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Key to mark scheme abbreviations

M	mark is for method
m or dM	mark is dependent on one or more M marks and is for method
A	mark is dependent on M or m marks and is for accuracy
B	mark is independent of M or m marks and is for method and accuracy
E	mark is for explanation
✓ or ft or F	follow through from previous incorrect result
CAO	correct answer only
CSO	correct solution only
AWFW	anything which falls within
AWRT	anything which rounds to
ACF	any correct form
AG	answer given
SC	special case
OE	or equivalent
A2,1	2 or 1 (or 0) accuracy marks
-x EE	deduct x marks for each error
NMS	no method shown
PI	possibly implied
SCA	substantially correct approach
c	candidate
sf	significant figure(s)
dp	decimal place(s)

No Method Shown

Where the question specifically requires a particular method to be used, we must usually see evidence of use of this method for any marks to be awarded.

Where the answer can be reasonably obtained without showing working and it is very unlikely that the correct answer can be obtained by using an incorrect method, we must award **full marks**. However, the obvious penalty to candidates showing no working is that incorrect answers, however close, earn **no marks**.

Where a question asks the candidate to state or write down a result, no method need be shown for full marks.

Otherwise we require evidence of a correct method for any marks to be awarded.

Q1	Solution	Mark	Total	Comment
(a)	$y = \pm \frac{3}{5}x + \dots$	M1	2	$y = -\frac{3}{5}x + \frac{7}{5}$ for guidance
	(Gradient $AB =$) $-\frac{3}{5}$	A1		
(b)	Grad of perp = $\frac{5}{3}$	M1	3	FT negative reciprocal of their (a) any correct form with -- simplified to + eg $y = \frac{5}{3}x + c, c = \frac{1}{3}$ integer coefficients with all terms on one side of equation & “=0”
	$y + 3 = \frac{5}{3}(x + 2)$	A1		
	$5x - 3y + 1 = 0$	A1		
(c)	$3x + 5y = 7$ & $2x - 3y = 30$ eg $9x + 10x = 21 + 150$	M1	3	correct equations used and correct elimination of x or y eg $19x = 171$ or $19y = -76$ either x or y correct in any equivalent form
	$x = 9$ or $x = \frac{171}{19}$	A1		
	or $y = -4$ or $y = \frac{-76}{19}$	A1		
	$x = 9$ and $y = -4$	A1		
Total			8	
(a)	Do not penalise incorrect rearrangement if correct gradient is stated. Example $y = -\frac{3}{5}x + 7$ so grad = $-\frac{3}{5}$ scores M1 A1 NMS (grad $AB =$) $-\frac{3}{5}$ earns 2 marks. NMS (grad $AB =$) $\frac{3}{5}$ earns M1 A0 . NMS Award M1 A0 only for “gradient = $-\frac{3}{5}x$ ”. May use two correct points eg $(-1,2)$ and $(-6,5)$ then $\frac{5-2}{-6--1}$ scores M1 (must be correct unsimplified) with A1 for $-\frac{3}{5}$			
(b)	Condone $0 = 6y - 10x - 2$ etc for final A1 , but not $3y - 5x = 1$ etc			
(c)	$2\left(\frac{7}{3} - \frac{5y}{3}\right) - 3y = 30$ earns M1 , however $2\left(\frac{7}{3} + \frac{5y}{3}\right) - 3y = 30$, for example, scores M0 . Accept any equivalent form for first A1 but must have $x = 9$ and $y = -4$ for final A1 .			

Q2	Solution	Mark	Total	Comment
	$\frac{4\sqrt{5}-2\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{3}}$ $\times \frac{\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3}}$ <p>(Numerator =) $20+4\sqrt{15}-2\sqrt{15}-6$</p> <p>(Denominator =) $(5-\sqrt{5}\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{5}\sqrt{3}-3=)$ 2</p> <p>(Gradient =) $7+\sqrt{15}$</p>	<p>B1</p> <p>M1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>B1</p> <p>A1cso</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>or $\frac{2\sqrt{3}-4\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{5}}$</p> <p>multiplying top & bottom by conjugate of their denominator</p> <p>$14+2\sqrt{15}$</p> <p>must be seen as denominator</p> $\frac{14+2\sqrt{15}}{2}$
	Total		5	
<p><i>NO MISREADS ALLOWED IN THIS QUESTION</i></p> <p>Condone multiplication by $\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3}$ instead of $\times \frac{\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3}}$ for M1 only if subsequent working shows multiplication by both numerator and denominator – otherwise M0</p> <p>Must have $\sqrt{15}$ and not just $\sqrt{3}\sqrt{5}$ for first A1</p> <p>An error in the denominator such as $5-\sqrt{8}+\sqrt{8}-3=2$ should be given B0 and it would then automatically lose the final A1cso</p> <p>May use alternative conjugate $\times \frac{-\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{3}}{-\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{3}}$ M1 ; numerator = $-14-2\sqrt{15}$ A1 etc</p> <p>M1 is available if gradient expression is incorrect, provided it is a quotient of two surd expressions and the conjugate of their denominator is used.</p> <p>SC2 for $\frac{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{3}}{4\sqrt{5}-2\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{4\sqrt{5}+2\sqrt{3}}{4\sqrt{5}+2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{****}{68}$</p>				

