

## Answer 1:

10. Attempting to solve  $|0.1x^2 - 2x + 3| = \log_{10} x$  numerically or graphically.  
 $x = 1.52, 1.79$   
 $x = 17.6, 19.1$   
 $(1.52 < x < 1.79) \cup (17.6 < x < 19.1)$

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(M1)  
 (A1)(A1)  
 (A1)  
 A1A1 N2  
 [6 marks]

## Answer 2:

3.  $86.4 = 50r^3$  (A1)

$$r = 1.2 \left( = \sqrt[3]{\frac{86.4}{50}} \right) \text{ seen anywhere} \quad (A1)$$

$$\frac{50(1.2^n - 1)}{0.2} > 33500 \text{ OR } 250(1.2^n - 1) = 33500 \quad (A1)$$

attempt to solve their geometric  $S_n$  inequality or equation (M1)

sketch OR  $n > 26.9045$ ,  $n = 26.9$  OR  $S_{26} = 28368.8$  OR  $S_{27} = 34092.6$  OR algebraic manipulation involving logarithms

$$n = 27 \text{ (accept } n \geq 27) \quad A1$$

Total [5 marks]

## Answer 3:

5. (a)  $u_1 = S_1 = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{7}{8}$  (M1)

$$= \frac{14}{24} \left( = \frac{7}{12} = 0.583333... \right) \quad \text{A1}$$

[2 marks]

(b)  $r = \frac{7}{8} (= 0.875)$  (A1)

substituting their values for  $u_1$  and  $r$  into  $S_\infty = \frac{u_1}{1-r}$  (M1)

$$= \frac{14}{3} (= 4.66666...) \quad \text{A1}$$

[3 marks]

(c) attempt to substitute their values into the inequality or formula for  $S_n$  (M1)

$$\frac{14}{3} - \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{7}{8} \right)^r < 0.001 \quad \text{OR} \quad S_n = \frac{\frac{7}{12} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{7}{8} \right)^n \right)}{\left( 1 - \frac{7}{8} \right)}$$

attempt to solve their inequality using a table, graph or logarithms  
(must be exponential)

(M1)

**Note:** Award (M0) if the candidate attempts to solve  $S_\infty - u_n < 0.001$ .

correct critical value or at least one correct crossover value (A1)

$$63.2675... \text{ OR } S_\infty - S_{63} = 0.001036... \text{ OR } S_\infty - S_{64} = 0.000906...$$

$$\text{OR } S_\infty - S_{63} - 0.001 = 0.0000363683... \text{ OR } S_\infty - S_{64} - 0.001 = -0.0000931777...$$

least value is  $n = 64$

A1

[4 marks]

Total [9 marks]

Answer 4:

2. (a)  $\left(1 + \frac{5.5}{4 \times 100}\right)^4$  (M1)(A1)  
 1.056 A1  
 [3 marks]

(b) **EITHER**

$2P = P \times \left(1 + \frac{5.5}{100 \times 4}\right)^{4n}$  OR  $2P = P \times (\text{their } (a))^m$  (M1)(A1)

**Note:** Award (M1) for substitution into loan payment formula. Award (A1) for correct substitution.

**OR**

$PV = \pm 1$

$FV = \mp 2$

$I\% = 5.5$

$P/Y = 4$

$C/Y = 4$

$n = 50.756\dots$

(M1)(A1)

**OR**

$PV = \pm 1$

$FV = \mp 2$

$I\% = 100(\text{their } (a) - 1)$

$P/Y = 1$

$C/Y = 1$

(M1)(A1)

**THEN**

$\Rightarrow 12.7$  years

Laurie will have double the amount she invested during 2032

A1

[3 marks]

**Total [6 marks]**

Answer 5:

$$(a) \quad f(-x) = \frac{3(-x)^2 + 10}{(-x)^2 - 4}$$

**A1**

$$= \frac{3x^2 + 10}{x^2 - 4} = f(x)$$

$$f(x) = f(-x)$$

**R1**

hence this is an even function

**AG**

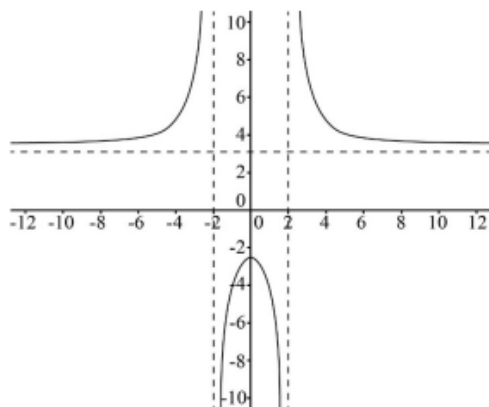
**Note:** Award **A1R1** for the statement, all the powers are even hence  $f(x) = f(-x)$ .

