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Key to mark scheme abbreviations

Mark is for method
Mark is dependent on one or more M marks and is for method
Mark is dependent on M or m marks and is for accuracy
Mark is independent of M or m marks and is for method and accuracy
Mark is for explanation
Follow through from previous incorrect result
Correct answer only
Correct solution only
Anything which falls within
Anything which rounds to
Any correct form
Answer given
Special case
Or equivalent
2 or 1 (or 0) accuracy marks
Deduct <i>x</i> marks for each error
No method shown
Possibly implied
Substantially correct approach
Significant figure(s)
Decimal place(s)
Ignore subsequent working

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
1(a)(i)	<u>64</u> 125	B1	
		1	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
1(a)(ii)	-3	B1	
		1	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
1(b)	$\begin{bmatrix} 27^{2y} = \end{bmatrix} 3^{6y}$ or $\begin{bmatrix} 9^{\frac{1}{2}x} = \end{bmatrix} 3^{x}$ or $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{9\sqrt{3}} = \end{bmatrix} 3^{-\frac{5}{2}}$ or $\begin{bmatrix} 9\sqrt{3} = \end{bmatrix} 3^{\frac{5}{2}}$	B1	PI Expresses either 27^{2y} , $9^{\frac{1}{2}x}$, $\frac{1}{9\sqrt{3}}$ or $9\sqrt{3}$ as correct power of 3
	$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{27^{2y}}{9^{\frac{1}{2}x}} = \frac{1}{9\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \frac{3^{6y}}{3^{x}} = 3^{-\frac{5}{2}} \Rightarrow \end{bmatrix}$ 3 ^{6y-x} = 3 ^{-\frac{5}{2}} or 6y-x = -\frac{5}{2} or 3 ^{6y} = 3 ^{x-\frac{5}{2}}	М1	PI Correctly applies power rule to clear algebraic fractions in a correct equation. Could be seen without base 3, otherwise has no more than one base 3 each side.
	$[y=] \frac{1}{6}x - \frac{5}{12}$	A1	CAO oe
		3	

Question 1 Total	5	
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Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
2(a)	$\begin{bmatrix} 8 \times 8 - 5 \times 10 = 14 \Rightarrow \end{bmatrix} 64 - 50 = 14$ or $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{8}{5} \times 8 - \frac{14}{5} \Rightarrow \end{bmatrix} \frac{64}{5} - \frac{14}{5} = 10$ or $\begin{bmatrix} 8 \times 8 - 5y = 14 \Rightarrow \end{bmatrix}$ 64 - 5y = 14 $\Rightarrow y = 10$ and Hence l_1 passes through the point $A(8, 10)$	В1	Either: Substitutes the coordinates of <i>A</i> into the LHS of the equation of l_1 and concludes it is equal to 14. Must see 64-50=14 or Rearranges to $y = \frac{8}{5}x - \frac{14}{5}$ and substitutes into RHS concluding $y = 10$ Must see $\frac{64}{5} - \frac{14}{5} = 10$ or Substitutes $x = 8$ into LHS and solves for <i>y</i> . Must see $64 - 5y = 14$ before y = 10 Must have a concluding statement
		1	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
2(b)	$[8x-5y=14 \text{ and } 7x+2y=-26 \Rightarrow]$ (-2,-6)	B1	PI Solves equations simultaneously to find the coordinates of <i>B</i> Condone not given as coordinates but must be clearly identified.
