



General Binomial Expansion Exam Questions Sheet 2

Q1.

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
	$(2+3x)^{-3} = (2)^{-3} \left(1 + \frac{3x}{2}\right)^{-3} = \frac{1}{8} \left(1 + \frac{3x}{2}\right)^{-3}$ $= \left\{\frac{1}{8}\right\} \left[1 + (-3)(kx) + \frac{(-3)(-4)}{2!}(kx)^2 + \frac{(-3)(-4)(-5)}{3!}(kx)^3 + \dots \right]$ $= \left\{\frac{1}{8}\right\} \left[1 + (-3)\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right) + \frac{(-3)(-4)}{2!}\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{(-3)(-4)(-5)}{3!}\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right)^3 + \dots \right]$ $= \frac{1}{8} \left[1 - \frac{9}{2}x + \frac{27}{2}x^2 - \frac{135}{4}x^3 + \dots \right]$ $= \frac{1}{8} - \frac{9}{16}x + \frac{27}{16}x^2 - \frac{135}{32}x^3 + \dots$	<p>$(2)^{-3}$ or $\frac{1}{8}$ B1</p> <p>see notes M1 A1</p> <p>See notes below!</p> <p>A1; A1</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[5] 5</p>
	<p>B1: $(2)^{-3}$ or $\frac{1}{8}$ outside brackets or $\frac{1}{8}$ as constant term in the binomial expansion.</p> <p>M1: Expands $(\dots + kx)^{-3}$ to give any 2 terms out of 4 terms simplified or un-simplified.</p> <p>Eg: $1 + (-3)(kx)$ or $(-3)(kx) + \frac{(-3)(-4)}{2!}(kx)^2$ or $1 + \dots + \frac{(-3)(-4)}{2!}(kx)^2$ or $\frac{(-3)(-4)}{2!}(kx)^2 + \frac{(-3)(-4)(-5)}{3!}(kx)^3$ where $k \neq 1$ are ok for M1.</p> <p>A1: A correct simplified or un-simplified $1 + (-3)(kx) + \frac{(-3)(-4)}{2!}(kx)^2 + \frac{(-3)(-4)(-5)}{3!}(kx)^3$ expansion with consistent (kx) where $k \neq 1$.</p> <p>“Incorrect bracketing” $\left\{\frac{1}{8}\right\} \left[1 + (-3)\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right) + \frac{(-3)(-4)}{2!}\left(\frac{3x^2}{2}\right) + \frac{(-3)(-4)(-5)}{3!}\left(\frac{3x^3}{2}\right) + \dots \right]$ is M1A0 unless recovered.</p> <p>A1: For $\frac{1}{8} - \frac{9}{16}x$ (simplified fractions) or also allow $0.125 - 0.5625x$.</p> <p>Allow Special Case A1 for either SC: $\frac{1}{8} \left[1 - \frac{9}{2}x; \dots \right]$ or SC: $K \left[1 - \frac{9}{2}x + \frac{27}{2}x^2 - \frac{135}{4}x^3 + \dots \right]$ (where K can be 1 or omitted), with each term in the [.....] either a simplified fraction or a decimal.</p> <p>A1: Accept only $\frac{27}{16}x^2 - \frac{135}{32}x^3$ or $1\frac{11}{16}x^2 - 4\frac{7}{32}x^3$ or $1.6875x^2 - 4.21875x^3$</p>	
ctd	<p>Candidates who write $= \frac{1}{8} \left[1 + (-3)\left(-\frac{3x}{2}\right) + \frac{(-3)(-4)}{2!}\left(-\frac{3x}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{(-3)(-4)(-5)}{3!}\left(-\frac{3x}{2}\right)^3 + \dots \right]$ where $k = -\frac{3}{2}$ and not $\frac{3}{2}$ and achieve $\frac{1}{8} + \frac{9}{16}x + \frac{27}{16}x^2 + \frac{135}{32}x^3 + \dots$ will get B1M1A1A0A0.</p> <p>Alternative method: Candidates can apply an alternative form of the binomial expansion.</p> $(2+3x)^{-3} = (2)^{-3} + (-3)(2)^{-4}(3x) + \frac{(-3)(-4)}{2!}(2)^{-5}(3x)^2 + \frac{(-3)(-4)(-5)}{3!}(2)^{-6}(3x)^3$ <p>B1: $\frac{1}{8}$ or $(2)^{-3}$</p> <p>M1: Any two of four (un-simplified) terms correct.</p> <p>A1: All four (un-simplified) terms correct.</p> <p>A1: $\frac{1}{8} - \frac{9}{16}x$</p> <p>A1: $+\frac{27}{16}x^2 - \frac{135}{32}x^3$</p> <p>Note: The terms in C need to be evaluated, so ${}^{-3}C_0(2)^{-3} + {}^{-3}C_1(2)^{-4}(3x) + {}^{-3}C_2(2)^{-5}(3x)^2 + {}^{-3}C_3(2)^{-6}(3x)^3$ without further working is B0M0A0.</p>	



