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1Substitute $n = n$ and $r = 4$ into the formula nC_r

$$\frac{n!}{(n-4)!4!}$$

Substitute $n = (n + 1)$ and $r = 5$ into the formula nC_r

$$\frac{(n+1)!}{((n+1)-5)!5!}$$

Substitute into the given equation.

$$45 \times \frac{n!}{(n-4)!4!} = \frac{(n+1)(n+1)!}{((n+1)-5)!5!}$$

[1]

Simplify.

$$\frac{45n!}{24(n-4)!} = \frac{(n+1)(n+1)!}{120(n-4)!}$$

Multiply both sides by $24(n-4)!$

$$45n! = \frac{24(n+1)(n+1)!(n-4)!}{120(n-4)!}$$

Cancel $(n-4)!$ from top and bottom.

$$45 = \frac{24(n+1)(n+1)!}{120n!}$$

 $\frac{(n+1)!}{n!} = n+1$, simplify.

$$45 = \frac{(n+1)^2}{5}$$

Rearrange to achieve a quadratic equation.

$$n^2 + 2n - 224 = 0$$

[1]

Factorise.

$$(n + 16)(n - 14) = 0$$

[1]

Solve.

$$n = -16 \text{ and } n = 14$$

n cannot be negative.

$$n = 14 \quad [1]$$

2a

i) To get from term to term, divide by -2 which is the same as multiplying by $-\frac{1}{2}$. So this is a geometric series with

$$a = 4, \quad r = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Use the formula $u_n = ar^{n-1}$ with $n = 20$ to work out the 20th term.

$$u_{20} = 4 \times \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{20-1}$$

[1]

$$u_{20} = -\frac{1}{131072} \quad [1]$$

ii) The sum to infinity exists if the modulus of the common ratio is less than 1, i.e. $|r| < 1$

$$|r| = \left|-\frac{1}{2}\right| = \frac{1}{2} < 1$$

$|r| < 1$ so the sum to infinity does exist [1]

Use the sum to infinity formula, $S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{1-r}$.

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{4}{1 - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} = \frac{8}{3}$$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{8}{3} \quad [1]$$

2b

i) Use the information in the question to make 2 equations.

For the first equation, use "the tenth term ... is 15 times the second term".

$$u_{10} = 15 \times u_2$$

Use $u_n = a + (n - 1)d$ for the tenth and second terms and set equal to each other.

$$\begin{aligned} a + (10 - 1)d &= 15 \times (a + (2 - 1)d) \\ a + 9d &= 15(a + d) \end{aligned}$$

[1]

$$\begin{aligned} a + 9d &= 15a + 15d \\ 14a &= -6d \\ a &= -\frac{3}{7}d \end{aligned}$$

For the second equation use "the sum of the first 6 terms ... is 87". " $S_n = \frac{1}{2}n(2a + (n - 1)d)$ "

$$S_6 = \frac{1}{2} \times 6(2a + 5d) = 87$$

[1]

$$\begin{aligned} 3(2a + 5d) &= 87 \\ 2a + 5d &= 29 \end{aligned}$$

Solve the two equations simultaneously.

$$2\left(-\frac{3}{7}d\right) + 5d = 29$$

[1]

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{6}{7}d + 5d &= 29 \\ \frac{29}{7}d &= 29 \end{aligned}$$

$$d = 7 \quad [1]$$

ii) From (i), $d = 7$ and $a = -\frac{3}{7}d$. Find a .

$$a = -\frac{3}{7} \times 7 = -3$$

[1]

Use the formula $u_n = a + (n-1)d$ to set the n th term equal to 6990.

$$6990 = -3 + (n-1)7$$

[1]

$$6993 = 7n - 7$$

$$7000 = 7n$$

$$n = 1000$$

3

i) There are 8 digits to choose from, and we need a 5 digit number.

$${}^8P_5 = \frac{8!}{(8-5)!}$$

$$= 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4$$

[1]

6720 [1]

ii) For the number to be greater than 60000, the first digit can be either 6, 7 or 8.

