Mark scheme

Question		n	Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Guidance	
1			$3d^2-6d$	2	Examiner's Comments Candidates were able to access both parts of this question. In part (b) partial marks were often credited for one correct term, $3d^2$ or $-6d$. In both parts many candidates gave an expression with only one term, having added or subtracted unlike terms. In part (a) 6x was commonly seen and in part (b) $-3d^2$. Exemplar 2 In this exemplar the candidate has correctly expanded the second part of the bracket as $-6d$, which scored B1. As seen in many responses, incorrect subtracting of the algebraic expression resulted in an incorrect answer of one term.	
			Total	2		
2			3.6 oe	3	e.g. $x = \frac{36}{10}$ oe M2 for $6x + 4x = 27 + 9$ oe OR	

			M1 for $10x - 9 = 27$ or $10x = k$ or $6x = 36 - 4x$ or $kx = 36$ AND M1 for $x = \frac{b}{a}$ FT their $ax = b$ seen Examiner's Comments Very few candidates gained full marks on this question. Most candidates struggled to use inverse operations and very few showed any kind of method to solve. The most common error made by candidates was attempting to remove the $-4x$ on the right-hand side of the equation by subtracting $4x$, rather than adding $4x$ to both sides. Very few candidates managed to progress the equation successfully beyond this first step. Marks were most often gained for either reaching 'a multiple of $x = 36$ ', or for reaching $ax = b$ followed by $x = \frac{b}{a}$. Occasionally both were seen together with $2x = 36$ and then $x = \frac{36}{2} = 18$
			with $2x = 36$ and then $x = \frac{32}{2} = 18$.
	Total	3	
3	2, 3, 4	3	B2 for 2 correct and no extras or all 3 correct and one extra OR M2 for $2 \le x < 5$ or M1 for $2 \le x$ or $x < 5$

				Examiner's Comments Few candidates showed a method to solve this double inequality. Very few candidates managed to write the inequality in terms of x. The most common attempt was to use substitution to find values that worked. These candidates often gave 3 and 4 but misread the inequality sign and missed 2, so scored B2.	
		Total	3		
				M1 for 12 or ⁻ 10 or 4 × 3 + 5 × ⁻ 2 oe Not 12x or ⁻ 10y	
				Examiner's Comments	
4		2	2	Most candidates attempted this question and managed to score at least M1 for either calculating $4x = 12$ or $5y = -10$. Many candidates gave an incorrect answer of either 22 or -22 , often from correct working. A small number of candidates reached the values of 12 and -10 but included the x and y in their answer as an expression, $12x - 10y$. Marks were not credited in this instance.	
		Total	2	orealisa in the instance.	
5	а	$d = \frac{f-4}{5} \text{ or } d = \frac{f}{5} - \frac{4}{5}$	2	M1 for $f - 4 = 5d$ or $\frac{f}{5} = d + \frac{4}{5}$ or $\frac{f - 4}{5}$ or $\frac{f}{5} - \frac{4}{5}$ as answer Examiner's Comments Few correct answers were seen, the majority were unable to complete the first step correctly, with many shuffling the values and variables around to	

				make a new formula any understanding or rearrangement. Son correct first step, for 4' next to the formul to execute this correrarely subtracted frodivision by 4 was free	of algebraic ne showed a rexample writing '- a but were unable ectly. The 4 was om both sides,
	b	50	2	M1 for 5 + 7.5 × 6 Examiner's Common Although some cand give the correct answer the realised that a represent to an another the units of acceleration 7.5 when substituting candidates gained just here as those who unethod almost invariance at the correct both marks.	didates were able to wer, many were is question. Most esents acceleration any did not know for. Confused by ation, some squared g. Very few just a method mark used the correct riably went on to
		Total	4		
6		[a =] 19 [c =] 12 with correct working	5	B4 for one correct answer with correct working OR M1 for 4a + 5c = 136 oe M1 for 3a + 2c = 81 oe M1 for method to find a common	"Correct working" requires evidence of at least M1M1M1 Correct answer from trial and improvement scores 5 Accept other variables for <i>a</i> and <i>c</i>

coefficient, allow one arithmetic error M1 for correct method to If substitution eliminate 1 variable, allow method used one arithmetic error M1 for correct rearrangement of equation M1 for correctly substituting into OR other equation A sign error is not an arithmetic error If 0 or M1 scored instead award SC2 for both correct answers with no or insufficient working or SC1 for two answers which Do not allow satisfy one of the 16.2[0] 16.2[0] original for SC1 conditions **Examiner's Comments** Very few candidates attempted the algebraic route, preferring some