Q2.

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
(a)	$\left\{ (1+kx)^{-4} = 1 + (-4)(kx) + \frac{(-4)(-4-1)}{2!}(kx)^2 + \dots \right\}$ <p>Either $(-4)k = -6$ or $(1+kx)^{-4} = 1 + (-4)(kx)$ see notes</p> <p>leading to $k = \frac{3}{2}$ $k = \frac{3}{2}$ or 1.5 or $\frac{6}{4}$</p>	M1 A1
(b)	$\frac{(-4)(-5)}{2}(k)^2$ <p>Either $\frac{(-4)(-5)}{2!}$ or $(k)^2$ or $(kx)^2$</p> <p>Either $\frac{(-4)(-5)}{2!}(k)^2$ or $\frac{(-4)(-5)}{2!}(kx)^2$</p> $\left\{ A = \frac{(-4)(-5)}{2!} \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^2 \right\} \Rightarrow A = \frac{45}{2}$ <p>$\frac{45}{2}$ or 22.5</p>	M1 M1 A1
		[2] [3] 5
Question Notes		
Note	In this question ignore part labelling and mark part (a) and part (b) together.	
Note	Writing down $\left\{ (1+kx)^{-4} = 1 + (-4)(kx) + \frac{(-4)(-4-1)}{2!}(kx)^2 + \dots \right\}$ gets all the method marks in Q2. i.e. (a) M1 and (b) M1M1	
(a)	M1	Award M1 for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either writing down $(-4)k = -6$ or $4k = 6$ • or expanding $(1+kx)^{-4}$ to give $1 + (-4)(kx)$ • or writing down $(-4)kx = -6$ or $(-4k) = -6x$ or $-4kx = -6x$
	A1	$k = \frac{3}{2}$ or 1.5 or $\frac{6}{4}$ from no incorrect sign errors.
	Note	The M1 mark can be implied by a candidate writing down the correct value of k .
	Note	Award M1 for writing down $4k = 6$ and then A1 for $k = 1.5$ (or equivalent).
	Note	Award M0 for $4k = -6$ (if there is no evidence that $(1+kx)^{-4}$ expands to give $1 + (-4)(kx) + \dots$)
	Note	$1 + (-4)(kx)$ leading to $(-4)k = 6$ leading to $k = \frac{3}{2}$ is M1A0.
(b)	M1	For either $\frac{(-4)(-4-1)}{2!}$ or $\frac{(-4)(-5)}{2!}$ or 10 or $(k)^2$ or $(kx)^2$
	M1	Either $\frac{(-4)(-4-1)}{2!}(k)^2$ or $\frac{(-4)(-5)}{2!}(k)^2$ or $\frac{(-4)(-5)}{2!}(kx)^2$ or $\frac{(-4)(-5)}{2!}(\text{their } k)^2$ or $10k^2$
	Note	Candidates are allowed to use 2 instead of 2!
	A1	Uses $k = 1.5$ to give $A = \frac{45}{2}$ or 22.5
	Note	$A = \frac{90}{4}$ which has not been simplified is A0.
	Note	Award A0 for $A = \frac{45}{2}x^2$.
	Note	Allow A1 for $A = \frac{45}{2}x^2$ followed by $A = \frac{45}{2}$
	Note	$k = -1.5$ leading to $A = \frac{45}{2}$ or 22.5 is A0.

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Q3.

