



Further Math with Ali Hashir

Differential Equations

Topical Mark Schemes (CIE 9231)

Mark schemes corresponding to the topical questions booklet for this topic, compiled from official CIE 9231 marking schemes (2015–2025). Question numbers match the questions booklet.

About this resource: I teach CIE A Level Further Mathematics, and over the years I found that there simply weren't many well-organised, topic-wise resources available for this subject – it's a niche A Level with relatively few candidates, so it doesn't get much attention from resource makers. These topical booklets are my attempt to fix that: every past-paper question, sorted by topic, with its official mark scheme alongside it.

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Q1

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$\frac{dv}{dx} = -\frac{1}{y^2} \frac{dy}{dx}$	B1
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$\frac{d^2v}{dx^2} = -\frac{1}{y^2} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 \frac{d^2v}{dy^2} = -\frac{1}{y^2} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{2}{y^3} \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2$	M1A1
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$\frac{2}{y^3} \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{y^2} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{2}{y^2} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{5}{y} = 17 + 6x - 5x^2 \sim \frac{d^2v}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dv}{dx} + 5v = 17 + 6x - 5x^2$ (AG)	A1
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$m^2 + 2m + 5 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -1 \pm 2i \Rightarrow CF : e^{-x}(A \cos 2x + B \sin 2x)$	M1A1
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PI : $v = px^2 + qx + r \Rightarrow v' = 2px + q \Rightarrow v'' = 2p$	M1
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Equate coefficients: $5p = -5 \quad 4p + 5q = 6 \quad 2p + 2q + 5r = 17$	M1
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$p = -1, q = 2, r = 3$	A1
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GS: $v = e^{-x}(A \cos 2x + B \sin 2x) + 3 + 2x - x^2$	A1
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When $x = 0 \quad y = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow v = 2$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = -1 \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = 4$, so $\Rightarrow 2 = A + 3 \Rightarrow A = -1$	B1
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$v' = e^{-x}(-2A \sin 2x + 2B \cos 2x) - e^{-x}(A \cos 2x + B \sin 2x)$	M1
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$\Rightarrow 4 = 2B + 1 + 2 \Rightarrow 2B = 1 \Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{2}$	A1
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$\Rightarrow y = \left[e^{-x} \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin 2x - \cos 2x \right) + 3 + 2x - x^2 \right]^{-1}$	A1
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$(m - 5)(m + 2) = 0 \Rightarrow CF : x = Ae^{5t} + Be^{-2t}$	M1A1
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PI : $x = p \sin t + q \cos t \Rightarrow \dot{x} = p \cos t - q \sin t \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = -p \sin t - q \cos t$	M1
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$\Rightarrow -p \sin t - q \cos t - 3p \cos t + 3q \sin t - 10p \sin t - 10q \cos t = 2 \sin t - 3 \cos t$	A1
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$\Rightarrow -11p + 3q = 2$ and $3p + 11q = 3 \Rightarrow p = -0.1, q = 0.3$	dM1A1
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GS: $x = Ae^{5t} + Be^{-2t} + 0.3 \cos t - 0.1 \sin t$ CAO	A1
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Initial conditions $\Rightarrow A + B + 0.3 = 3.3 \Rightarrow A + B = 3$	B1
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and from $\dot{x} = 5Ae^{5t} - 2Be^{-2t} - 0.3 \sin t - 0.1 \cos t$	M1
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$5A - 2B - 0.1 = 0.9 \Rightarrow 5A - 2B = 1$	A1
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$A = 1, B = 2 \Rightarrow x = e^{5t} + 2e^{-2t} + 0.3 \cos t - 0.1 \sin t$ CAO	A1
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$m^2 + 4m + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow (m + 2)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -2$	M1
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CF: $Ae^{-2t} + Bte^{-2t}$ soi	A1
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PI: $x = pt^2 + qt + r \Rightarrow \dot{x} = 2pt + q \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = 2p$	M1
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$\Rightarrow 2p + 8pt + 4q + 4pt^2 + 4qt + 4r = 7 - 2t^2$	M1
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$\Rightarrow p = -\frac{1}{2}, q = 1, r = 1$	A1
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GS: $x = Ae^{-2t} + Bte^{-2t} - \frac{1}{2}t^2 + t + 1$	A1
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$y' = 2kxe^{2x} + 2kx^2e^{2x}$	B1
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$y'' = 2ke^{2x} + 8kxe^{2x} + 4kx^2e^{2x}$	B1
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$2ke^{2x} + 8kxe^{2x} + 4kx^2e^{2x} - 8kxe^{2x} - 8kx^2e^{2x} + 4kx^2e^{2x} = 4e^{2x}$	M1
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$\Rightarrow 2k = 4 \Rightarrow k = 2$	A1
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$m^2 - 4m + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow (m - 2)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow m = 2$	M1
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CF: $y = Ae^{2x} + Bxe^{2x}$	A1
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$y = Ae^{2x} + Bxe^{2x} + 2x^2e^{2x}$	A1
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$y = 3$ when $x = 0 \Rightarrow A = 3$	B1
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$y' = 2Ae^{2x} + B(e^{2x} + 2xe^{2x}) + (4xe^{2x} + 4x^2e^{2x})$	M1
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$y' = -2$ when $x = 0$ and $A = 3 \Rightarrow B = -8$	A1
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$\Rightarrow y = 3e^{2x} - 8xe^{2x} + 2x^2e^{2x}$	A1
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$$x \frac{dy}{dx} = x \frac{dy}{du} \times \frac{du}{dx} = x \frac{dy}{du} \times \frac{1}{x} = \frac{dy}{du} \quad (\text{AG}) \quad \mathbf{B1}$$

