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3.3 B: Algebra and functions

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1(a)(i)	f(1) = 0	B1	1	
(ii)	f(-2) = -24 + 8 + 14 + 2 = 0	B1	1	
(iii)	$\frac{(x-1)(x+2)}{3x^3+2x^2-7x+2} = \frac{(x-1)(x+2)}{(x-1)(x+2)(ax+b)}$	B1		Recognising $(x-1)$, $(x+2)$ as factors PI
	$ax^3 = 3x^3 \qquad -2b = 2$ $a = 3 \qquad b = -1$	B1 B1	3	a b Or By division M1 attempt started M1 complete division
				A1 Correct answers
(b)	Use $\frac{1}{3}$	B1		
	Use $\frac{1}{3}$ $3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + 2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - 7 \times \frac{1}{3} + d = 2$	M1		Remainder Th ^M with $\pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm 3$
	d=4	A1F	3	Ft on $-\frac{1}{3}$ (answer $-\frac{4}{9}$)
	T-4-1		8	Or by division M1 M1 A1 as above
	Total	l	8	

5(c)	$2x^2 - 3 =$			
	$A(1-x)^2 + B(3-2x)(1-x) + C(3-2x)$	M1		Or by equating coefficients
	$x=1$ $-1=C\times 1$ $x=\frac{3}{2}$ $\frac{3}{2}=A\times \frac{1}{4}$	M1		M1 same A1 collect terms M1 equate coefficients A1 2 correct A1 3 correct
	C = -1 $A = 6x = 0$ $(-3 = 6 + 3B - 3)$	A1		Follow on A and C
	or other value \Rightarrow equation in A, B, C	m1		
	B = -2	A1	5	

1 (a)(i)	p(2) = 0	B1	1	
(ii)	See $-\frac{1}{2}$	B1		
	$p\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = 6 \times \left(-\frac{1}{8}\right) - 19 \times \frac{1}{4} + 9\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + 10$ $= 0$	M1 A1	3	Use $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ Arithmetic to show = 0 and conclusion. Long division : $0/3$
(iii)	p(x) = (2x+1)(x-2)(3x-5)	B1 B1	2	x-2 Complete expression
(b)	$\frac{3x(x-2)}{(2x+1)(x-2)(3x-5)}$	M1		For $\frac{3x(x-2)}{\text{their (a)(iii)}}$
	$= \frac{3x}{(2x+1)(3x-5)}$	A1	2	$Or \frac{3x}{6x^2 - 7x - 5} \qquad \text{No ISW on A1}$
	Total		8	

3(a)	$9x^{2} - 6x + 5$ $= 3(3x - 1)(x - 1) + A(x - 1) + B(3x - 1)$ $x = 1 \qquad x = \frac{1}{3}$ $B = 4 \qquad A = -6$	B1 M1 A1A1	4	Or $3 + \frac{6x + 2}{(3x - 1)(x - 1)}$ Substitute $x = 1$ or $x = \frac{1}{3}$ Or equivalent method (equating
(b)	$\int = \int 3 - \frac{6}{3x - 1} + \frac{4}{x - 1} \mathrm{d}x$	M1		coefficients, simultaneous equations) Attempt to use partial fractions
	=3x	B1		
	$-2\ln(3x-1)+4\ln(x-1)(+c)$	M1		$p\ln(3x-1) + q\ln(x-1)$
		A1F	4	Condone missing brackets Follow through on A and B; brackets needed.
	Total		8	



2(a)	$f\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = 2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3 - 7\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + 13$	M1		Substitute $\pm \frac{3}{2}$ in $f(x)$
	= 4	A1	2	
(b)	$g\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow d + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow d = -4$	M1A1	2	AG (convincingly obtained) SC Written explanation with $g\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = 0$ not seen/clear E2,1,0
(c)	a=-2, $b=-3$	B1, B1	2	Inspection expected By division: M1 – complete method A1 CAO Multiply out and compare coefficients: M1 – evidence of use A1 – both a and b correct
	Total		6	

4(a)(i)	3x-5 4			By division:
	$\frac{3x-5}{x-3} = 3 + \frac{4}{x-3}$	B1, B1	2	B1 for 3, B1 for $\frac{4}{x-3}$ or $B=4$
				By partial fractions: M1 multiply by $x - 3$ and using 2 values of x , A1 both correct
(ii)	$\int 3 + \frac{4}{x-3} dx = 3x + 4\ln(x-3)(+c)$	M1A1F	2	$M1 \int 3 + \frac{4}{x-3} dx$ and attempt at integrals
				ft on A and B ; condone omission of brackets around $x - 3$
	Alternative: By substitution $u = x - 3$			
	$\int \frac{3x - 5}{x - 3} \mathrm{d}x = \int \frac{3u + 4}{u} \mathrm{d}u$	(M1)		Integral in terms of u
	$=3(x-3)+4\ln(x-3)$	(A1)		Correct, in x
(b)(i)	6x - 5 = P(2x - 5) + Q(2x + 5)	M1		Clear evidence of use of cover-up rule M2
	$x = \frac{5}{2}$ $x = -\frac{5}{2}$	m1		
	10 = 10Q $-20 = -10P$			
	Q = 1 P = 2	A1	3	
(ii)	$\int \frac{2}{2x+5} + \frac{1}{2x-5} \mathrm{d}x$	M1		Aireless Network Connection is now connected cted to: OVA-STAFF
1	$\ln(2x+5) + \frac{1}{2}\ln(2x-5)(+c)$	M1 A1F	3	ft on P and Q ; must have brackets

1(a)	$2\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) - 3 = -3$	M1A1	2	use of $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ SC NMS -3 1/2
	Alt algebraic division:			No ISW, so subsequent answer "3" AO
	$2x+1)2x^{2}+x-3$ $\frac{2x^{2}+x}{-3}$	(M1)		complete division with integer remainder
		(A1)	(2)	remainder = -3 stated, or -3 highlighted
	$\frac{x(2x+1)-3}{2x+1}$	(M1)		attempt to rearrange numerator with $(2x+1)$ as a factor
		(A1)	(2)	remainder = -3 stated, or -3 highlighted
	$\frac{(2x+3)(x-1)}{(x+1)(x-1)}$ $= \frac{2x+3}{x+1}$	B1 B1	3	numerator denominator not necessarily in fraction CAO in this form. Not $\frac{2x+3}{x+1}$
	Alternative $\frac{2x^2 - 2 + x - 1}{x^2 - 1}$			
	$= 2 + \frac{x-1}{x^2 - 1}$	(M1)		
	$= 2 + \frac{x-1}{(x-1)(x+1)}$	(B1)		
	$=2+\frac{1}{x+1}$	(A1)	(3)	
-	Total		5	

(b)
$$\frac{1+4x}{(1+x)(1+3x)} = \frac{A}{1+x} + \frac{B}{1+3x}$$

$$1+4x = A(1+3x) + B(1+x)$$

$$x = -1, x = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$A = \frac{3}{2}, B = -\frac{1}{2}$$
Alt:
$$\frac{1+4x}{(1+x)(1+3x)} = \frac{A}{1+x} + \frac{B}{1+3x}$$

$$1+4x = A(1+3x) + B(1+x)$$

$$A = \frac{1}{3}, B = \frac{A}{1+x} + \frac{B}{1+3x}$$

$$1+4x = A(1+3x) + B(1+x)$$

$$A+B=1, 3A+B=4$$

$$A = \frac{3}{2}, B=-\frac{1}{2}$$
(M1) Set up and solve
$$A = \frac{3}{2}, B=-\frac{1}{2}$$
(M1) (3) A and B both correct