	M1A1
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Applies double angle formula and integrates.	
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$= \frac{1}{16}\pi$	A1
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	(4)
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$x = 4(\sin \theta \cos^4 \theta - \sin^3 \theta \cos^2 \theta)$	B1
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Uses $x = r \cos \theta$.

$$-4 \sin^2 \theta \cos^3 \theta + \cos^5 \theta + 2 \sin^4 \theta \cos \theta - 3 \sin^2 \theta \cos^3 \theta = 0 \quad \text{M1}$$

Differentiates and sets equal to 0.

$$\cos \theta (2 \sin^4 \theta - 7 \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta + \cos^4 \theta) = 0 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\cos \theta = 0 \text{ or } 2 \tan^4 \theta - 7 \tan^2 \theta + 1 = 0 \quad \text{M1}$$

Forms quadratic in $\tan^2 \theta$. Must see consideration of $\cos \theta = 0$.

$$\tan^2 \theta = \frac{1}{4}(7 \pm \sqrt{41}) \Rightarrow \theta = \pm 0.369, \pm 1.071 \quad \text{B1}$$

Allow use of decimals.

$$\theta = 0.369 \Rightarrow x = 0.93 \text{ (or } \theta = -0.369 \Rightarrow |x| = 0.93) \quad \text{A1}$$

Substituting $\theta = \pm 0.369$ gives maximum value of $|x|$.

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[Sketch: $\theta = 0$; correct shape, r decreasing; section $\frac{1}{2}\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi$ correct, becoming tangential at $\theta = \pi$.] **B1B1**

$(\ln(1 + \pi), 0)$ **B1**

May be seen on their diagram. Allow $(1.42, 0)$

(3)

$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi \ln^2(1 + \pi - \theta) d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_1^{1+\pi} \ln^2 u du$ **M1**

Uses correct formula with correct limits.

$= \left[\frac{1}{2} u \ln^2 u \right]_1^{1+\pi} - \int_1^{1+\pi} \ln u du$ **M1A1**

Integrates by parts once.

$= \left[\frac{1}{2} u \ln^2 u \right]_1^{1+\pi} - \left([u \ln u]_1^{1+\pi} - \int_1^{1+\pi} 1 du \right)$ **M1**

Integrates by parts again (or uses known result for integral of $\ln u$)

$= \left[\frac{1}{2} u \ln^2 u - u \ln u + u \right]_1^{1+\pi}$ **A1**

$\frac{1}{2}(1 + \pi) \ln^2(1 + \pi) - (1 + \pi) \ln(1 + \pi) + \pi = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \pi) \ln(1 + \pi)(\ln(1 + \pi) - 2) + \pi$ **A1**

AG

(6)

$y = \ln(1 + \pi - \theta) \sin \theta$ **B1**

Uses $y = r \sin \theta$

$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \ln(1 + \pi - \theta) \cos \theta - \frac{\sin \theta}{1 + \pi - \theta} = 0$ **M1A1**

Sets derivative equal to zero.

$\cos \theta \neq 0 \Rightarrow (1 + \pi - \theta) \ln(1 + \pi - \theta) - \tan \theta = 0$ **A1**

AG

$$(1 + \pi - 1.2) \ln(1 + \pi - 1.2) - \tan 1.2 = 0.602 \text{ and } (1 + \pi - 1.3) \ln(1 + \pi - 1.3) - \tan 1.3 = -0.634$$

B1

Shows sign change. Values correct to 2sf should be shown.

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Initial line with correct position and shape of curve. SCB1 if correct shape with wrong starting position. Pole position must be clear. **B1 B1**

$$a \cot \frac{1}{6}\pi = 2\sqrt{3} \Rightarrow a = 2 \quad \textbf{B1}$$

(3)

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{6}\pi} 4 \cot^2 \left(\frac{1}{3}\pi - \theta \right) d\theta \quad \textbf{M1}$$

$$2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{6}\pi} \csc^2 \left(\frac{1}{3}\pi - \theta \right) - 1 d\theta = 2 \left[\cot \left(\frac{1}{3}\pi - \theta \right) - \theta \right]_0^{\frac{1}{6}\pi} \quad \textbf{M1 A1}$$

$$2 \left(\sqrt{3} - \frac{1}{6}\pi - \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{3} \right) = \frac{4}{3}\sqrt{3} - \frac{1}{3}\pi \text{ (OE, must be exact)} \quad \textbf{A1}$$

(4)

$$r = 2 \frac{\cos \frac{\pi}{3} \cos \theta + \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \sin \theta}{\sin \frac{\pi}{3} \cos \theta - \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \sin \theta} \quad \textbf{M1}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = 2 \frac{r \cos \theta + \sqrt{3}r \sin \theta}{\sqrt{3}r \cos \theta - r \sin \theta} \quad \textbf{M1}$$

$$2(x + y\sqrt{3}) = (x\sqrt{3} - y)\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \text{ (AG)} \quad \textbf{A1}$$