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = x^2 \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = x^2 \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{du} \right) \quad \mathbf{M1}$$

$$= x^2 \left(-\frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{du} + \frac{1}{x} \frac{d}{du} \left[\frac{dy}{du} \right] \frac{du}{dx} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{dy}{du} + x \frac{d^2y}{du^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{d^2y}{du^2} - \frac{dy}{du} \quad (\text{AG}) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

Substituting in differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2y}{du^2} - \frac{dy}{du} + 3 \frac{dy}{du} + 17y = 34u + 21 \Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{du^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{du} + 17y = 34u + 21 \quad (\text{AG}) \quad \mathbf{B1}$$

$$m^2 + 2m + 17 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -1 \pm 4i \Rightarrow y_c = e^{-u}(A \cos 4u + B \sin 4u) \quad \mathbf{M1A1}$$

$$y_p = cu + d \Rightarrow y' = c \text{ and } y'' = 0 \Rightarrow 2c + 17cu + 17d \equiv 34u + 21 \quad \mathbf{M1}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 2, d = 1 \Rightarrow y_p = 2u + 1 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{x} (A \cos[4 \ln x] + B \sin[4 \ln x]) + 2 \ln x + 1 \quad (\text{or in terms of } u) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$y = 0 \text{ when } x = 1 \Rightarrow 0 = A + 1 \Rightarrow A = -1 \text{ or } u = 0, y = 0 \text{ etc} \quad \mathbf{B1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{x^2} (A \cos[4 \ln x] + B \sin[4 \ln x]) + \frac{1}{x} \left(-A \sin[4 \ln x] \cdot \frac{4}{x} + B \cos[4 \ln x] \cdot \frac{4}{x} \right) + \quad \mathbf{M1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -1 \text{ when } x = 1 \Rightarrow -1 = 1 + 4B + 2 \Rightarrow B = -1 \text{ or all in terms of } u \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$\text{Hence } y = 2 \ln x + 1 - \frac{1}{x} (\cos[4 \ln x] + \sin[4 \ln x]) \quad (\text{oe}) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