Very few candidates attempted the algebraic route, preferring some incomplete trial and improvement. There was often no logical starting values and very few candidates substituted values into both conditions. A large number tried to make some progress by dividing the amounts (136 and 81) by various combinations of adults and children, e.g., $136 \div 9$ or 81 \div 5. The most common mark was SC1 from two values in the answer that satisfied one of the conditions.

			Total	5		
					B1 for 2r or -5t in final answer or correct answer seen and spoilt. 2r + -5t scores B1	
7	а	i	2 <i>r</i> – 5 <i>t</i> final answer	2	Everyin and Community	
					Examiner's Comments Several candidates were able to give the correct response for 2 marks. For others, the negatives proved a problem. Common responses such as $2r + 5t$, $2r - 9t$ and $2r + 9t$ scored 1 mark.	
		ii	a ⁵	1	Examiner's Comments There were many correct answers with 5a being a frequent wrong answer. 5a ⁵	
					was also seen.	
				4		
		iii	7 <i>b</i> ⁴	1	Examiner's Comments This part was not as well answered as the first two parts, common incorrect answers were 7b, and 7 ⁵ .	
					Allow 4(1a – 3b) and 2(2a – 6b)	
	b		4(a-3b)	1	Examiner's Comments	
					Many correct answers were seen. Candidates who did not know how to factorise often combined the terms in several ways with –8ab being the most common, others included 48ab.	

		Total	5	
8	а	39	1	Ignore extras after 39 Examiner's Comments Generally, answers were correct.
	b	Add 8	1	Need direction and quantity Examiner's Comments Mainly correct responses were seen. A small number just stated they had found the difference but did not say that it was 8. Others mentioned 8 but did not say that they had added this to the previous term.
	С	The sequence is all odd numbers oe	1	For additional information refer to 2022 November (J56001) Mark scheme Appendix within downloadable additional mark guidance. Examiner's Comments A wide variety of responses were seen here. Candidates who stated that all the terms in the sequence were odd, but 80 is even, almost always gave a clear enough explanation to score the mark. Many opted to take a more complex approach by looking at the difference and using it to find further terms in the sequence. These were sometimes successful, but many gave only partial explanations that did not fully explain why 80 does not appear.
		Total	3	
9	а	11 ⁻ 5	2	B1 for each

			Examiner's Comm	<u>ents</u>
			Several fully correct seen. Many candida usually for ⁻ 5. The f ⁻ 11 or 21 from incor the negative sign.	t answers were ates scored 1 mark, irst value was often
			B2ft for 7 or 8 points accurately plotted or B1ft for 5 or 6 points accurately plotted	Tolerance ± ½ small square radially 2 1
b	Correct curve	3	Examiner's Comm Many fully correct a Those who attempte usually scored at lea plotting the given po plotting all the point marks. Several did or did so with straig times were feathere plotted points and fo errors they were no shape or symmetry curve they were aim	nswers were seen. ed this question ast 1 mark for bints, with many s and gaining 2 not join the points ht lines. Curves at ed or missed the bor those who had t aware of the of the quadratic
С	−2.3 or −2.2 2.2 or 2.3	2FT	Strict FT B1 for either FT their graph	If curve is between 2 grid lines accept either value as correct answer Do not accept answers to more than 1d.p. Do not allow ± √5 or answers with no graph
			Examiner's Comm Candidates who rea use the graph often answer(s). With cur candidates could no solve the equation.	alised the need to gave the correct ves not drawn, ot use their graph to