Q3	Solution	Mark	Total	Comment
(a)	$\left(\frac{dy}{dx} =\right) 4x^3 + 6x$	M1		one term correct
	$\text{when } x = -1, \frac{dy}{dx} = -4 - 6 = -10$	A1		all correct (no +c etc)
	$y - 6 = -10(x + 1)$	m1	4	sub $x = -1$ correctly into “their” $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and evaluate correctly
		A1cso		any correct form with -- simplified to + eg $y = -10x + c, c = -4$
(b)(i)	$\frac{x^5}{5} + \frac{3x^3}{3} + 2x$	M1		two terms correct
	$F(2) - F(-1)$	A1		all correct (may have +c)
	$\left[\frac{32}{5} + 8 + 4\right] - \left[-\frac{1}{5} - 1 - 2\right]$	m1		clear attempt to use correct limits correctly
	$= 21.6$	A1	5	correct unsimplified must evaluate 2^5 ; $(-1)^3$ etc
		A1cso		$21\frac{3}{5}$; $\frac{108}{5}$ OE
(ii)	(Area of trapezium =) 54	B1		allow $18+36$ or $90 - 36$
	(Shaded area =) $54 - 21.6$	M1		Area of trapezium – their value from (b)(i)
	$= 32.4$	A1cso		3
Total			12	
(b)(ii)	For M1 , allow subtraction of “their” trapezium area from their (b)(i) value .			
	Candidates may use $\int_{-1}^2 (8x + 14) dx = \left[4x^2 + 14x\right]_{-1}^2 = 16 + 28 - 4 + 14$ to earn B1 .			
	If $\int_{-1}^2 (ax + b) dx$ is used for any line $y = ax + b$ to find the area of trapezium, then candidates are normally eligible for M1			
	Candidates must find the area of a trapezium (and not a triangle) to earn M1			

Q4	Solution	Mark	Total	Comment
(a)	$(x+1)^2 + (y-3)^2 \dots$	M1 A1		one of these terms correct LHS correct with perhaps extra constant terms
	$(x+1)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 50$	A1	3	
(b)(i)	$C(-1, 3)$	B1 ✓	1	correct or FT from their equation in (a)
(ii)	$(r =) \sqrt{50}$	M1		correct or FT their \sqrt{RHS} provided $RHS > 0$
	$= 5\sqrt{2}$	A1	2	
(c)	$4^2 + k^2 + 2 \times 4 - 6k - 40 = 0$ or “their” $(4+1)^2 + (k-3)^2 = 50$	M1		sub $x = 4$, correctly into given circle equation (or their circle equation)
	$k^2 - 6k - 16 (= 0)$ or $(k-3)^2 = 25$	A1		
	$k = -2, k = 8$	A1	3	
(d)	$D^2 + 1^2 = \text{“their } r^2 \text{”}$	M1		Pythagoras used correctly with 1 and r
	$D^2 = 50 - 1 = 49$ (distance =) 7	A1	2	Do not accept $\sqrt{49}$ or ± 7
Total			11	
(a)	<p>$(x-1)^2 + (y-3)^2 = (\sqrt{50})^2$ scores full marks.</p> <p>If final equation is correct then award 3 marks, treating earlier lines with extra terms etc as rough working. If final equation has sign errors then check to see if M1 is earned.</p> <p>Example $(x+1)^2 + (y-3)^2 - 40 + 1 + 9 = 0$ earns M1 A1 but if this is part of preliminary working and final equation is offered as $(x+1)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 50$ then award M1 A1 A1.</p> <p>Example $(x-1)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 50$ earns M1 A0 ; Example $(x-1)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 50$ earns M0</p>			
(b)(ii)	<p>Candidates may still earn A1 here provided RHS of circle equation is 50.</p> <p>Example $(x-1)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 50$ earns M0 in (a) but can then earn M1 A1 for radius = $\sqrt{50} = 5\sqrt{2}$</p> <p>If no $\sqrt{50}$ seen; “ (radius =) $5\sqrt{2}$ ” scores SC2 .</p>			
(d)	<p>NMS (distance=) 7 scores SC1 since no evidence that exact value of radius has been used.</p> <p>A diagram with $\sqrt{50}$ or $5\sqrt{2}$ as hypotenuse and another side = 1 with answer = 7 scores SC2</p>			