For the first digit, we have three options. For the other digits, there are seven options, of which we want four.

$$3 \times {}^7P_4$$

[1]

2520 [1]

4a

This is a geometric progression with first term.

$$a = 3$$

Work out the common ratio by dividing the second term by the first.

$$r = \frac{2.4}{3}$$

$$r = 0.8$$

[1]

Use the sum of a geometric progression formula, $S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$, to calculate the sum of the first 8 terms.

$$S_8 = \frac{3(1-0.8^8)}{1-0.8}$$

[1]

$$S_8 = 12.48$$
 [1]

12.5 is accepted

4b

From part (a) we know that $a = 3$, $r = 0.8$.

Substitute these values into the sum to infinity formula, $S_\infty = \frac{a}{1-r}$.

$$S_\infty = \frac{3}{1-0.8}$$

15 [1]

4c

Calculate 95% of the sum to infinity using the result from part (b).

$$0.95 \times 15 = 14.25$$

Set up an inequality using the sum of the first n terms, $S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$.

$$\frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} > 14.25$$

Substitute the values $a = 3$, $r = 0.8$ from part (a).

$$\frac{3(1-0.8^n)}{1-0.8} > 14.25$$

[1]

Simplify the denominator.

$$\frac{3(1-0.8^n)}{0.2} > 14.25$$

Multiply both sides by 0.2.

$$3(1-0.8^n) > 2.85$$

Divide both sides by 3.

$$1-0.8^n > 0.95$$

Add 0.8^n to both sides and subtract 0.95.

$$0.05 > 0.8^n$$

[1]

Take logarithms of both sides.

$$\log_{10}(0.05) > \log_{10}(0.8^n)$$

Divide both sides by $\log_{10}(0.8)$. This is a negative value so reverse the inequality sign.

$$\frac{\log_{10}(0.05)}{\log_{10}(0.8)} < n$$

[1]

Calculate.

$$n > 13.425...$$

n is an integer so write down the smallest integer that is greater than 13.425...

$$n = 14 \quad [1]$$

5

Using the formula for the binomial expansion, finding the first three terms gives

$$\left(a^5 + \binom{5}{1} a^4 b x + \binom{5}{2} a^3 (b x)^2 \right) (1 + x)$$

[1]

Simplifying gives

$$(a^5 + 5a^4 b x + 10a^3 b^2 x^2)(1 + x)$$

[1]

Expanding the brackets

$$a^5 + 5a^4 b x + 10a^3 b^2 x^2 + a^5 x + 5a^4 b x^2 + 10a^3 b^2 x^3$$

multiplying out brackets [1]

all terms correct [1]

Comparing to $32 - 208x + cx^2$ by comparing the constants we have

$$a^5 = 32$$

$$a = 2 \quad [1]$$

Equating the coefficients of x we have

$$5a^4 b + a^5 = -208$$

Substituting in $a = 2$

$$80b + 32 = -208$$

$$80b = -240$$

$$b = -3 \quad [1]$$

Equating the coefficients of x^2 we have

$$10a^3b^2 + 5a^4b = c$$

Substituting in $a = 2$ and $b = -3$ we have

$$720 - 240 = c$$

$$c = 480 \quad [1]$$

6

i) There are 6 digits to choose from, and we need a 5 digit number.

$$\begin{aligned} {}^6P_5 &= \frac{6!}{(6-5)!} \\ &= 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$720 \quad [1]$$

ii) $\frac{2}{3}$ of the digits are odd.

$$720 \times \frac{2}{3}$$

$$480 \quad [1]$$

iii) For the number to be greater than 60000 and odd, the first digit can be either 6, 8 or 9 and the last digit must be odd.

