

1

n is the middle integer of three consecutive positive integers.

The three integers are multiplied to give a product.

n is then added to the product.

Prove that the result is a cube number.

[4 marks]

let 3 integers to be : $n-1, n, n+1$ (1)

$$(n-1)(n+1) = n^2 - 1 \quad (1)$$

$$n(n^2 - 1) = n^3 - n$$

$$n^3 - n + n = n^3 \quad (1)$$

2

 x is an integer.Prove that $35 + (3x + 1)^2 - 2x(4x - 3)$ is a square number.

[4 marks]

$$(3x+1)^2 = 9x^2 + 6x + 1$$

$$2x(4x-3) = 8x^2 - 6x \quad (1)$$

$$35 + 9x^2 + 6x + 1 - 8x^2 + 6x$$

$$= 9x^2 - 8x^2 + 6x + 6x + 36 \quad (1)$$

$$= x^2 + 12x + 36 \quad (1)$$

$$(x+6)(x+6)$$

$$= (x+6)^2 \quad (1)$$

3

A journey has two stages.

	Distance (km)	Average speed (km/h)	Time (h)
Stage 1	30	a	$\frac{30}{a}$
Stage 2	30	b	$\frac{30}{b}$

Show that the average speed for the **whole** journey, in km/h, is $\frac{2ab}{a+b}$

[3 marks]

$$\text{total time} = \frac{30}{a} + \frac{30}{b} = \frac{30a + 30b}{ab} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{total distance} = 30 + 30 = 60$$

$$\text{average speed} = \frac{60(ab)}{30a + 30b} = \frac{30(2ab)}{30(a+b)}$$

$$= \frac{2ab}{a+b} \quad (1)$$

- 4 A factory packs x boxes of teabags per hour.
Each box contains 80 teabags.

Show that the factory packs $\frac{4x}{3}$ teabags per minute.

[2 marks]

$$80 \times x = 80x \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{80x}{1 \text{ hour}} \times \frac{1 \text{ hour}}{60 \text{ mins}} = \frac{80}{60} x \text{ per mins} \quad (1)$$
$$= \frac{4x}{3} \text{ per mins}$$

5

Two integers have a difference of 6

The integers are multiplied together.

9 is then added.

Prove algebraically that the result is always a square number.

[3 marks]

let 2 integers = n and $n+6$

$$n(n+6) = n^2 + 6n \quad (1)$$

$$= n^2 + 6n + 9 \quad (1)$$

$$= (n+3)(n+3)$$

$$= (n+3)^2 \quad (1)$$