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2024 Examination Paper and Suggested Answer**

數學正卷 Mathematics Standard Paper

第一部份 選擇題。請選出每題之最佳答案。

1. 設集合 $A = \{x : x^2 - 3x - 4 \leq 0\}$, $B = \{x : 3x + a \geq 0\}$, 且 $A \cap B = \{x : 2 \leq x \leq 4\}$, 則 $a = (\quad)$ 。
- A. -12 B. -6 C. -3 D. 6 E. 12
2. 已知對於所有實數 x , $f(x) = f(x+1) + 1$ 。如果 $f(0) = 16$, 那麼 $f(15)$ 的值是 (\quad) 。
- A. 0 B. 1 C. 15 D. 16 E. 17
3. 設 x 和 y 滿足 $4x + 5y = x(y+1) - (x-1)(y-1)$ 。如果 x 的值增加 4, 則 y 的值是 (\quad) 。
- A. 減少了 8 B. 減少了 4 C. 減少了 2
D. 增加了 4 E. 增加了 8
4. $(\sqrt{x} - 2)^5 (2x - 1)^4$ 的展開式中 x 的係數為 (\quad) 。
- A. -182 B. -178 C. 176 D. 178 E. 184
5. $P(2, 3)$ 是 $x-y$ 坐標平面上的固定點。 M 是一個移動點, 與 P 點保持固定距離。如果 M 的軌跡經過原點, M 的軌跡方程是 (\quad) 。
- A. $x^2 + y^2 - 13 = 0$ B. $x^2 + y^2 + 4x - 6y = 0$ C. $x^2 + y^2 + 4x + 6y = 0$
D. $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 6y = 0$ E. $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 6y + 13 = 0$
6. $\frac{3 \log \frac{1}{2} + \log 16}{\log 4 + \log 5 - 1} = (\quad)$ 。
- A. 1 B. -1 C. 2 D. -2 E. 4
7. 等比數列的第 2 項及第 5 項的和是 9, 同時第 7 項及第 10 項的和為 288, 則數列第 20 項的數值為 (\quad) 。
- A. 32768 B. 65536 C. 131072 D. 262144 E. 524288
8. 如果數據集 $\{n, n-3, 2n+5, 4n-4, 5n+10\}$ 的算數平均值為 6.8, 則它的中位數是 (\quad) 。
- A. 4 B. 5 C. 15 D. 0 E. -1

9. $\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{m^4 - 1}{2m^2}\right)^2} = (\quad)$ 。
- A. $\frac{m^4 + 2m + 1}{2m^2}$ B. $\frac{m^4 - 1}{2m^2}$ C. $\frac{m^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2m^2}$ D. $\frac{\sqrt{m^2 + 1}}{2}$ E. 以上皆非
10. 在銳角三角形 $\triangle ABC$ 中， $|AB| = 8$ ， $|AC| = 7$ ， $\sin C = \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{7}$ ，則 $|BC| = (\quad)$ 。
- A. 6 B. 12 C. 2 D. 3 E. 5
11. 拋物線在 $(-2, 0)$ 和 $(6, 0)$ 與 x 軸相交，在 $(0, 4)$ 與 y 軸相交。如果 (m, n) 是拋物線上的一點， n 的最大值是 (\quad) 。
- A. $\frac{8}{3}$ B. $\frac{16}{3}$ C. 4 D. 8 E. 16
12. 在下列區間 (\quad) 中，函數 $f(x) = 5 \cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ 單調遞增。
- A. $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ B. $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$ C. $\left(\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$
- D. $\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi\right)$ E. $\left(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$
13. 若 $\theta \in [0, \pi)$ 且 $1 + \sin \theta - 2 \cos^2 \theta = 0$ ，則 $\theta = (\quad)$ 。
- A. $\frac{\pi}{6}$ 或 $\frac{5\pi}{6}$ B. $\frac{\pi}{3}$ C. $\frac{\pi}{6}$ 或 $\frac{\pi}{3}$ D. $\frac{\pi}{6}$ 或 $\frac{\pi}{2}$ E. $\frac{\pi}{3}$ 或 $\frac{\pi}{2}$
14. 已知 $x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0$ ，則 $x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} = (\quad)$ 。
- A. 2 B. 47 C. 49 D. 79 E. 81
15. 設函數 $f(x)$ 是定義域為 \mathbb{R} 的偶函數，且在 $(-\infty, 0)$ 單調遞減，則以下正確的是 (\quad) 。
- A. $f(2^{-\frac{7}{3}}) > f(3^{-\frac{2}{7}}) > f(\log_3 \frac{2}{7})$ B. $f(3^{-\frac{2}{7}}) > f(\log_3 \frac{2}{7}) > f(2^{-\frac{7}{3}})$
- C. $f(\log_3 \frac{2}{7}) > f(2^{-\frac{7}{3}}) > f(3^{-\frac{2}{7}})$ D. $f(3^{-\frac{2}{7}}) > f(2^{-\frac{7}{3}}) > f(\log_3 \frac{2}{7})$
- E. $f(\log_3 \frac{2}{7}) > f(3^{-\frac{2}{7}}) > f(2^{-\frac{7}{3}})$