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
	$f(x) = (\dots + \dots)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ $= 9^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\dots + \dots)^{-}$	M1 B1
	$(1+kx^2)^n = 1+nkx^2 + \dots$	$3^{-1}, \frac{1}{3}$ or $\frac{1}{9^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ M1
	$(1+kx^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \dots + \frac{(-\frac{1}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})}{2}(kx^2)^2$	n not a natural number, $k \neq 1$ fit their $k \neq 1$ A1 ft
	$\left(1 + \frac{4}{9}x^2\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 1 - \frac{2}{9}x^2 + \frac{2}{27}x^4$	A1
	$f(x) = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{27}x^2 + \frac{2}{81}x^4$	A1 (6) [6]



Q4.

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
(a)	$\frac{1}{(2-5x)^2} = (2-5x)^{-2} = (2)^{-2} \left(1 - \frac{5x}{2}\right)^{-2} = \frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{5x}{2}\right)^{-2}$ $= \left\{\frac{1}{4}\right\} \left[1 + (-2)(**x) + \frac{(-2)(-3)}{2!} (**x)^2 + \dots \right]$ $= \left\{\frac{1}{4}\right\} \left[1 + (-2)\left(\frac{5x}{2}\right) + \frac{(-2)(-3)}{2!} \left(\frac{5x}{2}\right)^2 + \dots \right]$ $= \frac{1}{4} \left[1 + 5x + \frac{75}{4}x^2 + \dots \right]$ $= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{5}{4}x + \frac{75}{16}x^2 + \dots$	<p>$(2)^{-2}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ B1</p> <p>see notes M1 A1ft</p> <p>See notes below!</p> <p>A1, A1 [5]</p>
(b)	$\left\{ \frac{2+kx}{(2-5x)^2} \right\} = (2+kx) \left\{ \frac{1}{4} + \frac{5}{4}x + \left\{ \frac{75}{16}x^2 + \dots \right\} \right\}$ <p><i>Can be implied by later work even in part (c).</i></p> <p><i>x terms:</i> $\frac{2(5x)}{4} + \frac{kx}{4} = \frac{7x}{4}$</p> <p>giving, $10 + k = 7 \Rightarrow k = -3$</p>	<p>M1</p> <p>$k = -3$ A1 [2]</p>
(c)	<p><i>x² terms:</i> $\frac{150x^2}{16} + \frac{5kx^2}{4}$</p> <p>So, $A = \frac{75}{8} + \frac{5(-3)}{4} = \frac{75}{8} - \frac{15}{4} = \frac{45}{8}$</p>	<p>M1</p> <p>$\frac{45}{8}$ or $5\frac{5}{8}$ or 5.625 A1 [2]</p>



Q5.

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
(a)	$\left\{ \sqrt[3]{(8-9x)} \right\} = (8-9x)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ $= \underline{(8)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \left(1 - \frac{9x}{8} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \underline{2} \left(1 - \frac{9x}{8} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ $= \{2\} \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) (kx) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(-\frac{2}{3} \right)}{2!} (kx)^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(-\frac{2}{3} \right) \left(-\frac{5}{3} \right)}{3!} (kx)^3 + \dots \right]$ $= \{2\} \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(\frac{-9x}{8} \right) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(-\frac{2}{3} \right)}{2!} \left(\frac{-9x}{8} \right)^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(-\frac{2}{3} \right) \left(-\frac{5}{3} \right)}{3!} \left(\frac{-9x}{8} \right)^3 + \dots \right]$ $= 2 \left[1 - \frac{3}{8}x; - \frac{9}{64}x^2 - \frac{45}{512}x^3 + \dots \right]$ $= 2 - \frac{3}{4}x; - \frac{9}{32}x^2 - \frac{45}{256}x^3 + \dots$	<p>Power of $\frac{1}{3}$ M1</p> <p>$\underline{(8)^{\frac{1}{3}}}$ or $\underline{2}$ B1</p> <p>see notes M1 A1</p> <p>See notes below!</p> <p>A1; A1</p>
(b)	$\left\{ \sqrt[3]{7100} = 10\sqrt[3]{71} = 10\sqrt[3]{(8-9x)}, \right\} \text{ so } x = 0.1$ <p>When $x = 0.1$, $\sqrt[3]{(8-9x)} \approx 2 - \frac{3}{4}(0.1) - \frac{9}{32}(0.1)^2 - \frac{45}{256}(0.1)^3 + \dots$</p> $= 2 - 0.075 - 0.0028125 - 0.00017578125$ $= 1.922011719$ <p>So, $\sqrt[3]{7100} = 19.220117919\dots = \underline{19.2201}$ (4 dp)</p>	<p>Writes down or uses $x = 0.1$ B1</p> <p>M1</p> <p>19.2201 cso A1 cao</p>

