

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
7 (a)	Either $x \leq -1$ or $2 \leq x \leq 5$	M1	2.2a
	Both $\{x : x \in \mathbb{R}, x \leq -1\} \cup \{x : x \in \mathbb{R}, 2 \leq x \leq 5\}$ o.e.	A1	2.5
		(2)	
(b)	States $(y =) \alpha(x+1)^2(x-5)^2$ or $(f(x) =) \alpha(x+1)^2(x-5)^2$	M1	1.1b
	Substitutes $(0, -75)$ into $y = \alpha(x+1)^2(x-5)^2$ and attempts to find the value for $\alpha$	dM1	3.1a
	$y = -3(x+1)^2(x-5)^2$ o.e.	A1	2.1
		(3)	
(c)	Substitutes $x = 2$ into their $y = -3(x+1)^2(x-5)^2 \Rightarrow y = (-243)$	M1	2.1
	$0 < k < 243$	A1ft	1.1b
		(2)	

(7 marks)

Notes:

(a)

M1: Either

- $x \leq -1$  o.e. e.g.  $-1 \geq x$
- $2 \leq x \leq 5$  o.e.

but condone use of strict inequalities anywhere for this mark.

e.g.  $2 < x < 5$  or  $2 < x \leq 5$  or  $2 \leq x < 5$  May also write e.g.  $x < 5$  and  $x > 2$  which scores M1 but not " $x < 5$  or  $x > 2$ "

Allow interval notation such as e.g.  $[2,5]$  or  $(-\infty, -1]$  or condone e.g.  $(2,5)$

Ignore incorrect inequality statements not related to the one which is valid.

e.g. " $2 \leq x < 5$  and  $x > -1$ " which scores M1 for the first inequality.

A1: Requires  $\{ \}$  and  $\cup$

$\{x : x \leq -1\} \cup \{x : 2 \leq x \leq 5\}$  or  $\{x | x \leq -1\} \cup \{x | 2 \leq x \leq 5\}$  either way round

but condone  $\{x \leq -1\} \cup \{2 \leq x \leq 5\}, \{x \leq -1 \cup 2 \leq x \leq 5\}$ .

Allow e.g.  $\{x : x \leq -1\} \cup \{x : 2 \leq x \leq 5\}$

Use of  $\cap$  to join the two separate regions is A0

It is acceptable (but not required) to mention  $\mathbb{R}$

e.g.  $\{x : x \in \mathbb{R}, x \leq -1\} \cup \{x : x \in \mathbb{R}, 2 \leq x \leq 5\}$

Condone use of a lower limit written as e.g.  $\{x : -\infty \leq x \leq -1\} \cup \{x : 2 \leq x \leq 5\}$

**(b) Note a correct equation written down scores all 3 marks.**

**A correct expression but missing e.g.  $y = \dots$  or  $f(x) = \dots$  scores M1dM1A0**

M1: Forms the equation of the form  $(y =) \alpha(x+1)^2(x-5)^2$ . Condone  $\alpha = 1$

Award for sight of  $\alpha(x+1)^2(x-5)^2$  even with  $\alpha = 1$  i.e.  $(x+1)^2(x-5)^2$

dM1: Substitutes  $(0, -75)$  into the form  $y = \alpha(x+1)^2(x-5)^2$  and attempts to find the value for  $\alpha$ . It is dependent on the previous method mark.

A1:  $y = -3(x+1)^2(x-5)^2$  o.e. (e.g.  $y = -3x^4 + 24x^3 - 18x^2 - 120x - 75$ )

isw after a correct answer. Condone  $f(x) = -3(x+1)^2(x-5)^2$  but not

$$C = -3(x+1)^2(x-5)^2$$

A correct equation scores all 3 marks. Allow if seen in (c)

isw if they attempt to multiply out.

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### Alternative I part (b):

**Using the form  $y = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e$ , then setting up and solving simultaneous equations.**

**There are various versions of this but can be marked similarly.**

M1: Sets  $e$  equal to  $-75$  (may just be seen in their equation) **and** forms **three correct** different equations in  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  which may be unsimplified.

**Note that the form  $y = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e$  is M0 until  $e$  is set equal to  $-75$**

There are 5 equations that can be formed, only 3 are necessary for this mark.

Do not condone slips.

