

Topic X1: Indices, surds and quadratics (Post-TT A) [43] MARKSCHEME

1.

(i)	$10\sqrt{3} - 4\sqrt{3}$	M1	Attempt to express both surds in terms of $\sqrt{3}$	e.g. $\sqrt{3 \times 100} - \sqrt{3 \times 16}$
		B1	One term correct	
	$= 6\sqrt{3}$	A1	3	Fully correct (not $\pm 6\sqrt{3}$)
(ii)	$\frac{\sqrt{5}(15 + \sqrt{40})}{5}$	M1	Multiply numerator and denominator by $\sqrt{5}$ or $-\sqrt{5}$	Check both numerator and denominator have been multiplied
	$= \frac{15\sqrt{5} + 10\sqrt{2}}{5}$	B1	One of a, b correctly obtained	
	$= 3\sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{2}$	A1	3	Both a = 3 and b = 2 correctly obtained
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2.

4(i)	$p = -1$	B1	1	$p = -1$
(ii)	$\sqrt{25k^2} = 15$	M1		Attempt to square 15 or attempt to square root $25k^2$
	$25k^2 = 225$			
	$k^2 = 9$	A1		$k = 3$
	$k = \pm 3$	A1	3	$k = -3$
(iii)	$\sqrt[3]{t} = 2$	M1		$\frac{1}{\frac{1}{t^3}} = \frac{1}{2}$ or $t^{\frac{1}{3}} = 2$ soi
	$t = 8$	A1	$\frac{2}{6}$	$t = 8$

3.

$[(x-6)^2 - 36] + 1$		B1		$(x-6)^2$
	$= (x-6)^2 - 35$	M1		$q = 1 - (\text{their } p)^2$
		A1	3	$q = -35$
3				

4.

(i)	$-14 \leq 6x \leq -5$	M1	2 equations or inequalities both dealing with all 3 terms resulting in $a \leq 6x \leq b$, $a \neq -9$, $b \neq 0$	Do not ISW after correct answer if contradictory inequality seen.	
		A1	-14 and -5 seen www		
	$-\frac{7}{3} \leq x \leq -\frac{5}{6}$	A1	3	Accept as two separate inequalities provided not linked by "or" (must be \leq)	Allow $-\frac{14}{6} \leq x \leq -\frac{5}{6}$
(ii)	$0 < x^2 - 4x - 12$	M1	Rearrange to collect all terms on one side	Do not ISW after correct answer if contradictory inequality seen.	
	$(x-6)(x+2)$	M1	Correct method to find roots		
		A1	6, -2 seen		
	$x > 6, x < -2$	M1	5	Correct method to solve quadratic inequality i.e. $x >$ their higher root, $x <$ their lower root	
		A1	8	(not wrapped, strict inequalities, no 'and')	e.g. for last two marks, $-2 > x > 6$ scores M1 A0

5.

$$y = x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$2y^2 - 7y + 3 = 0$$

$$(2y-1)(y-3) = 0$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}, y = 3$$

$$x = \frac{1}{4}, x = 9$$

M1* Use a substitution to obtain a quadratic or
factorise into 2 brackets each containing $x^{\frac{1}{2}}$

M1dep Correct method to solve a quadratic

A1

M1 Attempt to square to obtain x

A1

SR If first M1 not gained and 3 and $\frac{1}{2}$
given as final answers, award **B1**

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6.

$$(-30)^2 - 4 \times k \times 25k = 0$$

M1 Attempts $b^2 - 4ac$ involving k

$$900 - 100k^2 = 0$$

M1 States their discriminant = 0

$$k = 3$$

B1

$$\text{or } k = -3$$

B1

4
4

7.

(i)	Area of tile = $4x(x+3)$ $4x(x+3) < 112$ $4x^2 + 12x - 112 < 0$ $4(x+7)(x-4) < 0$ $-7 < x < 4$ $\therefore 0 < x < 4$	B1 B1 ✓ M1 M1 A1 A1 [6]	Correct expression for area of rectangle (may be unsimplified) Correct inequality for their expression Correct method to solve a three term quadratic inequality i.e. lower root $< x <$ higher root (May be implied by correct final answer) Restricts range to positive values of x CWO	Correct alternative forms for factorised inequality include: $(x+7)(4x-16) < 0$ $(4x+28)(x-4) < 0$ $(2x+14)(2x-8) < 0$ etc. Do not allow \leq for final A mark
(ii)	Perimeter = $4y + (y+3) + 2y + y + 2y + 3$ $20 < 10y + 6 < 54$ $1.4 < y < 4.8$	M1 A1 B1 FT M1 A1 [5]	Clear attempt to add lengths of all 6 edges Correct perimeter simplified to $10y + 6$ seen Correct inequalities for their expression Solving 2 linear equations or inequalities dealing with all 3 terms Accept " $1.4 < y, y < 4.8$ ", " $1.4 < y$ and $y < 4.8$ " but NOT " $1.4 < y$ or $y < 4.8$ ".	Allow $<$ or \leq throughout part (ii) Can still be unsimplified here Do not ISW if contradictory incorrect form follows correct answer