

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
8(a)	$ A  = 3(6-3) - 1(6-k) - 1(3-k) = 2k$	B1	1.1b
	Cofactors $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & k-6 & 3-k \\ -9 & 18+k & k-9 \\ 2 & -4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ or Transpose of matrix of minors $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 9 & 2 \\ 6-k & 18+k & 4 \\ 3-k & 9-k & 2 \end{pmatrix}$	M1	2.1
	$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{2k} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -9 & 2 \\ k-6 & 18+k & -4 \\ 3-k & k-9 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$	dM1 A1	1.1b 1.1b
		(4)	
(b)	$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2k} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -9 & 2 \\ k-6 & 18+k & -4 \\ 3-k & k-9 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \dots$	M1	1.1a
	Any 2 of $x = \frac{6}{k}, y = \frac{2k-12}{k}, z = \frac{6-k}{k}$	A1	2.1
	$\left(\frac{6}{k}, \frac{2k-12}{k}, \frac{6-k}{k}\right)$ or $x = \frac{6}{k}, y = \frac{2k-12}{k}, z = \frac{6-k}{k}$ or $x = \frac{6}{k}, y = 2 - \frac{12}{k}, z = \frac{6}{k} - 1$	A1	2.5
		(3)	

(7 marks)

### Notes

(a)

If **no attempt** at part (a) has been made you may award marks for work seen in part (b) for finding the inverse.

**B1(M1 on open)**: Correct determinant of  $2k$

**M1**: Starts the process of finding the inverse and obtains at least 6 correct elements of cofactors  
Alternatively transposes their matrix of minors and obtains at least 6 correct elements.

**dM1**: A complete recognisable method to find the inverse including dividing by the determinant  
Allow minor slips if the process is clearly correct.

**A1**: Correct inverse.

(b)

**M1:** Attempts  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$  with their  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  which must be in terms of  $k$ ,

to obtain at least one of  $x =$ ,  $y =$  or  $z =$  which may be seen embedded in a column vector, simplified or unsimplified, the determinant may be outside their column vector.

Condone a slip in copying  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$  e.g.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

**A1(M1 on open):** Two correct expressions for  $x$ ,  $y$  or  $z$  simplified or unsimplified, which may appear in a column vector, determinant **cannot** be outside the vector.

**A1:** Correct coordinates in simplest form. Allow e.g.  $y = 2 - \frac{12}{k}$

Their final answer must be written as coordinates and not as a column vector but can be written as  $x =$ ,  $y =$  and  $z =$

**Alternative (using algebraic method for simultaneous equations):**

**M1:** Solves simultaneously to obtain at least one of  $x =$ ,  $y =$  or  $z =$  must be in terms of  $k$ .

**A1(M1 on open):** Two correct expressions for  $x$ ,  $y$  or  $z$  simplified or unsimplified.

**A1:** Correct coordinates in simplest form. Allow e.g.  $y = 2 - \frac{12}{k}$

Their final answer must be written as coordinates and not as a column vector but can be written as  $x =$ ,  $y =$  and  $z =$

e.g.

Eliminates  $z$  and achieves  $4x + 2y = 4$  and  $(6-k)x + 3y = 0$

Uses  $12x + 6y = 12$  and  $(12-2k)x + 6y = 0$  to produce  $2kx = 12 \Rightarrow x = \frac{6}{k}$