If the first digit is either a 6 or an 8, there are 4 options for the last digit (1, 3, 5, 9).

$$\begin{aligned} &4 \times (4 \times 3 \times 2) \\ &= 96 \end{aligned}$$

This is the case when the first digit is 6 or when it is 8 (2 possibilities).

$$\begin{aligned} &96 \times 2 \\ &= 192 \text{ numbers} \end{aligned}$$

$$[1]$$

If the first digit is a 9, there are only 3 options for the last digit (1, 3, 5) because the 9 has already been used.

$$3 \times (4 \times 3 \times 2)$$
$$= 72 \text{ numbers}$$

[1]

If the first digit is 6, 8 or 9

$$192 + 72$$

264 [1]

7a

Using $u_n = a + (n - 1)d$ write equations for the 7th and 10th terms of the arithmetic progression.

$$a + 6d = 158$$
$$a + 9d = 149$$

[1]

Solve the equations simultaneously.

$$\begin{array}{r} a + 9d = 149 \\ - \quad a + 6d = 158 \\ \hline 3d = -9 \end{array}$$

$$d = -3 [1]$$

Substitute into one of the original equations.

$$a + (6)(-3) = 158$$

$$a = 176 [1]$$

7b

Substitute the values found in part *a* into the formula to sum an arithmetic series.

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}[2(176) + (n-1)(-3)]$$

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}[352 - 3n + 3]$$

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}[355 - 3n]$$

[1]

The sum of the progression needs to be negative.

$$\frac{n}{2}[355 - 3n] < 0$$

Solve - be careful, it's a quadratic inequality, so use a calculator or sketch the graph.

$$n < 0 \text{ and } n > 118.333...$$

[1]

The value of *n* cannot be negative, so $n > 118.333...$ *n* has to be an integer

$$n = 119$$
 [1]

8a

The sum of an arithmetic progression is $S_n = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n-1)d]$. Write an expression for the sum of the first four terms.

$$S_4 = \frac{4}{2}[2a + (4-1)d]$$

[1]

$$\begin{aligned} 2[2a + 3d] &= 38 \\ 2a + 3d &= 19 \end{aligned}$$

[1]

Similarly, write an expression for the sum of the first eight terms.

$$S_8 = \frac{8}{2}[2a + (8-1)d]$$

$$S_8 = 4[2a + 7d]$$

We are told that the first four terms sum to 38, and the next four sum to 86. Therefore, the sum of the first 8 terms is the sum of 38 and 86.

$$4[2a + 7d] = 38 + 86$$

[1]

Expand and simplify.

$$2a + 7d = 31$$

Solve the equations simultaneously.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2a + 7d = 31 \\ - \quad 2a + 3d = 19 \\ \hline 4d = 12 \\ d = 3 \end{array}$$

[1]

Substitute $d = 3$ into one of the original equations and solve for a .

$$\begin{aligned} 2a + 7(3) &= 31 \\ 2a &= 31 - 21 \\ a &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$a = 5 \text{ and } d = 3 \quad [1]$$

8b

Using the n th term formula for a geometric progression, $u_n = ar^{n-1}$, the second term is

$$ar^2 = 12$$

[1]

The sixth term is

$$ar^5 = -96$$

[1]

Solve the equations simultaneously - rearrange the first and substitute into the second.

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \frac{12}{r^2} \\ \frac{12}{r^2}(r^5) &= -96 \end{aligned}$$

Solve for r .

$$12r^3 = -96$$

$$r^3 = -8$$

$$r = -2$$

[1]

Substitute into either of the original equations to find a .

$$a(-2)^2 = 12$$

$$a = 3$$

[1]

The sum of a geometric progression is $S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$.

$$S_{10} = \frac{3(1-(-2)^{10})}{1-(-2)}$$

[1]

$$S_{10} = -1023 \quad [1]$$

9

For there to be **at least** three women, there could either be two women and one man, or three women.