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Notes for Question

(a)	<p>M1: Writes or uses $\frac{1}{3}$. This mark can be implied by a constant term of $8^{\frac{1}{3}}$ or 2.</p> <p>B1: $\underline{(8)^{\frac{1}{3}}}$ or $\underline{2}$ outside brackets or $\underline{2}$ as candidate's constant term in their binomial expansion.</p> <p>M1: Expands $(\dots + kx)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ to give any 2 terms out of 4 terms simplified or un-simplified,</p> <p>Eg: $1 + \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) (kx)$ or $\frac{\left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(-\frac{2}{3} \right)}{2!} (kx)^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(-\frac{2}{3} \right) \left(-\frac{5}{3} \right)}{3!} (kx)^3$ or $1 + \dots + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(-\frac{2}{3} \right)}{2!} (kx)^2$</p> <p>or $\frac{\left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(-\frac{2}{3} \right)}{2!} (kx)^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(-\frac{2}{3} \right) \left(-\frac{5}{3} \right)}{3!} (kx)^3$ where $k \neq 1$ are fine for M1.</p> <p>A1: A correct simplified or un-simplified $1 + \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) (kx) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(-\frac{2}{3} \right)}{2!} (kx)^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(-\frac{2}{3} \right) \left(-\frac{5}{3} \right)}{3!} (kx)^3$</p> <p>expansion with consistent (kx). Note that (kx) must be consistent (on the RHS, not necessarily the LHS) in a candidate's expansion. Note that $k \neq 1$.</p> <p>You would award B1M1A0 for $2 \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(\frac{-9x}{8} \right) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(-\frac{2}{3} \right)}{2!} \left(\frac{-9x}{8} \right)^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(-\frac{2}{3} \right) \left(-\frac{5}{3} \right)}{3!} \left(\frac{-9x}{8} \right)^3 + \dots \right]$</p> <p>because (kx) is not consistent.</p>
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Notes for Question Continued

(a) ctd

$$\text{"Incorrect bracketing"} = \{2\} \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{-9x}{8}\right) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)}{2!}\left(\frac{-9x^2}{8}\right) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{5}{3}\right)}{3!}\left(\frac{-9x^3}{8}\right) + \dots \right]$$

is M1A0 unless recovered.

A1: For $2 - \frac{3}{4}x$ (simplified please) or also allow $2 - 0.75x$.

Allow Special Case A1A0 for either SC: $= 2 \left[1 - \frac{3}{8}x; \dots \right]$ or SC: $K \left[1 - \frac{3}{8}x - \frac{9}{64}x^2 - \frac{45}{512}x^3 + \dots \right]$

(where K can be 1 or omitted), with each term in the [.....] either a simplified fraction or a decimal.

A1: Accept only $-\frac{9}{32}x^2 - \frac{45}{256}x^3$ or $-0.28125x^2 - 0.17578125x^3$

Candidates who write $= 2 \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{9x}{8}\right) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)}{2!}\left(\frac{9x^2}{8}\right) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{5}{3}\right)}{3!}\left(\frac{9x^3}{8}\right) + \dots \right]$ where $k = \frac{9}{8}$

and not $-\frac{9}{8}$ and achieve $2 + \frac{3}{4}x; -\frac{9}{32}x^2 + \frac{45}{256}x^3 + \dots$ will get B1M1A1A0A0.

