

2 The quadratic equation

$$x^2 + px + 2 = 0$$

has roots  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

(a) Write down the value of  $\alpha\beta$ . (1 mark)

(b) Express in terms of  $p$ :

(i)  $\alpha + \beta$ ; (1 mark)

(ii)  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$ . (2 marks)

(c) Given that  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 5$ , find the possible values of  $p$ . (1 mark)

2(a)	$\alpha\beta = 2$	B1	1	} if seen anywhere
(b)(i)	$\alpha + \beta = -p$	B1	1	
(ii)	$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta$ $= p^2 - 4$	M1 A1F	2	
(c)	$p^2 - 4 = 5 \Rightarrow p = \pm 3$	A1F	1	No ft from $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2$
<b>Total</b>			<b>5</b>	

- 1 (a) The quadratic equation  $2x^2 - 6x + 1 = 0$  has roots  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

Write down the numerical values of:

(i)  $\alpha\beta$ ; (1 mark)

(ii)  $\alpha + \beta$ . (1 mark)

- (b) Another quadratic equation has roots  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$  and  $\frac{1}{\beta}$ .

Find the numerical values of:

(i)  $\frac{1}{\alpha} \times \frac{1}{\beta}$ ; (1 mark)

(ii)  $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta}$ . (2 marks)

- (c) Hence, or otherwise, find the quadratic equation with roots  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$  and  $\frac{1}{\beta}$ , writing your answer in the form  $x^2 + px + q = 0$ . (2 marks)

Q	Solution	Marks	Total	Comments
1 (a)(i)	$\alpha\beta = \frac{1}{2}$	B1		
(ii)	$\alpha + \beta = 3$	B1	2	
(b)(i)	$\frac{1}{\alpha} \times \frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{1}{\alpha\beta} = 2$	B1✓	1	
(ii)	$\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\alpha\beta} = 6$	M1A1✓	2	
(c)	$x^2 - (\text{sum})x + (\text{product}) = 0$ $x^2 - 6x + 2 = 0$	M1 A1✓	2	Replace $x$ by $\frac{1}{x}$ $2\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 - 6\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 1 = 0$ $\frac{2}{x^2} - \frac{6}{x} + 1 = 0 \times \text{by } x^2 \text{ to give}$ $x^2 - 6x + 2 = 0$
	<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>	

- 1 (a) The roots of the quadratic equation  $x^2 + 4x - 3 = 0$  are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

Without solving the equation, find the value of:

(i)  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$ ;

(ii)  $\left(\alpha^2 + \frac{2}{\beta}\right)\left(\beta^2 + \frac{2}{\alpha}\right)$ . (6 marks)

- (b) Determine a quadratic equation with integer coefficients which has roots

$\left(\alpha^2 + \frac{2}{\beta}\right)$  and  $\left(\beta^2 + \frac{2}{\alpha}\right)$ . (4 marks)

Question Number and part	Solution	Marks	Total marks	Comments
1(a)(i)	$\alpha + \beta = -4$ ; $\alpha\beta = -3$	B1	6	Likely to be earned in (ii)
	$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta$	M1		oe
	$= 16 + 6 = 22$	A1		
(ii)	$\alpha^2\beta^2 + 2(\alpha + \beta) + \frac{4}{\alpha\beta}$	B1		
	$9 - 8 - \frac{4}{3}$	M1		Substitution into similar form as above
	$= -\frac{1}{3}$	A1		
(b)	Sum of roots $= \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \frac{2}{\alpha} + \frac{2}{\beta}$			
	$= \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \frac{2}{\alpha\beta}(\alpha + \beta)$	M1		
	$= 22 + \frac{2}{-3} \times -4 = \frac{74}{3}$	A1		
	New equation $y^2 - (\text{sum of new roots})y + \text{product} = 0$	M1		
	$\Rightarrow y^2 - \frac{74}{3}y - \frac{1}{3} = 0$			
	$\Rightarrow 3y^2 - 74y - 1 = 0$	A1ft	4	(ft any variable fractional values) Must have = 0
	<b>Total</b>		<b>10</b>	

9 The roots of the quadratic equation  $x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0$  are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

(a) Without solving the equation:

(i) show that  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 7$ ; (3 marks)

(ii) find the value of  $\alpha^3 + \beta^3$ . (3 marks)

(b) (i) Show that  $\alpha^4 + \beta^4 = (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^2 - 2(\alpha\beta)^2$ . (1 mark)

(ii) Hence find the value of  $\alpha^4 + \beta^4$ . (2 marks)

(c) Determine a quadratic equation with integer coefficients which has roots  $(\alpha^3 - \beta)$  and  $(\beta^3 - \alpha)$ . (5 marks)

Question Number and part	Solution	Marks	Total	Comments
9(a)(i)	$\alpha + \beta = 3; \quad \alpha\beta = 1$ $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta$ $= 9 - 2 = 7$	B1 M1 A1	3	Withhold if obviously incorrect in (ii) <b>ag</b> However, condone $(-3)^2$
(ii)	$\alpha^3 + \beta^3 = (\alpha + \beta)(\alpha^2 - \alpha\beta + \beta^2)$ $= 18$	M1 A1 A1	3	Good attempt at any equivalent Correct formula
(b)(i)	$(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^2 = \alpha^4 + 2\alpha^2\beta^2 + \beta^4$ $\Rightarrow \alpha^4 + \beta^4 = (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^2 - 2(\alpha\beta)^2$	B1	1	<b>ag</b> Be generous here.
(ii)	$\alpha^4 + \beta^4 = 49 - 2$ $= 47$	M1 A1	2	Substitute candidate's $\alpha\beta$
(c)	Sum of roots = $\alpha^3 + \beta^3 - (\alpha + \beta)$ $= 15$ Product = $(\alpha\beta)^3 + \alpha\beta - (\alpha^4 + \beta^4)$ $= 1 + 1 - 47 = -45$ New equation $y^2 - 15y - 45 = 0$	M1 A1 M1 A1 B1✓	5	Condone one slip  ft any variable, integer coefficients Must have = 0
<b>Total</b>			<b>14</b>	