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Approximately correct curve passing through the pole, O , with correct domain.	B1
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r strictly increasing over the domain 0 to $\frac{\pi}{2}$.	B1
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Correct form at O . Approx tangential to initial line at O .	B1
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(3)

$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} \left(\frac{1}{\pi - \theta} - \frac{1}{\pi} \right)^2 d\theta$	M1
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$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} \frac{1}{(\pi - \theta)^2} - \frac{2}{\pi(\pi - \theta)} + \frac{1}{\pi^2} d\theta$	M1
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$\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\pi - \theta} + \frac{2}{\pi} \ln(\pi - \theta) + \frac{\theta}{\pi^2} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}\pi}$	M1 A1
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$\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{\pi} + \frac{2}{\pi} \ln \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{2\pi} - \left(\frac{1}{\pi} + \frac{2}{\pi} \ln \pi \right) \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{2\pi} + \frac{2}{\pi} \ln \frac{1}{2} \right)$	M1
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$= \frac{3 - 4 \ln 2}{4\pi}$ (AG)	A1
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$2(c(c) - (1 + s)s) = 0$	M1
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Finds $\frac{dr}{d\theta}$ and sets equal to 0.	
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$1 - s - 2s^2 = 0$	A1
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$\sin \theta = -1, \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ leading to $\theta = \frac{1}{6}\pi$	M1A1
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Solves quadratic in $\sin \theta$.	
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$(\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{3}, \frac{1}{6}\pi)$	A1
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Allow $(2.60, \frac{1}{6}\pi)$ 3sf	
	(5)

Correct shape. Tangential to $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ at pole, r strictly increasing to $\frac{\pi}{6}$ then decreasing.	B1
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Correct position. All in first quadrant.	B1
	(2)

$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} 4c^2(1+s)^2 d\theta = 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} c^2 + 2sc^2 + s^2c^2 d\theta$	M1A1
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Uses $\frac{1}{2} \int r^2 d\theta$ with correct limits.	
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$2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} \frac{1}{2}(\cos 2\theta + 1) + 2 \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta + \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 2\theta d\theta$	M1
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Uses double angle formulae on first and last terms.	
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$\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} \cos 2\theta + 1 + 4 \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \cos 4\theta d\theta$	A1
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Obtains integrable form.	
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$[\frac{5}{4}\theta + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta - \frac{4}{3} \cos^3 \theta - \frac{1}{16} \sin 4\theta]_0^{\frac{1}{2}\pi}$	M1
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Integrates.	
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$\frac{5}{8}\pi + \frac{4}{3}$	A1
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SC1 for finding both angles correctly

(5) $2 \times \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{6}} (3 + 2 \sin \theta)^2 d\theta$ **M1**

Finds the part of the required area enclosed by the curved outer edge and two line segments from the pole. Limits must be correct.

 $\int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{6}} 9 + 12 \sin \theta + 2(1 - \cos 2\theta) d\theta$ **M1**

Uses double angle formula and integrates.

 $[11\theta - 12 \cos \theta - \sin 2\theta]_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{6}} = \frac{22}{3}\pi - \frac{13}{2}\sqrt{3}$ **A1A1** $\frac{22}{3}\pi - \frac{13}{2}\sqrt{3} + (4 \cos \frac{\pi}{6}) \times 2$ **M1**

Adds area of triangle.

 $\frac{22}{3}\pi - \frac{5}{2}\sqrt{3}$ **A1****(6)**

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Sketch: correct domain, r strictly increasing.	B1
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Sketch: correct gradient when $\theta = 0$ and $\theta = 2$.	B1
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Maximum distance of C from the pole is $\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}\pi}$.	B1
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(3)

$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\theta \right) d\theta$	M1
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$\left[\frac{1}{2} \theta \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\theta \right) \right]_0^2 - \int_0^2 \frac{\theta}{\theta^2 + 4} d\theta$	M1 A1
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$\frac{1}{2} \left[\theta \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\theta \right) - \ln(\theta^2 + 4) \right]_0^2$	A1
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$\frac{1}{4}\pi - \frac{1}{2} \ln 8 + \frac{1}{2} \ln 4 = \frac{1}{4}\pi - \frac{1}{2} \ln 2$	A1
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(5)

$x = \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\theta \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos \theta$	B1
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$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = - \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\theta \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin \theta + \cos \theta \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\theta \right) \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\theta^2 + 4)^{-1} = 0$	M1 A1
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$(\theta^2 + 4) \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\theta \right) \sin \theta - \cos \theta = 0$	A1
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$(0.6^2 + 4) \tan^{-1}(0.3) \sin 0.6 - \cos 0.6 = -0.108$ and $(0.7^2 + 4) \tan^{-1}(0.35) \sin 0.7 - \cos 0.7 = 0.209$	B1
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$x = r \cos \theta \quad y = r \sin \theta \quad x^2 + y^2 = r^2$	B1
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$r^2(1 + \sin \theta \cos \theta) = r^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta\right) = a$	M1
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$r^2 = \frac{2a}{2 + \sin 2\theta}$	A1
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(3)

