

Question		Answer	Marks	AO	Guidance	
9	(a)	$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 2x - 5$ $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{x_n^3 - x_n^2 - 5x_n + 10}{3x_n^2 - 2x_n - 5}$ $x_{n+1} = \frac{3x_n^3 - 2x_n^2 - 5x_n - (x_n^3 - x_n^2 - 5x_n + 10)}{3x_n^2 - 2x_n - 5} =$ $= \frac{2x_n^3 - x_n^2 - 10}{3x_n^2 - 2x_n - 5}$	B1 M1 E1 [3]	1.1 1.1 2.1	Substitute into correct formula for Newton-Raphson AG a correct intermediate step leading to the given answer is required	
9	(b)	$x_2 = -2.607$ $x_3 = -2.535$ $x_4 = -2.533$	B1 [1]	1.1	BC All three values must be given to 4 significant figures.	
9	(c)	$f(-2.5325)$ and $f(-2.5335)$ $(-2.5325)^3 - (-2.5325)^2 - 5(-2.5325) + 10 = 0.0066125$ $(-2.5335)^3 - (-2.5335)^2 - 5(-2.5335) + 10 = -0.0127017$ Since $f(-2.5325) > 0$ and $f(-2.5335) < 0$ x_4 is α to 4 s.f.	M1 A1 E1 [3]	1.1 2.1 2.4	Accept other alternative values which would confirm α as a root correct to 4 s.f. At least the result of evaluation must be shown The change of sign must be pointed to	
9	(d)	$3(-1)^2 - 2(-1) - 5 = 0$ Since the fraction is undefined at $x = -1$, x_2 is undefined	B1 E1 [2]	2.1 1.2	Accept references to a stationary point of the function	or the tangent to the curve being horizontal