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1	State or imply that $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{5}$	B1	or exact equivalent.
	Substitute appropriate values into $\sin \theta \cos 60^\circ + \cos \theta \sin 60^\circ$	M1	
	Obtain $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6}\sqrt{15}$	A1	or exact equivalent.
		3	

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2	State or imply derivative of $\tan \frac{1}{2}x$ is $\frac{1}{2}\sec^2 \frac{1}{2}x$ or derivative of $\cos 2x$ is $-2\sin 2x$	B1	
	Attempt use of product rule to find first derivative	*M1	
	Obtain correct $\frac{3}{2}\sec^2 \frac{1}{2}x \cos 2x - 6 \tan \frac{1}{2}x \sin 2x$	A1	or (unsimplified) equivalent.
	Substitute $\frac{1}{3}\pi$ into attempt at first derivative and attempt evaluation to find the gradient	DM1	
	Obtain -4	A1	
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3(a)	Obtain $2\ln(2x-5)$	B1	
	Apply limits correctly	M1	For integral of form $k\ln(2x-5)$.
	Use one relevant logarithm property correctly	M1	For integral of form $k\ln(2x-5)$.
	Apply second logarithm property correctly and obtain $\ln 25$	A1	
		4	
3(b)	Integrate to obtain $\frac{1}{2}e^{2x-5}$	B1	
	Obtain final answer $\frac{1}{2}e^{15} - \frac{1}{2}e^3$	B1FT	or exact equivalent, FT on <i>their</i> ke^{2x-5} .
		2	

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4(a)	Draw V-shaped graph with vertex on positive x -axis	B1	
	Draw (more or less) correct graph of $y = 2x + 7$ with smaller gradient	B1	And crossing y -axis above y -intercept of modulus graph.
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4(b)	Solve $3x - 5 = 2x + 7$ to obtain $x = 12$	B1	
	Attempt solution of linear equation where signs of $3x$ and $2x$ are different	M1	$3x - 5 = -2x - 7$ OE.
	Obtain $x = -\frac{2}{5}$	A1	
	Alternative solution for question 4(b)		
	State or imply non-modulus equation $(3x - 5)^2 = (2x + 7)^2$	B1	Must be working with $(3x - 5)^2 = (2x + 7)^2$
	Attempt solution of 3-term quadratic equation	M1	
	Obtain $-\frac{2}{5}$ and 12	A1	
		3	
4(c)	Apply logarithms and use power law for $3^y = k$ where $k > 0$ or correct equivalent	M1	Using <i>their</i> positive answer from part (b) or greater accuracy; and no other values.
	Obtain 2.26	A1	
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5(a)	Substitute $x = -2$ and equate to zero	*M1	
	Substitute $x = -1$ and equate to -11	*M1	
	Obtain $4a - 2b - 68 = 0$ and $a - b - 26 = -11$ or equivalents	A1	
	Solve a pair of relevant simultaneous linear equations to find a or b	DM1	Dependent at least one M1 mark.
	Obtain $a = 19$ and $b = 4$	A1	
		5	
5(b)	Divide by $x + 2$ at least as far as the x term	M1	or equivalent (inspection, ...).
	Obtain $(x + 2)^2(6x - 5)$	A1	OE
	Replace (or imply replacement of) x by $3x$ in factorised form	M1	
	Obtain $-\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{5}{18}$	A1	and no others.
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6(a)	Use $\operatorname{cosec} \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$	B1	
	Express in terms of $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$ only	M1	Dependent on B1.
	Obtain given result $4 + 6\cos \theta - 4\cos^2 \theta$ with sufficient detail	A1	AG
		3	
6(b)	Attempt use of formula to solve 3-term quadratic equation as far as $\cos \theta = k_1$	M1	where $-1 < k_1 < 1$.
	Solve $4\cos^2 \theta - 6\cos \theta - 7 = 0$ to obtain at least $\cos \theta = -0.770\dots$	A1	or exact equivalent $\cos \theta = \frac{6 - \sqrt{148}}{8}$.