Sketch: polar graph with curve in correct domain. Graph needs gradient ≤ 0 and $r > 0$ for all θ in the domain.	B1
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r strictly decreasing such that r at $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ is greater than half r at $\theta = 0$. Concave graph. Gradient at $\theta = 0$ and $\frac{\pi}{4}$ must not be vertical or horizontal, respectively.	B1
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(2)

$R = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} r^2 d\theta = a \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} \frac{1 + \tan^2 \theta}{2(1 + \tan^2 \theta) + 2 \tan \theta} d\theta$	B1
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$t = \tan \theta$ leading to $\frac{dt}{d\theta} = \sec^2 \theta$	M1
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$\frac{dt}{d\theta} = \sec^2 \theta = 1 + t^2$	M1
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$R = \frac{1}{2}a \int_0^1 \frac{1}{t^2 + t + 1} dt$	A1
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$t^2 + t + 1 = \left(t + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4}$	B1
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$R = \frac{1}{2}a \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\left(t + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4}} dt = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}a \left[\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}t + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \right]_0^1$	M1 A1
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$\frac{\pi a}{6\sqrt{3}}$	A1
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$x^2 + y^2 = r^2, x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta$	B1
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$r^4 = 36r^2(\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) = 36r^2 \cos 2\theta$	M1
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$r^2 = 36 \cos 2\theta$	A1
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(3)

Closed curve. Correct position and symmetrical about initial line.	B1
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Single correct loop.	B1
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Maximum distance from pole is 6.	B1
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(3)

$18 \int_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos 2\theta \, d\theta = 9[\sin 2\theta]_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}}$	M1
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18	A1
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(2)

$y = 6 \cos^{\frac{1}{2}} 2\theta \sin \theta$	B1
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$\cos^{\frac{1}{2}} 2\theta \cos \theta - \cos^{-\frac{1}{2}} 2\theta \sin 2\theta \sin \theta = 0$	M1A1
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$\cos 2\theta \cos \theta - \sin 2\theta \sin \theta = 0$ leading to $1 = \frac{2 \tan^2 \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta}$	M1
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$\theta = \pm \frac{1}{6}\pi$	A1
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$\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2}$	A1
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Correct position and domain and r strictly increasing.	B1
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Decreasing positive gradient.	B1
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$(a, 0), (2a, \frac{1}{4}\pi)$	B1
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(3)

$y = (2a) \sin(\frac{1}{4}\pi)$	M1
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$a\sqrt{2}$	A1
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(2)

$\frac{1}{2}a^2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sec^4 \theta \, d\theta$	M1
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$= \frac{1}{2}a^2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sec^2 \theta (\tan^2 \theta + 1) \, d\theta$	M1
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$= \frac{1}{2}a^2 \left[\frac{1}{3} \tan^3 \theta + \tan \theta \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}}$	A1
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$= \frac{2}{3}a^2$	A1
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(4)

$x^2 + y^2 = r^2, x = r \cos \theta$	M1
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$r^2 \cos^2 \theta = ar$ leading to $x^2 = a\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ leading to $x^4 = a^2(x^2 + y^2)$	M1
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$y = \sqrt{a^{-2}x^4 - x^2} = x\sqrt{a^{-2}x^2 - 1}$	A1
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Correct shape and domain, polar graph with r strictly decreasing but condone if not strictly decreasing close to $\theta = \pi$.	B1*
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Fully correct including shape at $\theta = 0$ correct, shape at $\theta = \pi$ correct.	DB1
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$(1, 0)$ identified as point furthest from the pole and given as coordinates.	B1
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(3)

$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{1}{\theta^2 + 1} d\theta$	M1
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$\frac{1}{2} [\tan^{-1} \theta]_0^{\pi}$	M1A1
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$\frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \pi = 0.631$	A1
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(4)

$y = \frac{\sin \theta}{\sqrt{\theta^2 + 1}}$, uses $y = r \sin \theta$	B1
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$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \frac{(\theta^2 + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos \theta - \theta(\theta^2 + 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sin \theta}{\theta^2 + 1} = 0$, sets derivative equal to zero.	M1A1
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$\theta \neq 0 \Rightarrow \left(\theta + \frac{1}{\theta}\right) \cot \theta - 1 = 0$	A1
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$\left(1.1 + \frac{1}{1.1}\right) \cot 1.1 - 1 = 0.02 \dots$ and $\left(1.2 + \frac{1}{1.2}\right) \cot 1.2 - 1 = -0.209 \dots$, shows sign change (1sf or better).	B1
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(5)