第二部份 解答題。

1. 10 件產品中含有 3 件次品。現隨機抽出 4 件。
 - (a) 求抽出至少有 2 件次品的概率。 (4 分)
 - (b) 求抽出的次品數的數學期望。 (4 分)

2. 已知 $\alpha, \beta \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$, $\tan \alpha = \frac{1}{5}$, $\cos \beta = \frac{3\sqrt{13}}{13}$ 。
 - (a) 求 $\tan(\alpha + \beta)$ 的值。 (4 分)
 - (b) 求 $\cos(\alpha + 2\beta)$ 的值。 (4 分)

3. 已知等差數列 $\{a_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ 中 $a_1 = 3$, 並且 a_1, a_2 及 a_5 成等比數列。
 - (a) 求 $\{a_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ 的通項公式。 (4 分)
 - (b) 設 S_n 為 $\{a_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ 的前 n 項和, 是否存在正整數 n 使得 $S_n \geq 12n + 36$? 若存在, 求 n 的最小值。若不存在, 請說明理由。 (4 分)

4. 設函數 $f(x) = a - |x - 3| - |x - 7|$ 。
 - (a) 當 $a = 8$ 時, 求解不等式 $f(x) \geq 0$ 。 (4 分)
 - (b) 如果 $g(x) = xf(x)$ 在閉區間 $[-1, 1]$ 上有最小值 -1 , 求 a 的值。 (4 分)

5. 已知雙曲線 $C: \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ 的離心率為 $\frac{\sqrt{10}}{2}$, 點 $A(2\sqrt{2}, 3)$ 在該雙曲線上。直線 $l: y = x + m$ 與 C 相交於 P 和 Q 兩點, 且 $OP \perp OQ$, 這裡 O 為坐標系原點。
 - (a) 求雙曲線 C 的方程。 (3 分)
 - (b) 求 m 的值。 (5 分)

參考答案

第一部份 選擇題。

題目編號	最佳答案
1	B
2	B
3	C
4	C
5	D
6	A
7	D
8	A
9	C
10	E
11	B
12	C
13	A
14	B
15	E

第二部份 解答題。

1. 設抽出的次品數為 X 。

(a) 抽出 4 件產品中恰有 2 件次品的概率為 $P(X = 2) = \frac{{}^3C_2 \cdot {}^7C_2}{{}^{10}C_4} = \frac{3}{10}$ ，抽出 4 件產品中恰有 3 件次品的概率為 $P(X = 3) = \frac{{}^3C_3 \cdot {}^7C_1}{{}^{10}C_4} = \frac{1}{30}$ 。因此抽出至少 2 件次品的概率為 $P(X \geq 2) = P(X = 2) + P(X = 3) = \frac{3}{10} + \frac{1}{30} = \frac{1}{3}$ 。

(b) 抽出 4 件產品中全為正品的概率為 $P(X = 0) = \frac{{}^3C_0 \cdot {}^7C_4}{{}^{10}C_4} = \frac{1}{6}$ ，抽出 4 件產品中恰有 1 件次品的概率為 $P(X = 1) = \frac{{}^3C_1 \cdot {}^7C_3}{{}^{10}C_4} = \frac{1}{2}$ 。因此抽出的次品數的數學期望值 $E(X) = 0 \cdot P(X = 0) + 1 \cdot P(X = 1) + 2 \cdot P(X = 2) + 3 \cdot P(X = 3) = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{3}{10} + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{30} = \frac{6}{5}$ 。

