

- 8 (a) Expand  $\frac{3}{\sqrt{1-2x}}$  in ascending powers of  $x$  up to and including the term in  $x^3$  and simplifying each term as far as possible. (4)
- (b) Write down the range of values of  $x$  for which this expansion is valid. (1)
- (c) Show that  $\frac{3}{\sqrt{0.9}} = \sqrt{10}$  (1)
- (d) Express  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}-3}$  in the form  $a\sqrt{10} + b$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers. (2)
- (e) Hence, using your expansion with a suitable value for  $x$ , obtain an approximation to 5 decimal places of  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}-3}$  (3)

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