				to use algebra to we despite the question graph".	
		Total	7		
10	а	3	2	M1 for (150 – 90) ÷ 20 Examiner's Comm Many candidates ga answer. A small nur the function machin	ave the correct mber did not use
	b	[0]9:45 [am] with correct working	5	M1 for 6 × 20 + 90 oe A1 for 210 M1 for their 210 correctly converted into hrs and mins or decimal hours soi by 3 h 30 m or 3.5 [h] M1 for 1:15 – their time If 0, 1 or 2 scored, instead award SC3 for answer 9:45[am] with no working or insufficient working If 0 or 1 scored, instead award SC2 for 3 h 30 m or 3.5 [h] with no working or insufficient working If 0 scored, SC1 for 210 with no working or insufficient working	"correct working" requires evidence of at least M1 M1 Provided their 210 is not a multiple of 60 Do not accept 3.3 hours as a correct conversion from 3 h 30 m, but condone 3.3 used in the next step Their time may be in whole hours, minutes, hrs and mins or decimal hours

	Total	7	Examiner's Common Many candidates we time conversion and score full marks. Ma correctly convert 21 hours. A small number and common conversion minutes or 3.3 hours are reason of the question.	ere able to do the I the subtraction to any were able to 0 minutes to 3.5 per made errors rsions were 2 hours ours. check their
11	$x \ge 3$ AND	4	B2 for x ≥ 3 or M1 for $2x \ge 11$ - 5 or better or $x + 2.5 \ge 5.5$ or better AND B2FT for their inequality correctly shown or B1FT for correctly placed circle for their $x \ge 3$ but with hollow circle and correct arrow or for filled circle with incorrect arrow	Solution to inequality Allow M1 for this expression with other inequality symbols or equals sign or [x =] 3 as solution (can be implied by mark/circle on the diagram) or trials leading to selection of 3 or final correct trial using 3 Displaying the solution: Display must show an inequality that fits on the number line for FT Mark to candidate's advantage either x ≥ 3 or their inequality Accept an arrow of any length or a line reaching 9 If no solution to

				Filled arrow M1B Filled arrow M1B Holld arrow M1B Holld arrow M1B Carrow Carrow A1B Carr	d circle at 3 v to left 1 bw circle at 3 v to right 1 bw circle at 3 bw circle at 3 v to left
				Examiner's Comments Some candidates gained this question. The hardes candidates was displaying Some candidates were aboritical value of 3 but did ran inequality.	t part for most g a solution. ble to find the
		Total	4		
12		[127] 148 149 296 in any order With correct working	5	M3 for 4x and 592 or for (180 × 4 – 127 – 1) ÷ 4 A1 for 148 or M2 for a correct algebraic expression and correct constant or for 180 × 4 – 127 [– 1] or for 127+148+149+296=180 ×4 oe or for trials leading to the correct answer or M1 for 127 + x + x + 1 + 2x nfww or 180 × 4 or 720 If 0 or 1 scored, instead	"correct working" requires at least M2 180 × 4 can be implied by 720 throughout eg 127 + x + x + 1 + 2x and 720; 4x + 1 and 593 Do not accept x, 2x or x + 1 as correct algebraic expressions for M2

				award SC2 for 148 149 296 in any order with no or insufficient working If 0 scored, SC1 for [x=]148	Condone e.g. 127 + x + x + 1 + 2x ÷ 4 for M1 Mark to candidates advantage
				Examiner's Comments A variety of approaches releading to the answer. A approach by some candiform and solve an equating gained success using diffication approaches including trial improvement. Many candiffication able to calculate the total gain 1 mark. Several carnot attempt this question 127, x, x + 1 and 2x strain answer line with no attention any working.	successful dates was to on, others ferent al and didates were l as 720 to adidates did . Some wrote ght onto the
		Total	5		
13	а	2t final answer	1		ed like terms Idition and bining these. was to only
	b	x(x + 2) final answer	1	+ 2) (x + Con	ept e.g. 1x(x , 0)(x + 2) done final cket missing

