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Μ	mark is for method
m or dM	mark is dependent on one or more M marks and is for method
А	mark is dependent on M or m marks and is for accuracy
В	mark is independent of M or m marks and is for method and
	accuracy
E	mark is for explanation
√or ft or F	follow through from previous incorrect result
CAO	correct answer only
CSO	correct solution only
AWFW	anything which falls within
AWRT	anything which rounds to
ACF	any correct form
AG	answer given
SC	special case
OE	or equivalent
A2,1	2 or 1 (or 0) accuracy marks
–x EE	deduct x marks for each error
NMS	no method shown
PI	possibly implied
SCA	substantially correct approach
С	candidate
sf	significant figure(s)
dp	decimal place(s)

Key to mark scheme abbreviations

No Method Shown

Where the question specifically requires a particular method to be used, we must usually see evidence of use of this method for any marks to be awarded.

Where the answer can be reasonably obtained without showing working and it is very unlikely that the correct answer can be obtained by using an incorrect method, we must award **full marks**. However, the obvious penalty to candidates showing no working is that incorrect answers, however close, earn **no marks**.

Where a question asks the candidate to state or write down a result, no method need be shown for full marks.

Where the permitted calculator has functions which reasonably allow the solution of the question directly, the correct answer without working earns **full marks**, unless it is given to less than the degree of accuracy accepted in the mark scheme, when it gains **no marks**.

Otherwise we require evidence of a correct method for any marks to be awarded.

Q	Solution	Mark	Total	Comment
1 (a)	$\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{d}t}\right) = t \qquad \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t}\right) = -\frac{4}{t^2}$	B1		ACF - Both correct.
	$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = \frac{-\frac{4}{t^2}}{t}$	M1		Attempt at their $\frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}}$
	At $t = 2$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2}$	A1	3	CSO
(b)	$t = \frac{4}{y+1}$ and $x = f(y)$	M1		Attempt to isolate t and attempt to substitute
	$x = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{4}{y+1}\right)^2 + 1$	A1	2	ACF
	Total		5	
	Alternatives			
(b)	$x-1 = \frac{t^2}{2}$ $(y+1)^2 = \left(\frac{4}{t}\right)^2$	M1		Solve for $\frac{t^2}{2}$ and $\left(\frac{4}{t}\right)^2$ and multiply
	$(x-1)(y+1)^2 = 8$	A1	2	ACF
(b)	$t^2 = 2x - 2$ & $y = f(x)$	M1		Attempt to find t^2 in terms of x and attempt to substitute.
	$y = \frac{4}{\pm\sqrt{2x-2}} - 1$	A1	2	or $(y+1)^2 = \frac{16}{2x-2}$ ACF

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2(a)	$4x^{3} - 2x^{2} + 16x - 3 =$ $Ax(2x^{2} - x + 2) + B(4x - 1)$	M1		Attempt to multiply by $2x^2 - x + 2$ or long division with $2x$ seen or substitute two values of x			
	A = 2	A1		A stated or written in expression			
	<i>B</i> = 3	A1	3	<i>B</i> stated or written in expression			
(b)	$\int 2x + \frac{3(4x-1)}{2x^2 - x + 2} \mathrm{d}x =$						
	x^2 +	B1ft		ACF ft on their A			
	$3\ln\left(2x^2 - x + 2\right) (+C)$	B1ft		ft on their B			
	$2 = (-1)^{2} + 3\ln(2(-1)^{2} - (-1) + 2) + C$	M1		Substitute $(-1, 2)$ into an expression of form $y = ax^2 + b \ln (2x^2 - x + 2) + C$ and attempt to find the constant			
	$y = x^{2} + 3\ln(2x^{2} - x + 2) + 1 - 3\ln 5$	A1	4	CAO			
	Total 7						
(a)	(a) If M1 is not awarded then award SC1 for either $A = 2$ (or $2x$) or $B = 3$.						
NMS $A = 2$ and $B = 3$ scores SC3; as the values of A and B can be found by inspection.							

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3 (a)	$(1-4x)^{\frac{1}{4}} = 1 + \frac{1}{4}(-4x) + kx^{2}$	M1		k is any non-zero numerical expression
	$=1-x-\frac{3}{2}x^{2}$	A1	2	Simplified to this form , but allow -1.5
(b)	$(2+3x)^{-3} = 2^{-3} \left(1+\frac{3}{2}x\right)^{-3}$	B1		OE e.g. $\frac{1}{8} \left(1 + \frac{3}{2}x \right)^{-3}$
	$\left(1 + \frac{3}{2}x\right)^{-3} = 1 - 3 \times \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{-3 \times -4}{2} \left(\frac{3}{2}x\right)^{2}$	M1		Condone missing brackets and one sign error
	$(2+3x)^{-3} = \frac{1}{8} - \frac{9}{16}x + \frac{27}{16}x^2$	A1	3	or $\frac{1}{8} \left(1 - \frac{9}{2}x + \frac{27}{2}x^2 \right)$
	Alternative $(2+3x)^{-3} =$ $2^{-3} + (-3)2^{-4}(3x) + \frac{1}{2}(-3)(-4)2^{-5}(3x)^{2}$	(M1)		Condone missing brackets and one sign error.
	$=\frac{1}{8} - \frac{9}{16}x + \frac{27}{16}x^2$	(A2)	(3)	A1 not available
(c)	$\left(1 - x - \frac{3}{2}x^2\right)\left(\frac{1}{8} - \frac{9}{16}x + \frac{27}{16}x^2\right)$	M1		Product of their expansions
	$= \frac{1}{8} - \frac{11}{16}x + \frac{33}{16}x^2$	A1	2	
	Total		7	

