

Polynomials Homework - Marking Scheme

Question	Main points of expected responses	
1 (a)	Show remainder is 0	• ¹ Table or substitution
1 (b)	Two brackets	• ² $(x - 2)(2x^2 + 5x - 3) = 0$
	Fully factorized	• ³ $(x - 2)(2x - 1)(x + 3) = 0$
	Roots	• ⁴ $x = 2, x = \frac{1}{2}, x = -3$
2 (a)	$a = 16$	• ¹ Table with correct coefficients • ² $a = 16$
2 (b)	Fully factorized	• ³ $(x - 4)(x^2 - x - 20) = 0$ $(x - 4)(x + 4)(x - 5) = 0$
	Roots	• ⁴ $x = 4, -4, 5$
3	Table and equation 1	• ¹ $a + b + 1 = 0$
	Table and equation 2	• ² $12 + 2a + b = 11$
	Tidying equation	• ³ $a + b = -1, 2a + b = -1$
	Solve for a	• ⁴ Evidence of sim. equations strategy • ⁵ $a = 0$
	Solve for b	• ⁶ $b = -1$
4	Gradient	• ¹ $m_{CD} = 3$
	Perpendicular Gradient	• ² $m_{\perp} = -\frac{1}{3}$
	Midpoint	• ³ $(3, 0)$
	Equation	• ⁴ $y - 0 = -\frac{1}{3}(x - 3)$

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5	Differentiation Gradient at $x = -1$ Coordinate Equation	$\bullet^1 \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 3$ $\bullet^2 \quad x = -1 \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 3 = 0$ $\bullet^3 \quad x = -1, \quad y = 3 \quad Pt (-1, 3)$ $\bullet^4 \quad y - 3 = 0(x + 1)$ $y = 3$
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Total 22 marks