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$r^2(\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) = a$, uses $x = r \cos \theta$ and/or $y = r \sin \theta$.	B1
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$r^2 \cos 2\theta = a$, applies relevant double angle formulae.	M1
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$r^2 = a \sec 2\theta$	A1
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(3)

Initial line drawn. Correct domain and position, r strictly increasing.	B1*
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Also sloping to right, concave on opposite side to pole, correct gradient when $\theta = 0$ and $\theta \rightarrow \pi/4$.	dB1
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$\sqrt{a}$	B1
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(3)

$\frac{1}{2}a \int_0^{\frac{1}{12}\pi} \sec 2\theta \, d\theta$, uses $\frac{1}{2} \int r^2 \, d\theta$ with correct limits.	M1
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$\frac{1}{4}a \left[\ln \tan \left(\theta + \frac{1}{4}\pi \right) \right]_0^{\frac{1}{12}\pi}$ or $\frac{1}{4}a \left[\ln(\tan 2\theta + \sec 2\theta) \right]_0^{\frac{1}{12}\pi}$, integrates.	M1A1
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$\frac{1}{4}a \ln \sqrt{3} = \frac{1}{8}a \ln 3$	A1
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$x^2 - x + \frac{1}{4} + y^2 = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow r^2 - r \cos \theta + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$	B1
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$r(r - \cos \theta) = 0$	M1
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$[r \neq 0 \Rightarrow] r = \cos \theta$ ((a) Total: 3)	A1
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$\sin 2\theta = \cos \theta \Rightarrow 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = \cos \theta$	M1
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$\cos \theta \neq 0 \Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$	A1
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$(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}, \frac{1}{6}\pi)$ ((b) Total: 3)	A1
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Initial line drawn and one curve correct.	B1
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Other curve correct.	B1
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Intersection marked in correct position and both curves labelled. ((c) Total: 3)	B1
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$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{6}\pi} \sin^2 2\theta \, d\theta + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{1}{6}\pi}^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} \cos^2 \theta \, d\theta$	M1
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$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{6}\pi} \sin^2 2\theta \, d\theta = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\frac{1}{6}\pi} 1 - \cos 4\theta \, d\theta$	M1
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$= \frac{1}{4} \left[\theta - \frac{1}{4} \sin 4\theta \right]_0^{\frac{1}{6}\pi}$	A1
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$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{1}{6}\pi}^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} \cos^2 \theta \, d\theta = \frac{1}{4} \int_{\frac{1}{6}\pi}^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} 1 + \cos 2\theta \, d\theta$	M1
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$= \frac{1}{4} \left[\theta + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta \right]_{\frac{1}{6}\pi}^{\frac{1}{2}\pi}$	A1
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$\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{6}\pi - \frac{1}{8}\sqrt{3} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2}\pi - \frac{1}{6}\pi - \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{3} \right) = \frac{1}{8} \left(\pi - \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{3} \right)$ ((d) Total: 6)	A1
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[↑ Back to contents](#)**Mark scheme.**Initial line drawn. Correct shape, r strictly decreasing. **B1**Correct shape at extremities. **B1** $1 - e^{-\frac{1}{2}\pi}$ ((a) Total: 3) **B1** $\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} (e^{-\theta} - e^{-\frac{1}{2}\pi})^2 d\theta$ **M1** $\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} e^{-2\theta} - 2e^{-\theta-\frac{1}{2}\pi} + e^{-\pi} d\theta$ **A1** $\frac{1}{2} \left[-\frac{1}{2}e^{-2\theta} + 2e^{-\theta-\frac{1}{2}\pi} + e^{-\pi}\theta \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}\pi}$ **M1A1** $\frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{2}e^{-\pi} + 2e^{-\pi} + \frac{1}{2}\pi e^{-\pi} + \frac{1}{2} - 2e^{-\frac{1}{2}\pi} \right) = \frac{3}{4}e^{-\pi} + \frac{1}{4}\pi e^{-\pi} - e^{-\frac{1}{2}\pi} + \frac{1}{4}$ ((b) Total: 5) **A1** $y = (e^{-\theta} - e^{-\frac{1}{2}\pi}) \sin \theta$ **B1** $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = (e^{-\theta} - e^{-\frac{1}{2}\pi}) \cos \theta + \sin \theta (-e^{-\theta}) = 0$ **M1A1** $[\theta \neq \frac{1}{2}\pi \Rightarrow] 1 + \left(\frac{-e^{-\theta}}{e^{-\theta} - e^{-\frac{1}{2}\pi}} \right) \tan \theta = 0 \Rightarrow 1 - e^{\theta-\frac{1}{2}\pi} - \tan \theta = 0$ **A1** $1 - e^{0.56-\frac{1}{2}\pi} - \tan 0.56 = 0.00912$ and $1 - e^{0.57-\frac{1}{2}\pi} - \tan 0.57 = -0.00856$ ((c) Total: 5) **B1****Total: 13**Spotted a mistake? Email us at vectorspacepk@gmail.com.

