1.

$$f(x) = \frac{50x^2 + 38x + 9}{(5x + 2)^2(1 - 2x)} \qquad x \neq -\frac{2}{5} \quad x \neq \frac{1}{2}$$

Given that $f(x)$ can be expressed in the form

$$\frac{A}{5x + 2} + \frac{B}{(5x + 2)^2} + \frac{C}{1 - 2x}$$

where A, B and C are constants

(a) (i) find the value of B and the value of C

(ii) show that $A = 0$

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(b) (i) Use binomial expansions to show that, in ascending powers of x

$$f(x) = p + qx + rx^2 + \ldots$$

where p, q and r are simplified fractions to be found.

(ii) Find the range of values of x for which this expansion is valid.

(7)

2. (a) Express $\dfrac{3}{(2x-1)(x+1)}$ in partial fractions.

(3)

When chemical *A* and chemical *B* are mixed, oxygen is produced.

A scientist mixed these two chemicals and measured the total volume of oxygen produced over a period of time.

The total volume of oxygen produced, $V\,\text{m}^3$, t hours after the chemicals were mixed, is modelled by the differential equation

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}V}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{3V}{(2t-1)(t+1)} \qquad V \geqslant 0 \qquad t \geqslant k$$

where k is a constant.

Given that exactly 2 hours after the chemicals were mixed, a total volume of $3\,\text{m}^3$ of oxygen had been produced,

(b) solve the differential equation to show that

$$V = \frac{3(2t-1)}{(t+1)}$$

(5)

The scientist noticed that

- there was a **time delay** between the chemicals being mixed and oxygen being produced
- there was a **limit** to the total volume of oxygen produced

Deduce from the model

(c) (i) the **time delay** giving your answer in minutes,

(ii) the **limit** giving your answer in m^3

(2)

3. $$f(x) = \frac{3kx - 18}{(x + 4)(x - 2)}$$ where k is a positive constant

(a) Express $f(x)$ in partial fractions in terms of k.

(3)

(b) Hence find the exact value of k for which

$$\int_{-3}^{1} f(x)\, dx = 21$$

(4)