

8 (a) Find the first **three** terms in the expansion of $(4 + 3x)^{\frac{3}{2}}$ in ascending powers of x . [4]

(b) State the range of values of x for which the expansion in part (a) is valid. [1]

(c) In the expansion of $(4 + 3x)^{\frac{3}{2}}(1 + ax)^2$ the coefficient of x^2 is $\frac{107}{16}$.

Determine the possible values of the constant a . [4]