To work out the number of different teams that have two women and one man:

$${}^4C_1 \times {}^5C_2$$

To work out the number of different teams that have three women:

$5C_3$

Add together to work out the number of teams that have two women and one man **or** three women.

$${}^4C_1 \times {}^5C_2 + {}^5C_3$$

[1]

50 [1]

10a

Substitute $n = 20$ into the formula $u_n = a + (n - 1)d$

$$\begin{aligned} u_{20} &= a + (20 - 1)d \\ &= a + 19d \end{aligned}$$

Substitute $n = 25$ into the formula $S_n = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n - 1)d]$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{25} &= \frac{25}{2}[2a + (25 - 1)d] \\ &= \frac{25}{2}(2a + 24d) \end{aligned}$$

Substitute the two expressions above into the 10% relationship from the question,

$$u_{20} = 0.1S_{25}$$

$$a + 19d = 0.1 \times \frac{25}{2}(2a + 24d)$$

[M1]

Make a (or d) the subject

$$a + 19d = \frac{5}{4}(2a + 24d)$$

$$a + 19d = \frac{5}{2}(a + 12d)$$

$$2(a + 19d) = 5(a + 12d)$$

$$2a + 38d = 5a + 60d$$

$$-3a = 22d$$

$$a = -\frac{22}{3}d$$

[A1]

Find an expression for the sum of the 20th and the 21st term using $u_n = a + (n - 1)d$

$$(a + 19d) + (a + 20d)$$

Set this equal to 73

$$(a + 19d) + (a + 20d) = 73$$

[M1]

Simplify the equation above then substitute in $a = -\frac{22}{3}d$ to find d

$$a = -22$$

[A1]

Substitute $a = -22$ and $d = 3$ into $u_n = a + (n - 1)d$ where $n = 8$ to find the 8th term

$$-22 + (8 - 1) \times 3$$

The 8th term is -1

[A1]

10b

Use the formula $S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{1-r}$ to form an equation in a and r (equation 1)

$$\frac{a}{1-r} = 64 \quad (1)$$

[B1]

Use the formula $S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$ where $n=7$ and $S_7 = \frac{127}{2}$ to form another equation in a and r (equation 2)

$$\frac{a(1-r^7)}{1-r} = \frac{127}{2} \quad (2)$$

[B1]

Make a the subject of equation 1 and substitute it into equation 2

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{64(1-r)(1-r^7)}{1-r} &= \frac{127}{2} \\ \frac{64\cancel{(1-r)}(1-r^7)}{\cancel{1-r}} &= \frac{127}{2} \\ 64(1-r^7) &= \frac{127}{2} \end{aligned}$$

[M1]

Solve for r

$$\begin{aligned} 1-r^7 &= \frac{127}{128} \\ 1 - \frac{127}{128} &= r^7 \\ \frac{1}{128} &= r^7 \\ \sqrt[7]{\frac{1}{128}} &= r \\ r &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

[A1]

Use $u_n = ar^{n-1}$ to form a ratio between the 4th and 7th terms

$$ar^3 : ar^6$$

[M1]

Cancel the a and r^3 from both sides and substitute in $r = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} 1:r^3 \\ 1:\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \\ 1:\frac{1}{8} \end{aligned}$$

Write this in the form $m : 1$ by multiplying both sides by 8

$$8 : 1$$

[A1]

11a

(i)

Method 1

There are 7 possibilities for the first digit (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9)

There are 6 possible choices left for the second digit

There are 5 possible choices left for the third digit

There are 4 possible choices left for the fourth digit

$$7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4$$

$$840$$

[B1]

Method 2

Choose 4 digits out of a possible 7 different digits (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9) with no repeats and where order does matter (i.e. use permutations, not combinations)

$${}^7P_4 = \frac{7!}{(7-4)!} = \frac{7!}{3!}$$

$$840$$

[B1]

(ii)

Method 1

Numbers less than 9000 has a first digit that is less than 9

So there are 6 possible choices for the first digit (3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8)

The 9 is allowed in the remaining digits

So there are 6 possible choices left for the second digit (out of 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 but with one choice taken away for the first digit)

