

Binomial Expansion

Qno.1

Markscheme

a. $(x + h)^3 = x^3 + 3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3$ (M1)A1

[2 marks]

b. $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^3 - x^3}{h}$ (M1)

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3 - x^3}{h}$$
$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (3x^2 + 3xh + h^2) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$
$$= 3x^2 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

Note: Do not award final A1 on FT if $= 3x^2$ is not obtained

Note: Final A1 can only be obtained if previous A1 is given

[3 marks]

Total [5 marks]

Qno.2

Markscheme

a. using the factor theorem $z+1$ is a factor (MI)

$$z^3 + 1 = (z+1)(z^2 - z + 1) \quad AI$$

[2 marks]

b. (i) METHOD 1

$$z^3 = -1 \Rightarrow z^3 + 1 = (z+1)(z^2 - z + 1) = 0 \quad (MI)$$

solving $z^2 - z + 1 = 0$ MI

$$z = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1-4}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad AI$$

therefore one cube root of -1 is γ AG

METHOD 2

$$\gamma^2 = \left(\frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad MIAI$$

$$\gamma^2 = \frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} \times \frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{-1-3}{4} \quad AI$$

$$= -1 \quad AG$$

METHOD 3

$$\gamma = \frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} = e^{i\frac{\pi}{3}} \quad MIAI$$

$$\gamma^3 = e^{i\pi} = -1 \quad AI$$

(ii) METHOD 1

as γ is a root of $z^2 - z + 1 = 0$ then $\gamma^2 - \gamma + 1 = 0$ MIRI

$$\therefore \gamma^2 = \gamma - 1 \quad AG$$

Note: Award MI for the use of $z^2 - z + 1 = 0$ in any way.

Award RI for a correct reasoned approach.

METHOD 2

$$\gamma^2 = \frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad MI$$

$$\gamma - 1 = \frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} - 1 = \frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad AI$$

(iii) METHOD 1

$$(1 - \gamma)^6 = (-\gamma^2)^6 \quad (MI)$$

$$= (\gamma)^{12} \quad AI$$

$$= (\gamma^3)^4 \quad (MI)$$

$$= (-1)^4$$

$$= 1 \quad AI$$

METHOD 2

$$(1 - \gamma)^6$$

$$= 1 - 6\gamma + 15\gamma^2 - 20\gamma^3 + 15\gamma^4 - 6\gamma^5 + \gamma^6 \quad MIAI$$

Note: Award MI for attempt at binomial expansion.

use of any previous result e.g. $= 1 - 6\gamma + 15\gamma^2 + 20 - 15\gamma + 6\gamma^2 + 1$ MI

$$= 1 \quad AI$$

Note: As the question uses the word 'hence', other methods that do not use previous results are awarded no marks.

[9 marks]

Qno.3

clear attempt at binomial expansion for exponent 5 **MI**

$$2^5 + 5 \times 2^4 \times (-3x) + \frac{5 \times 4}{2} \times 2^3 \times (-3x)^2 + \frac{5 \times 4 \times 3}{6} \times 2^2 \times (-3x)^3 \\ + \frac{5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2}{24} \times 2 \times (-3x)^4 + (-3x)^5 \quad (AI)$$

Note: Only award **MI** if binomial coefficients are seen.

$$= 32 - 240x + 720x^2 - 1080x^3 + 810x^4 - 243x^5 \quad A2$$

Note: Award **AI** for correct moduli of coefficients and powers. **AI** for correct signs.

Total [4 marks]

Qno.4

each term is of the form $\binom{7}{r} (x^2)^{7-r} \left(\frac{-2}{x}\right)^r$ (M1)

$$= \binom{7}{r} x^{14-2r} (-2)^r x^{-r}$$

so $14 - 3r = 8$ (A1)

$$r = 2$$

so require $\binom{7}{2} (x^2)^5 \left(\frac{-2}{x}\right)^2$ (or simply $\binom{7}{2} (-2)^2$) A1

$$= 21 \times 4$$

$$= 84 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

Note: Candidates who attempt a full expansion, including the correct term, may only be awarded **M1A0A0A0**.

[4 marks]

Qno.5

$$\left(\frac{x}{y} - \frac{y}{x}\right)^4 = \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^4 + 4\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^3\left(-\frac{y}{x}\right) + 6\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^2\left(-\frac{y}{x}\right)^2 + 4\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)\left(-\frac{y}{x}\right)^3 + \left(-\frac{y}{x}\right)^4 \quad (M1)(A1)$$

Note: Award *M1* for attempt to expand and *A1* for correct unsimplified expansion.

$$= \frac{x^4}{y^4} - 4\frac{x^2}{y^2} + 6 - 4\frac{y^2}{x^2} + \frac{y^4}{x^4} \quad \left(= \frac{x^8 - 4x^6y^2 + 6x^4y^4 - 4x^2y^6 + y^8}{x^4y^4}\right) \quad A1A1$$

Note: Award *A1* for powers, *A1* for coefficients and signs.

Note: Final two *A* marks are independent of first *A* mark.

[4 marks]

Qno.6

METHOD 1

$$\text{constant term: } \binom{5}{0} (-2x)^0 \binom{7}{0} x^0 = 1 \quad \text{AI}$$

$$\text{term in } x: \binom{7}{1} x + \binom{5}{1} (-2x) = -3x \quad \text{(MI)AI}$$

$$\text{term in } x^2: \binom{7}{2} x^2 + \binom{5}{2} (-2x)^2 + \binom{7}{1} x \binom{5}{1} (-2x) = -9x^2 \quad \text{MIAI N3}$$

[5 marks]

METHOD 2

$$(1 - 2x)^5 (1 + x)^7 = \left(1 + 5(-2x) + \frac{5 \times 4 (-2x)^2}{2!} + \dots \right) \left(1 + 7x + \frac{7 \times 6}{2} x^2 + \dots \right) \quad \text{MIMI}$$

$$= (1 - 10x + 40x^2 + \dots)(1 + 7x + 21x^2 + \dots)$$

$$= 1 + 7x + 21x^2 - 10x - 70x^2 + 40x^2 + \dots$$

$$= 1 - 3x - 9x^2 + \dots \quad \text{AIAIAI N3}$$

[5 marks]