	Obtain -2.45	A1	or greater accuracy; and no others between $-\pi$ and 0 .
		3	
6(c)	Express $\cos^2 \theta$ term in the form $k_2 + k_3 \cos 2\theta$	M1	where $k_2 k_3 \neq 0$.
	Obtain integrand $6\cos \theta + 2 - 2\cos 2\theta$	A1	Following the 3-term expression in $\cos \theta$ from part (a).
	Integrate to obtain correct $6\sin \theta + 2\theta - \sin 2\theta$	A1	Condone absence of $+c$, but all in terms of θ .
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7(a)	Differentiate y^3 to obtain $3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx}$	B1	
	Differentiate complete equation to produce at least one term involving $\frac{dy}{dx}$ using implicit differentiation.	M1	
	Obtain $2e^{2x} - 18 + 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$	A1	
	Substitute $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ to obtain either $p = \frac{1}{2}\ln 9$ or $p = \ln 3$	A1	
		4	
7(b)	Substitute value of p in original equation and rearrange as far as $y^3 = \dots$ or $q^3 = \dots$	M1	Allow in terms of $\ln 9$.
	Obtain given result $q = \sqrt[3]{2+18\ln 3 - q}$ or $y = \sqrt[3]{2+18\ln 3 - y}$ with sufficient detail	A1	AG
		2	
7(c)	Consider sign of $q - \sqrt[3]{2+18\ln 3 - q}$ or equivalent for 2.5 and 3.0	M1	
	Obtain $-0.18\dots$ and $0.34\dots$ with sufficient detail and justify conclusion	A1	OE
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7(d)	Use iteration process correctly at least once	M1	
	Obtain final answer $q = 2.673$	A1	Answer required to exactly 4 s.f.
	Show sufficient iterations to 6 sf to justify answer or show sign change in the interval $[2.6725, 2.6735]$	A1	
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1	Substitute $x = -2$ and equate to 33	M1	OE (long or synthetic division). Note: Long division and synthetic division give a remainder of $8a + 14 - 5$. Allow one sign error for M1.
	Obtain $-8a + 16a + 14 - 5 = 33$ and hence $a = 3$	A1	
		2	

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2	Attempt to express equation in terms of $\cos \theta$ and $\sin \theta$ only, using a correct identity and $\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$	M1	
	Obtain $\cos \theta \cos 60 + \sin \theta \sin 60 = 4 \cos \theta$	A1	OE
	Either divide by $\cos \theta$ to find value of $\tan \theta$ or use another correct method to find $\sin \theta$ or $\cos \theta$	M1	May still involve $\cos 60$ and $\sin 60$.
	Obtain $\tan \theta = \frac{7}{\sqrt{3}}$ or $\tan \theta = 4.04...$ or $\sin \theta = \frac{7}{\sqrt{52}}$ or $\sin \theta = 0.970...$ or $\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{52}}$ or $\cos \theta = 0.240...$	A1	
	Obtain -103.9 and 76.1	A1	Or greater accuracy; and no others between -180 and 180 .
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3(a)	Differentiate to obtain form $ke^{-\frac{1}{2}x}$	M1	For any non-zero k except 6.
	Substitute $x=2$ to obtain $-3e^{-1}$ or $-\frac{3}{e}$	A1	
		2	
3(b)	Integrate to obtain $-12e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}$	B1	OE
	Use limits 0 and 2 correctly to an integral of the form $ke^{-\frac{x}{2}}$, retaining exactness	M1	For any non-zero k except 6 or equivalent perhaps involving integration of $6 - 6e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}$.
	Subtract from 12 to obtain final answer $12e^{-1}$ or $\frac{12}{e}$	A1	
		3	

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4(a)	Draw V-shaped graph with vertex on positive x-axis	B1	
	Draw (more or less) correct graph of $y=9-2x$ with steeper negative gradient	B1	Dependent on first B mark, appropriately positioned with respect to first graph.
