

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
6	(a) $f(x) = -3x^3 + 8x^2 - 9x + 10, x \in \mathbb{R}$		
(a)	(i) $\{f(2) = -24 + 32 - 18 + 10 \Rightarrow\} f(2) = 0$	B1	1.1b
	(ii) $\{f(x) =\} (x-2)(-3x^2 + 2x - 5)$ or $(2-x)(3x^2 - 2x + 5)$	M1	2.2a
		A1	1.1b
		(3)	
(b)	$-3y^6 + 8y^4 - 9y^2 + 10 = 0 \Rightarrow (y^2 - 2)(-3y^4 + 2y^2 - 5) = 0$		
	Gives a partial explanation by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> explaining that $-3y^4 + 2y^2 - 5 = 0$ has no {real} solutions with a reason, e.g. $b^2 - 4ac = (2)^2 - 4(-3)(-5) = -56 < 0$ or stating that $y^2 = 2$ has 2 {real} solutions or $y = \pm\sqrt{2}$ {only} 	M1	2.4
	Complete proof that the given equation has exactly two {real} solutions	A1	2.1
		(2)	
(c)	$3\tan^3 \theta - 8\tan^2 \theta + 9\tan \theta - 10 = 0; 7\pi \leq \theta < 10\pi$		
	{Deduces that} there are 3 solutions	B1	2.2a
		(1)	

(6 marks)

Notes for Question 6

(a)(i)	
B1:	$f(2) = 0$ or 0 stated by itself in part (a)(i)
(a)(ii)	
M1:	Deduces that $(x-2)$ or $(2-x)$ is a factor and attempts to find the other quadratic factor by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> using long division to obtain either $\pm 3x^2 \pm kx + \dots, k = \text{value} \neq 0$ or $\pm 3x^2 \pm \alpha x + \beta, \beta = \text{value} \neq 0, \alpha$ can be 0 factorising to obtain their quadratic factor in the form $(\pm 3x^2 \pm kx \pm c), k = \text{value} \neq 0, c$ can be 0, or in the form $(\pm 3x^2 \pm \alpha x \pm \beta), \beta = \text{value} \neq 0, \alpha$ can be 0
A1:	$(x-2)(-3x^2 + 2x - 5), (2-x)(3x^2 - 2x + 5)$ or $-(x-2)(3x^2 - 2x + 5)$ stated together as a product
(b)	
M1:	See scheme
A1:	See scheme. Proof must be correct <i>with no errors</i> , e.g. giving an incorrect discriminant value
Note:	Correct calculation e.g. $(2)^2 - 4(-3)(-5), 4 - 60$ or -56 must be given for the first explanation
Note:	Note that M1 can be allowed for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a correct follow through calculation for the discriminant of their "$-3y^4 + 2y^2 - 5$" which would lead to a value < 0 together with an explanation that $-3y^4 + 2y^2 - 5 = 0$ has no {real} solutions or for the omission of < 0
Note:	< 0 must also be stated in a discriminant method for A1
Note:	Do not allow A1 for incorrect working, e.g. $(2)^2 - 4(-3)(-5) = -54 < 0$
Note:	$y^2 = 2 \Rightarrow y = \pm 2$, so 2 solutions is not allowed for A1, but can be condoned for M1
Note:	Using the formula on $-3y^4 + 2y^2 - 5 = 0$ or $-3x^2 + 2x - 5 = 0$ gives y^2 or $x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-56}}{-6}$ or $\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-14}}{-3}$

Notes for Question 6 Continued

Note:Completing the square on $-3x^2 + 2x - 5 = 0$

gives $x^2 - \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{5}{3} = 0 \Rightarrow \left(x - \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{9} + \frac{5}{3} = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{3} \pm \sqrt{\frac{-14}{9}}$

Note:

Do not recover work for part (b) in part (c)

(c)**B1:**

See scheme

Note:Give B0 for stating $\theta =$ awrt 23.1, awrt 26.2, awrt 29.4 **without** reference to 3 solutions