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2. Given $y = 3^x$, express each of the following in terms of y. Write each expression in its simplest form.

(a) 3^{3x}

(1)

(b) $\dfrac{1}{3^{x-2}}$

(2)

(c) $\dfrac{81}{9^{2-3x}}$

(2)

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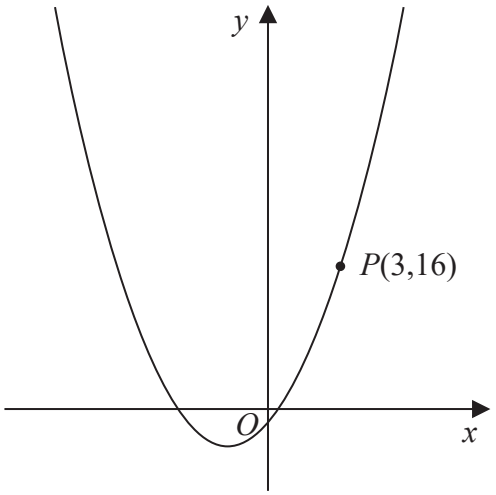


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows part of the curve with equation $y = x^2 + 3x - 2$

The point $P(3,16)$ lies on the curve.

(a) Find the gradient of the tangent to the curve at P.

(2)

The point Q with x coordinate $3 + h$ also lies on the curve.

(b) Find, in terms of h, the gradient of the line PQ. Write your answer in simplest form.

(3)

(c) Explain briefly the relationship between the answer to (b) and the answer to (a).

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