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4(b)	Solve linear equation or inequality with signs of x and $2x$ different	M1	
	Obtain critical value 4	A1	
	Conclude $x > 4$ only	A1	6 must be discounted.
	Alternative Method for Question 4(b)		
	State or imply non-modulus equation (or inequality) $(3 - x)^2 = (9 - 2x)^2$	B1	
	Attempt solution of three-term quadratic equation (or inequality)	M1	Dependent on previous B1.
	Conclude $x > 4$ only	A1	6 must be discounted.
		3	
4(c)	State or imply $(3x - 10)\ln 2 < \ln 500$	B1	Or equivalent perhaps involving different logarithm base.
	Obtain critical value 6.32	B1	
	Obtain $x < 6.32$	B1	Or greater accuracy.
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4(d)	State 5 and 6 only	B1	
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5(a)	Carry out division at least as far as $3x^2 + k_1x$	M1	OE (e.g. by inspection).
	Obtain quotient $3x^2 - 4x - 10$	A1	
	Confirm given result of remainder is 6 with sufficient detail	A1	AG SC If remainder = 6 shown using remainder theorem allow B1 .
		3	
5(b)	Integrate to obtain at least x^3 and term of form $k_2 \ln(2x+1)$	*M1	ln term must be added.
	Obtain $x^3 - 2x^2 - 10x + 3\ln(2x+1)$	A1	
	Apply limits correctly to expression with four terms	DM1	
	Apply appropriate logarithm properties correctly to obtain the form $k_3 \ln a$	DM1	
	Obtain $195 + \ln 27$	A1	
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6(a)	Obtain $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{6}{2t-3}$	B1	
	Use product rule to find $\frac{dy}{dt}$	M1	Allow unsimplified.
	Obtain $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(4\ln t + 4)(2t - 3)}{6}$	A1	OE
	Attempt to find t corresponding to point A using a complete and correct method	M1	
	Obtain $t = 2$ and hence gradient is $\frac{2}{3}\ln 2 + \frac{2}{3}$	A1	Or exact equivalent.
		5	
6(b)	Equate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ to 12 and attempt rearrangement to $2t - 3 = \frac{k}{4\ln t + 4}$	M1	
	Confirm given result $t = \frac{9}{1 + \ln t} + \frac{3}{2}$ with sufficient detail	A1	AG
		2	
6(c)	Use iteration process correctly at least once	M1	Need to see 4.9626 .
	Obtain final answer 4.96	A1	Answer required to exactly 3 s.f.
	Show sufficient iterations to 5 sf to justify answer or show sign change in interval [4.955, 4.965]	A1	
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7(a)	Attempt to express LHS in terms of $\sin x$ and $\cos x$ only	M1*	
	Obtain $2\cos^2 x + 6\sin^2 x$	A1	OE
	Use relevant identities to express in terms of $\cos 2x$ only	DM1	
	Confirm given result $4 - 2\cos 2x$ with sufficient detail	A1	AG
		4	
7(b)	Substitute $x = \frac{1}{12}\pi$ and attempt exact value of $\frac{4 - 2\cos 2\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)}{\sin 2\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)}$	M1	
	Obtain $2(4 - 2\cos \frac{1}{6}\pi)$ or equivalent and hence $8 - 2\sqrt{3}$	A1	
		2	
7(c)	Differentiate to obtain $4\sin 2x$	B1	B2 if both limits obtained by symmetry or observation.
	Equate to 4 and obtain limits $\frac{1}{4}\pi$ and π	B1	
	Integrate to obtain $4x - \sin 2x$	B1	
	Use limits their a and b to find exact value for integral of form $k_1x + k_2 \sin 2x$	M1	Angles must be in radians in terms of π .
