

EXERCISE 71_123

Part (A) **HSC 2013 Q11b**

Find the numbers A, B and C such that

$$\frac{2x^2 - 16x - 17}{(x^2 + 5)(x - 6)} = \frac{Ax + B}{(x^2 + 5)} + \frac{C}{(x - 6)}$$

Answer Part (A)

$$\frac{2x^2 - 16x - 17}{(x^2 + 5)(x - 6)} = \frac{Ax + B}{(x^2 + 5)} + \frac{C}{(x - 6)}$$

$$N = (Ax + B)(x - 6) + C(x^2 + 5)$$

$$N = (A + C)x^2 + (-6A + B)x + (-6B + 5C)$$

$$N = 2x^2 - 16x - 17$$

$$A + C = 2 \quad -6A + B = -16 \quad -6B + 5C = -17$$

$$C = 2 - A \quad B + 6C = -4 \quad 6B + 36C = -24$$

$$41C = -41$$

$$A = 3 \quad B = 2 \quad C = -1$$

$$\frac{2x^2 - 16x - 17}{(x^2 + 5)(x - 6)} = \frac{3x + 2}{(x^2 + 5)} - \frac{1}{(x - 6)}$$

