

**9** The base of a cuboid has sides of length  $x$  cm and  $3x$  cm. The volume of the cuboid is  $288 \text{ cm}^3$ .

**(i)** Show that the total surface area of the cuboid,  $A \text{ cm}^2$ , is given by

$$A = 6x^2 + \frac{768}{x}. \quad [3]$$

**(ii)** Given that  $x$  can vary, find the stationary value of  $A$  and determine its nature. [5]