

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
16	Attempts to find $n^3 + 3n^2 - 2n$ for either odds <b>or</b> evens e.g. $n = 2k$ $(2k)^3 + 3(2k)^2 - 2(2k) = \dots$ <b>or</b> e.g. $n = 2k + 1$ $(2k + 1)^3 + 3(2k + 1)^2 - 2(2k + 1) = \dots$	M1	2.1
	e.g. $8k^3 + 12k^2 - 4k = 2(4k^3 + 6k^2 - 2k)$ which is even <b>or</b> e.g. $8k^3 + 24k^2 + 14k + 2 = 2(4k^3 + 12k^2 + 7k + 1)$ which is even	A1	2.2a
	Attempts to find $n^3 + 3n^2 - 2n$ for odds <b>and</b> evens e.g. $n = 2k$ $(2k)^3 + 3(2k)^2 - 2(2k) = \dots$ <b>and</b> e.g. $n = 2k + 1$ $(2k + 1)^3 + 3(2k + 1)^2 - 2(2k + 1) = \dots$	dM1	3.1a
	e.g. $8k^3 + 12k^2 - 4k = 2(4k^3 + 6k^2 - 2k)$ <b>and</b> e.g. $8k^3 + 24k^2 + 14k + 2 = 2(4k^3 + 12k^2 + 7k + 1)$ <b>hence even for all positive integers <math>n</math> *</b>	A1*	2.4
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(4 marks)

### Notes

There should be no errors in the algebra but allow e.g. invisible brackets to be “recovered”.  
Condone the use of e.g.  $n = 2n$  **or**  $n = 2n + 1$  for the first three marks.

M1: Uses algebra to describe odds e.g.  $n = 2k$  or evens e.g.  $n = 2k + 1$  and attempts  $n^3 + 3n^2 - 2n$  (allow equivalent representation of odd or even e.g.  $n = 2k - 1$  **or**  $n = 2k + 2$ ). They must attempt to expand the brackets to achieve a cubic expression but condone arithmetical slips.

Note they may factorise the cubic first  $n^3 + 3n^2 - 2n = n(n^2 + 3n - 2)$  before attempting to describe odds or evens. With this approach it is sufficient for the even case to just say that as  $n$  is even then the expression will be even.

A1: They must achieve a correct expanded cubic expression (which may be factorised) for either odds or evens and shows or gives an explanation as to why the expression is even.

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but allow the even case of e.g.  $n^3 + 3n^2 - 2n = n(n^2 + 3n - 2)$  which is even if  $n$  is even

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A1\*: Fully correct proof. They must achieve a correct expanded  $n^3 + 3n^2 - 2n$  for both odds and evens and shows or gives reasons/explanations as to why the expressions are even.

There must be an overall conclusion as well e.g. hence even for all positive integers

Withhold this mark for use of e.g.  $n = 2n$  **or**  $n = 2n + 1$