

**1.**

$$f(z) = z^4 + 6z^3 - 3z^2 - 96z - 208$$

(a) Use your calculator to solve the equation  $f(z) = 0$

**(2)**

(b) Hence, or otherwise, show that  $f(z)$  can be written as

$$(z^2 - a)(z^2 + bz + c)$$

where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are real constants to be determined.

**(3)**