2. 因為 $\beta \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ 且 $\cos \beta = \frac{3\sqrt{13}}{13}$ ，所以 $\sin \beta = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \beta} = \frac{2\sqrt{13}}{13}$ ， $\tan \beta = \frac{2}{3}$ 。

(a) 因為 $\tan \alpha = \frac{1}{5}$ ，所以 $\tan(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}{1 - \tan \alpha \tan \beta} = 1$ 。

(b) 因為 $\alpha, \beta \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ ，所以由 (a) 知， $\alpha + \beta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ 。於是 $\cos(\alpha + 2\beta) = \cos[(\alpha + \beta) + \beta] = \cos(\beta + \frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\cos \beta - \sin \beta) = \frac{\sqrt{26}}{26}$ 。

3. (a) 設等差數列的公差為 d ，因為 $a_1 = 3$ ，所以 $a_2 = 3 + d, a_5 = 3 + 4d$ 。又因為 a_1, a_2 及 a_5 成等比數列，所以 $a_2^2 = a_1 a_5$ ，即 $(3 + d)^2 = 3(3 + 4d)$ ，解得 $d = 0$ 或 $d = 6$ 。因此 $a_n = 3$ 或 $a_n = 3 + 6(n - 1) = 6n - 3$ 。

(b) 由等差數列前 n 項和公式知 $S_n = 3n$ 或 $S_n = 3n^2$ 。(1) 當 $S_n = 3n$ 時，不存在滿足題意的正整數 n ；(2) 當 $S_n = 3n^2$ 時，只需要 $3n^2 \geq 12n + 36$ ，即 $n \geq 6$ ，因此滿足條件的 n 的最小值是 6。

4. (a) $f(x) \geq 0$ 意味著 $|x - 3| + |x - 7| \leq 8$ 。所以， x 到 3 和 7 的距離之和不超過 8。所以 $1 \leq x \leq 9$ 。

(b) $f(x)$ 定義在閉區間 $[-1, 1]$ 上，所以 $f(x) = a - (3 - x) - (7 - x) = 2x + (a - 10)$ 以及 $g(x) = xf(x) = 2x^2 + (a - 10)x$ 。 $g(x)$ 的對稱軸為 $x_0 = -\frac{a - 10}{4}$ 。

i.) 如果 $-\frac{a - 10}{4} \in [-1, 1]$ ，即 $a \in [6, 14]$ ，那麼 $g(x)$ 的最小值為 $-\frac{(a - 10)^2}{8} = -1$ ，得 $a = 10 \pm 2\sqrt{2}$ 。

ii.) 如果 $-\frac{a-10}{4} \geq 1$, 即 $a \leq 6$, 那麼 $g(x)$ 在 $x = 1$ 處取得最小值, 即 $2 + (a-10) = a-8 = -1$, 解得 $a = 7$ 。不符合。

iii.) 如果 $-\frac{a-10}{4} \leq -1$, 即 $a \geq 14$, 那麼 $g(x)$ 在 $x = -1$ 處取得最小值, 即 $2 - (a-10) = -1$, 解得 $a = 13$, 不符合。

總之, $a = 10 \pm 2\sqrt{2}$ 。

5. (a) 點 A 在雙曲線上, 所以 $\frac{8}{a^2} - \frac{9}{b^2} = 1$ 。又因為離心率 $e = \frac{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}{a} = \frac{\sqrt{10}}{2}$ 。容易求得 $a^2 = 2$, $b^2 = 3$ 。因此所求雙曲線方程為 $\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{y^2}{3} = 1$ 。

(b) 設直線 l 與雙曲線 C 的交點分別為 $P(x_1, y_1)$ 和 $Q(x_2, y_2)$ 。聯立直線 l 和雙曲線 C 的方程, 我們有 $3x^2 - 2(x+m)^2 - 6 = 0$, 即 $x^2 - 4mx - 2m^2 - 6 = 0$ 。根據韋達定理, $x_1 + x_2 = 4m$ 及 $x_1x_2 = -2m^2 - 6$ 。又因為 $OP \perp OQ$, 所以 $y_1y_2 + x_1x_2 = 0$ 。注意到點 P 和點 Q 在直線 l 上, 於是 $(x_1+m)(x_2+m) + x_1x_2 = 0$, 整理得到 $2x_1x_2 + m(x_1+x_2) + m^2 = 0$ 。由韋達定理的結論我們可得 $2(-2m^2 - 6) + 4m^2 + m^2 = 0$, 解得 $m^2 = 12$, $m = \pm 2\sqrt{3}$ 。

Part I Multiple choice questions. Choose the best answer for each question.