	$[AB =] \sqrt{(8-(-2))^2+(10-(-6))^2}$	М1	oe ft their coordinates of <i>B</i>
	$2\sqrt{89}$ or $\sqrt{356}$	A1	CAO
		3	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
2(c)(i)	$\left[\text{Gradient of } l_1 = \right] \frac{8}{5}$	B1	ое
	$\frac{(k+7)-5}{3-(-2)} \left[=\frac{8}{5}\right]$	М1	oe Correct method for finding the gradient of I_3 in terms of k
	$\left[\frac{k+2}{5} = \frac{8}{5} \Longrightarrow\right] k = 6$	A1	САО
		3	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
2(c)(ii)	$y-5 = \frac{8}{5}(x-(-2))$ or $y-13 = \frac{8}{5}(x-3)$ or $y = \frac{8}{5}x + \frac{41}{5}$	М1	oe Forms a correct equation for l_3 but not in the required form May see $y = \frac{8}{5}x + c$ or $8x - 5y = c$ and substitution of coordinates of <i>P</i> or <i>Q</i> to find <i>c</i> but must be a complete method ft their gradient of l_1 from part (c)(i) ft their <i>k</i> from part (c)(i)
	8x - 5y + 41 = 0	A1	CAO Any integer multiple but must be in the correct form
		2	

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Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
3(a)	Arithmetic	E1	
	The amount saved increases by the same amount each month	E1	Any statement implying a common difference between consecutive terms
		2	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
3(b)	$[a = 240, d = 8 \text{ and } n = 22 \Rightarrow]$ 240+(22-1)×8	М1	PI oe Correct use of the formula for the <i>n</i> th term of an arithmetic series with values substituted
	[\$] 408	A1	САО
		2	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
3(c)	$[a = 240, d = 8 \text{ and } n = 36 \Rightarrow]$ $\frac{1}{2} \times 36(2 \times 240 + (36 - 1) \times 8)$	M1	PI oe Correct use of the formula for the sum of the first <i>n</i> terms of an arithmetic series with values substituted
	[\$] 13 680	A1	САО
		2	

3(d) $[a = 264, d = 4 \Rightarrow]$ $\frac{1}{2} \times n(2 \times 264 + (n-1) \times 4)$ M1oe Correct expression for the sum of the first <i>n</i> terms of an arithmetic series with values substituted $2n^2 + 262n - 15400 = 0$ or $n^2 + 131n - 7700 = 0$ M1oe Sets their expression equal to 15400 and rearranges to form a three- term quadratic expression in the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ PI By correct final answer or 44 and -175 both seen $[n =]$ 44A1CAO	Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
$\begin{bmatrix} 2n^2 + 262n - 15400 = 0 \\ \text{or} \\ n^2 + 131n - 7700 = 0 \\ [n =] 44 \end{bmatrix} \text{M1} \begin{bmatrix} 15400 \text{ and rearranges to form a three-term quadratic expression in the form} \\ ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \\ \text{PI By correct final answer or 44 and} \\ -175 \text{ both seen} \end{bmatrix}$	3(d)	$[a=264, d=4 \Rightarrow]$ $\frac{1}{2} \times n(2 \times 264 + (n-1) \times 4) = 15400]$	M1	the first n terms of an arithmetic series
		or	М1	15400 and rearranges to form a three- term quadratic expression in the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ PI By correct final answer or 44 and
3		[n=] 44	A1	САО
			3	

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Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
4(a)	$(-3)^3 - 4(-3) + 15 = 0$	M1	Factor Theorem used with $x = -3$ substituted
	-27+12+15=0	A1	oe Powers and products evaluated before being set equal to zero Factor Theorem not used scores M0 A0
		2	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
4(b)	$(x+3)(x^2-3x+5)$	M1	<i>b</i> or <i>c</i> correct
		A1	CAO
		2	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
4(c)	$[b^2 - 4ac =] (-3)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times 5 [= -11]$	М1	oe Correct attempt to evaluate the discriminant of $x^2 - 3x + 5$ ft Their answer to part (b) PI by -11 or a correct completed- square form for the quadratic factor
	–11<0 therefore the equation $f(x)=0$ has exactly one real root	A1ft	Their discriminant evaluated correctly with an indication that it is negative and a final conclusion or an indication that the minimum value of their correct completed- square form is positive and a final conclusion
		2	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
4(d)	<i>y</i>	B1	Cubic curve of the correct form with minimum in the first quadrant and maximum in the second quadrant
	15	B1	Correct value for <i>y</i> -intercept provided a graph is drawn Allow given as coordinates
	-3 O x	B1	Correct value for <i>x</i> -intercept and no others provided a graph is drawn Allow given as coordinates
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Question 4 Total 9	
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Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
5(a)	$\frac{7x\sqrt{x}+14x-3\sqrt{x}-6}{\sqrt{x}+2} \times \frac{\sqrt{x}-2}{\sqrt{x}-2}$	M1	PI Intention to multiply numerator and denominator by $\sqrt{x} - 2$
	<i>x</i> – 4	B1	Correct denominator Must be seen as the denominator
	$7x^{2} + 14x\sqrt{x} - 3x - 6\sqrt{x} - 14x\sqrt{x}$ $-28x + 6\sqrt{x} + 12$	M1	Unsimplified expression for the numerator Allow one error
	$7x^2 - 31x + 12$	A1	Correct simplified numerator
	$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{7x^2 - 31x + 12}{x - 4} = \end{bmatrix}$ $\frac{(7x - 3)(x - 4)}{x - 4}$ and $7x - 3$	A1	Correct algebraic fraction with numerator factorised before correct answer in given form. If numerator not factorised allow evidence of correct algebraic division.