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[Graph: correct shape of C]	B1
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Correct shape.

[Section $\frac{1}{2}\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi$ correct]	B1
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Section $\frac{1}{2}\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi$ correct.

$(\sqrt{\pi \tan^{-1} \pi}, 0) = (1.99, 0)$	B1 May be seen on their diagram.
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(3)

$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} (\pi - \theta) \tan^{-1}(\pi - \theta) d\theta$ or $A = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\pi}^0 (u) \tan^{-1}(u) du$	M1
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Uses correct formula. or $A = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} (u) \tan^{-1}(u) du$

$\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{2}(u)^2 \tan^{-1}(u) \right]_0^{\pi} - \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{u^2}{1+u^2} du$	M1 A1
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Integrates by parts.

$\int_0^{\pi} \frac{u^2}{1+u^2} du = \int_0^{\pi} \frac{1+u^2-1}{1+u^2} du = \int_0^{\pi} 1 - \frac{1}{1+u^2} du$	M1
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Rearranges integral into form which can be integrated.

$[u - \tan^{-1} u]_0^{\pi}$	A1
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$A = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{2}(u)^2 \tan^{-1}(u) \right]_0^{\pi} - \frac{1}{4} [u - \tan^{-1}(u)]_0^{\pi}$	A1
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$A = \frac{1}{4}\pi^2 \tan^{-1} \pi - \frac{1}{4}(\pi - \tan^{-1} \pi) = \frac{1}{4}(\pi^2 + 1) \tan^{-1} \pi - \frac{1}{4}\pi = 2.65$	A1
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(7)

$y = \sqrt{(\pi - \theta) \tan^{-1}(\pi - \theta)} \sin \theta$	B1 Uses $y = r \sin \theta$
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$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \sqrt{(\pi - \theta) \tan^{-1}(\pi - \theta)} \cos \theta - \frac{(\pi - \theta) (1 + (\pi - \theta)^2)^{-1} + \tan^{-1}(\pi - \theta)}{2\sqrt{(\pi - \theta) \tan^{-1}(\pi - \theta)}} \sin \theta$$

M1 A1
Finds
deriva-
tive.

$$[\theta \neq 0], \pi \Rightarrow 2(\pi - \theta) \tan^{-1}(\pi - \theta) \cot \theta - \frac{\pi - \theta}{1 + (\pi - \theta)^2} - \tan^{-1}(\pi - \theta) = 0$$

A1
Puts
 $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 0$
and
forms
equation.
AG.

$$2(\pi - 1.2) \tan^{-1}(\pi - 1.2) \cot 1.2 - \frac{\pi - 1.2}{1 + (\pi - 1.2)^2} - \tan^{-1}(\pi - 1.2) = 0.151$$

B1

Shows sign change.

$$\text{and } 2(\pi - 1.3) \tan^{-1}(\pi - 1.3) \cot 1.3 - \frac{\pi - 1.3}{1 + (\pi - 1.3)^2} - \tan^{-1}(\pi - 1.3) = -0.395$$

(5)

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[Graph: two-lobed curve with correct form at the pole]

One loop correct with initial line. **B1**Second loop correct with correct form at the pole. **B1** $\theta = \frac{1}{2}\pi$ **B1**

May be seen on their diagram.

(3) $r^5 = 2(r \sin \theta)(r \cos \theta)^2$ **M1**Use of $\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$, and $x = r \cos \theta$ or $y = r \sin \theta$. $r^5 = 2yx^2$ **A1** $(x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{5}{2}} = 2x^2y$ **A1**
AEF**(3)** $\frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi \sin(2\theta) \cos \theta \, d\theta$ **M1**Applies $\frac{1}{2} \int r^2 \, d\theta$. $\frac{1}{2} \int \sin(2\theta) \cos \theta \, d\theta$ **M1**Attempt to integrate in a valid way. May apply $\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$. $= \int \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta \, d\theta = -\frac{1}{3} \cos^3 \theta + [c]$ **A1**

Correct answer (there are alternative forms).

 $= \left[-\frac{1}{3} \cos^3 \theta\right]_0^\pi = \frac{2}{3}$ **A1**

CAO

(4)

$$\frac{dr}{d\theta} = \frac{1}{2}(\sin 2\theta \cos \theta)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(2 \cos 2\theta \cos \theta - \sin 2\theta \sin \theta)$$

***M1 A1**
Differentiates with respect to θ .

$$2 \cos 2\theta \cos \theta - \sin 2\theta \sin \theta = 6 \cos^3 \theta - 4 \cos \theta$$

dM1

Correct use of relevant identities to express in terms of a single trig function.

