Question 8 (7 marks)

Big Foods is a large supermarket company. The manager of Big Foods wants to estimate the proportion of households that do the majority of their grocery shopping in their stores.

A junior staff member at Big Foods conducted a survey of 250 randomly-selected households and found that 56 did the majority of their grocery shopping at a Big Foods store.

- (a) (i) Calculate the sample proportion of households who did the majority of their grocery shopping at Big Foods. (1 mark)
 - (ii) Determine the 95% confidence interval for the proportion of households who do the majority of their grocery shopping at Big Foods. Give your answer to four decimal places. (3 marks)

(iii) What is the margin of error of the 95% confidence interval? Give your answer to four decimal places. (1 mark)

An independent research company conducted a large-scale survey of household supermarket preferences and estimated that the true proportion of households that conduct most of their grocery shopping at Big Foods was 0.17 (assume that this is indeed the true proportion).

(b) With reference to your answer to part (a)(ii), does this result suggest that the junior staff member at Big Foods made a mistake? (2 marks)