**Note:** Just stating all the powers are even is **A0R0**.

**Note:** Do not accept arguments based on the symmetry of the graph.

**[2 marks]**

(b) (i)



correct shape in 3 parts which are asymptotic and symmetrical

**A1**

correct vertical asymptotes clear at 2 and -2

**A1**

correct horizontal asymptote clear at 3

**A1**

$$(ii) \quad f(x) > 3$$

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$$f(x) \leq -2.5$$

**A1****[5 marks]****Total [7 marks]**

Answer 6:

6. (a) **METHOD 1**

$$(p+q)^3 - 3pq(p+q) \equiv p^3 + q^3$$

attempts to expand  $(p+q)^3$

**M1**

$$p^3 + 3p^2q + 3pq^2 + q^3$$

$$(p+q)^3 - 3pq(p+q) \equiv p^3 + 3p^2q + 3pq^2 + q^3 - 3pq(p+q)$$

$$\equiv p^3 + 3p^2q + 3pq^2 + q^3 - 3p^2q - 3pq^2$$

**A1**

$$\equiv p^3 + q^3$$

**AG**

**Note:** Condone the use of equals signs throughout.

**METHOD 2**

$$(p+q)^3 - 3pq(p+q) \equiv p^3 + q^3$$

attempts to factorise  $(p+q)^3 - 3pq(p+q)$

**M1**

$$\equiv (p+q)((p+q)^2 - 3pq) \quad (\equiv (p+q)(p^2 - pq + q^2))$$

$$\equiv p^3 - p^2q + pq^2 + p^2q - pq^2 + q^3$$

**A1**

$$\equiv p^3 + q^3$$

**AG**

**Note:** Condone the use of equals signs throughout.

**METHOD 3**

$$p^3 + q^3 \equiv (p+q)^3 - 3pq(p+q)$$

attempts to factorise  $p^3 + q^3$

**M1**

$$\equiv (p+q)(p^2 - pq + q^2)$$

$$\equiv (p+q)((p+q)^2 - 3pq)$$

**A1**

$$\equiv (p+q)^3 - 3pq(p+q)$$

**AG**

**Note:** Condone the use of the equals sign throughout.

**[2 marks]**

(b)

**Note:** Award a maximum of **A1M0A0A1M0A0** for  $m = -95$  and  $n = 8$  found

by using  $\alpha, \beta = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{17}}{4}$  ( $\alpha, \beta = 0.219\dots, 2.28\dots$ ).

Condone, as appropriate, solutions that state but clearly do not use the values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

Special case: Award a maximum of **A1M1A0A1M0A0** for  $m = -95$  and  $n = 8$  obtained by solving simultaneously for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  from product of roots and sum of roots equations.

product of roots of  $x^2 - \frac{5}{2}x + \frac{1}{2} = 0$

$\alpha\beta = \frac{1}{2}$  (seen anywhere)

**A1**

considers  $\left(\frac{1}{\alpha^3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\beta^3}\right)$  by stating  $\frac{1}{(\alpha\beta)^3} (= n)$

**M1**

**Note:** Award **M1** for attempting to substitute their value of  $\alpha\beta$  into  $\frac{1}{(\alpha\beta)^3}$ .

$$\frac{1}{(\alpha\beta)^3} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3}$$

$$n=8$$

**A1**

$$\text{sum of roots of } x^2 - \frac{5}{2}x + \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{5}{2} \text{ (seen anywhere)}$$

**A1**

$$\text{considers } \frac{1}{\alpha^3} + \frac{1}{\beta^3} \text{ by stating } \frac{(\alpha + \beta)^3 - 3\alpha\beta(\alpha + \beta)}{(\alpha\beta)^3} \left( \left( \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\alpha\beta} \right)^3 - \frac{3(\alpha + \beta)}{(\alpha\beta)^2} \right) (= -m) \quad \mathbf{M1}$$

**Note:** Award **M1** for attempting to substitute their values of  $\alpha + \beta$  and  $\alpha\beta$  into their expression. Award **M0** for use of  $(\alpha + \beta)^3 - 3\alpha\beta(\alpha + \beta)$  only.

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)}{\frac{1}{8}} \quad (=125 - 30 = 95)$$

$$m = -95$$

**A1**

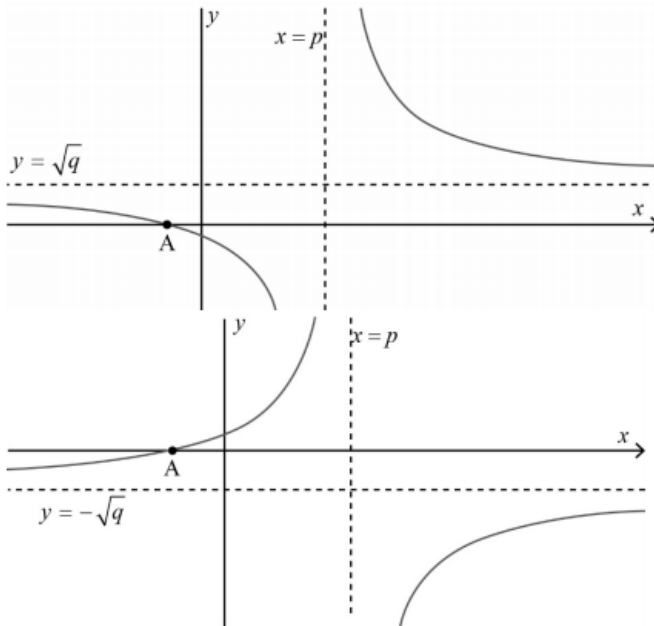
$$(x^2 - 95x + 8 = 0)$$

**[6 marks]**

**Total [8 marks]**

Answer 7:

(a)



either graph passing through (or touching) A  
 correct shape and vertical asymptote with correct equation for either graph  
 correct horizontal asymptote with correct equation for either graph  
 two completely correct sketches

**A1****A1****A1****A1****[4 marks]**

(b)  $a\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow a = 2$

**A1**

from horizontal asymptote,  $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 = \frac{4}{9}$

**(M1)**

$\frac{a}{b} = \pm \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow b = \pm 3$

**A1**

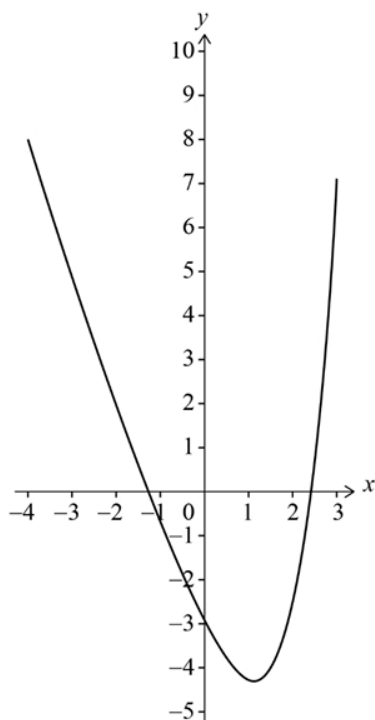
from vertical asymptote,  $b\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) + c = 0$

$b = 3, c = -4$  or  $b = -3, c = 4$

**A1****[4 marks]****Total [8 marks]**

Answer 8:

2. (a)



**A1A1A1**

**Note:** Award marks as follows:

**A1** for approximately correct roots, in the intervals  $-2 < x < -1$  and  $2 < x < 3$ .

**A1** for y-intercept AND local minimum in approximately correct positions. Allow for y-intercept  $-3.5 < y < -2.5$ , and for local minimum  $0.5 < x < 1.5$ ,  $-5 < y < -4$ .

**A1** for approximately correct endpoints, with the left end in the intervals  $-4.5 < x < -3.5$ ,  $7.5 < y < 8.5$  and the right end in the intervals  $2.5 < x < 3.5$ ,  $6.5 < y < 7.5$

**[3 marks]**

(b)  $k = \frac{1}{2}$

**A1**

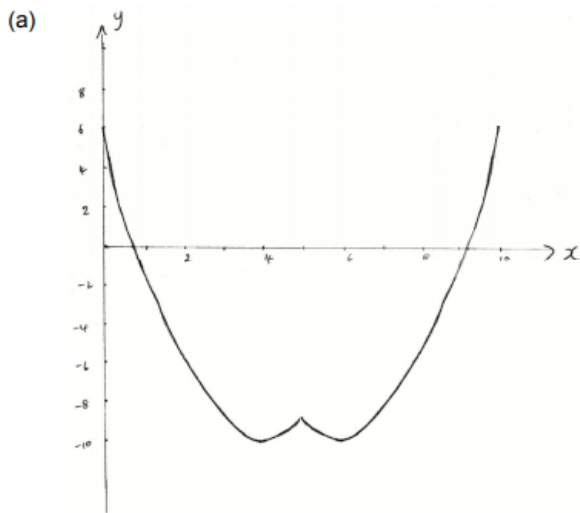
$c = -3$  (accept translate/shift 3 (units) down)

**A1**

**[2 marks]**

**Total [5 marks]**

Answer 9:



general shape including 2 minimums, cusp  
correct domain and symmetrical about the middle ( $x = 5$ )

**A1A1**

**A1**

**[3 marks]**

(b)  $x = 9.16$  or  $x = 0.838$

**A1A1**

**[2 marks]**

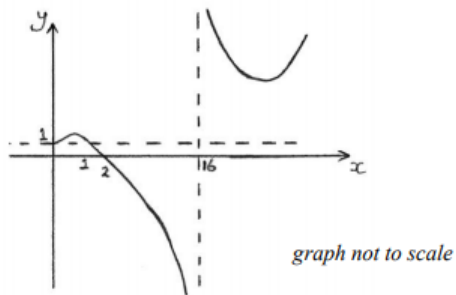
**Total [5 marks]**

Answer 10:

9. (a)  $x \geq 0$  and  $x \neq 16$

*A1A1*

(b)



finding crossing points

*(M1)*

e.g.  $4 - x^2 = 4 - \sqrt{x}$

$x = 0$  or  $x = 1$

*(A1)*

$0 \leq x \leq 1$  or  $x > 16$

*A1A1*

**Note:** Award *M1A1A1A0* for solving the inequality only for the case  $x < 16$ .

*[6 marks]*