			SC2 for final answer of $7x-3$ for methods other than rationalising the denominator
		5	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
5(b)	$\begin{bmatrix} (7x-3)(x^2\sqrt{x}-4) = \end{bmatrix}$ 7x ³ \sqrt{x} - 28x - 3x^2 \sqrt{x} + 12 or 7x^{\frac{7}{2}} - 28x - 3x^{\frac{5}{2}} + 12	М1	Correct expansion of integrand using their result from part (a)
	$\left[\int \left(7x^{\frac{7}{2}} - 28x - 3x^{\frac{5}{2}} + 12 \right) dx = \right]$		M1: oe At least three correct terms
	$\frac{14}{9}x^{\frac{9}{2}} - 14x^2 - \frac{6}{7}x^{\frac{7}{2}} + 12x + c$	M1 A1ft	simplified or unsimplified ft Their integrand using their $ax + b$ from part (a) A1ft: ft Their $ax + b$ from part (a) Coefficients must be simplified Must include '+ c'
		3	
	Question 5 Total	8	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
6(a)	$\left[(1+3x)^9 = \right]$ $\left[(1)^9 + 9(1)^8 (3x) + \right]$ $36(1)^7 (3x)^2 + 84(1)^6 (3x)^3$	М1	For either $[1, 9]$, 36, 84 oe unsimplified or $\binom{9}{2}(1)^7 (3x)^2$ or $\binom{9}{3}(1)^6 (3x)^3$ oe , <i>x</i> not needed PI
	[<i>a</i> =] 324	A1	Condone $324x^2$
	[<i>b</i> =] 2268	A1	Condone 2268x ³
		3	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
6(b)	$1+3x=\frac{17}{20}$	M1	PI by $x = -\frac{1}{20}$ seen substituted Method for finding correct value of x
	$[x=]-\frac{1}{20}$	A1	Possibly seen embedded in later working.
	$\left[\left(\frac{17}{20}\right)^9 \approx\right]$ $1+27\left(-\frac{1}{20}\right)+324\left(-\frac{1}{20}\right)^2+2268\left(-\frac{1}{20}\right)^3$	m1	oe Substitutes their $x = -\frac{1}{20}$ into their expansion in part (a)
	$1 - \frac{27}{20} + \frac{81}{100} - \frac{567}{2000}$ and $\frac{353}{2000}$	A1	oe Extra line of working simplifying powers and products before AG
		4	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
	$\left[\left(\frac{17}{10}\right)^9 = \left(2 \times \frac{17}{20}\right)^9 \right]$ 2 ⁹ × $\frac{353}{2000}$ or 512× $\frac{353}{2000}$ or 2 ⁹ × $\left(\frac{17}{20}\right)^9$	M1	
	11296 125 or 90.368	A1	oe CAO
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Question 6 Total 9	
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Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
7(a)(i)	$\left[y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx^{-\frac{3}{2}} \Rightarrow\right]$		
	$\left[\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\right] 3ax^2 + 2bx - \frac{3}{2}cx^{-\frac{5}{2}}$	M1 A1	M1: oe At least two correct terms A1: oe Correct first derivative
		2	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
7(a)(ii)	$\left[\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 y}{\mathrm{d}x^2}\right] = 6ax + 2b + \frac{15}{4}cx^{-\frac{7}{2}}$	M1	oe At least two correct terms ft Through their first derivative
	$\begin{bmatrix} dx^2 \end{bmatrix}$ 4	A1ft	oe Correct second derivative ft Their answer to part (a)(i) provided it contains a fractional power of <i>x</i>
		2	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
7(b)	Since <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> and <i>c</i> [and <i>x</i>] are positive then $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} > 0$	E1ft	States a , b and c [and x] are positive and therefore the second derivative is positive ft Their answer to part (a)(ii) provided all terms are positive
	Hence <i>P</i> is a minimum point	E1	Correct conclusion E0 E1 not possible
		2	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