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4 (a)	A = 5000	B1	1	
(b)(i)	$25000 = 5000 p^{10} \Longrightarrow p^{10} = 5$	B1	1	First equation seen and correct. AG
(ii)	$\ln p^{t} = t \ln p$	B1		PI Correctly taking logs of both sides.
	$\ln\left(\frac{1}{A}\right) = \ln p^{2}$	M1		OE eg $\ln 75000 = \ln A + \ln p^t$
	$t = \frac{10 \ln 15}{\ln 5}$ or $t = 16.8$	A1		OE e.g. $t = \frac{\ln 15}{\ln 1.175}$ or 16.79 $t = \frac{\ln 15}{\ln 5^{\frac{1}{10}}}$ etc.
	2018	B 1	4	
(c)(i)	$5000 p^{T-10} = 2500 q^{T}$	B1		Correct opening expression
	$\ln 2 + (T - 10)\ln p = T\ln q$	M1		Use laws of logs correctly to obtain a linear equation in T . Powers must involve T and $T\pm 10$.
	$T = \frac{10\ln p - \ln 2}{\ln p - \ln q}$	m1		Make <i>T</i> the subject of their expression correctly.
	$p^{10} = 5 \implies 10 \ln p = \ln 5 \implies T = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)}$	A1	4	$p^{10} = 5 \Longrightarrow 10 \ln p = \ln 5$ used to get AG
(ii)	2023	B1	1	
	Total		11	

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5 (a)(i)	<i>R</i> = 5	B1				
	$\tan \alpha = \frac{4}{2}$			$R\sin\alpha = 4$ or $R\cos\alpha = 3$		
	3	M1		using their R		
				$\sin \alpha = 4$ $\cos \alpha = 3$ is M0		
	α = 53.1 °	A1	3	53.1° only		
(ii)	$5\sin(2\theta+53.1)^\circ=5$	M1		Candidate's <i>R</i> and α but must use 2θ - PI.		
	$\left[\left(2\theta + 53.1 \right)^\circ = 90^\circ \text{and} 450^\circ \right]$					
	$\theta = 18.4^{\circ}$	A1		Accept $\theta = 18.5^{\circ}$		
	$\theta = 198.4^{\circ}$	A1ft	3	180°+' <i>their</i> '18.4°		
(b)(i)	$\frac{2\tan\theta}{1-\tan^2\theta} \times \tan\theta = 2$ $2\tan^2\theta - 2(1-\tan^2\theta)$	M1		Use of correct form of $\tan 2\theta$		
	$2\tan\theta = 2(1-\tan\theta)$					
	$4\tan^2\theta=2$					
	$2\tan^2\theta=1$	A1	2	Correct derivation of AG.		
(ii)	$\theta = 35.3^{\circ}$	B1				
	$\theta = 144.7^{\circ}$	B1	2			
(c)(i)	$8 \times \frac{1}{8} - 4 \times \frac{1}{2} + 1 = 0 \Longrightarrow 2x - 1 \text{ is a factor}$	B1	1	Accept $1-2+1=0$ but need the conclusion		
(ii)	$4(2\cos^2\theta - 1)\cos\theta + 1 = 8x^3 - 4x + 1$	B1	1	$\cos 2\theta = 2\cos^2 \theta - 1$ used correctly in deriving AG		
(iii)	$8x^{3} - 4x + 1 = (2x - 1)(4x^{2} + 2x - 1)$	B1		Award for quadratic factor		
	$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{20}}{8}$ or $\frac{-2 \pm 2\sqrt{5}}{8}$	M1		Correct solution of their quadratic – ACF.		
	$(\cos 72^\circ > 0) \Longrightarrow \cos 72^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{4}$	A1	3	CSO		
	Total		15			
(a)(ii) I	Either $\theta = 18.4^{\circ}$ or $\theta = 198.4^{\circ}$ earns A1 and any extras in the	e interval	together	with the two correct values earns		
A1 A0ft Award SC1 for both answers to greater degree of accuracy 18.43494 and 198.43494561						
(b)(ii) l	(b)(ii) Either $\theta = 35.3^{\circ}$ or $\theta = 144.7^{\circ}$ earns B 1 and any extras in the interval together with the two correct values					
A	Award SC1 for both answers to greater degree of accuracy 35.26413 and 144.735561					