Note for final two marks:

$$2 \left[1 - \frac{3}{8}x; -\frac{9}{64}x^2 - \frac{45}{512}x^3 + \dots \right] = 2 + \frac{3}{4}x - \frac{9}{32}x^2 - \frac{45}{256}x^3 + \dots \text{ scores final A0A1.}$$

$$2 \left[1 - \frac{3}{8}x; -\frac{9}{64}x^2 - \frac{45}{512}x^3 + \dots \right] = 2 - \frac{3}{4}x - \frac{9}{32}x^2 - \frac{45}{256}x^3 + \dots \text{ scores final A0A1}$$

Alternative method: Candidates can apply an alternative form of the binomial expansion.

$$\left\{ \sqrt[3]{(8-9x)} \right\} = (8-9x)^{\frac{1}{3}} = (8)^{\frac{1}{3}} + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)(8)^{-\frac{2}{3}}(-9x) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)}{2!}(8)^{-\frac{5}{3}}(-9x)^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{5}{3}\right)}{3!}(8)^{-\frac{8}{3}}(-9x)^3$$

B1: $(8)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ or 2

M1: Any two of four (un-simplified or simplified) terms correct.

A1: All four (un-simplified or simplified) terms correct.

A1: $2 - \frac{3}{4}x$

A1: $-\frac{9}{32}x^2 - \frac{45}{256}x^3$

Note: The terms in C need to be evaluated,

so ${}^{\frac{1}{3}}C_0(8)^{\frac{1}{3}} + {}^{\frac{1}{3}}C_1(8)^{-\frac{2}{3}}(-9x) + {}^{\frac{1}{3}}C_2(8)^{-\frac{5}{3}}(-9x)^2 + {}^{\frac{1}{3}}C_3(8)^{-\frac{8}{3}}(-9x)^3$ without further working is B0M0A0.

(b) B1: Writes down or uses $x = 0.1$

M1: Substitutes their x , where $|x| < \frac{8}{9}$ into at least two terms of their binomial expansion.

A1: 19.2201 cao

Be Careful! The binomial answer is 19.22011719

and the calculated $\sqrt[3]{7100}$ is 19.21997343... which is 19.2200 to 4 decimal places.



Q6.

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
(a)	$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{(9-10x)}} \right\} (9-10x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $= (9)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 - \frac{10x}{9} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{3} \left(1 - \frac{10x}{9} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $= \left\{ \frac{1}{3} \right\} \left[1 + \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) (kx) + \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(-\frac{3}{2} \right)}{2!} (kx)^2 + \dots \right]$ $= \left\{ \frac{1}{3} \right\} \left[1 + \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{-10x}{9} \right) + \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(-\frac{3}{2} \right)}{2!} \left(\frac{-10x}{9} \right)^2 + \dots \right]$ $= \frac{1}{3} \left[1 + \frac{5}{9}x + \frac{25}{54}x^2 + \dots \right]$ $= \frac{1}{3} + \frac{5}{27}x + \frac{25}{162}x^2 + \dots$	<p>$(9-10x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ or uses power of $-\frac{1}{2}$ B1</p> <p>$(9)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$ B1</p> <p>At least two correct terms. See notes M1</p> <p>A1; A1</p> <p>[5]</p>
(b)	$\frac{3+x}{\sqrt{(9-10x)}} = (3+x)(9-10x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ $= (3+x) \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{5}{27}x + \left\{ \frac{25}{162}x^2 + \dots \right\} \right)$ $= 1 + \frac{5}{9}x + \frac{25}{54}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{5}{27}x^2 + \dots$ $= 1 + \frac{8}{9}x + \frac{35}{54}x^2 + \dots$	<p>Can be implied by later work See notes M1</p> <p>Multiplies out to give exactly one constant term, exactly 2 terms in x and exactly 2 terms in x^2. Ignore terms in x^3. Can be implied. M1</p> <p>A1</p>



Q7.

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
(a)	$\left\{ \sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} \right\} = (1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(1-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ $= \left(1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)x + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)}{2!}x^2 + \dots \right) \times \left(1 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(-x) + \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)}{2!}(-x)^2 + \dots \right)$ $= \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{8}x^2 + \dots \right) \times \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{8}x^2 + \dots \right)$ $= 1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{8}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{4}x^2 - \frac{1}{8}x^2 + \dots$ $= 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2$	$(1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(1-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ B1 See notes M1 A1 A1 See notes M1 Answer is given in the question. A1 *
(b)	$\sqrt{\frac{1+\left(\frac{1}{35}\right)}{1-\left(\frac{1}{35}\right)}} = 1 + \left(\frac{1}{26}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{26}\right)^2$ ie: $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{5} = \frac{1405}{1352}$ so, $\sqrt{3} = \frac{7025}{4056}$	M1 B1 $\frac{7025}{4056}$ A1 cao [3] 9



Q8.

