

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
<b>5(a)</b>	$(\alpha + \beta)(\alpha^2 - \alpha\beta + \beta^2) = \alpha^3 - \alpha^2\beta + \alpha\beta^2 + \beta\alpha^2 - \beta^2\alpha + \beta^3 = \alpha^3 + \beta^3$	B1 (1)
<b>(b)</b>	$\alpha + \beta = \frac{-6}{2} = -3 \quad \alpha\beta = -\frac{7}{2}$ $\alpha^3 + \beta^3 = (\alpha + \beta)((\alpha + \beta)^2 - 3\alpha\beta)$ $= (-3)\left((-3)^2 - 3 \times \frac{-7}{2}\right) = -\frac{117}{2}$	B1  M1  A1ft, A1 (4)
<b>(c)</b>	$(\alpha - \beta)^2 = \alpha^2 - 2\alpha\beta + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta = (-3)^2 - 4 \times \frac{-7}{2} = 23$ $\alpha - \beta = \sqrt{23}$	M1  A1 (2)
<b>(d)</b>	$(\alpha^3 - \beta^3) = (\alpha - \beta)(\alpha^2 + \alpha\beta + \beta^2) = (\alpha - \beta)((\alpha + \beta)^2 - \alpha\beta)$ $= \sqrt{23}\left((-3)^2 + \frac{7}{2}\right) = \frac{25}{2}\sqrt{23}$	M1  A1 (2) <b>[9]</b>
	ALT: $2\alpha^3 + 6\alpha^2 - 7\alpha = 0$ and $2\beta^3 + 6\beta^2 - 7\beta = 0$ Subtract and substitute Correct answer	M1 A1

Notes

**NOTE: If they use the quadratic formula to answer any part of the question, award zero marks in that part.**

- (a) B1 for simplification as shown cso. This is a show question so multiplication, ie.,

$$\alpha^3 - \alpha^2\beta + \alpha\beta^2 + \beta\alpha^2 - \beta^2\alpha + \beta^3 \text{ must be seen.}$$

- (b)

- B1 for both sum and product (the sum need not be simplified to  $-3$ )

- M1 If they use the given answer in part (a), they must achieve an expansion that is as a

$$\text{minimum } (\alpha + \beta) \{ (\alpha + \beta)^2 + A\alpha\beta \} \text{ where } A \neq 0$$

For an fresh attempt at an expansion and simplification of  $(\alpha + \beta)^3$ . Minimally

$$\text{acceptable attempt; } \alpha^3 + \beta^3 = (\alpha + \beta)^3 - A\alpha\beta(\beta + \alpha) \text{ where } A \neq 0$$

$$\{\text{Note: } \alpha^3 + \beta^3 = (\alpha + \beta)^3 - 3\alpha\beta(\alpha + \beta) \text{ is the correct expansion}\}$$

**Note:** Their attempt must have been sufficiently simplified in order to substitute their sum in terms of  $(\alpha + \beta)$  and  $\alpha\beta$

- A1ft for substituting their values for the Sum and Product into their  $\alpha^3 + \beta^3$ .

- A1 for the correct answer  $\left\{ -\frac{117}{2} \right\}$  oe

- (c)

- M1 for expanding  $(\alpha - \beta)^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - B\alpha\beta$ , where  $B \neq 2$  or  $0$  **AND** for substituting

$$\text{their values for the Sum and Product OR for } (\alpha - \beta)^2 = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 - 2\alpha\beta$$

- A1 for answer as shown  $\alpha - \beta = \sqrt{23}$

- (d)

- M1 for the **correct algebra** on the expansion of  $(\alpha - \beta)^3$  to give either;

$$(\alpha - \beta)((\alpha + \beta)^2 - \alpha\beta) \text{ or } (\alpha - \beta)^3 - 3\alpha\beta(\alpha + \beta) \text{ or } (\alpha - \beta)(\alpha^2 + \alpha\beta + \beta^2)$$

- A1 final answer as shown

**ALT**

- M1 uses the given equation and substitutes  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , and subtracts to give

$$\alpha^3 - \beta^3 = \frac{7(\alpha - \beta) - 6(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)}{2} \text{ and substitutes their values of}$$

$$(\alpha - \beta) \text{ and } (\alpha^2 - \beta^2) \text{ leading to a value for } \alpha^3 - \beta^3$$

- A1 for the correct answer as shown.