$$6 \cos^3 \theta - 4 \cos \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta = \frac{2}{3}$$

dM1 A1

Sets derivative equal to 0 and solves to find one of $\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1}{3}$, $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{2}{3}$, $\tan^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ or $\theta = 0.6155$

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}} = \sqrt{\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{9}} = 0.877$$

A1

Alternative method:

$$2r \frac{dr}{d\theta} = 2(-2 \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta + \cos^3 \theta)$$

***M1 A1**
Differentiates [RHS] with respect to θ .

$$2(-2(1 - \cos^2 \theta) \cos \theta + \cos^3 \theta) = 6 \cos^3 \theta - 4 \cos \theta$$

dM1

Correct use of relevant identities in terms of a single trig function

$$6 \cos^3 \theta - 4 \cos \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta = \frac{2}{3}$$

dM1 A1

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}} = \sqrt{\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{9}} = 0.877$$

A1

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$r^4 = 6r^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$	M1
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$r^2 = 3 \sin 2\theta$ ((a) Total: 2)	A1
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[Sketch: single loop, correct position and symmetrical about $\theta = \frac{1}{4}\pi$.]	B1
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[Single correct loop.]	B1
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$\sqrt{3}$ ((b) Total: 3)	B1
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$\frac{3}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin 2\theta \, d\theta = \frac{3}{2} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$	M1
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$\frac{3}{2}$ ((c) Total: 2)	A1
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$y = 3^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin^{\frac{1}{2}} 2\theta \sin \theta$	B1
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$\sin^{\frac{1}{2}} 2\theta \cos \theta + \sin^{-\frac{1}{2}} 2\theta \cos 2\theta \sin \theta = 0$	M1A1
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$\sin 2\theta \cos \theta + \cos 2\theta \sin \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \tan 2\theta = -\tan \theta \Rightarrow \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} = -\tan \theta$	M1
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$\theta = \frac{1}{3}\pi$	A1
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$\frac{3^{\frac{5}{4}}}{2^{\frac{3}{2}}} = 1.40$ ((d) Total: 6)	A1
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$r = a \left(\frac{x}{r} + \frac{y}{r} \right) \Rightarrow r^2 = ax + ay$	M1
$x^2 - ax + y^2 - ay = 0$	M1A1
$\left(x - \frac{a}{2}\right)^2 + \left(y - \frac{a}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{a^2}{2} \Rightarrow \text{Centre } \left(\frac{a}{2}, \frac{a}{2}\right) \text{ and radius } \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} \quad ((a) \text{ Total: } 4)$	B1
[Sketch: circle, correct position, passing through O .]	B1
[Correct position, passing through O .]	B1
$a\sqrt{2} \quad ((b) \text{ Total: } 3)$	B1
$\cos \phi + \sin \phi - \phi = 0$	M1
$\cos 1.25 + \sin 1.25 - 1.25 = 0.01, \cos 1.26 + \sin 1.26 - 1.26 = -0.002 \quad ((c) \text{ Total: } 2)$	A1
$\frac{a^2}{2} \int_0^\phi \theta^2 d\theta + \frac{a^2}{2} \int_\phi^{\frac{3}{4}\pi} (\cos \theta + \sin \theta)^2 d\theta$	M1
[Forms area of smaller region enclosed by C_1 and C_2 with correct limits.]	A1
$\frac{a^2}{2} \int_0^\phi \theta^2 d\theta + \frac{a^2}{2} \int_\phi^{\frac{3}{4}\pi} 1 + 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta$	M1
$\frac{a^2}{2} \left[\frac{1}{3} \theta^3 \right]_0^\phi + \frac{a^2}{2} \left[\theta + \sin^2 \theta \right]_\phi^{\frac{3}{4}\pi}$	A1
$\frac{a^2 \phi^3}{6} + \frac{a^2}{2} \left(\frac{3}{4}\pi + \frac{1}{2} - \phi - \sin^2 \phi \right) = \frac{a^2}{2} \left(\frac{\phi^3}{3} + \frac{3}{4}\pi - \phi + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\phi \right)$	A1
$\frac{a^2}{2} \pi - \frac{a^2}{2} \left(\frac{\phi^3}{3} + \frac{3}{4}\pi - \phi + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\phi \right)$	M1
$\frac{a^2}{2} \left(-\frac{\phi^3}{3} + \frac{1}{4}\pi + \phi - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\phi \right) \quad ((d) \text{ Total: } 7)$	A1
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[Spiral shape on $[0, 2\pi]$, with correct orientation, starting at pole and with one other point of intersection with the initial line.]	B1
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[r strictly increasing, correct gradient at points of intersection with the initial line.]	B1
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(2)

$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \theta^2 e^{\frac{1}{4}\theta} d\theta$	B1
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$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} r^2 d\theta$ $= \frac{1}{2} \left[4\theta^2 e^{\frac{1}{4}\theta} \right]_0^{2\pi} - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} 8\theta e^{\frac{1}{4}\theta} d\theta$	M1A1
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Integrates by parts.