				Many correct answers were seen. Some candidates did not identify the common factor. For those who did attempt factorisation, the most common error was trying to factorise into two brackets.	
		Total	2		
		30		B1 for [median =] 3.5 M1 for <i>their</i> median × 10 – 5	Accept only 30 for 3 marks If 4 (mode) or 3 (mean) or other wrong value from 1 to 4 used M1 still available.
14			3	Examiner's Comm Most candidates att question. Many kne was 3.5. Some cand median was 2, from scores and some the being most common mean or the total so candidates did not see 10 × 3.5 – 5 but we showing 10 × 3.5 = 30. The use of an and 4 was credited	empted the w that the median didates stated the not ordering the ought it was 4, n. Others found the core. Most substitute to show S vorked in stages 35 and then 35 - 5 y value between 1
		Total	3		
15		5 nfww	4	B2 for [a =] 4 or M1 for 9a = 36 or better and M1 for showing substitution/use of their a e.g. 4 × their 4 + 4b = 36 oe or better or [b =] 9 - their 4	_
				A number of candid	ates did not attempt

16	Total [x =] 4 [y =] -1	3	This is a version of the common incorrect method described in the commentary on Question 15 that does not use the information correctly. M1 for correct method to eliminate one variable and to variable and the subtraction of terms or in rearrangement arrangement arrangement arrangement arrangement arrangement arrangement arrangement arrangement arranged must	
			Using trial and improvement Many candidates used a form of trial and improvement trying different values, usually with little success. They would have used their time more efficiently by planning a strategy that makes use of the given information. Exemplar 2 15 In this question, all lengths are in confinetive. The diagram shows an equilated triangle and a square. Not to scale 12 * 12 12 * 12 12 * 12 13 * 15 * 26 * (beth, some permeter) 24 * 12 * 26 * (square) 13 * 12 * (square) 14 * 15 * (square) 15 * (square) 16 * (square)	
			this question. Very few systematic solutions were seen. Very few correct algebraic solutions were seen. These might have begun with $9a = 36$ but few did. Some candidates set up incorrect equations such as $3a = 36$. Some candidates showed $36 \div 4 = 9$ rather than $36 \div 9 = 4$ that would have led directly to $a = 4$. A common incorrect route that scored 0 marks was $36 \div 3 = 12$ so $a = 12$ and then $36 - 12 = 24$.	

				values that satisfy one of the original equations	be correct rearrangement
				Examiner's Comments Many candidates answered this correctly. Sometimes these responses involved a correct method to eliminate one variable. Frequently candidates used a trial and improvement method which, as this was a relatively straightforward pair of simultaneous equations, yielded the correct solution relatively easily. Had the solutions been more obscure, the use of trial and improvement would have been a far more time consuming method to use. Some candidates tried to eliminate a variable by subtracting y only.	
		Total	3		
17	а	•	1	Examiner's Comm Many correct diagratew carefully drawn had the correct number the correct configurations.	ms were seen, a Some candidates ber of dots but not
	b	Add 2 [each time] or goes up in 2s oe or $2n - 1$ oe or correct calculation leading to 15 using 7, 8, or values from given terms e.g. $7 + 8$ or $2 \times 7 + 1$ or 8 [dots] and 7 [dots] or $[1, 3, 5, 7, 9]$ 11, 13, 15	1 1		Ignore a drawing Do not accept "odd numbers" but accept "the eighth odd number" oe Mark the best part if no contradiction 8 + 7 may be 8 on left, one less on right 2 times previous pattern number + 1 oe

				Examiner's Comments Many candidates had the correct reason with the most popular being "add 2 every time". Some candidates then did not give 15 and 11 or 17 were common, possibly from miscounting. A few gave the reason as, "count the dots in the pattern" and some doubled pattern 4 and did not score any marks. Very few candidates used the <i>n</i> th term to find the number of dots.	
		Total	3		
18	а	6a final answer	1	Condone poor algebra e.g. 6×a and a × 6 but not a ⁶ Examiner's Comments Many candidates answered this correctly, however, candidates should be reminded that 6 ×a can be simplified, although this response was credited as there was only 1 mark. The incorrect a ⁶ was seen along with 3a2	
	b	$\frac{1}{2}x^4 \text{ or } \frac{x^4}{2} \text{ or } 0.5x^4 \text{ final answer}$	2	and some other expressions. B1 for $0.5x^k$ k $\neq 0$ or gx^4 g $\neq 0$ as answer Examiner's Comments Few candidates were able to accurately answer this question. Most candidates found it difficult and very few correct answers were seen. A few candidates scored a part mark for sorting out 0.5 or x^4 . Some candidates incorrectly wrote $\frac{1}{2x^4}$ which was not credited. The answers 8, 8x and 32 were common, all deriving from a misuse of 2^5 .	