7(c)	$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{dy}{dx} = \end{bmatrix} 3a + 2a - \frac{3}{2}a$ or $3b + 2b - \frac{3}{2}b$ or $3c + 2c - \frac{3}{2}c$	M 1	 oe Correct unsimplified expression for the first derivative in terms of <i>a</i>, <i>b</i> or <i>c</i> only. Allow use of another letter but not <i>x</i> ft Their answer to part (a)(i)
	$\frac{7}{2}a$ or $\frac{7}{2}b$ or $\frac{7}{2}c$	A1ft	 oe Correct simplified expression for the first derivative in terms of <i>a</i>, <i>b</i> or <i>c</i> only. Allow use of another letter but not <i>x</i> ft Their answer to part (a)(i)
	[Hence since $\frac{dy}{dx} > 0$ then] the gradient of the curve <i>C</i> is positive [at the point where x = 1]	E1ft	ft Correct conclusion for their $\frac{7}{2}a$ or $\frac{7}{2}b$ or $\frac{7}{2}c$ Previous two marks must have been awarded for the award of this mark
		3	

Question 7 Tota	9	
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Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
8(a)	$\begin{bmatrix} y = \frac{3}{4}x^2 - 12x + 21 \Rightarrow \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{dy}{dx} = \end{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2}x - 12$	M1	oe Correct derivative simplified or unsimplified. PI by correct gradient of tangent to <i>C</i> at <i>P</i>
	$\left[x=6 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{2} \times 6 - 12 = \right] -3$	A1	Correct gradient of tangent to <i>C</i> at <i>P</i>
	$\begin{bmatrix} m' \times (-3) = -1 \Rightarrow \end{bmatrix}$ [m'=] $\frac{1}{3}$ or $(-3) \times \frac{3}{2}$ or $-\frac{9}{2}$	B1ft	Correct gradient of normal to <i>C</i> at <i>P</i> or Correct expression for, or value of, the product of the gradient of tangent to <i>C</i> at <i>P</i> and the gradient of <i>l</i> ft Their gradient of tangent to <i>C</i> at <i>P</i>
	$\frac{1}{3} \neq \frac{3}{2} \text{ or } (-3) \times \frac{3}{2} \neq -1$ or $-\frac{9}{2} \neq -1$ or $-3 \neq -\frac{2}{3}$ therefore <i>l</i> is not the normal to <i>C</i> at <i>P</i>	E1ft	Compares gradient of normal to <i>C</i> at <i>P</i> to gradient of <i>l</i> and makes correct conclusion. or Compares $-\frac{9}{2}$ or $(-3) \times \frac{3}{2}$ to -1 and makes correct conclusion. ft Their gradient of normal to <i>C</i> at <i>P</i> provided it is not $\frac{3}{2}$
		4	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
8(b)(i)	$\frac{3}{4}x^2 - 12x + 21 = \frac{3}{2}x - 33$	M1	oe Equates the equation of <i>C</i> with the equation of <i>l</i>
	$\frac{3}{4}x^{2} - \frac{27}{2}x + 54 = 0$ or $3x^{2} - 54x + 216 = 0$ and $x^{2} - 18x + 72 = 0$	A1	oe Extra line of working showing a simplified quadratic equation set equal to zero before AG Must be convincingly shown
		2	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
8(b)(ii)	$\begin{bmatrix} x^2 - 18x + 72 = 0 \Rightarrow \end{bmatrix}$ $[x =] 12$	M1	Correct <i>x</i> -coordinate of Q Ignore $x = 6$ if seen as well
	(12,-15)	A1	Correct coordinates of Q Condone not given as coordinates but must be clearly identified
		2	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
8(c)	$\left[\int \left(\frac{3}{4}x^2 - 12x + 21\right) dx = \right]$		
	$\frac{1}{4}x^3 - 6x^2 + 21x[+c]$	M1 A1	 M1: At least two correct terms simplified or unsimplified A1: Correct integration simplified or unsimplified
		2	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
8(d)	$\begin{bmatrix} \int_{12}^{14} \left(\frac{3}{4}x^2 - 12x + 21\right) dx = \\ \left(\frac{1}{4}(14)^3 - 6(14)^2 + 21(14)\right) \\ -\left(\frac{1}{4}(12)^3 - 6(12)^2 + 21(12)\right) \end{bmatrix}$	М1	oe Correct attempt to evaluate the definite integral ft Their <i>x</i> -coordinate of <i>Q</i> PI by the correct value of the integral.
