

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
16	Sets up the contradiction and factorises: There are positive integers $p$ and $q$ such that $(2p + q)(2p - q) = 25$	M1	2.1
	If true then $\begin{array}{l} 2p + q = 25 \\ 2p - q = 1 \end{array}$ or $\begin{array}{l} 2p + q = 5 \\ 2p - q = 5 \end{array}$ <b>Award for deducing either of the above statements</b>	M1	2.2a
	Solutions are $p = 6.5, q = 12$ or $p = 2.5, q = 0$ Award for one of these	A1	1.1b
	This is a contradiction as there are no integer solutions hence there are no positive integers $p$ and $q$ such that $4p^2 - q^2 = 25$	A1	2.1
		(4)	
		<b>(4 marks)</b>	
	<b>Notes:</b>		

**M1:** For the key step in setting up the contradiction and factorising

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$$\begin{array}{l} 2p + q = 25 \\ 2p - q = 1 \end{array}$$
 or 
$$\begin{array}{l} 2p + q = 5 \\ 2p - q = 5 \end{array}$$
 must be true.

**Award for deducing either of the above statements.**

You can ignore any reference to 
$$\begin{array}{l} 2p + q = 1 \\ 2p - q = 25 \end{array}$$
 as this could not occur for positive  $p$  and  $q$ .

**A1:** For correctly solving one of the given statements,

For 
$$\begin{array}{l} 2p + q = 25 \\ 2p - q = 1 \end{array}$$
 candidates only really need to proceed as far as  $p = 6.5$  to show the contradiction.

For 
$$\begin{array}{l} 2p + q = 5 \\ 2p - q = 5 \end{array}$$
 candidates only really need to find either  $p$  or  $q$  to show the contradiction.

Alt for 
$$\begin{array}{l} 2p + q = 5 \\ 2p - q = 5 \end{array}$$
 candidates could state that  $2p + q \neq 2p - q$  if  $p, q$  are positive integers.

**A1:** For a complete and rigorous argument with both possibilities and a correct conclusion.

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<b>16 Alt 1</b>	Sets up the contradiction, attempts to make $q^2$ or $4p^2$ the subject and states that either $4p^2$ is even(*), or that $q^2$ (or $q$ ) is odd (**) Either There are positive integers $p$ and $q$ such that $4p^2 - q^2 = 25 \Rightarrow q^2 = 4p^2 - 25$ with * or ** Or There are positive integers $p$ and $q$ such that $4p^2 - q^2 = 25 \Rightarrow 4p^2 = q^2 + 25$ with * or **	M1	2.1
	Sets $q = 2n \pm 1$ and expands $(2n \pm 1)^2 = 4p^2 - 25$	M1	2.2a
	Proceeds to an expression such as $4p^2 = 4n^2 + 4n + 26 = 4(n^2 + n + 6) + 2$ $4p^2 = 4n^2 + 4n + 26 = 4(n^2 + n) + \frac{13}{2}$ $p^2 = n^2 + n + \frac{13}{2}$	A1	1.1b
	States This is a contradiction as $4p^2$ must be a multiple of 4 Or $p^2$ must be an integer And concludes there are no positive integers $p$ and $q$ such that $4p^2 - q^2 = 25$	A1	2.1
		<b>(4)</b>	

### Alt 2

An approach using odd and even numbers is unlikely to score marks.

To make this consistent with the Alt method, score

M1: Set up the contradiction and start to consider one of the cases below where  $q$  is odd,  $m \neq n$ .

Solutions using the same variable will score no marks.

M1: Set up the contradiction and start to consider BOTH cases below where  $q$  is odd,  $m \neq n$ .

No requirement for evens

A1: Correct work and deduction for one of the two scenarios where  $q$  is odd

A1: Correct work and deductions for both scenarios where  $q$  is odd with a final conclusion

Options	Example of Calculation	Deduction
$p$ (even) $q$ (odd)	$4p^2 - q^2 = 4 \times (2m)^2 - (2n+1)^2 = 16m^2 - 4n^2 - 4n - 1$	One less than a multiple of 4 so cannot equal 25
$p$ (odd) $q$ (odd)	$4p^2 - q^2 = 4 \times (2m+1)^2 - (2n+1)^2 = 16m^2 + 16m - 4n^2 - 4n + 3$	Three more than a multiple of 4 so cannot equal 25