

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
(a)	State or imply the form $\frac{A}{x-2} + \frac{Bx+C}{2x^2+3}$	B1	If $1 - \frac{A}{x-2} + \frac{Bx+C}{2x^2+3}$ or $\frac{A}{x-2} + \frac{C}{2x^2+3}$ B0 then M1 A1 (for $A = 3$) still possible.
	Use a correct method for finding a constant	M1	
	Obtain one of $A = 3$, $B = -1$ and $C = 6$	A1	Allow all A marks obtained even if method would give errors if equations solved in a different order.
	Obtain a second value	A1	
	Obtain the third value	A1	
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(b)	Use correct method to find the first two terms of the expansion of $(x-2)^{-1}$, $\left(1-\frac{1}{2}x\right)^{-1}$, $(2x^2+3)^{-1}$ or $\left(1+\frac{2}{3}x^2\right)^{-1}$	M1	Symbolic binomial coefficients not sufficient for the M1.
	Obtain correct unsimplified expansions, up to the term in x^2 , of each partial fraction	A1 FT A1 FT	The FT is on A , B and C . $-\frac{A}{2}\left[1-\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)+\frac{(-1)(-2)}{2}\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)^2+\dots\right]$ $\frac{Bx+C}{3}\left[1-\frac{2x^2}{3}+\dots\right]$
	Extract the coefficient 3 correctly from $(2x^2+3)^{-1}$ with expansion to $1\pm\frac{2}{3}x^2$ then multiply by $Bx+C$ up to the terms in x^2 , where $BC \neq 0$	M1	$\frac{C}{3} + \frac{Bx}{3} \pm \frac{C}{3}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)x^2$ or $\frac{1}{3}\left(C+Bx \pm C\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)x^2\right)$ Allow a slip in multiplication for M1. Allow miscopies in B and C from 7(a) .
	Obtain final answer $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{13}{12}x - \frac{41}{24}x^2$	A1	Do not ISW.
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