$= \frac{1}{2} \left[4\theta^2 e^{\frac{1}{4}\theta} \right]_0^{2\pi} - 4 \left[4\theta e^{\frac{1}{4}\theta} \right]_0^{2\pi} + 16 \int_0^{2\pi} e^{\frac{1}{4}\theta} d\theta = \left[2\theta^2 e^{\frac{1}{4}\theta} - 16\theta e^{\frac{1}{4}\theta} + 64e^{\frac{1}{4}\theta} \right]_0^{2\pi}$	M1A1
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Integrates by parts again.

$= (8\pi^2 - 32\pi + 64) e^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} - 64$	A1
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(6)

$y = \theta e^{\frac{1}{8}\theta} \sin \theta$	B1
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Uses $y = r \sin \theta$

$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \theta e^{\frac{1}{8}\theta} \cos \theta + \sin \theta \left(\frac{1}{8}\theta e^{\frac{1}{8}\theta} + e^{\frac{1}{8}\theta} \right)$	M1A1
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Differentiates.

$e^{\frac{1}{8}\theta} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \theta \cos \theta + \left(\frac{1}{8}\theta + 1 \right) \sin \theta = 0$	A1
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AG.

$5 \cos 5 + \left(\frac{5}{8} + 1 \right) \sin 5 = -0.1399$	B1
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and $5.05 \cos 5.05 + \left(\frac{5.05}{8} + 1 \right) \sin 5.05 = 0.1336$

Shows sign change.

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$-e^{\sin \theta} \sin \theta + e^{\sin \theta} \cos^2 \theta = 0$	M1
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Finds $\frac{dr}{d\theta}$ and sets equal to 0.	
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$\cos^2 \theta - \sin \theta = 0$	A1
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$1 - \sin^2 \theta - \sin \theta = 0$	M1
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Makes it a quadratic in $\sin \theta$ and attempts to solve	
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$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}(-1 + \sqrt{5})$	A1
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Correct solution. Condone 0.666	
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(1.208, 0.666)	A1
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Must be to 3 decimal places	
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	(5)
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$x = e^{\frac{1}{2} \sin \theta} \cos^{\frac{3}{2}} \theta$	M1
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$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = -\frac{3}{2}e^{\frac{1}{2} \sin \theta} \cos^{\frac{1}{2}} \theta \sin \theta + \frac{1}{2} \cos^{\frac{5}{2}} \theta e^{\frac{1}{2} \sin \theta} = 0$	
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Uses $x = r \cos \theta$. Finds $\frac{dx}{d\theta}$ and sets equal to 0.	
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$-3 \sin \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 0$	A1
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$-3 \sin \theta + 1 - \sin^2 \theta = 0$	M1
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Makes it a quadratic in $\sin \theta$ and attempts to solve.	
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$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}(-3 + \sqrt{13})$	A1
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Correct solution. Condone 0.308	
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(1.136, 0.308)	A1
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If already penalised for rounding to 3 decimal places in part (a) then allow to 3 s.f.	
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	(5)
[Closed loop passing through O and one other point on the initial line. Does not go into 2nd and 3rd quadrants. More in the 1st than 4th quadrant.]	B1
$[-\frac{1}{2}\pi \leq \theta \leq 0.666$ correct. Tangent needs to have positive gradient at the intersection $(1, 0)$.]	B1
$[0.666 \leq \theta \leq \frac{1}{2}\pi$ correct. Graph should approach the line $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$.]	B1
	(3)
$\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{\sin \theta} \cos \theta \, d\theta$	B1
Condone absence of $d\theta$ but must include the limits.	
$= \frac{1}{2} [e^{\sin \theta}]_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$	M1
Recognises integral.	
$= \frac{1}{2} (e - e^{-1})$	A1
Must be exact. ISW after correct answer seen.	
	(3)
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[Sketch: initial line drawn, pole clear and one loop in the first quadrant, symmetrical with correct shape at extremities.] **B1*DB1**

Initial line drawn, pole clear and one loop in the first quadrant.

Symmetrical with correct shape at extremities.

$$\theta = \frac{1}{6}\pi. \quad \textbf{B1}$$

States the equation of the line of symmetry.

(3)

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{3}\pi} \sin^2 3\theta \, d\theta \quad \textbf{M1}$$

Uses $\frac{1}{2} \int r^2 \, d\theta$ with correct limits.

$$= \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\frac{1}{3}\pi} 1 - \cos 6\theta \, d\theta = \frac{1}{4} \left[\theta - \frac{1}{6} \sin 6\theta \right]_0^{\frac{1}{3}\pi} \quad \textbf{M1A1}$$

Applies double angle formula correctly and integrates.

$$= \frac{1}{12}\pi \quad \textbf{A1}$$

CWO

(4)

$$y = 3 \sin^2 \theta - 4 \sin^4 \theta \quad \textbf{B1}$$

Uses $y = r \sin \theta$.

$$6 \sin \theta \cos \theta - 16 \sin^3 \theta \cos \theta = 0 \quad \textbf{M1*}$$

Differentiates correct function and sets equal to 0. Might see completing the square.

$$\sin \theta \cos \theta \neq 0 \Rightarrow 6 - 16 \sin^2 \theta = 0 \quad \textbf{A1}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta = \frac{3}{8} \quad \textbf{DM1}$$

Solves quadratic in $\sin \theta$.

