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$$f(x) = (1 + ax)^n \text{ where } n > 2$$

- (a) Write down the expansion of $f(x)$ in ascending powers of x up to and including the term in x^3

Give each coefficient in terms of n and a

(2)

In the expansion of $f(x)$, the coefficient of x is 8 and the coefficient of x^2 is 30

- (b) Find the value of n and the value of a

(4)

- (c) Calculate the coefficient of x^3 in $f(x)$

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