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(a) If  $f(x)$  attains its minimum value at  $x = \alpha$ , find  $\alpha$ .

(b) It is given that the extreme value of  $f(x)$  is 5. Find

(i)  $f(x)$ ,

(ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$ .

(6 marks)

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**SECTION B (50 marks)**

9. A fruit wholesaler, John, grades a batch of apples according to their weights. The following table shows the classification of the apples, where  $a$  is a constant.

Weight of an apple ( $W$ g)	$W \leq a$	$a < W \leq 260$	$W > 260$
Classification	<i>small</i>	<i>medium</i>	<i>large</i>

The weights of the apples follow a normal distribution with a mean of  $\mu$  g and a standard deviation of 16 g . It is known that 10.56% and 73.57% of the apples are *large* and *medium* respectively. Every 8 of the apples are packed in a box. A box of apples is regarded as *regular* if there are at least 6 *medium* apples in the box.

- (a) Find  $\mu$  and  $a$  . (3 marks)
- (b) Find the probability that a randomly chosen box of apples is *regular*. (2 marks)
- (c) John randomly chooses 3 boxes of apples.
- (i) Find the probability that these 3 boxes of apples are *regular* and there are totally 21 *medium* apples and 3 *small* apples.
- (ii) Given that these 3 boxes of apples are *regular*, find the probability that there are totally 21 *medium* apples and 3 *small* apples.
- (iii) Given that there are totally 21 *medium* apples and 3 *small* apples in these 3 boxes of apples, find the probability that these 3 boxes of apples are *regular*. (7 marks)

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11. In a research, the rate of change of the distance (in cm/s) travelled by a particle is given by

$$A(t) = 60(1 + 10t)e^{-2t},$$

where  $t$  is the number of seconds elapsed since the start of the research. Let  $D$  cm be the distance travelled by the particle from  $t = 0.1$  to  $t = 0.5$ . Denote the estimate of  $D$  by using the trapezoidal rule with 4 sub-intervals by  $D_1$ .

(a) (i) Find  $D_1$ .

(ii) Is  $D_1$  an over-estimate or an under-estimate? Explain your answer.

(6 marks)

- (b) In order to estimate  $D$ , a researcher, Mary, models the rate of change of the distance travelled by the particle by

$$B(t) = \frac{50(1 + 10t)}{1 + 2t},$$

where  $t$  is the number of seconds elapsed since the start of the research. Let  $D_2$  cm be the distance travelled by the particle from  $t = 0.1$  to  $t = 0.5$  under this model.

(i) Find  $D_2$ .

(ii) Mary claims that in order to estimate  $D$ ,  $D_2$  is more accurate than  $D_1$ . Do you agree? Explain your answer.

(6 marks)

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