Using  $(-1, 0) \quad \Rightarrow 0 = a - b + c - d - 75 \text{ o.e.}$

Using  $(5, 0) \quad \Rightarrow 0 = 625a + 125b + 25c + 5d - 75 \text{ o.e.}$

Using  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  at  $x = 2 \quad \Rightarrow 0 = 32a + 12b + 4c + d \text{ o.e.}$

Using  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  at  $x = -1 \quad \Rightarrow 0 = -4a + 3b - 2c + d \text{ o.e.}$

Using  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  at  $x = 5 \quad \Rightarrow 0 = 500a + 75b + 10c + d \text{ o.e.}$

dM1: Forms **four correct** different equations and solves to find values for  $a, b, c$  and  $d$ . You do not need to be concerned by the process of solving. A calculator can be used to solve the equations.

A1:  $y = -3x^4 + 24x^3 - 18x^2 - 120x - 75$  o.e. isw if they attempt to factorise but withhold this mark if they e.g. divide all terms by 3.

Condone  $f(x) = \dots$  but not  $C = \dots$

A correct equation scores all 3 marks. Allow if seen in (c)

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**Alternative II part (b):** Uses the form  $y = (x+1)(x-5)(ax^2 + bx + c)$

M1: Substitutes  $x = 0$ ,  $y = -75$   $-75 = -5c \Rightarrow c = 15$ , multiplies out, differentiates

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = (2x-4)(ax^2 + bx + 15) + (x^2 - 4x - 5)(2ax + b)$$

and forms **a correct equation** in  $a$  and  $b$  which may be unsimplified.

Using  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  at  $x = 2 \quad \Rightarrow 0 = 4a + b \quad \text{o.e.}$

Using  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  at  $x = -1 \quad \Rightarrow 0 = a - b + 15 \quad \text{o.e.}$

Using  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  at  $x = 5 \quad \Rightarrow 0 = 5a + b + 3 = 0 \quad \text{o.e.}$

dM1: Forms **two correct** different equations and solves to find values for  $a$  and  $b$ . You do not need to be concerned by the process of solving. A calculator can be used to solve the equations.

A1:  $y = (x+1)(x-5)(-3x^2 + 12x + 15)$  o.e. isw if they attempt to multiply out or factorise  
Condone  $f(x) = \dots$  but not  $C = \dots$  but withhold this mark if they e.g. divide all terms by 3. A correct equation scores all 3 marks. Allow if seen in (c)

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**Alternative III part (b):** Uses  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \beta(x+1)(x-2)(x-5)$  ( $\beta$  may be 1) and integrates.

M1: Integrates  $\left(\frac{dy}{dx} = \right) \beta(x+1)(x-2)(x-5)$  to  $(y =) \beta\left(\frac{1}{4}x^4 - 2x^3 + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 10x + k\right)$  and forms **one correct** equation using either  $(0, -75)$ :  $-75 = \beta k$  (allow  $-75 = k$ )

$$(-1, 0): 0 = \beta\left(\frac{1}{4} + 2 + \frac{3}{2} - 10 + k\right) \quad (5, 0): 0 = \beta\left(\frac{625}{4} - 250 + \frac{75}{2} + 50 + k\right)$$

dM1: Forms a different equation using one of  $(0, -75)$ ,  $(-1, 0)$ ,  $(5, 0)$  and solves to find values for  $\beta$  and  $k$ . You do not need to be concerned by the process of solving. A calculator can be used to solve the equations.

A1:  $y = -12\left(\frac{1}{4}x^4 - 2x^3 + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 10x + \frac{25}{4}\right)$  o.e. isw if they attempt to multiply out or factorise

Condone  $f(x) = \dots$  but not  $C = \dots$  but withhold this mark if they e.g. divide all terms by 3. A correct equation scores all 3 marks. Allow if seen in (c)

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**(c)**

M1: Substitutes  $x = 2$  into their  $y = -3(x+1)^2(x-5)^2$  (must be a quartic in any form) and proceeds to find a value for  $y$ . Sight of their  $\pm y$  (or  $\pm 243$ ) scores M1.  
You may need to check this on your calculator if only a value is seen.

A1ft:  $0 < k < 243$  o.e. fit on their negative  $y$  value at  $x = 2$ .

Allow use of set notation, interval notation and allow e.g.  $k < 243$ ,  $k > 0$  but do not allow OR or  $\cup$ . Do not accept  $0 \leq k \leq 243$  o.e.

If there are multiple attempts at describing the region, mark what appears to be their final answer.

**This mark can only be scored if they have a negative quartic graph function**

i.e.  $\alpha < 0$  for their  $y = \alpha(x+1)^2(x-5)^2$  or  $a < 0$  for their  $y = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e$