There are 5 possible choices left for the third digit

There are 4 possible choices left for the fourth digit

$$6 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4$$

[M1]

720

[A1]

Method 2

The same first digit as Method 1, then using 6P_3 to select the next 3 digits out of the remaining 6 digits (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 but with one choice taken away for the first digit)

$$6 \times {}^6P_3$$

[M1]

720

11b

Order does not matter in this question (i.e. use combinations, not permutations)

(i)

An equal number of each type means 2 horrors, 2 romances and 2 travel books

Out of 5 horror books select 2

$5C_2$

Out of 6 romance books select 2

$6C_2$

Out of 4 travel books select 2

$4C_2$

Multiply the combinations together

$${}^5C_2 \times {}^6C_2 \times {}^4C_2$$

[M1]

900

[A1]

(ii)

Method 1

Split into separate cases then add the separate cases together

Case 1: select 4 horror books out of 5, then 1 romance book out of 6, then 1 travel book out of 4

$${}^5C_4 \times {}^6C_1 \times {}^4C_1$$

[M1]

Case 2: select 4 horror books out of 5, then 0 romance book out of 6, then 2 travel books out of 4

$${}^5C_4 \times {}^6C_0 \times {}^4C_2$$

[M1]

Add these separate cases together

$$= {}^5C_4 \times {}^6C_1 \times {}^4C_1 + {}^5C_4 \times {}^6C_0 \times {}^4C_2$$

$$= 120 + 30$$

150

[A1]

Method 2

Out of 5 horror books select 4

$5C_4$

[M1]

Then combine the romance and travel books into $6 + 4 = 10$ books and select the remaining 2 books from these

$${}^{10}C_2$$

But you don't want any of the cases with '2 romance + 0 travel' so subtract these combinations

$${}^{10}C_2 - {}^6C_2 \times {}^4C_0$$

[M1]

Multiply this by the selection of 4 horror books

$${}^5C_4 \left({}^{10}C_2 - {}^6C_2 \times {}^4C_0 \right)$$

150

[A1]

12

Use the binomial theorem $(a + b)^n = a^n + \binom{n}{1}a^{n-1}b + \binom{n}{2}a^{n-2}b^2 + \dots + b^n$

$$(3 - ax)^5 = 3^5 + \binom{5}{1}3^4(-ax) + \binom{5}{2}3^3(-ax)^2 + \dots$$

$$(3 - ax)^5 = 243 - 405ax + 270a^2x^2 + \dots$$

1 mark for second and third term [2]

Set the first 3 terms equal to the expression given in the question:

$$b - 81x + cx^2 = 243 - 405ax + 270a^2x^2$$

Equate coefficients:

$$b = 243$$

[1]

$$-81 = -405a \text{ so } a = \frac{1}{5}$$

[1]

$$c = 270a^2 = 270 \times \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^2 = \frac{54}{5}$$

$$a = \frac{1}{5}, b = 243, c = \frac{54}{5} \text{ [1]}$$

13a

Using the general equation for the n th term, $u_n = a + (n - 1)d$ where a is the first term and d is the common difference, we will form two simultaneous equations in a and d . We can write the 5th term as

$$u_5 = a + (5 - 1)d$$

$$u_5 = a + 4d$$

and the 16th term as

$$u_{16} = a + (16 - 1)d$$

$$u_{16} = a + 15d$$

The question states "the 5th term is equal to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the 16th term" so

$$a + 4d = \frac{1}{3}(a + 15d)$$

[1]

Simplify.

$$a + 4d = \frac{1}{3}a + 5d$$

$$\frac{2}{3}a = d$$

Use the information that "the sum of the 5th term and the 16th term is equal to 33".

$$(a + 4d) + (a + 15d) = 33$$

[1]

Simplify.

$$2a + 19d = 33$$

Substitute $d = \frac{2}{3}a$ into this equation.

$$2a + 19\left(\frac{2}{3}a\right) = 33$$

Solve for a .

$$\frac{44}{3}a = 33$$

$$a = \frac{99}{44}$$

Simplify.

$$a = \frac{9}{4}$$

[1]

Substitute $a = \frac{9}{4}$ into $\frac{2}{3}a = d$.

$$\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{9}{4} = d$$

$$d = \frac{18}{12}$$

Simplify.

$$d = \frac{3}{2}$$

[1]

We haven't finished! The question asks for the sum of the first 10 terms.