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
(a)	<p>** represents a constant (which must be consistent for first accuracy mark)</p> $(8-3x)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \underline{(8)^{\frac{1}{3}}}\left(1-\frac{3x}{8}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \underline{2}\left(1-\frac{3x}{8}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ <p>Takes 8 outside the bracket to give any of $\underline{(8)^{\frac{1}{3}}}$ or $\underline{2}$.</p> <p>Expands $(1+**x)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ to give a simplified or an un-simplified $1+(\frac{1}{3})(**x)$; A correct simplified or an un-simplified $\{.....\}$ expansion with candidate's followed through $(**x)$</p> $= 2\left[1 + \frac{(\frac{1}{3})(**x)}{1} + \frac{(\frac{1}{3})(-\frac{2}{3})(**x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(\frac{1}{3})(-\frac{2}{3})(-\frac{5}{3})(**x)^3}{3!} + \dots\right]$ <p>with $** \neq 1$</p> <p>Award SC M1 if you see $\frac{(\frac{1}{3})(-\frac{2}{3})(**x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(\frac{1}{3})(-\frac{2}{3})(-\frac{5}{3})(**x)^3}{3!}$</p> $= 2\left[1 + \frac{(\frac{1}{3})(-\frac{3x}{8})}{1} + \frac{(\frac{1}{3})(-\frac{2}{3})(-\frac{3x}{8})^2}{2!} + \frac{(\frac{1}{3})(-\frac{2}{3})(-\frac{5}{3})(-\frac{3x}{8})^3}{3!} + \dots\right]$ <p>Either $2\{1 - \frac{1}{8}x \dots\}$ or anything that cancels to $2 - \frac{1}{4}x$; Simplified $-\frac{1}{32}x^2 - \frac{5}{768}x^3$</p> $= 2\left\{1 - \frac{1}{8}x; -\frac{1}{64}x^2 - \frac{5}{1336}x^3 - \dots\right\}$ $= 2 - \frac{1}{4}x; -\frac{1}{32}x^2 - \frac{5}{768}x^3 - \dots$	<p>B1</p> <p>M1;</p> <p>A1√</p> <p>A1;</p> <p>A1</p> <p>[5]</p>
(b)	<p><i>Attempt to substitute</i> $x = 0.1$ into a candidate's binomial expansion.</p> $(7.7)^{\frac{1}{3}} \approx 2 - \frac{1}{4}(0.1) - \frac{1}{32}(0.1)^2 - \frac{5}{768}(0.1)^3 - \dots$ $= 2 - 0.025 - 0.0003125 - 0.0000065104166\dots$ $= 1.97468099\dots$ <p>awrt 1.9746810</p>	<p>M1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>[2]</p>
7 marks		

You would award B1M1A0 for

$$= 2\left[1 + \frac{(\frac{1}{3})(-\frac{3x}{8})}{1} + \frac{(\frac{1}{3})(-\frac{2}{3})(-\frac{3x}{8})^2}{2!} + \frac{(\frac{1}{3})(-\frac{2}{3})(-\frac{5}{3})(-\frac{3x}{8})^3}{3!} + \dots\right]$$

because ** is not consistent.

If you see the constant term "2" in a candidate's final binomial expansion, then you can award B1.

Be wary of calculator value of $(7.7)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 1.974680822\dots$