1. Let sets $A = \{x : x^2 - 3x - 4 \leq 0\}$, $B = \{x : 3x + a \geq 0\}$ and $A \cap B = \{x : 2 \leq x \leq 4\}$, then $a = (\quad)$.
- A. -12 B. -6 C. -3 D. 6 E. 12
2. Given that $f(x) = f(x + 1) + 1$ for all real numbers x and $f(0) = 16$, the value of $f(15)$ is (\quad) .
- A. 0 B. 1 C. 15 D. 16 E. 17
3. Suppose x and y satisfy $4x + 5y = x(y + 1) - (x - 1)(y - 1)$. If the value of x is increased by 4, then the value of y is (\quad) .
- A. decreased by 8 B. decreased by 4 C. decreased by 2
D. increased by 4 E. increased by 8
4. The coefficient of x in the expansion of $(\sqrt{x} - 2)^5 (2x - 1)^4$ is (\quad) .
- A. -182 B. -178 C. 176 D. 178 E. 184
5. $P(2, 3)$ is a fixed point on a x - y coordinate plane. M is a moving point such that it maintains a fixed distance from point P . If the locus of M passes through the origin, the equation of the locus of M is (\quad) .
- A. $x^2 + y^2 - 13 = 0$ B. $x^2 + y^2 + 4x - 6y = 0$ C. $x^2 + y^2 + 4x + 6y = 0$
D. $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 6y = 0$ E. $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 6y + 13 = 0$
6. $\frac{3 \log \frac{1}{2} + \log 16}{\log 4 + \log 5 - 1} = (\quad)$.
- A. 1 B. -1 C. 2 D. -2 E. 4
7. The sum of the 2nd term and the 5th term of a geometric sequence is 9, while the sum of the 7th term and 10th term of the sequence is 288, then the sequence of the 20th term is (\quad) .
- A. 32768 B. 65536 C. 131072 D. 262144 E. 524288
8. If the mean of the data set $\{n, n - 3, 2n + 5, 4n - 4, 5n + 10\}$ is 6.8, the median of this set is (\quad) .
- A. 4 B. 5 C. 15 D. 0 E. -1

9. $\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{m^4 - 1}{2m^2}\right)^2} = (\quad)$.
- A. $\frac{m^4 + 2m + 1}{2m^2}$ B. $\frac{m^4 - 1}{2m^2}$ C. $\frac{m^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2m^2}$
- D. $\frac{\sqrt{m^2 + 1}}{2}$ E. None of the above
10. In the acute triangle $\triangle ABC$, $|AB| = 8$, $|AC| = 7$, $\sin C = \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{7}$. Then $|BC| = (\quad)$.
- A. 6 B. 12 C. 2 D. 3 E. 5
11. A parabola cuts the x -axis at $(-2, 0)$ and $(6, 0)$ and the y -axis at $(0, 4)$. If (m, n) is a point lying on the parabola, the maximum value of n is (\quad) .
- A. $\frac{8}{3}$ B. $\frac{16}{3}$ C. 4 D. 8 E. 16
12. In the following interval (\quad) , the function $f(x) = 5 \cos(x + \frac{\pi}{3})$ increases monotonically.
- A. $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ B. $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$ C. $(\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2})$
- D. $(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi)$ E. $(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{6})$
13. If $\theta \in [0, \pi)$ and $1 + \sin \theta - 2 \cos^2 \theta = 0$, then $\theta = (\quad)$.
- A. $\frac{\pi}{6}$ or $\frac{5\pi}{6}$ B. $\frac{\pi}{3}$ C. $\frac{\pi}{6}$ or $\frac{\pi}{3}$ D. $\frac{\pi}{6}$ or $\frac{\pi}{2}$ E. $\frac{\pi}{3}$ or $\frac{\pi}{2}$
14. If $x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0$, then $x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} = (\quad)$.
- A. 2 B. 47 C. 49 D. 79 E. 81
15. Let $f(x)$ be an even function defined on \mathbb{R} and decrease in $(-\infty, 0)$. Which of the following is true? (\quad) .
- A. $f(2^{-\frac{7}{3}}) > f(3^{-\frac{2}{7}}) > f(\log_3 \frac{2}{7})$ B. $f(3^{-\frac{2}{7}}) > f(\log_3 \frac{2}{7}) > f(2^{-\frac{7}{3}})$
- C. $f(\log_3 \frac{2}{7}) > f(2^{-\frac{7}{3}}) > f(3^{-\frac{2}{7}})$ D. $f(3^{-\frac{2}{7}}) > f(2^{-\frac{7}{3}}) > f(\log_3 \frac{2}{7})$
- E. $f(\log_3 \frac{2}{7}) > f(3^{-\frac{2}{7}}) > f(2^{-\frac{7}{3}})$

