

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
(a)	$4 \times 0^2 - 0 + \frac{1}{2}k^2 = 0 - a$	<b>M1</b>	Equating the equations of curve and line and substituting $x = 0$ . Condone slight errors e.g. $\pm$ sign errors.
	$4 \times \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{3}{4}k + \frac{1}{2}k^2 = \frac{3}{4} - a$	<b>M1</b>	Equating the equations of curve and line and substituting $x = \frac{3}{4}$ . Condone slight errors e.g. $\pm$ sign errors.
	$k = 2, a = -2$	<b>A1 A1</b>	WWW
	<b>Alternative method for question 5(a)</b>		
	$(x-0)\left(x-\frac{3}{4}\right)=0$ or $x(4x-3)=0 [\Rightarrow 4x^2-3x=0]$	<b>*M1</b>	Use $0, \frac{3}{4}$ to form a quadratic equation. <b>Do not allow</b> $(x+0)\left(x+\frac{3}{4}\right)=0$ .
	$4x^2 - kx + \frac{1}{2}k^2 = x - a$ leading to $4x^2 - (k+1)x + \frac{1}{2}k^2 + a [=0]$	<b>DM1</b>	Equating the equations of curve and line and rearranging so that terms are all on same side. Condone slight errors e.g. $\pm$ sign errors.
	$k = 2, a = -2$	<b>A1 A1</b>	WWW
	<b>Alternative method for question 5(a)</b>		
	$-\frac{b}{a} = \frac{3}{4} + 0$ and $\frac{c}{a} = 0 \times \frac{3}{4}$	<b>*M1</b>	Using sum and product of roots. Condone $\pm$ sign errors.
	$\frac{k+1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{\frac{1}{2}k^2 + a}{4} = 0$	<b>DM1</b>	Equating the equations of curve and line and equating to $\frac{3}{4}$ and 0.
	$k = 2, a = -2$	<b>A1 A1</b>	WWW
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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
(b)	$4x^2 - kx + \frac{1}{2}k^2 = x + \frac{7}{2} \Rightarrow 4x^2 - kx - x + \frac{1}{2}k^2 - \frac{7}{2} [=0]$	<b>*M1</b>	OE Substitute $a = -\frac{7}{2}$ and rearrange so that terms are all on same side, condone $\pm$ sign errors. Watch for multiples.
	$(k+1)^2 - 4 \times 4 \left( \frac{1}{2}k^2 - \frac{7}{2} \right)$	<b>*DM1</b>	Use of $b^2 - 4ac$ with the coefficients from <i>their</i> 3-term quadratic. Both coefficients 'b' and 'c' must consist of two components.
	$\Rightarrow 7k^2 - 2k - 57$	<b>A1</b>	OE
	$(k-3)(7k+19)$ or other valid method	<b>DM1</b>	Factorising or use of the formula or completing the square. Must be evidence of an attempt to solve for this mark. Dependent upon both previous method marks.
	$k = 3, k = -\frac{19}{7}$	<b>A1</b>	OE e.g. AWRT – 2.71. No ISW if inequalities used. <b>SC:</b> If second DM1 not scored, <b>SC B1</b> available for correct final answers.
	<b>Alternative method for question 5(b)</b>		
	$8x - k = 1$ and $4x^2 - kx + \frac{1}{2}k^2 = x + \frac{7}{2}$	<b>*M1</b>	Equating gradients and equating line and curve.
	$4x^2 - (8x-1)x + \frac{1}{2}(8x-1)^2 = x + \frac{7}{2}$ or $4\left(\frac{k+1}{8}\right)^2 - k\left(\frac{k+1}{8}\right) + \frac{1}{2}k^2 = \frac{k+1}{8} + \frac{7}{2}$	<b>*DM1</b>	Forming an equation in x or k only.
	$28x^2 - 8x - 3$ or $7k^2 - 2k - 57$	<b>A1</b>	OE A correct 3 term quadratic in x or k only.
	$(14x+3)(2x-1)$ or $(k-3)(7k+19)$ or other valid method	<b>DM1</b>	OE Factorising or use of the formula or completing the square. Must be evidence of an attempt to solve for this mark. Dependent upon both previous method marks.
(b)	$k = 3, k = -\frac{19}{7}$	<b>A1</b>	OE e.g. AWRT – 2.71. No ISW if inequalities used. <b>SC:</b> If second DM1 not scored, <b>SC B1</b> available for correct final answers.
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