	$\left[\int_{12}^{14} \left(\frac{3}{4}x^2 - 12x + 21\right) dx = \right] -16$	A1	САО
	$\frac{1}{2} \times (22 - 12) \times 15 \ [=75]$	M1	Correct method for finding the area of a relevant triangle ft Their coordinates of Q
	[75–16=] 59	A1ft	ft Their value for the definite integral provided it was negative and their value for the area of a relevant triangle provided both method marks awarded
		4	
	Question 8 Total	14	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
9(a)	$ar = -48$ or $\frac{a}{1-r} = 200$	B1	oe Correct equation in terms of <i>a</i> and <i>r</i> using the second term or the sum to infinity
	$\begin{bmatrix} a = -\frac{48}{r} & \text{and} & a = 200(1-r) \Rightarrow \end{bmatrix}$ $-\frac{48}{r} = 200(1-r)$	М1	oe Starts to solve the equations simultaneously and forms a single equation in <i>r</i>
	$200r^2 - 200r - 48 = 0$ or $25r^2 - 25r - 6 = 0$	M1	oe Forms a correct quadratic equation in <i>r</i> set equal to zero
	$r = -\frac{1}{5}$ and $r = \frac{6}{5}$ and [since the series has a sum to infinity then] $r = \frac{6}{5}$ is rejected	A1	oe Finds both possible values of r and rejects $r = \frac{6}{5}$
	[<i>a</i> =] 240	B1	САО
		5	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
9(a) ALT	$ar = -48$ or $\frac{a}{1-r} = 200$	B1	oe Correct equation in terms of <i>a</i> and <i>r</i> using the second term or the sum to infinity
	$\begin{bmatrix} r = -\frac{48}{a} \Rightarrow \end{bmatrix}$ $\frac{a}{1 - \left(-\frac{48}{a}\right)} = 200 \text{ or } \frac{a^2}{a + 48} = 200$	М1	oe Starts to solve the equations simultaneously and forms a single equation in <i>a</i>
	$a^2 - 200a - 9600 = 0$ [$a = -40$ or 240]	M1	oe Forms a correct quadratic equation in <i>a</i> set equal to zero
	If $a = -40$ then $r = \frac{6}{5}$ If $a = 240$ then $r = -\frac{1}{5}$ and	A1	oe Finds the correct corresponding value of <i>r</i> for each value of <i>a</i> and rejects $r = \frac{6}{5}$
	[since the series has a sum to infinity then] $r = \frac{6}{5}$ is rejected [a=] 240	B1	САО
		5	

Q	Answer	Marks	Comments
9(b)	$\left[\sum_{n=1}^{2k} \frac{625}{8} u_n = \right] \left[\frac{625}{8} \times\right] \frac{240\left(1 - \left(-\frac{1}{5}\right)^{2k}\right)}{1 - \left(-\frac{1}{5}\right)}$	M1	oe Substitutes $r = -\frac{1}{5}$ and their a = 240 into the formula for the sum of the first 2k terms of the series
	$\left[\sum_{n=1}^{2k} \frac{625}{8} u_n = \right] 5^6 \left(1 - 5^{-2k}\right)$	m1	In the correct form with the correct values of <i>b</i> and <i>c</i> or <i>b</i> and <i>d</i> or $b = \frac{1}{5}$, $c = -6$ and $d = 2$ Condone $(-5)^{-2k}$ in place of 5^{-2k}
		A1	CAO Correct final answer in the correct form
		3	
	Question 9 Total	8	