2. Given that

$$(x - 5)(2x + 1)(x + 3) \equiv ax^3 + bx^2 - 32x - 15$$

where a and b are constants,

(a) find the value of a and the value of b.

(2)

(b) Hence find

$$\int \frac{(x - 5)(2x + 1)(x + 3)}{5\sqrt{x}} \, dx$$

writing each term in simplest form.

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Question 2 continued

(Total for Question 2 is 7 marks)

3. The share price of a company is monitored.

Exactly 3 years after monitoring began, the share price was £1.05

Exactly 5 years after monitoring began, the share price was £1.65

The share price, £V, of the company is modelled by the equation

$$V = pt + q$$

where t is the number of years after monitoring began and p and q are constants.

(a) Find the value of p and the value of q.

(3)

Exactly T years after monitoring began, the share price was £2.50

(b) Find the value of T, according to the model, giving your answer to one decimal place.

(2)

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