$y = \frac{9}{16}.$	A1
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(5)

$r^4 = r \sin \theta (3r^2 - 4r^2 \sin^2 \theta)$	M1
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Uses $y = r \sin \theta$

$r = \frac{3y}{r} - 4\frac{y^3}{r^3}$

$(x^2 + y^2)^2 = y(3x^2 - y^2)$	M1
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Uses $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$

Rearranges to a form with no fractions.	A1
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(3)

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[Sketch: initial line drawn and correct shape.]	B1
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Initial line drawn and correct shape.

Maximum distance of C from the pole is 1.	B1
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(2)

$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{8}\pi} \tan 2\theta \, d\theta$	M1
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Uses $\frac{1}{2} \int r^2 \, d\theta$ with correct limits.

$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{8}\pi} \frac{\sin 2\theta}{\cos 2\theta} \, d\theta = -\frac{1}{4} [\ln \cos 2\theta]_0^{\frac{1}{8}\pi}$	M1A1
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Integrates a correct function to get $-\frac{1}{2} [\ln \cos 2\theta]$ condoning the lack of limits and factor of $\frac{1}{2}$ for M1A1.

$= -\frac{1}{4} \ln \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{1}{8} \ln 2$	A1
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OE, must be exact. ISW

(4)

$r^2 = \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta}$	M1
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Uses relevant identity for $\tan 2\theta$.

$x^2 + y^2 = \frac{2 \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)}{1 - \frac{y^2}{x^2}} = \frac{2xy}{x^2 - y^2}$	M1
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For the M mark uses either $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ or $\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$.

Use both $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and $\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$ correctly.	A1
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$(x^2 + y^2)(x^2 - y^2) = 2xy$	A1
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$x^4 - y^4 = 2xy$	
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$x^4 - 2xy - y^4 = 0.$	
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At least one intermediate step before the answer given. Needs to be in this form as answer given.

(4)

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\cos \frac{1}{8} \pi \right) \left(\sin \frac{1}{8} \pi \right) - \frac{1}{8} \ln 2$$

M1

Area of triangle minus *their* (b).

$$\frac{1}{8} \sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{8} \ln 2$$

A1

By double angle formula or otherwise.

(2)

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Initial line drawn and $(1, 0)$ joined to O by a single arc lying in both of the first two quadrants and no others.	B1
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Fully correct shape at extremities and r decreasing.	B1
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(2)

$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi \cos^2 \frac{1}{2} \theta \, d\theta$	M1
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Uses $\frac{1}{2} \int r^2 \, d\theta$ with correct limits.	
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$= \frac{1}{4} \int_0^\pi \cos \theta + 1 \, d\theta = \frac{1}{4} [\sin \theta + \theta]_0^\pi$	M1A1
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Applies given identity and integrates.	
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$= \frac{1}{4} \pi$	A1
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(4)

$y = \cos \frac{1}{2} \theta \sin \theta$	B1
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Uses $y = r \sin \theta$.	
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$\cos \frac{1}{2} \theta \cos \theta - \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta \sin \frac{1}{2} \theta = 0$, correct and equal to zero	M1A1
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Differentiates.	
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$\cos \frac{1}{2} \theta (2 \cos^2 \frac{1}{2} \theta - 1) - \sin^2 \frac{1}{2} \theta \cos \frac{1}{2} \theta = 0$	M1
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$\cos \frac{1}{2} \theta \neq 0 \Rightarrow 2 \cos^2 \frac{1}{2} \theta - 1 - \sin^2 \frac{1}{2} \theta = 0 \Rightarrow 3 \cos^2 \frac{1}{2} \theta - 2 = 0$	
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Forms an equation in one trig ratio using correct formulae. (May be in terms of sin or tan)	
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$\cos^2 \frac{1}{2} \theta = \frac{2}{3}$	A1
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Solving equation to find one of $\sin^2 \frac{1}{2} \theta = \frac{1}{3}$, $\tan^2 \frac{1}{2} \theta = \frac{1}{2}$, $\sin \theta = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$, $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{3}$	
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$y = 2 \cos^2 \frac{1}{2} \theta \sin \frac{1}{2} \theta = 2 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \sqrt{1 - \frac{2}{3}} = \frac{4}{3} \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$ (accept $\frac{4}{9} \sqrt{3}$)	A1
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(6)

Total: 12

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