Notes:
M1: Attempts the correct term or coefficient. Condone a missing bracket around the $\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right)$
Look for a minimum of
 a correct binomial coefficient in any form
$ullet$ k^6
$(1)^3$ $(1)^3$ $(1)^3$

Question

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Marks

M1

dM1

A1

(3)

AOs

1.1b

2.1

1.1b

(3 marks)

dM1: Full and complete method to find a value for k via the sixth root.

A1: CSO k = 1.37 only. Note that this is not awrt

• $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ or $\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right)$ but condone $\frac{1}{2}x^3$

Scheme

 $\left(k+\frac{1}{2}x\right)^{9}$

Attempts correct coefficient ${}^{9}C_{6}k^{6}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{3}$ or term ${}^{9}C_{6}k^{6}\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right)^{3}$

Sets ${}^{9}C_{6}k^{6}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{3} = 70 \Rightarrow k = \text{via the sixth root}$

k = 1.37 only