

FP1 Roots & Coefficients of Equations Answers

(b)(i)	Other root is $\sqrt{5} + i$	B1	1	
(ii)	Sum of roots is $2\sqrt{5}$ Product is 6	B1 M1A1	3	
(iii)	$p = -2\sqrt{5}, q = 6$	B1 B1✓	2	ft wrong answers in (ii)

1(a)	$\alpha + \beta = 2, \alpha\beta = \frac{2}{3}$	B1B1	2	SC 1/2 for answers 6 and 2
(b)(i)	$(\alpha + \beta)^3 = \alpha^3 + 3\alpha^2\beta + 3\alpha\beta^2 + \beta^3$	B1	1	Accept unsimplified
(ii)	$\alpha^3 + \beta^3 = (\alpha + \beta)^3 - 3\alpha\beta(\alpha + \beta)$ Substitution of numerical values $\alpha^3 + \beta^3 = 4$	M1 m1 A1	3	convincingly shown AG
(c)	$\alpha^3\beta^3 = \frac{8}{27}$ Equation of form $px^2 \pm 4px + r = 0$ Answer $27x^2 - 108x + 8 = 0$	B1 M1 A1✓	3	ft wrong value for $\alpha^3\beta^3$
Total			9	

3(a)	$\alpha + \beta = -2, \alpha\beta = \frac{3}{2}$	B1B1	2	
(b)	Use of expansion of $(\alpha + \beta)^2$ $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (-2)^2 - 2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = 1$	M1 m1A1	3	convincingly shown (AG); m1A0 if $\alpha + \beta = 2$ used
(c)	$\alpha^4 + \beta^4$ given in terms of $\alpha + \beta, \alpha\beta$ and/or $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$ $\alpha^4 + \beta^4 = -\frac{7}{2}$	M1A1 A1	3	M1A0 if num error made OE
Total			8	

4(a)	$\alpha + \beta = \frac{1}{2}, \alpha\beta = 2$	B1B1	2	
(b)	$\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\alpha\beta}$ $\dots = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$	M1 A1	2	Convincingly shown (AG)
(c)	Sum of roots = 1 Product of roots = $\frac{16}{\alpha\beta} = 8$ Equation is $x^2 - x + 8 = 0$	B1F B1F B1F	3	PI by term $\neq x$; ft error(s) in (a) ft wrong value of $\alpha\beta$ ft wrong sum/product; “= 0” needed
Total			7	