	Obtain $4\pi - \sin 2\pi - (\pi - \sin \frac{1}{2}\pi)$ and confirm given result $3\pi + 1$ with sufficient detail	A1	AG
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- A** Accuracy mark, awarded for a correct answer or intermediate step correctly obtained. Accuracy marks cannot be given unless the associated method mark is earned (or implied).
- B** Mark for a correct result or statement independent of method marks.
- DM or DB** When a part of a question has two or more ‘method’ steps, the M marks are generally independent unless the scheme specifically says otherwise; and similarly, when there are several B marks allocated. The notation DM or DB is used to indicate that a particular M or B mark is dependent on an earlier M or B (asterisked) mark in the scheme. When two or more steps are run together by the candidate, the earlier marks are implied and full credit is given.
- FT** Implies that the A or B mark indicated is allowed for work correctly following on from previously incorrect results. Otherwise, A or B marks are given for correct work only.
- A or B marks are given for correct work only (not for results obtained from incorrect working) unless follow through is allowed (see abbreviation FT above).
 - For a numerical answer, allow the A or B mark if the answer is correct to 3 significant figures or would be correct to 3 significant figures if rounded (1 decimal place for angles in degrees).
 - The total number of marks available for each question is shown at the bottom of the Marks column.
 - Wrong or missing units in an answer should not result in loss of marks unless the guidance indicates otherwise.
 - Square brackets [] around text or numbers show extra information not needed for the mark to be awarded.

Abbreviations

AEF/OE	Any Equivalent Form (of answer is equally acceptable) / Or Equivalent
AG	Answer Given on the question paper (so extra checking is needed to ensure that the detailed working leading to the result is valid)
CAO	Correct Answer Only (emphasising that no ‘follow through’ from a previous error is allowed)
CWO	Correct Working Only
ISW	Ignore Subsequent Working
SOI	Seen Or Implied
SC	Special Case (detailing the mark to be given for a specific wrong solution, or a case where some standard marking practice is to be varied in the light of a particular circumstance)
WWW	Without Wrong Working
AWRT	Answer Which Rounds To

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	State or imply that $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{5}$	B1	or exact equivalent.
	Substitute appropriate values into $\sin \theta \cos 60^\circ + \cos \theta \sin 60^\circ$	M1	
	Obtain $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6}\sqrt{15}$	A1	or exact equivalent.
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2	State or imply derivative of $\tan \frac{1}{2}x$ is $\frac{1}{2}\sec^2 \frac{1}{2}x$ or derivative of $\cos 2x$ is $-2\sin 2x$	B1	
	Attempt use of product rule to find first derivative	*M1	
	Obtain correct $\frac{3}{2}\sec^2 \frac{1}{2}x \cos 2x - 6 \tan \frac{1}{2}x \sin 2x$	A1	or (unsimplified) equivalent.
	Substitute $\frac{1}{3}\pi$ into attempt at first derivative and attempt evaluation to find the gradient	DM1	
	Obtain -4	A1	
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3(a)	Obtain $2\ln(2x-5)$	B1	
	Apply limits correctly	M1	For integral of form $k\ln(2x-5)$.
	Use one relevant logarithm property correctly	M1	For integral of form $k\ln(2x-5)$.
	Apply second logarithm property correctly and obtain $\ln 25$	A1	
		4	
3(b)	Integrate to obtain $\frac{1}{2}e^{2x-5}$	B1	
	Obtain final answer $\frac{1}{2}e^{15} - \frac{1}{2}e^3$	B1FT	or exact equivalent, FT on <i>their</i> ke^{2x-5} .
		2	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4(a)	Draw V-shaped graph with vertex on positive x -axis	B1	
	Draw (more or less) correct graph of $y = 2x + 7$ with smaller gradient	B1	And crossing y -axis above y -intercept of modulus graph.
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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4(b)	Solve $3x - 5 = 2x + 7$ to obtain $x = 12$	B1	
	Attempt solution of linear equation where signs of $3x$ and $2x$ are different	M1	$3x - 5 = -2x - 7$ OE.