		Total	3		
19	a	$x^2 + 4x + 3x + 12$ [= $x^2 + 7x + 12$] Ellis with a correct statement about definition of an identity or of an equation or Ellis with correct supporting work and statement	M1	Alternative Method M1 for shows LHS = RHS for at least three values of x B1 dep for Ellis with their correct statement e.g. a quadratic equation does not have three solutions [so by elimination it is an identity] the wo within statem might I e.g. a the e.g. are true for of x or e.g. this be solved an identity.	ent and it be seen in table where dition can blied in identity is rall values is cannot yed to get a of x If thand side same as ht-hand it "neither, se if it was ht-hand it have ≡" Some and same form) 1 same as x² e box quation number 1 the same x + 12 f Ellis) 1 If erently but is ok to that the 2 ifferent unl x² + 7x + 12 f Ellis) 1

			8 Ellis – it is identifying how each formula is equal to each other (equal to each other is not enough) 0 9 Ellis – you're not asked to work anything out, it gives you the answer (they say you're not asked to work it out rather than saying it cannot be solved) 0 Examiner's Comments	
			statement so it was	thing with the boxed rare to see the correctly to gain the candidates were features entity from an ant number of that the presence an equation and so being correct. rectly stated mostly not able to ble reason. Many
b	(x + 6) (x - 2) -6 and 2 final answer	M2	M1 for $(x + a)(x + b)$ where $a + b = 4$ or $ab = -12$ or for $x + 6$ [= 0] and $x - 2$ [= 0] strict FT for correct solutions from their quadratic factors If 0 scored SC1 for answer ±2 and ±6	For M2 or M1 condone omission of final bracket e.g. $(x + 1)(x + 3)$ as $a + b = 4$ or e.g. $(x - 3)(x + 4)$ as $ab = -12$ e.g. FT $x = -1$ and $x = -3$ from $(x + 1)(x + 3)$
		B1FT	Examiner's Commoduler More candidates we attempt at this part number of candidate the quadratic successubsequently solve factorisation it was see the wrong signs i.e. $x = +6$ or $x = -2$. factorise resulted in	ere able to make an than part (a) with a es able to factorise essfully and it. After correct not uncommon to in the solutions,

20		Total v + 140	5	stating the values of x for Candidates who did not factorise a quadratic attermethods to solve the equipment of the equipm	know how to empted other uation with ing to solve $x2$ he correct g which lost wrised the vever, a ding the values this case rather a step of $x + 6 = v$ ing these two rect solutions of
20	b	210 nfww	4	B1 for $3x$ be sequence be sequenced by the sequence between the seq	correctly ving their ear equation in the come for this ct answer in

				attempted. The instruction to answer 'in terms of x' was widely not understood, with the vast majority of candidates giving numeric answers with no reference to x. Numeric answers were varied but included 140, 40 and 220. Some measured the angle despite the "Not to scale" instruction. The most common error for attempts to write the bearing in terms of x was 140x or stating x = 140. Occasionally letters such as S, B, SF, BF from the diagram were used. It was very rare that a candidate tried and answered part (b) correctly. Some attempted to use their numeric answers from part (a) and those who answered part (a) correctly struggled to continue through this part. It was very rare that candidates attempted to form and solve an equation in order to calculate the bearing, and 3x was only seen very occasionally. A common incorrect approach was multiplying the answer to part (a) by three. A rare answer of 210 generally was arrived at without using algebra.
		Total	5	
21				Examiner's Comments The vast majority of candidates gave the correct answer. However, a few approaches led to incorrectly
	а	5x + 10 final answer	1	multiplying out $5(x + 2)$ to give $5x + 2$, $2x + 5$, $5x + 7$ or $7x$. Others ignored the + sign giving $5(2x) = 10x$ or spoiled the correct answer, $5x + 10 = 15x$. A small minority attempted to solve as an equation: $5x = 2$ so $x = \frac{3}{2}$.

