

Let  $f(x) = \frac{36a^2}{(2a+x)(2a-x)(5a-2x)}$ , where  $a$  is a positive constant.

**(a)** Express  $f(x)$  in partial fractions. [5]

**(b)** Hence find the exact value of  $\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx$ , giving your answer in the form  $p \ln q + r \ln s$  where  $p$  and  $r$  are integers and  $q$  and  $s$  are prime numbers. [5]