Use the formula $S_n = \frac{n}{2}(2a + (n-1)d)$.

$$S_{10} = \frac{10}{2} \left(2 \times \frac{9}{4} + 9 \times \frac{3}{2} \right)$$

[1]

Evaluate.

$$S_{10} = 5 \left(\frac{18}{4} + \frac{27}{2} \right)$$

$$S_{10} = 5 \times 18$$

$$S_{10} = 90 \quad [1]$$

13b

If a is the first term and r is the common difference then the sum of the first two terms being 16 can be expressed as

$$a + ar = 16$$

[1]

Using $S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{1-r}$, the sum to infinity is 25.

$$\frac{a}{1-r} = 25$$

[1]

We can isolate a in both the above equations. Starting with $a + ar = 16$, factorise the left hand side.

$$a(1+r) = 16$$

Divide by $1+r$.

$$a = \frac{16}{1+r}$$

Turning our attention to $\frac{a}{1-r} = 25$, multiply by the denominator.

$$a = 25(1-r)$$

Now equate both the above.

$$\frac{16}{1+r} = 25(1-r)$$

Multiply by $1+r$.

$$16 = 25(1-r)(1+r)$$

[1]

Solve.

$$\frac{16}{25} = (1-r)(1+r)$$

$$\frac{16}{25} = 1 - r^2$$

$$r^2 = \frac{9}{25}$$

$$r = \pm \frac{3}{5}$$

[1]

$$r = \frac{3}{5}, a = \frac{16}{1 + \frac{3}{5}} = 16 \div \frac{8}{5} = 16 \times \frac{5}{8} = 2 \times 5$$

$a = 10$ [1]

$$r = -\frac{3}{5}, a = \frac{16}{1 - \frac{3}{5}} = 16 \div \frac{2}{5} = 16 \times \frac{5}{2} = 8 \times 5$$

$a = 40$ [1]

Find an expression for the coefficient of the x^4 term of the expansion.

$$\frac{n!}{4!(n-4)!} \times (1)^{n-4} \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4$$

This can be written as

$$\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3) \times (n-4)!}{4! \times (n-4)!} \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4$$

Simplify.

$$\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}{1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4} \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4$$

[1]

14

Similarly, find an expression for the x^6 coefficient of the term of the expansion.

$$\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)(n-4)(n-5)}{1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5 \times 6} \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6$$

[1]

We are told that the coefficient of x^4 is half the coefficient of x^6 , therefore:

$$\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}{24 \times 16} = \frac{1}{2} \times \left(\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)(n-4)(n-5)}{720 \times 64} \right)$$

[1]

Simplify.

$$\frac{2 \times 720 \times 64}{24 \times 16} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)(n-4)(n-5)}{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}$$

$$\frac{720}{3} = (n-4)(n-5)$$

$$240 = (n-4)(n-5)$$

[1]

Expand the brackets, rearrange and solve.

$$\begin{aligned}n^2 - 9n + 20 &= 240 \\n^2 - 9n - 220 &= 0 \\(n - 20)(n + 11) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

[1]

$$n = 20 \text{ or } n = -11$$

The question asks for the positive value.

$$n = 20 \text{ [1]}$$

15

i) Use binomial expansion to obtain the first three terms

$$(1 + 3x)^6 = 1^6 + {}^6C_1 \times 1^5 \times (3x)^1 + {}^6C_2 \times 1^4 \times (3x)^2 + \dots$$

an unsimplified correct substitution or any two correct final terms from the answer below [1]