				Examiner's Comments Many candidates struggled with this question and far too many attempted to go straight to an answer without showing the step in between. A number of these got to an answer which contained either $p + 5$ or $p \div 3$ but without seeing the previous line of working method marks were lost. Some just swapped p and r , sometimes changing the sign too, which led to incorrect answers of $r = 3p - 5$ or $r = 3p + 5$. When there was evidence of using a balancing method, errors arose such as stating "+ 5" as a first step, but incorrectly processing this, often resulting in $5p = 3r$ as their first line of working. Some did go on to achieve M for correctly dividing by 3 as a second step, but often they ended up with $5p - 3 = r$ indicating a clear misunderstanding of inverse operations. Far less common was attempting to divide by 3 first but in nearly all cases candidates forgot to divide the 5 by 3 as well.	
					ne wrong answer. truct candidates ethod marks a flow diagram so ons need to be
		Total	3		
22	а	$x \times x$ or $4(2x + 5)$ seen $x2 = 8x + 20$ or $x^2 = 4(2x + 5)$ Correctly rearranging $tox^2 - 8x - 20 = 0$ without error	M1M1A1	Dependent on first M1 and not from rearrangement of original equation	Allow [area of] square = x^2 or [area of] rectangle = $8x + 20$

			x² and /or 8x + 20 may be written with correct shape(s) Examiner's Comments This question was rarely answered correctly. Few could construct the equation using the given expressions for lengths and forming areas. Many tried to find a solution from the given equation.
b	-2 10 nfww	3	B2 for one correct solution nfww OR M2 for $(x + 2)(x - 10) = 0$ or M1 for $(x + a)(x + b)$ where $ab = -20$ or $a + b = -8$ OR M2 for two correct trials using $-4 \le x \le 0$ and two correct trials using $8 \le x \le 12$ or M1 for two correct trials using $-4 \le x \le 0$ or two correct trials using $-4 \le x \le 0$ or two correct trials using $8 \le x \le 12$ or M1 for two correct trials using $-4 \le x \le 0$ or two correct trials using $8 \le x \le 12$ If 0 scored SC1 for answers 2 and -10 Examiner's Comments Few could correctly solve the equation. A small number of candidates gained marks for a correct root found by trial and improvement. As there were rarely solutions in this part.
C	Length [of square] cannot be negative	1	

					Dependent on negative answer in (b)	Do not accept <i>x</i> cannot be negative
					Examiner's Comm	<u>ents</u>
					It could not often be	answered.
	d	i	100	1	FT (their positive root from (b)) ²	If two positive roots seen in (b) accept either or both used in (i) and in (ii) BUT, if one answer right and one wrong in any part, 0 marks
					Examiner's Comm	<u>ents</u>
					Very few thought of (even their incorrect area and length.	
		ii	25	1	FT (their positive root from (b)) × 2 + 5	
			Total	9		
23			5 : 6 nfww	4	B3 for 5kn: 6kn k > 0 or equivalent correct unsimplified ratio seen OR M1 for two ratios with a common number of mints implied by: 10k and 10k: seen, k > 0 with one correct ratio or 2.5n: 5 seen A1 for 5kn: 10k: 6kn	Accept for all part marks <i>n</i> replaced by a consistent integer e.g. 2.5 <i>n</i> : 3 <i>n</i> or 5 <i>n</i> : 6 <i>n</i> or 10 : 12 etc May be seen as two separate ratios Eg 5 <i>n</i> : 10 and 10 : 6 <i>n</i> or 10 : 20 and 20 : 12 etc For M1 the examples just require the common 10 or