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Aliter (a) Way 2	$(8-3x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $= \left\{ \begin{aligned} &(8)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{1}(8)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(**x) + \frac{\binom{\frac{1}{2}}{2}(-\frac{3}{2})}{2!}(8)^{-\frac{3}{2}}(**x)^2 \\ &+ \frac{\binom{\frac{1}{2}}{3}(-\frac{3}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})}{3!}(8)^{-\frac{5}{2}}(**x)^3 + \dots \end{aligned} \right\}$ <p>with $** \neq 1$</p> $= \left\{ \begin{aligned} &(8)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{1}(8)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(-3x) + \frac{\binom{\frac{1}{2}}{2}(-\frac{3}{2})}{2!}(8)^{-\frac{3}{2}}(-3x)^2 \\ &+ \frac{\binom{\frac{1}{2}}{3}(-\frac{3}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})}{3!}(8)^{-\frac{5}{2}}(-3x)^3 + \dots \end{aligned} \right\}$ $= \left\{ 2 + \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{1}(-3x) + \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{2}(-\frac{9}{2})x^2 + \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{3}(-\frac{27}{8})x^3 + \dots \right\}$ $= 2 - \frac{1}{4}x - \frac{1}{32}x^2 - \frac{5}{768}x^3 - \dots$	B1 Expands $(8-3x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ to give an un-simplified or simplified $(8)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{1}(8)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(**x)$; A correct un-simplified or simplified $\{ \dots \}$ expansion with candidate's followed through $(**x)$ M1; A1√ Award SC M1 if you see $\frac{\binom{\frac{1}{2}}{2}(-\frac{3}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})}{2!}(8)^{-\frac{3}{2}}(**x)^2$ $+\frac{\binom{\frac{1}{2}}{3}(-\frac{3}{2})(-\frac{3}{2})}{3!}(8)^{-\frac{5}{2}}(**x)^3$ Anything that cancels to $2 - \frac{1}{4}x$; or $2\{1 - \frac{1}{8}x \dots\}$ Simplified $-\frac{1}{32}x^2 - \frac{5}{768}x^3$ A1; A1

Be wary of calculator value of $(7.7)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1.974680822\dots$

If you see the constant term "2" in a candidate's final binomial expansion, then you can award B1.

Q9.

Question Number	Scheme	Marks
(a)	$A = 2$ $2x^2 + 5x - 10 = A(x-1)(x+2) + B(x+2) + C(x-1)$ $x \rightarrow 1 \quad -3 = 3B \Rightarrow B = -1$ $x \rightarrow -2 \quad -12 = -3C \Rightarrow C = 4$	B1 M1 A1 A1 (4)
(b)	$\frac{2x^2 + 5x - 10}{(x-1)(x+2)} = 2 + (1-x)^{-1} + 2\left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^{-1}$ $(1-x)^{-1} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots$ $\left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^{-1} = 1 - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} + \dots$ $\frac{2x^2 + 5x - 10}{(x-1)(x+2)} = (2+1+2) + (1-1)x + \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)x^2 + \dots$ $= 5 + \dots \quad \text{fit their } A - B + \frac{1}{2}C$ $= \dots + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \dots \quad \text{0x stated or implied}$	M1 B1 B1 M1 A1 ft A1 A1 (7)



Q10.

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
(a)(i)	$50x^2 + 38x + 9 \equiv A(5x+2)(1-2x) + B(1-2x) + C(5x+2)^2$ $\Rightarrow B = \dots$ or $C = \dots$	M1	1.1b
	$B = 1$ and $C = 2$	A1	1.1b
(a)(ii)	E.g. $x = 0$ $x = 0 \Rightarrow 9 = 2A + B + 4C$ $\Rightarrow 9 = 2A + 1 + 8 \Rightarrow A = \dots$	M1	2.1
	$A = 0^*$	A1*	1.1b
		(4)	
(b)(i)	$\frac{1}{(5x+2)^2} = (5x+2)^{-2} = 2^{-2} \left(1 + \frac{5}{2}x\right)^{-2}$ or $(5x+2)^{-2} = 2^{-2} + \dots$	M1	3.1a
	$\left(1 + \frac{5}{2}x\right)^{-2} = 1 - 2\left(\frac{5}{2}x\right) + \frac{-2(-2-1)}{2!}\left(\frac{5}{2}x\right)^2 + \dots$	M1	1.1b
	$2^{-2} \left(1 + \frac{5}{2}x\right)^{-2} = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{5}{4}x + \frac{75}{16}x^2 + \dots$	A1	1.1b
	$\frac{1}{(1-2x)} = (1-2x)^{-1} = 1 + 2x + \frac{-1(-1-1)}{2!}(2x)^2 + \dots$	M1	1.1b
	$\frac{1}{(5x+2)^2} + \frac{2}{1-2x} = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{5}{4}x + \frac{75}{16}x^2 + \dots + 2 + 4x + 8x^2 + \dots$	dM1	2.1
	$= \frac{9}{4} + \frac{11}{4}x + \frac{203}{16}x^2 + \dots$	A1	1.1b
(b)(ii)	$ x < \frac{2}{5}$	B1	2.2a
		(7)	
			(11 marks)
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