Q5	Solution	Mark	Total	Comment
(a)	$\left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2$ $\left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{4}$	M1		$(x + 1.5)^2$ OE
		A1	2	$(x + 1.5)^2 - 0.25$ OE
(b) (i)	Vertex $(-1.5, *)$ $(**, -0.25)$	B1✓ B1✓	2	strict FT “their” $-p$ strict FT “their” q Correct vertex is $(-1.5, -0.25)$
(ii)	$x = -1.5$	B1	1	correct equation in any form
(c)	$(x - 2)^2 + 3(x - 2)$ or $(x - 2 + \text{“their” } p)^2$ $y = (x - 2)^2 + 3(x - 2) + 2 + 4$ or $y = (x - 0.5)^2 - 0.25 + 4$ OE $y = x^2 - x + 4$	M1 A1 A1cso	3	replacing each x by $x - 2$ any correct unsimplified form with $y = \dots + 4$ or $y - 4 = \dots$
	Total		8	
(b)(i)	Accept coordinates written as $x = -1.5$, $y = -0.25$ OE			

Q6	Solution	Mark	Total	Comment
(a)(i)	$(SA =) \pi r^2 + 2\pi rh$	B1	3	correct surface area
	$\pi r^2 + 2\pi rh = 48\pi$ $\Rightarrow 2rh = 48 - r^2 \Rightarrow h = \dots$ $h = \frac{48 - r^2}{2r}$	M1 A1		equating “their” SA to 48π and attempt at $h =$ or $h = \frac{24}{r} - \frac{r}{2}$ OE
(ii)	$V = \pi r^2 h = \dots$ $= \pi f(r)$ $V = \pi r^2 \left(\frac{48 - r^2}{2r} \right) = 24\pi r - \frac{\pi}{2} r^3$	M1 A1		correct volume expression & elimination of h using “their” (a)(i) AG (be convinced)
(b)(i)	$\left(\frac{dV}{dr} = \right) 24\pi - \frac{3}{2}\pi r^2$	M1 A1	2	one term correct all correct, must simplify r^0
(ii)	$24\pi - \frac{3}{2}\pi r^2 = 0 \Rightarrow r^2 = \frac{48\pi}{3\pi}$ $r = 4$	M1 A1	4	“their” $\frac{dV}{dr} = 0$ and attempt at $r^n = \dots$ from correct $\frac{dV}{dr}$
	$\frac{d^2V}{dr^2} = -\frac{6\pi r}{2}$ $\frac{d^2V}{dr^2} < 0$ when $r = 4 \Rightarrow$ Maximum	B1 ✓ A1cso		FT “their” $\frac{dV}{dr}$ explained convincingly, all working and notation correct
Total			11	
(a)(i)	For M1 , surface area must have two terms with at most one error in one of the terms. Eg $\pi r^2 + \pi rh = 48\pi \Rightarrow h = \dots$ earns M1 It is not necessary to cancel π for A1			
(a)(ii)	May start again, eg using $2\pi rh = 48\pi - \pi r^2 \Rightarrow 2\pi r^2 h = 48\pi r - \pi r^3 \Rightarrow V = \dots$ etc for M1			
(b)(ii)	Award B1 ✓ for $\frac{d^2V}{dr^2}$ FT “their” $\frac{dV}{dr}$ only if $\frac{dV}{dr} = a + br^2, a \neq 0, b \neq 0$ For A1cso candidate must use all notation correctly, have correct derivatives and reason correctly. Condone use of $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ etc instead of $\frac{d^2V}{dr^2}$ for B1 ✓ but not for A1cso . May reason correctly using 2 values of r on either side of “their” $r = 4$ substituted into V or $\frac{dV}{dr}$ for B1 ✓ and if reasoning, working and notation are correct they may earn A1 cso .			

