

Question			Answer	Marks	AOs	Guidance	
3	(a)		$1 + (-3)(-ax) + \frac{(-3)(-4)}{2}(-ax)^2 + \dots$	M1	1.1a	Attempt to use the binomial expansion	Allow sign errors, bracket errors, a slip
			Equate coefficients $3a = 6a^2$	M1	1.1a	Equating their coefficients	Allow recovery from missing brackets Their equation should not involve x
			$a = \frac{1}{2}$	A1 [3]	1.1b	oe www	
3	(b)	(i)	Valid for $ x < 2$	B1 [1]	2.3	Accept $ x < \frac{1}{ a }$ for their a	Do not accept $x < 2$, $\left \frac{1}{2}x\right < 1$ or $ x \leq 2$ or similar
3	(b)	(ii)	$\left[\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}x\right)^{-3} \approx 1 + \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{3}{2}x^2 \right]$	B1 [1]	1.1b	Cao	