

Question number	Scheme	Marks
6 (a)	$(\alpha - \beta)^2 = \alpha^2 - 2\alpha\beta + \beta^2$ $(\alpha - \beta)^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta - 2\alpha\beta$ $(\alpha - \beta)^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta$ *	M1 M1 A1 cso (3)
(b)	$\alpha + \beta = 7k$ and $\alpha\beta = k^2$ $\alpha - \beta = \sqrt{49k^2 - 4k^2}$ $= \sqrt{45}k = 3k\sqrt{5}$ *	B1 M1 A1 cso (3)
(c)	Sum = $\alpha + \beta$ ($= 7k$) Product $(\alpha + 1)(\beta - 1) = \alpha\beta - (\alpha - \beta) - 1 \Rightarrow (\alpha + 1)(\beta - 1) = k^2 - 3k\sqrt{5} - 1$ So $x^2 - 7kx + k^2 - 3k\sqrt{5} - 1 = 0$	B1ft M1 M1A1 (4)
Total 10 marks		

Note: You may see a method based on the difference of two squares for part (a)

i.e. $(\alpha + \beta)^2 - (\alpha - \beta)^2 = 4\alpha\beta$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\alpha - \beta)^2 &= (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta \Rightarrow (\alpha + \beta)^2 - (\alpha - \beta)^2 = 4\alpha\beta \\
 (\alpha + \beta)^2 - (\alpha - \beta)^2 &= ([\alpha + \beta] + [\alpha - \beta])([\alpha + \beta] - [\alpha - \beta]) \\
 &= (2\alpha)(2\beta) \\
 &= 4\alpha\beta \\
 \text{LHS} &= \text{RHS (hence shown)}
 \end{aligned}$$

If this is a full and correct solution as shown (no errors) – award full marks – otherwise, please send to Review.

Part	Mark	Notes
(a)	M1	For expanding $(\alpha - \beta)^2 = \alpha^2 - 2\alpha\beta + \beta^2 \Rightarrow (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 - 2\alpha\beta)$ or expanding $(\alpha + \beta)^2 = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta$ This must be correct for this mark.
	M1	Replaces $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$ with $(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta$ in their expansion of $(\alpha - \beta)^2$. And attempts to collect terms $(\alpha - \beta)^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta - 2\alpha\beta$
	A1 cso	For the correct given expression with no errors seen. $(\alpha - \beta)^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta$ *
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	M1	For expanding $(\alpha - \beta)^2 = \alpha^2 - 2\alpha\beta + \beta^2 \Rightarrow (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 - 2\alpha\beta)$ or expanding $(\alpha + \beta)^2 = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta$ This must be correct for this mark.
	M1	For expanding the RHS and equates to their expansion of $(\alpha - \beta)^2$ and attempting to simplify. $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 - 2\alpha\beta = (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta) - 4\alpha\beta$
(b)	A1 cso	Both sides of the equivalence are shown to be equal with no errors seen. $(\alpha - \beta)^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta$ *
	B1	For both $\alpha + \beta = 7k$ and $\alpha\beta = k^2$ This may be implied in later work e.g. by use of $49k^2$ and $4k^2$
	M1	For substituting their values for the sum and product into the given expression for $(\alpha - \beta)^2$, simplifying and square rooting both sides. $(\alpha - \beta)^2 = (7k)^2 - 4k^2 \Rightarrow \alpha - \beta = \sqrt{(7k)^2 - 4k^2} = \sqrt{45k^2}$ Condone $\pm\sqrt{45k^2}$ for this mark.
(c)	A1 cso	For the correct value of $\alpha - \beta = 3k\sqrt{5}$ *
	B1ft	For the sum $(\alpha + 1 + \beta - 1) = \alpha + \beta = 7k$ Ft their $\alpha + \beta$
	M1	For the product in terms of k . Correctly multiplying out $(\alpha + 1)(\beta - 1)$ and substituting in their value $\alpha\beta$ and the correct value $\alpha - \beta = 3k\sqrt{5}$ $(\alpha + 1)(\beta - 1) = \alpha\beta - (\alpha - \beta) - 1 \Rightarrow (\alpha + 1)(\beta - 1) = k^2 - 3k\sqrt{5} - 1$
	M1	For correctly forming an equation with their sum and product $x^2 - '7k'x + 'k^2 - 3k\sqrt{5} - 1' (= 0)$ Condone the absence of $= 0$ for this mark
(c)	A1	For the correct equation $x^2 - 7kx + k^2 - 3k\sqrt{5} - 1 = 0$ Allow $p = -7k$ $q = k^2 - 3k\sqrt{5} - 1$