Q7	Solution	Mark	Total	Comment
(a)		M1		cubic curve touching at O – one max, one min (may have minimum at O)
		A1		
		A1	3	3 marked and correct curvature for $x < 0$ and $x > 3$
(b)(i)	$p(4) = 4^2(4-3) + 20$ (Remainder) = 36	M1		$p(4)$ attempted or full long division as far as remainder term
		A1	2	
(ii)	$p(-2) = (-2)^2(-2-3) + 20$ $= 4 \times (-5) + 20 = 0$ <i>or</i> $-20 + 20 = 0$ therefore $(x+2)$ is a factor	M1		$p(-2)$ attempted NOT long division
		A1	2	working showing that $p(-2) = 0$ and statement
(iii)	$x^2 + bx + c$ with $b = -5$ or $c = 10$ $(x+2)(x^2 - 5x + 10)$	M1		by inspection
		A1	2	must see product
(iv)	Discriminant of “their” quadratic $= (-5)^2 - 4 \times 10$ $-15 < 0$ so quadratic has no real roots (only real root is) -2	M1		be careful that cubic coefficients are not being used
		A1cso		
		B1	3	independent of previous marks
Total			12	
(a)	Award M1 for clear <i>intention</i> to touch at O Second A1 : allow curve becoming straight but withhold if wrong curvature in 1 st or 3 rd quadrants.			
(b)	May expand cubic as $x^3 - 3x^2 + 20$			
(i)	Do not apply ISW for eg “ $p(4) = 36$, therefore remainder is -36 ”			
(ii)	Minimum required for statement is “so factor” Powers of -2 must be evaluated: Example “ $p(-2) = -8 - 12 + 20 = 0$ therefore factor” scores M1 A1 Statement may appear first : Example “ $x+2$ is factor if $p(-2) = 0$ & $p(-2) = -8 - 12 + 20 = 0$ ” scores M1 A1 However, Example “ $p(-2) = (-2)^2(-2-3) + 20 = 0$ therefore $x+2$ is a factor” scores M1 A0			
(iii)	M1 may also be earned for a full long division attempt, or a clear attempt to find a value for both b and c (even though incorrect) by comparing coefficients .			
(iv)	Accept “ $b^2 - 4ac = 25 - 40 < 0$ so no real roots” for M1 A1cso Discriminant may appear within the quadratic equation formula “ $\sqrt{25 - 40}$ ” for M1			

Q8	Solution	Mark	Total	Comment
(a)	$x^2 + (3k - 4)x + 13 = 2x + k$ $x^2 + 3kx - 6x + 13 - k = 0$ $x^2 + 3(k - 2)x + 13 - k = 0$	B1	1	at least one step such as this line AG (be convinced)
(b) (i)	$\{3(k - 2)\}^2 - 4(13 - k)$ $9(k^2 - 4k + 4) - 52 + 4k$ < 0 $9k^2 - 32k - 16 < 0$	M1 A1 A1cso	3	correct discriminant correct and brackets expanded correctly condition must appear before final answer AG Penalise poor use of brackets here even if candidate recovers
(ii)	$(9k + 4)(k - 4)$ CVs are $-\frac{4}{9}$ and 4 $\begin{array}{c} + \qquad \qquad - \qquad \qquad + \\ \hline -\frac{4}{9} \quad \quad \quad 4 \end{array}$ $-\frac{4}{9} < k < 4$	M1 A1 M1 A1	4	correct factors or correct use of formula as far as $\frac{32 \pm \sqrt{1600}}{18}$ condone equivalent fractions here use of sign diagram or graph $\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\ \quad \quad \quad \cup \\ \quad \quad \quad \text{---} \\ \quad \quad \quad -4/9 \quad \quad 4 \end{array}$ fractions must be simplified for final mark
	Total		8	
	TOTAL		75	

(b)(i)	For M1 must be attempting to use $b^2 - 4ac$ but <i>condone poor use of brackets</i> .
(b)(ii)	For second M1 , if critical values are correct then sign diagram or sketch must be correct <i>with correct CVs marked</i> . However, if CVs are not correct then second M1 can be earned for attempt at sketch or sign diagram but <i>their CVs MUST</i> be marked on the diagram or sketch. Final A1 , inequality must have k and no other letter. <i>Final answer of $k < 4$ AND $k > -\frac{4}{9}$ (with or without working) scores 4 marks .</i> (A) $-\frac{4}{9} < x < 4$ (B) $k < 4$ OR $k > -\frac{4}{9}$ (C) $k < 4$, $k > -\frac{4}{9}$ (D) $-\frac{4}{9} \leq k \leq 4$ with or without working each score 3 marks (SC3) Example NMS $\frac{4}{9} < k < 4$ scores M0 (since one CV is incorrect) Example NMS $k < \frac{72}{18}$, $k < -\frac{8}{18}$ scores M1 A1 M0 (since both CVs are correct)