Simplify

$$= 1 + 6 \times 3x + 15 \times 9x^2$$

$$1 + 18x + 135x^2 \text{ [1]}$$

ii) The expansion of $(a + x)^2$ is $a^2 + 2ax + x^2$. Multiply the first three terms of $(1 + 3x)^6$ found in (i) by $a^2 + 2ax + x^2$, up to terms in x^2 (you don't need to multiply terms that will result with x^3 or higher)

$$\begin{aligned}(1 + 18x + 135x^2 + \dots)(a^2 + 2ax + x^2) \\= (a^2)(1) + (a^2)(18x) + (a^2)(135x^2) + \dots + (2ax)(1) + (2ax)(18x) + \dots + (x^2)(1) + \dots\end{aligned}$$

(The line above is really just shown for demonstration purposes. In reality we'd probably go straight to the line below)

$$(1 + 18x + 135x^2 + \dots)(a^2 + 2ax + x^2) = a^2 + 18a^2x + 135a^2x^2 + \dots + 2ax + 36ax^2 + \dots + x^2 + \dots$$

We can equate this to $4 + 68x + bx^2$

$$a^2 + 18a^2x + 135a^2x^2 + \dots + 2ax + 36ax^2 + \dots + x^2 + \dots = 4 + 68x + bx^2$$

The only constant term on the left hand side is " a^2 " therefore equating the constants gives

$$a^2 = 4$$

$$a = \pm 2$$

[1]

Only one of these can be correct. Examining the terms in x :

$$a = -2, \quad 18a^2x + 2ax = 18(-2)^2x + 2(-2)x = 68x$$

$$a = 2, \quad 18a^2x + 2ax = 18(2)^2x + 2(2)x = 76x$$

But we know that the term in x is $68x$ therefore $a \neq 2$ and

$$a = -2 \quad [1]$$

Now substitute $a = -2$ into the terms in x^2

$$135(-2)^2x^2 + 36(-2)x^2 + x^2 = bx^2$$

$$540x^2 - 72x^2 + x^2 = bx^2$$

$$469x^2 = bx^2$$

Therefore

$$b = 469 \quad [1]$$

16a

i) Imagine picking the first photograph. It must be of a sunset so there are 3 ways this can happen

$$3 \times \dots$$

Ignore the middle 10 photographs for now; the last photograph must be of an ocean so there are 4 ways this can happen

$$3 \times \dots \times 4$$

The middle 10 photographs are made up of the remaining 10 photographs. So there are 10 photographs for the first of these to be chosen from, 9 remaining for the next one to be chosen from, 8 remaining for the next one, and so on

$$3 \times 10! \times 4$$

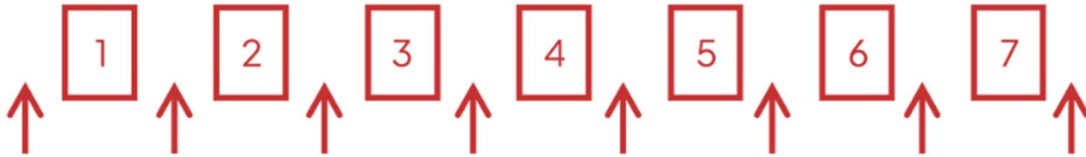
[1]

$$43\,545\,600 \quad [1]$$

ii) First consider the five mountain photographs that can be placed next to each other. This can happen in $5!$ ways

$$5! \times \dots$$

Think of the 5 mountain photographs as one 'block' of photographs. They could be placed in 8 different ways in between the 7 remaining photographs. The arrows diagram below illustrates the possible placements of the mountain 'block' around the 7 other photographs



$$5! \times 8 \times \dots$$

Ignoring where between them the block of mountain photographs are placed, the 7 remaining photographs can be arranged in $7!$ ways

$$5! \times 8 \times 7!$$

[1]

4 838 400 [1]

16b

i) If no sunset photographs are included, only the 4 ocean photographs and 5 mountain photographs are to be chosen from, so 9 in total. And as it doesn't matter whether they are ocean or mountain, we're just choosing 3 photographs from 9. Hence

