

8	(a)	$b = -1, c = 1$	B1 [1]	or $(n + 1)(n^2 - n + 1)$
8	(b)	<p>$n + 1$ (or $n^2 - n + 1$) is a factor of K</p> <p>$n > 2$ so $n + 1 > 1$ or $n + 1 > 3$ or $n + 1 \neq 1$ $(n^2 - n + 1$ is a factor of K and $n^2 - n + 1 > 1$ or $\neq 1$)</p> <p>Assume these factors are equal</p> <p>Let $n^2 - n + 1 = n + 1$ $\Rightarrow n^2 - 2n = 0$ $n = 0$ or 2.</p> <p>$n > 2$ so both invalid; hence 2 distinct factors</p> <p>Ignore attempted proofs that either factor $\neq K$</p>	<p>B1</p> <p>B1</p> <p>M1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>[5]</p>	<p>Stated. Allow x instead of n</p> <p>NOT $n^3 + 1$ can be expressed as $(n + 1)(n^2 - n + 1)$</p> <p>Must see $n > 2$</p> <p>Allow omission of this step</p> <p>Conclusion stated, from correct working seen. Dep at least B1M1 and correct reasoning given</p> <p>SC: $(n + 1) > 1$ or $n + 1 > 3$ (or $n^2 - n + 1 > 1$) B1 $(n + 1)$ & $(n^2 - n + 1)$ are factors of K B1</p>