Question number	Scheme	Marks
7(a)	$\frac{27^{(x+2)} - 3^{(3x+5)}}{3^x \times 9^{(x+2)}} = \frac{3^{3(x+2)} - 3^{(3x+5)}}{3^x \times 3^{2(x+2)}}$	M1A1
	$= \frac{3^{(3x+6)} - 3^{(3x+5)}}{3^x \times 3^{(2x+4)}} = \frac{3^{3x} \times 3^6 - 3^{3x} \times 3^5}{3^{3x} \times 3^4}, = \frac{3^{3x} \left(3^6 - 3^5\right)}{3^{3x} \times 3^4}, \left(= \frac{486}{81}\right) = 6$	dM1,ddM1,A1 (5)
	ALTs for last 3 marks	
ALT 1	$= \frac{3^{(3x+6)} - 3^{(3x+5)}}{3^x \times 3^{(2x+4)}} = \frac{3^{3x} \times 3^6 - 3^{3x} \times 3^5}{3^{3x} \times 3^4}, = \frac{3^{3x} \left(3^6 - 3^5\right)}{3^{3x} \times 3^4} = \frac{3^5 (3-1)}{3^4}, = 6$	
(b)	$\log_{y} 2 = \frac{\log_{2} 2}{\log_{2} y} = \frac{1}{\log_{2} y} \text{ or } \log_{2} y = \frac{\log_{y} y}{\log_{y} 2} = \frac{1}{\log_{y} 2}$ Forming 3TQ:	M1
	$2\log_2 y + \frac{3}{\log_2 y} = 7 \Rightarrow 2(\log_2 y)^2 + 3 = 7\log_2 y$ $2(\log_2 y)^2 - 7\log_2 y + 3 = 0 \text{OR} 2 - 7\log_y 2 + 3(\log_y 2)^2 = 0$	dM1
	$(\operatorname{Let} A = \log_2 y)$	
	$2A^{2} - 7A + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow (2A - 1)(A - 3) = 0 \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2},3$	ddM1A1
	$\log_2 y = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow y = 2^{\frac{1}{2}} (= \sqrt{2}) \log_2 y = 3 \Rightarrow y = 2^3 = 8$	A1A1 (6)
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(a)

M1 Attempt to change power of 9 or 27 to a power of 3

A1 Correct unsimplified expression with powers of 3 alone

dM1 Expand brackets in the powers and write with all powers as single terms, depends on first M mark

ddM1 Remove common factor in numerator, depends on both previous M marks

A1 Correct value of k obtained (need not be written explicitly as k = 6)

(b)

M1 Change base. Can change to base 2 or base y or both terms to any other (same) base

dM1 Obtain a 3TQ Depends on the first M mark. Term can be in any order but must be 3 separate terms.

ddM1 Solve their 3TQ. Substitution shown not needed. Depends on both previous M marks.

A1 Correct values for $\log_2 y$ or A OR $\log_y 2$

A1 One correct value for y

A1 Second correct value for y