Question 9 – 4:

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| 9(a) | Correct sketch of negative cubic crossing the x-axis at -3, -1 and 3 and crossing the y-axis at 9 | 4 | B1 for any negative cubic shape with two turning points B2 for three intercepts only with x-axis labelled at -3, -1 and 3 or B1 for one or two correctly labelled x-intercepts B1 for intercept with y-axis labelled at 9 If no graph drawn, SC1 for all four intercepts labelled on axes. |
| 9(b)(i) | $3-x+3x-x^2$ or better | M1 | At least 3 of the four terms correct |
| | or $3 + x + 3x + x^2$ or better or $9 [-3x + 3x] - x^2$ | | or for the correct expansion of all three brackets with all 8 terms correct |
| | Correct completion to $[y =] 9 + 9x - x^2 - x^3$ | A1 | with no errors or omissions seen |
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| 9(b)(ii) | $9 - 2x - 3x^2 = 0$ oe | В3 | B2 for $9 - 2x - 3x^2$ or B1 for two correct terms |
| | | | M1 for <i>their</i> derivative = 0 or stating $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ |
| | $\frac{2 \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4 \times -3 \times 9}}{2 \times -3} \text{oe}$ | B2 | B1FT for $\sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(-3)(9)}$ or better |
| | OR | | or for $\frac{-(-2) + \sqrt{q}}{2 \times -3}$ or $\frac{-(-2) - \sqrt{q}}{2 \times -3}$ |
| | $-\frac{1}{3} \pm \sqrt{\frac{9}{3} + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2} \text{oe}$ | | OR B1 for $\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\right)^2$ |
| | -2.10 and 1.43 final answer | В2 | B1 for each or for answers -2.1 or -2.097 and 1.4 or 1.430 to 1.431 or SC1 for -2.097 and 1.43[0] to 1.431 seen in working or for -1.43 and 2.10 as final answer |
| 9(b)(iii) | [a =] -6 [b =] 17 | 3 | B2 for either a correct or b correct or for $[a =]-5.04$ or -5.049 to -5.05 and $[b =]$ 16.9 seen or M1 for substitution of one of <i>their</i> solutions into $9 + 9x - x^2 - x^3$ oe or SC1 for reversed answers, $a = 17$, $b = -6$ |