

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
3 (a)	$\det \mathbf{A} = k^2 + 2(1 - k) = (k - 1)^2 + 1$ or uses quadratic formula/discriminant $= (-2)^2 - 4(1)(2)$	M1	2.1
	$(k - 1)^2 + 1 \geq 1$ or discriminant $= -4 < 0$ therefore $\mathbf{A}$ is non-singular for all values of $k$ .	A1	2.4
		(2)	
(b)	$\begin{pmatrix} k & -2 \\ 1 - k & k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 2a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$ at least one equation $ka - 4a = 7$ $(1 - k)a + 2ak = -3$	M1	3.1a
	Solves simultaneously to find a value for either $a$ or $k$ e.g $a + 2ak = -3 \Rightarrow ak = -3 - a$ $\Rightarrow -3 - a - 4a = 7 \Rightarrow a = \dots$	M1	1.1b
	$a = -2, k = \frac{1}{2}$	A1	1.1b
		(3)	
(c)	$\begin{pmatrix} k & -2 \\ 1 - k & k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 2x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X \\ 2X \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$ at least one equation $kx - 4x = X$ $(1 - k)x + 2kx = 2X$	M1	3.1a
	$2(kx - 4x) = (1 - k)x + 2kx \Rightarrow k = \dots$	M1	1.1b
	$k = 9$	A1	1.1b
		(3)	

(8 marks)

**Notes:**

(a)

**M1:** Finds the determinant and chooses an appropriate method to show that the resulting quadratic has no real roots.

**A1:** Complete process to show discriminant  $> 0$  and draws the conclusion that  $\mathbf{A}$  is **non-singular** for all values of  $k$ .

(b)

**M1:** Translates the problem into a matrix multiplication to obtain at least one equation.

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**A1:** Correct values for both  $a$  and  $k$

(c)

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**A1:** Correct value for  $k$