				the common 20 etc
				Examiner's Comments
				Few candidates had techniques to solve this question. Some did write an answer, the most popular being 1 : 3 or 1 <i>n</i> : 3 <i>n</i> .
		Total	4	
24		4 <i>t</i> + 2 <i>u</i> final answer	2	Examiner's Comments Examiner's Comments Responses here often managed 1 mark for one correct term, generally for 4t as it did not involve dealing with negatives. Responses of $4t - 8u$ were not uncommon, but answers of $4t2u$, $-6t - 8u$ and $4t + 8u$ were also seen.
		Total	2	ot – 8u and 4t + 8u were also seen.
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25	а	a + 2b cao	1	Do not accept extras Examiner's Comments
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25			1	Examiner's Comments The responses to all parts were very patchy and it seemed as if many candidates might have been just
25	a	a + 2b cao 2y < x cao		Examiner's Comments The responses to all parts were very patchy and it seemed as if many candidates might have been just making a random selection. Do not accept
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						Do not accept extras
			Total	3		
26			$w = \frac{P - 2h}{2} \text{ oe } Oe$	2	their rearrangemen straight to a solution $2h$). Some candidatinstead subtracted terms. Some candidaterms. Some candidaterms added $2h$ to Many incorrect met	swered. Few complete stages in t and many went n (often w = 2P + tes wrote '÷ 2' but 2 from individual dates wrote '– 2h', to the left-hand side. hods were seen that aic rules, such as 'P
			Total	2		
27	а	i	36	1		Condone further terms if correct
		ii	added 7	1		Needs quantity and direction eg Add 7, plus 7, +7 Not <i>n</i> [th] +7
	b		32-2 4 is not an integer	2	M1 for ³²⁻² or 30 and 34	Accept any full alternative methods or arguments e.g. 32 is a multiple of

				4 and 4 <i>n</i> +2 is a multiple of 4.	
		Total	4		
28		[d =] 2.25 [c =] 1.7[0] with correct working	5	B4 for 1 correct answer with correct working OR M1 for 5d + 3c = 16.35 oe M1 for 2d + 6c = 14.7[0] oe M1 for method to find a common coefficient, allow 1 arithmetic error M1 for correct method to eliminate 1 variable, allow one arithmetic error OR If 0 or M1 scored instead award SC2 for both answers correct with no or insufficient working or SC1 for two answers which satisfy one of the original equations Examiner's Comments Few candidates realised the need to write equations often scored 2 marks. Accept other variables for d and c "Correct workin requires evide of at least M1M1M1 Correct answer from trial and improvement score 5 If substitution method used M1 for correct rearrangement equation M1 for correct substituting into other equation A sign error is an arithmetic error Examiner's Comments Few candidates realised the need to write equations often scored 2 marks.	ing" ence ers
		Total	5		
29	а	44	1	ı	

	b	3.5 final answer	2	M1 for 6y = 28 – 7 or better	Accept $3\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{21}{6}$ for 2 marks
		Total	3		
30	а	$6c^2d^2$ cao, final answer	2	B1 for 6c ² or d ² in final answer or correct answer seen and spoilt.	B1 for e.g. 6 <i>c</i> ² × <i>d</i> ²
	b	7 <i>x</i> (5 + <i>x</i>) final answer	2	B1 for 7(5x + x ²) or x(35 + 7x) as final answer or correct answer seen and spoilt	Accept 7x(5 + 1x) Condone final bracket missing
		Total	4		
31		10 nfww	4	M1 for 5 × 4 M1 for 200 or 199 used M1dep for their 200 ÷ their area, dep on first M1	_
				_	d width of the mostly using the f 4.9 and 4.1. A arned for dividing nate of this) by the a. Some used ded together the coring 0. Very few shere, since the key uestion (to work out pressure) was

				question with a significant number of no response.
				O AfL
				Candidates need to take particular note of key information written in bold in questions. When they see a question ask them to estimate , they should be rounding any values in the question to one significant figure before attempting any calculations.
		Total	4	
				B1 for each
32	а	6 and ⁻ 3	2	Examiner's Comments Few were able to complete the table in this part fully correctly. A number of errors were seen, either due to the squaring or the use of negative numbers. Common errors included (0, 0), (-3, -6), (-3, 12), (-3, 3) and (-3, -3).
	b	Correct curve	3	B2FT for 6 or 7 correct plots B1FT for 4 or 5 correct plots B1FT for 4 or 5 correct plots B1FT for 6 or 7 plotting and curve through correct points. Condone slight feathering – must not be ruled If large blob for plot, check centre of blob
				Examiner's Comments
				Many appeared unfamiliar with drawing a quadratic graph as required in this part and a significant number of no responses were seen. Those plotting points usually did so correctly from their table, although a number of untidy plots involving 'large blobs' were seen. Few appreciated that these plots

