

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
(a)	$mx + c = -\frac{m}{x} \Rightarrow mx^2 + cx + m = 0$	<b>M1</b>	All $x$ terms in the numerator. OE e.g. $mx^2 + cx = -m$ .
	$b^2 - 4ac = 0 \Rightarrow c^2 - 4m^2 = 0$	<b>M1</b>	OE $b^2 - 4ac = 0$ is implied by $c^2 - 4m^2 = 0$ .
	$c = [\pm]2m$	<b>A1</b>	SOI. Allow $\pm$ at this stage.
	$mx^2 [\pm]2mx + m = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 [\pm]2x + 1 = 0$	<b>M1</b>	Sub $c = +2m$ Ignore substitution of $-2m$ .
	$(x+1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -1$ only	<b>A1</b>	
	$y = m$ only or $(-1, m)$ only	<b>A1</b>	
	<b>Alternative method to question (a)</b>		
	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{m}{x^2}$	<b>M1</b>	As this is a method mark a sign error is allowed.
	$\frac{m}{x^2} = m \Rightarrow x^2 = 1$	<b>M1 A1</b>	Equating <i>their</i> $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $m$ and attempt to solve.
	$x = \pm 1$ or $x = -1$	<b>A1</b>	If $x = -1$ and $y = m$ are the only answers offered here award the final M1 A1.
	Selecting $x = -1$ as the only answer and attempt to find $y$	<b>M1</b>	
	$y = m$ or $(-1, m)$	<b>A1</b>	
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(b)	Equation of normal is $y - m = \frac{-1}{m}(x + 1)$	<b>*M1</b>	Through <i>their</i> P with gradient $\frac{-1}{m}$ , OE  e.g. $y = \frac{-1}{m}x + \frac{m^2 - 1}{m}$ .  Allow use of the gradient of the curve as $-\frac{1}{\left[\frac{m}{(\text{their } x)^2}\right]}$ with <i>their</i> P. Coordinates of P must be in terms of $m$ only.
	$\frac{-x}{m} - \frac{1}{m} + m = \frac{-m}{x} \Rightarrow x^2 + x(1 - m^2) - m^2 [= 0]$	<b>DM1</b>	OE Equating <i>their</i> normal equation to the equation of the curve and removing $x$ from the denominator.
	$(x + 1)(x - m^2) [= 0] \Rightarrow x = m^2$	<b>A1</b>	or $x = \frac{m^2 - 1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 2m^2 + m^4 + 4m^2}}{2} = \frac{m^2 - 1 \pm (m^2 + 1)}{2} = m^2$
	$y = \frac{-m}{m^2} = \frac{-1}{m}$	<b>A1</b>	or $\left(m^2, \frac{-1}{m}\right)$ , ignore the coordinates of P.
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