

11. (a) Find the first 3 terms, in ascending powers of x , of the binomial expansion of

$$\left(2 - \frac{x}{16}\right)^9$$

giving each term in its simplest form.

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$$f(x) = (a + bx)\left(2 - \frac{x}{16}\right)^9, \text{ where } a \text{ and } b \text{ are constants}$$

Given that the first two terms, in ascending powers of x , in the series expansion of $f(x)$ are 128 and $36x$,

(b) find the value of a ,

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(c) find the value of b .

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