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6(a)	$\left(\overrightarrow{OP}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 5\\-8\\2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \left(\overrightarrow{OQ}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 11\\-14\\8 \end{bmatrix}$	B1		PI by correct \overrightarrow{OP} and \overrightarrow{OQ} below	
	$\left(\overrightarrow{PQ}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 11\\-14\\8 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 5\\-8\\2 \end{bmatrix} \text{or} \begin{bmatrix} 6\\-6\\6 \end{bmatrix}$	M1		$\overrightarrow{PQ} = \pm \operatorname{their}\left(\overrightarrow{OQ} - \overrightarrow{OP}\right)$	
	$\overrightarrow{PQ} = 6 \begin{bmatrix} 1\\ -1\\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$	A1	3	or $\begin{bmatrix} 6\\-6\\6 \end{bmatrix}$ stated to be parallel to $\begin{bmatrix} 1\\-1\\1 \end{bmatrix}$	
(b)(i)	$\lambda = 1$ or $\mu = -2$	B 1			
	$b = -5 + 3 \text{ or } b = -8 + 6$, (their λ or μ) or $c = 3 + 1 \text{ or } c = 6 - 2$, (their λ or μ)	M1		Attempt to find the value of <i>b</i> or <i>c</i>	
	b = -2 and $c = 4$	A1	3	b = -2 shown and $c = 4$	
(ii)	$\overrightarrow{RS} = \begin{bmatrix} 5+2t\\-8-3t\\2+t \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3\\-2\\4 \end{bmatrix}$	M1		Clear attempt to find $\pm \overrightarrow{RS}$	
	2 + 2t + 6 + 3t - 2 + t = 0	m1		$\overrightarrow{RS} \bullet \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \text{or } \overrightarrow{RS} \bullet \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -6 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = 0$ $= 0 \text{ PI: correct direction vector}$	
	t = -1	A1		- ,	
	S is at $(3, -5, 1)$	A1	4	Accept as a column vector.	
	Total		10		

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7(a)(i)	$-2\sin^2 y \frac{dy}{dx}$	B1		
	$+3y e^{3x} + e^{3x} \frac{dy}{dx}$	M1		$py e^{3x} + q e^{3x} \frac{dy}{dx}$
		A1		Product rule correct
	= 0	B1		PI
	$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}(\mathrm{e}^{3x}-2\mathrm{sin}2y)+3\mathrm{y}\mathrm{e}^{3x}=0$	m1		Attempt to factorise.
	$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = \frac{-3\mathrm{y}\mathrm{e}^{3x}}{\mathrm{e}^{3x} - 2\sin 2\mathrm{y}}$	A1	6	OE
(ii)	At A $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = -\pi$	B1	1	Must have scored all 6 marks in (a)(i)
(b)	$\left(y - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(x - \ln 2\right)$	M1		Finding the equation of normal with gradient $\frac{-1}{\text{their}(a)(\text{ii})}$.
	At $B \qquad y = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\ln 2}{\pi}$	A1	2	
	Тс	otal	9	
(b)	Alternative using $y = mx + c$ $\frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\pi} \ln 2 + c \qquad \left(y = \frac{1}{\pi} x + c \right)$	M1		Use $y = mx + c$ and find c using their gradient.
	At $B = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\ln 2}{\pi}$	A1	2	Must see $y = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\ln 2}{\pi}$ or a statement that <i>c</i> is the required <i>y</i> -coordinate
	1	I		1

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8 (a)	$16x = A(1+x)^{2} + B(1-3x)(1+x) + C(1-3x)$	B1		OE	
	$x = -1 \qquad -16 = 4C$				
	1 16 $(4)^2$	M1		Use $x = \frac{1}{3}$ or $x = -1$ to find a	
	$x = \frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{10}{3} = A\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$			value for A or C.	
	A = 3 B = 1 C = -4	A1		Any two correct	
		A1	4	All three correct	
(b)	$\int \frac{1}{e^{2y}} \mathrm{d}y = \int \frac{16x}{(1-3x)(1+x)^2} \mathrm{d}x$	B1			
	or $\int \frac{dy}{e^{2y}} = \int \frac{3}{1-3x} + \frac{1}{1+x} - \frac{4}{(1+x)^2} dx$			or correct ft separation on non- zero <i>A B C</i>	
	$\frac{-e^{-2y}}{2}$	B1		OE	
	$= -\ln\left(1 - 3x\right)$	B1ft		OE ft on $\frac{A}{-3}\ln(1-3x)$	
	$+\ln(1+x)$	B1ft		OE ft on $B\ln(1+x)$	
	$+\frac{4}{1+x}$	B1ft		OE ft on $\frac{C}{-1}(1+x)^{-1}$	
	$-\frac{1}{2} = (-\ln 1 + \ln 1) + 4 + \text{constant}$	M1		Use $(0,0)$ and attempt to find a value for the constant.	
	$-\frac{1}{2}e^{-2y} = -\ln(1-3x) + \ln(1+x) + \frac{4}{1+x} - \frac{9}{2}$	A1	7	ACF	
	Total		11		
	TOTAL		75		
(b)]	(b) For M1 candidates must have a term of the form $ke^{\pm 2y}$ on one side and at least one ln term on the other,				

substitute (0,0) and find a value for the constant.