Part II Problem-solving questions.

1. There are 3 defective products among the 10 products. Now 4 products are randomly selected.
 - (a) Find the probability that at least 2 defective products are selected. (4 marks)
 - (b) Find the expected number of defective products selected. (4 marks)

2. Given that $\alpha, \beta \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$, $\tan \alpha = \frac{1}{5}$, $\cos \beta = \frac{3\sqrt{13}}{13}$.
 - (a) Find the value of $\tan(\alpha + \beta)$. (4 marks)
 - (b) Find the value of $\cos(\alpha + 2\beta)$. (4 marks)

3. In the arithmetic series $\{a_n\}_{n \geq 1}$, $a_1 = 3$. a_1, a_2 and a_5 form a geometric series.
 - (a) Find the general term for $\{a_n\}_{n \geq 1}$. (4 marks)
 - (b) Let S_n be the n th partial sum of $\{a_n\}_{n \geq 1}$. Is there a positive integer n such that $S_n \geq 12n + 36$? If yes, find the smallest value of such n . If no, give your reason. (4 marks)

4. Suppose the function $f(x) = a - |x - 3| - |x - 7|$.
 - (a) If $a = 8$, solve the inequality $f(x) \geq 0$. (4 marks)
 - (b) If the function $g(x) = xf(x)$ has its minimum value -1 in the closed interval $[-1, 1]$, find the value of a . (4 marks)

5. Suppose that the eccentricity of the hyperbolic $\mathcal{C} : \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ is $\frac{\sqrt{10}}{2}$. The point $A(2\sqrt{2}, 3)$ lies on the hyperbolic \mathcal{C} . The straight line $\ell : y = x + m$ intersects \mathcal{C} at points P and Q and $OP \perp OQ$, where O is the origin of the coordinate system.
 - (a) Find the equation for \mathcal{C} . (3 marks)
 - (b) Find the value of m . (5 marks)

Suggested Answer

Part I Multiple choice questions.

Question Number	Best Answer
1	B
2	B
3	C
4	C
5	D
6	A
7	D
8	A
9	C
10	E
11	B
12	C
13	A
14	B
15	E

Part II Problem-solving questions.

1. Let the number of defective items selected be X .

(a) The probability of selecting exactly 2 defective items out of 4 is $P(X = 2) = \frac{{}^3C_2 \cdot {}^7C_2}{{}^{10}C_4} = \frac{3}{10}$, and the probability of selecting exactly 3 defective items out of 4 is $P(X = 3) = \frac{{}^3C_3 \cdot {}^7C_1}{{}^{10}C_4} = \frac{1}{30}$. Therefore, the probability of selecting at least 2 defective items is $P(X \geq 2) = P(X = 2) + P(X = 3) = \frac{3}{10} + \frac{1}{30} = \frac{1}{3}$.

(b) The probability of selecting 4 non-defective items is $P(X = 0) = \frac{{}^3C_0 \cdot {}^7C_4}{{}^{10}C_4} = \frac{1}{6}$, and the probability of selecting exactly 1 defective item out of 4 is $P(X = 1) = \frac{{}^3C_1 \cdot {}^7C_3}{{}^{10}C_4} = \frac{1}{2}$. Therefore, the expected number of defective products selected is $E(X) = 0 \cdot P(X = 0) + 1 \cdot P(X = 1) + 2 \cdot P(X = 2) + 3 \cdot P(X = 3) = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{3}{10} + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{30} = \frac{6}{5}$.

