06 1b Factorise $2x^2 + 5x - 3$ **2**

$$2x^2 + 5x - 3 = (2x - 1)(x + 3)$$

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The majority of candidates were able to factorise the expression and gave a bald answer. A number of candidates solved an equation, found the roots and hence determined the factors of the expression, but many were not able to interpret their answers correctly. Many candidates factorised the expression and continued on to solve an equation.

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