				should be joined in continuous curve; s lines, but many didr all.	
	С	-2.3 to -2.2 and 2.2 to 2.3	2FT	Strict FT B1 for either FT their graph	Tolerance ± ½ a small square Do not allow exact answers or answers with no graph Do not FT from a straight line graph If more than 2 intersections, B1 for each correct intersection on the answer line. If more than 2 answers, mark the worst.
				Examiner's Comments	
				•	ods and answers hose who had not appreciate that eeded to be drawn e equation by using nts. A number of ed to solve this part ranging the equation solved this to reach s the question aph', this was a
		Total	7		
33		40 with correct working	6	M1 for $x + 85 = 2x + 30$ M1dep for $\pm x = k$ or $kx = \pm 55$ ($k \neq 0$) A1 for $x = 55$ or M1 for at least two trials of $x + 100$	"Correct working" requires evidence of at least M1 AND M1 ie we expect to see a minimum of an equation or trials leading to <i>x</i> = 55 and the substitution

85 or evaluated for x = 55**M1** for at least two trials of 2x +30 or evaluated for x = 55**A1** both expressions evaluated as 140 when x = 55

AND

M1 for their x + 85 or $2 \times their x + 30$ **M1** for y = 180 - (their x + 85) **oe**

If 0 scored
SC2 for answer
40 with no
working or
insufficient
working
or
SC1 for x = 55with no or
insufficient
working

Examiner's Comments

Almost all candidates did not identify that the intention of this question was to form an equation. A few displayed some evidence that suggested there was an understanding that corresponding angles were equal. Identifying x + 85 + y = 180 and/or 2x +30 + y = 180 was seen and even solved simultaneously, but this was very rare. More commonly the two expressions x + 85 and 2x + 30 were added together, leading to 3x + 115and this was a dead end for most. There were a small number of candidates who tried to use a trial an error approach, but for most this didn't progress very far. The majority made use of the fact that angles on a straight line add up to 180°, but this was often with a value that they hadn't identified as x. Those clearly identifying their

				value of x were able to go on and earn method marks for substituting this value in to either expression and proceeding to find their y.	
		Total	6		
				M1 for 2x + 10 < 16 or x + 5 < 8 M1 for next correct productive step FT <i>their</i> first step For method marks condone incorrect inequality sign or 'equals'	
				Examiner's Comments	
34		x < 3	3	Solving an inequality proved challenging for the majority of candidates and many seemed unaware that the standard algebraic techniques to solve an equation could be used here. A small number attempted it as an equation, resulting in the answer of $x = 3$. A few started correctly, but stopped at $2x + 10 < 16$. A number of embedded single answers were seen, for example $2(1 + 5) = 12 < 16$. Common algebraic errors lead to responses such as $x + 5 = 5x$, $2x + 10 = 12x$, and $2(x + 5) = 2x + 5$. The most efficient first step of $x + 5 = 8$ was rarely seen.	
		Total	3		
35	а	35	1	Examiner's Comments Occasionally the function machine was misunderstood in this part and the input of 2 was interpreted by changing the first operation box to '+2'. Otherwise, this part was well answered, with just a few numerical errors made in otherwise correct methods.	
	b	6	2	M1 for ÷ 7 and – 3 soi	

			or for 63 ÷ 7 = 9 soi
			Examiner's Comments
			In this part many candidates identified that it would be necessary to follow the function machine in reverse, but several made numerical errors. Use of '÷ 7' was more common than '– 3'. Some showed the correct complete inverse string, but then copied 9 to the answer line rather than 6. Of candidates who didn't identify the need to use inverse functions, a very common error was to use 63 as the input rather than the output number.
	Total	3	