2. Since $\beta \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ and $\cos \beta = \frac{3\sqrt{13}}{13}$, therefore $\sin \beta = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \beta} = \frac{2\sqrt{13}}{13}$ and $\tan \beta = \frac{2}{3}$.

(a) Since $\tan \alpha = \frac{1}{5}$, we have $\tan(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}{1 - \tan \alpha \tan \beta} = 1$.

(b) Since $\alpha, \beta \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$, by (a), $\alpha + \beta = \frac{\pi}{4}$. Then $\cos(\alpha + 2\beta) = \cos[(\alpha + \beta) + \beta] = \cos(\beta + \frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(\cos \beta - \sin \beta) = \frac{\sqrt{26}}{26}$.

3. (a) Let the common difference of the arithmetic sequence be d . Since $a_1 = 3$, we have $a_2 = 3 + d$ and $a_5 = 3 + 4d$. Because a_1, a_2 , and a_5 form a geometric sequence, we have $a_2^2 = a_1 a_5$, that is, $(3 + d)^2 = 3(3 + 4d)$. Solving this equation, we find $d = 0$ or $d = 6$. Therefore, $a_n = 3$ or $a_n = 3 + 6(n - 1) = 6n - 3$.

(b) From the formula for the sum of the first n terms of an arithmetic sequence, we know $S_n = 3n$ or $S_n = 3n^2$. (1) When $S_n = 3n$, there is no positive integer n that satisfies the given conditions. (2) When $S_n = 3n^2$, we require $3n^2 \geq 12n + 36$, which implies $n \geq 6$. Therefore, the smallest positive integer n that satisfies the condition is 6.

4. (a) $f(x) \geq 0$ implies $|x - 3| + |x - 7| \leq 8$. Then, the sum of the distances from x to 3 and 7 does not exceed 8. Thus $1 \leq x \leq 9$.

(b) $f(x)$ is defined on the closed interval $[-1, 1]$. Thus $f(x) = a - (3 - x) - (7 - x) = 2x + (a - 10)$

and $g(x) = xf(x) = 2x^2 + (a - 10)x$. The axis of symmetry for $g(x)$ is $x_0 = -\frac{a - 10}{4}$.

i.) If $-\frac{a - 10}{4} \in [-1, 1]$, i.e., $a \in [6, 14]$, then the minimum value of $g(x)$ is $-\frac{(a - 10)^2}{8} = -1$,

giving $a = 10 \pm 2\sqrt{2}$.

ii.) If $-\frac{a - 10}{4} \geq 1$, i.e., $a \leq 6$, then $g(x)$ achieves its minimum value at $x = 1$. That is, $2 + (a - 10) =$

$a - 8 = -1$, and $a = 7$. This does not satisfy the condition.

iii.) If $-\frac{a - 10}{4} \leq -1$, i.e., $a \geq 14$, then $g(x)$ achieves its minimum value at $x = -1$. That is

$2 - (a - 10) = -1$, and $a = 13$. This does not satisfy the condition.

In conclusion, $a = 10 \pm 2\sqrt{2}$.

5. (a) Point A lies on the hyperbola, so $\frac{8}{a^2} - \frac{9}{b^2} = 1$. Also, since the eccentricity $e = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{a} = \frac{\sqrt{10}}{2}$, it is easy to find $a^2 = 2$ and $b^2 = 3$. Therefore, the equation of the hyperbola is $\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{y^2}{3} = 1$.

(b) Suppose the intersection points of the line l and the hyperbola \mathcal{C} are $P(x_1, y_1)$ and $Q(x_2, y_2)$. By

solving the equations of line l and hyperbola \mathcal{C} together, we have $3x^2 - 2(x + m)^2 - 6 = 0$, i.e.,

$x^2 - 4mx - 2m^2 - 6 = 0$. According to Vieta's formulas, $x_1 + x_2 = 4m$ and $x_1x_2 = -2m^2 - 6$.

Since $OP \perp OQ$, we have $y_1y_2 + x_1x_2 = 0$. Noting that points P and Q lie on the line l , we get

$(x_1 + m)(x_2 + m) + x_1x_2 = 0$. Simplifying, we obtain $2x_1x_2 + m(x_1 + x_2) + m^2 = 0$. From Vieta's

formulas, we have $2(-2m^2 - 6) + 4m^2 + m^2 = 0$, which gives $m^2 = 12$, so $m = \pm 2\sqrt{3}$.