$9C_3$

[1]

Evaluating this gives

84 [1]

ii) One photograph is to be chosen from the 3 sunsets, so there are 3 ways to do this. For each of these 3 ways, there are 4 ways to choose an ocean photograph giving

$$3 \times 4$$

And for each of these 12 ways of choosing 1 sunset and one ocean, there are another 5 ways to choose one from the mountain photographs. So the answer can be calculated by

$$3 \times 4 \times 5$$

[1] note that this is the same as ${}^3C_1 \times {}^4C_1 \times {}^5C_1$

Evaluate

60 [1]

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i) There are 6 digits and 5 spaces and order does not matter

$6P_5$

or

$$6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2$$

720 [1]

ii) Find how many numbers are divisible by 5

Since we have no 0, it is just numbers that end in 5

So we now have 5 choices for the first digit, 4 for the second, 3 for the third, 2 for the fourth and only 1 for the fifth (as it has to be a 5)

$$5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 120$$

$$(\text{or } {}^5P_4 = 120)$$

Subtract the numbers that are divisible by 5 from part i)

$$720 - 120 = 600$$

600 [1]

iii) Numbers that are even will end in 2 or 8 (from the numbers we are given)

Numbers that are greater than 30,000 will start with a 3, 5, 7 or 8

plan for adding numbers ending in 2 and numbers ending in 8 [1]

Case 1: ends in 2, starts in 3, 5, 7 or 8

There are 4 choices for the first digit, 1 choice for the last digit, 4 choices left for the second digit, 3 choices for the third digit and 2 choices for the fourth digit

$$4 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 96$$

[1]

Case 2: ends in 8, starts in 3, 5, or 7

There are 3 choices for the first digit, 1 choice for the last digit, 4 choices left for the second digit, 3 choices for the third digit and 2 choices for the fourth digit

$$3 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 72$$

[1]

Work out the total

$$96 + 72 = 168$$

168 [1]

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use of Binomial expansion to find a term in either $\left(\frac{1}{3x^2} - \frac{x}{2}\right)^9$, $\left(\frac{1}{3x^{7/3}} - \frac{x^{2/3}}{2}\right)^9$,

$$\left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{x^3}{2}\right)^9, \left(\frac{1}{3x^3} - \frac{1}{2}\right)^9 \text{ or } (2 - 3x^3)^9 \quad (M1)(A1)$$

Note: Award **M1** for a product of three terms including a binomial coefficient and powers of the two terms, and **A1** for a correct expression of a term in the expansion.

finding the powers required to be 2 and 7 (M1)(A1)

constant term is ${}^9C_2 \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \times \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^7$ (M1)

Note: Ignore all x 's in student's expression.

therefore term independent of x is $-\frac{1}{32}$ ($= -0.03125$) A1

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(a) $2x^2 + x - 3 = (2x + 3)(x - 1)$

Note: Accept $2\left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right)(x - 1)$.

Note: Either of these may be seen in (b) and if so **AI** should be awarded.

(b) **EITHER**

$$\begin{aligned}(2x^2 + x - 3)^8 &= (2x + 3)^8(x - 1)^8 \\ &= (3^8 + 8(3^7)(2x) + \dots)((-1)^8 + 8(-1)^7(x) + \dots) \\ \text{coefficient of } x &= 3^8 \times 8 \times (-1)^7 + 3^7 \times 8 \times 2 \times (-1)^8 \\ &= -17\,496\end{aligned}$$

Note: Under ft, final **AI** can only be achieved for an integer answer.

OR

$$\begin{aligned}(2x^2 + x - 3)^8 &= (3 - (x - 2x^2))^8 \\ &= 3^8 + 8(-(x - 2x^2)(3^7) + \dots) \\ \text{coefficient of } x &= 8 \times (-1) \times 3^7 \\ &= -17\,496\end{aligned}$$