

2 (a) Find the coefficient of  $x^5$  in the expansion of  $(3 - 2x)^8$ . [1]

(b) (i) Expand  $(1 + 3x)^{0.5}$  as far as the term in  $x^3$ . [3]

(ii) State the range of values of  $x$  for which your expansion is valid. [1]

A student suggests the following check to determine whether the expansion obtained in part (b)(i) may be correct.

“Use the expansion to find an estimate for  $\sqrt{103}$ , correct to five decimal places, and compare this with the value of  $\sqrt{103}$  given by your calculator.”

(iii) Showing your working, carry out this check on your expansion from part (b)(i). [3]