Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
15(i)	$n=1,\ 2^3=8,\ 3^1=3,\ (8>3)$ $n=2,\ 3^3=27,\ 3^2=9,\ (27>9)$ $n=3,\ 4^3=64,\ 3^3=27,\ (64>27)$ $n=4,\ 5^3=125,\ 3^4=81,\ (125>81)$	M1	2.1
	So if $n\leqslant 4, n\in\mathbb{N}$ then $(n+1)^3>3^n$	A1	2.4
		(2)	
(ii)	Begins the proof by negating the statement. "Let m be odd " or "Assume m is not even"	M1	2.4
	Set $m=(2p\pm1)$ and attempt $m^3+5=(2p\pm1)^3+5=...$	M1	2.1
	$=8p^3+12p^2+6p+6$ AND deduces even	A1	2.2a
	Completes proof which requires reason and conclusion • reason for $8p^3+12p^2+6p+6$ being even • acceptable statement such as "this is a contradiction so if m^3+5 is odd then m must be even"	A1	2.4
		(4)	
			(6 marks)

Notes

(i)

M1: A full and rigorous argument that uses all of n = 1, 2, 3 and 4 in an attempt to prove the given result. Award for attempts at both $(n+1)^3$ and 3^n for **ALL** values with at least 5 of the 8 values correct.

There is no requirement to compare their sizes, for example state that $27>9$

Extra values, say $n=0$, may be ignored

A1: Completes the proof with no errors and an appropriate/allowable conclusion.

This requires

- all the values for n =1, 2, 3 and 4 correct. Ignore other values
- all pairs compared correctly
- a minimal conclusion. Accept ✓ or hence proven for example

(ii)

M1: Begins the proof by negating the statement. See scheme

This cannot be scored if the candidate attempts m both odd and even

M1: For the key step in setting $m=2p\pm1$ and attempting to expand $(2p\pm1)^3+5$

Award for a 4 term cubic expression.

A1: Correctly reaches $(2p+1)^3+5=8p^3+12p^2+6p+6$ and **states** even.

Alternatively reaches $(2p-1)^3+5=8p^3-12p^2+6p+4$ and **states** even.

A1: A full and complete argument that completes the contradiction proof. See scheme.

(1) **A reason** why the expression $8p^3+12p^2+6p+6$ or $8p^3-12p^2+6p+4$ is even

Acceptable reasons are

- all terms are even
- sight of a factorised expression E.g. $8p^3 - 12p^2 + 6p + 4 = 2(4p^3 - 6p^2 + 3p + 2)$

(2) Acceptable concluding statement

Acceptable concluding statements are

- "this is a contradiction, so if $m^3 + 5$ is odd then m is even"
- "this is contradiction, so proven."
- "So if $m^3 + 5$ is odd them m is even"