

This is a non-calculator test

The following marks are awarded for each question.

B	Unconditional accuracy mark
M	Method mark – the correct method must be shown but there may be an arithmetic error; the sight of the value given in brackets implies the award of the method mark
A	Accuracy mark – unless the question specifies that working must be shown then the sight of the correct answer implies the award of full marks (unless the answer clearly comes from incorrect working)
C	Communication mark
P	Process mark to show correct process for problem solving. Any other process of a similar standard to achieve an accurate result is acceptable to achieve this mark
FT	Incorrect values may be followed through from one step to the next provided that the correct method is seen in each step and the only errors are arithmetic. This is shown in mark schemes by putting a number in inverted commas
OE	Or equivalent answer mark

This Higher assessment may include a low step question that may not appear in the text books as it is assumed knowledge. It is included here to reflect the content of GCSE assessments.

Q	Answer	Mark	Comment
1a	$8x^2 - 12x$	B1	
1b	$23x - 13$	M1	for $20x - 10 - 3 + 3x$ (allow one error)
		A1	
1c	$14x^2 - 33x - 5$	B2	B1 for $14x^2 - 35x + 2x - 5$ with either three terms correct or all terms ignoring signs
3	$x = \frac{y+4b}{9a}$ or $x = \frac{y}{9a} + \frac{4b}{9a}$	M1	for $y + 4b = 9ax$ or $\frac{y}{9a} = x - \frac{4b}{9a}$
		A1	

5	$11x^2 - 23x - 14$	P1	for $(3x - 5)(4x + 1) - (x + 3)^2$ OE
		P1	for $12x^2 - 20x + 3x - 5$ or $\pm(x^2 + 6x + 9)$
		A1	
7	30, 90, 270, 810	B2	B1 for two or three correct
9	21	P1	for $4r - 2$ or for at least three correct terms in seq Q
		P1	for $4r - 2 = 145 - 3r$ or for at least 16 correct terms in either sequence
		P1	for correct process to isolate r , e.g. $4r + 3r = 145 + 2$ or for two correct sequences up to and including the 21st term (82)
		A1	accept a different letter in place of r

11	$3c^8$	B2	(B1 for $3c^n$ or ac^8)
13	$2n^2 - 2n + 1$	P1	for 2nd differences = 4 or $2n^2$ seen
		P1	for 1, 5, 13, 25 - 2, 8, 18, 32 = (-1, -3, -5, -7) or $2n^2 - 2n + c$
		A1	
15	$49 - 9x^2$ OE	B2	B1 for $-9x^2 + 21x - 21x + 49$ OE

Question	Topic	Step	Marks
1a	Multiplying a single term over a bracket	6th	1
1b	Multiplying a single term over a bracket	6th	2
1c	Expanding products of two binomials	9th	2
3	Rearrange formulae to change the subject	8th	2
5	Translate simple situations or procedures into algebraic expressions or formulae	9th	3
7	Recognise and use other sequences	9th	2
9	Deduce expressions to calculate the n th term of linear sequences	8th	4
11	The laws of indices	8th	2
13	Recognise and use other sequences	11th	3
15	Expanding products of two binomials	10th	2