	Obtain $x = -\frac{2}{5}$	A1	
	Alternative solution for question 4(b)		
	State or imply non-modulus equation $(3x - 5)^2 = (2x + 7)^2$	B1	Must be working with $(3x - 5)^2 = (2x + 7)^2$.
	Attempt solution of 3-term quadratic equation	M1	
	Obtain $-\frac{2}{5}$ and 12	A1	
		3	
4(c)	Apply logarithms and use power law for $3^y = k$ where $k > 0$ or correct equivalent	M1	Using <i>their</i> positive answer from part (b) or greater accuracy; and no other values.
	Obtain 2.26	A1	
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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
5(a)	Substitute $x = -2$ and equate to zero	*M1	
	Substitute $x = -1$ and equate to -11	*M1	
	Obtain $4a - 2b - 68 = 0$ and $a - b - 26 = -11$ or equivalents	A1	
	Solve a pair of relevant simultaneous linear equations to find a or b	DM1	Dependent at least one M1 mark.
	Obtain $a = 19$ and $b = 4$	A1	
		5	
5(b)	Divide by $x + 2$ at least as far as the x term	M1	or equivalent (inspection, ...).
	Obtain $(x + 2)^2(6x - 5)$	A1	OE
	Replace (or imply replacement of) x by $3x$ in factorised form	M1	
	Obtain $-\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{5}{18}$	A1	and no others.
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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6(a)	Use $\operatorname{cosec} \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$	B1	
	Express in terms of $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$ only	M1	Dependent on B1.
	Obtain given result $4 + 6\cos \theta - 4\cos^2 \theta$ with sufficient detail	A1	AG
		3	
6(b)	Attempt use of formula to solve 3-term quadratic equation as far as $\cos \theta = k_1$	M1	where $-1 < k_1 < 1$.
	Solve $4\cos^2 \theta - 6\cos \theta - 7 = 0$ to obtain at least $\cos \theta = -0.770\dots$	A1	or exact equivalent $\cos \theta = \frac{6 - \sqrt{148}}{8}$.
	Obtain -2.45	A1	or greater accuracy; and no others between $-\pi$ and 0 .
		3	
6(c)	Express $\cos^2 \theta$ term in the form $k_2 + k_3 \cos 2\theta$	M1	where $k_2 k_3 \neq 0$.
	Obtain integrand $6\cos \theta + 2 - 2\cos 2\theta$	A1	Following the 3-term expression in $\cos \theta$ from part (a).
	Integrate to obtain correct $6\sin \theta + 2\theta - \sin 2\theta$	A1	Condone absence of $+c$, but all in terms of θ .
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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
7(a)	Differentiate y^3 to obtain $3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx}$	B1	
	Differentiate complete equation to produce at least one term involving $\frac{dy}{dx}$ using implicit differentiation.	M1	
	Obtain $2e^{2x} - 18 + 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$	A1	
	Substitute $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ to obtain either $p = \frac{1}{2}\ln 9$ or $p = \ln 3$	A1	
		4	
7(b)	Substitute value of p in original equation and rearrange as far as $y^3 = \dots$ or $q^3 = \dots$	M1	Allow in terms of $\ln 9$.
	Obtain given result $q = \sqrt[3]{2+18\ln 3 - q}$ or $y = \sqrt[3]{2+18\ln 3 - y}$ with sufficient detail	A1	AG
		2	
7(c)	Consider sign of $q - \sqrt[3]{2+18\ln 3 - q}$ or equivalent for 2.5 and 3.0	M1	
	Obtain $-0.18\dots$ and $0.34\dots$ with sufficient detail and justify conclusion	A1	OE
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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
7(d)	Use iteration process correctly at least once	M1	
	Obtain final answer $q = 2.673$	A1	Answer required to exactly 4 s.f.
	Show sufficient iterations to 6 sf to justify answer or show sign change in the interval $[2.6725, 2.6735]$	A1	
		3	