

Question	Scheme	Marks	AOs
11	$n = 3k + 1 \quad \text{or} \quad n = 3k + 2$ $n^2 - 1 = \dots$	M1	3.1a
	$n = 3k + 1 \Rightarrow n^2 - 1 = (3k + 1)^2 - 1 = 9k^2 + 6k + 1 - 1 = 3(3k^2 + 2k)$ <p style="text-align: center;">which is a multiple of 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> $n = 3k + 2 \Rightarrow n^2 - 1 = (3k + 2)^2 - 1 = 9k^2 + 12k + 4 - 1 = 3(3k^2 + 4k + 1)$ <p style="text-align: center;">which is a multiple of 3</p>	A1	2.2a
	$n = 3k + 1 \quad \text{and} \quad n = 3k + 2$ $n^2 - 1 = \dots$	dM1	2.1
	$n = 3k + 1 \Rightarrow n^2 - 1 = (3k + 1)^2 - 1 = 9k^2 + 6k + 1 - 1 = 3(3k^2 + 2k)$ <p style="text-align: center;">which is a multiple of 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> $n = 3k + 2 \Rightarrow n^2 - 1 = (3k + 2)^2 - 1 = 9k^2 + 12k + 4 - 1 = 3(3k^2 + 4k + 1)$ <p style="text-align: center;">which is a multiple of 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">So if n is a positive integer that is not divisible by 3 then $n^2 - 1$ is divisible by 3</p>	A1	2.4
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Notes

M1: Sets $n = 3k + 1$ or $n = 3k + 2$ (or e.g. $n = 3k - 1$) and attempts $n^2 - 1$ or $(n-1)(n+1)$

A1: Achieves e.g. $3(3k^2 + 2k)$ or $3(3k^2 + 4k + 1)$ oe and deduces that it is a multiple of 3

dM1: A full and rigorous attempt at the proof considering **both** $n = 3k + 1$ and $n = 3k + 2$ oe valid expressions e.g. $n = 3k + 1$ and $n = 3k - 1$

A1: Fully correct work with valid reasons and a final conclusion