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$m^2 + 7m + 10 = 0 \Rightarrow (m + 2)(m + 5) = 0 \Rightarrow m = -2 \text{ or } -5$	M1
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CF: $Ae^{-2t} + Be^{-5t}$	A1
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PI: $x = p \sin 2t + q \cos 2t \Rightarrow \dot{x} = 2p \cos 2t - 2q \sin 2t \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = -4p \sin 2t - 4q \cos 2t$	M1A1
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Substituting: $14p + 6q = 0$	
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$6p - 14q = 116$	M1
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Solving: $p = 3, q = -7 \Rightarrow x = 3 \sin 2t - 7 \cos 2t$	M1A1
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GS: $x = Ae^{-2t} + Be^{-5t} + 3 \sin 2t - 7 \cos 2t$	A1
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For large positive values of t , $x \approx 3 \sin 2t - 7 \cos 2t$.	B1
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$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \times \frac{dt}{dx} = 2t^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{dy}{dt}$ (AG)	B1
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$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) \times \frac{dt}{dx} = \left\{ t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{dy}{dt} + 2t^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \right\} 2t^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 4t \frac{d^2y}{dt^2}$ (AG)	M1A1
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Substitute in (*): $2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 4t \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - 16t \frac{dy}{dt} - 2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 12ty = 4te^{-t}$	B1
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$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - 4 \frac{dy}{dt} + 3y = e^{-t}$ (AG)	
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CF: $(m - 1)(m - 3) = 0$	M1
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$y = Ae^t + Be^{3t}$	A1
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PI: $y = ke^{-t} \Rightarrow y' = -ke^{-t} \Rightarrow y'' = ke^{-t}$	M1
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$ke^{-t} + 4ke^{-t} + 3ke^{-t} = e^{-t}$	M1
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$\Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{8}$	A1
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GS: $y = Ae^t + Be^{3t} + \frac{1}{8}e^{-t}$	A1 FT
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$y = Ae^{x^2} + Be^{3x^2} + \frac{1}{8}e^{-x^2}$	A1 FT
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$m^2 + 6m + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -3$	M1
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CF: $x = Ae^{-3t} + Bte^{-3t}$	A1
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$x = pt^2 + qt + r \Rightarrow \dot{x} = 2pt + q$ and $\ddot{x} = 2p$	M1
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$\Rightarrow 2p + 6(2pt + q) + 9(pt^2 + qt + r) = 18t^2 + 6t + 1$	M1
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$\Rightarrow 9pt^2 + (9q + 12p)t + (2p + 6q + 9r) = 18t^2 + 6t + 1$	A1
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$\Rightarrow p = 2, q = -2, r = 1$ whence PI: $2t^2 - 2t + 1$	
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GS: $x = Ae^{-3t} + Bte^{-3t} + 2t^2 - 2t + 1$	A1FT
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$x = 3$ when $t = 0 \Rightarrow A = 2$	B1
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$\dot{x} = -3Ae^{-3t} - 3Bte^{-3t} + Be^{-3t} + 4t - 2$	M1
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$\dot{x} = 0$ when $t = 0 \Rightarrow B = 8$	A1
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Hence $x = 2e^{-3t} + 8te^{-3t} + 2t^2 - 2t + 1$	A1
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CF: $m^2 + 2m + 5 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -1 \pm 2i$	M1
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$e^{-t}(A \cos 2t + B \sin 2t)$	A1
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PI: $x = pt^2 + qt + r \Rightarrow \dot{x} = 2pt + q \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = 2p$	M1
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$2p + 4pt + 2q + 5pt^2 + 5qt + 5r = 4 - 5t^2$	M1
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$\Rightarrow p = -1, q = \frac{4}{5}, r = \frac{22}{25}$	A1
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GS: $x = e^{-t}(A \cos 2t + B \sin 2t) + \frac{22}{25} + \frac{4}{5}t - t^2$	A1FT
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The auxiliary equation is $\left(n + \frac{1}{7}\right)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow n = -\frac{1}{7}$.	M1
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CF: $y = (A + Bx)e^{-\frac{1}{7}x}$.	A1
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PI: $y = px + q$, $y' = p$ and $y'' = 0$.	M1
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Correct form of PI and derivatives	
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$14p + px + q = 49x + 735 \Rightarrow p = 49, q = 49$.	M1A1
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Substitutes in equation correctly	
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Thus $y = (A + Bx)e^{-\frac{1}{7}x} + 49(x + 1)$.	A1FT
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FT only on correct form of CF AEF	
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$y = 0$ when $x = 0$ gives $A + 49 = 0 \Rightarrow A = -49$.	B1
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$y' = -\frac{1}{7}(A + Bx)e^{-\frac{1}{7}x} + Be^{-\frac{1}{7}x} + 49$.	M1
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Differentiating their y	
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$y' = 0$ when $x = 0$ gives $-\frac{1}{7}A + B + 49 = 0 \Rightarrow B = -56$	A1
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Thus $y = -(49 + 56x)e^{-\frac{1}{7}x} + 49(x + 1)$.	A1
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$y' = x + x't$	B1
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$y'' = x' + x' + tx''$	B1
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Substitute correctly	B1
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Auxiliary equation: $m^2 + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \pm 3i$.	M1
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Correct auxiliary	
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$CF = A \cos 3t + B \sin 3t$.	A1
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PI $y = at^2 + bt + c$ so $y' = 2at + b$ and $y'' = 2a$	M1
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Differentiate twice and substitute	
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$a = \frac{1}{3}, b = 0, c = \frac{1}{27}$.	A1
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$y = A \cos 3t + B \sin 3t + \frac{1}{3}t^2 + \frac{1}{27}$	A1FT
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Their CF + their PI both in correct form	
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$x = \frac{\pi}{9}$ when $t = \frac{\pi}{3}$ gives $A = \frac{1}{27}$.	B1
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$y' = -3A \sin 3t + 3B \cos 3t + \frac{2}{3}t$	M1
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Differentiating their y of equivalent difficulty	
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$x' = \frac{2}{3}$ when $t = \frac{\pi}{3}$ gives $B = -\frac{\pi}{27}$.	A1
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$x = \frac{\cos 3t - \pi \sin 3t + 9t^2 + 1}{27t}$	A1
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$m^2 + 2m + 10 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -1 \pm 3i.$ (Finds complementary function.)	M1
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$x = e^{-t}(A \cos 3t + B \sin 3t)$	A1
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$x = p \cos 3t + q \sin 3t$ (Finds particular integral.)	M1
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$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = -3p \sin 3t + 3q \cos 3t \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = -9p \cos 3t - 9q \sin 3t$	A1
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$(p + 6q) \cos 3t + (q - 6p) \sin 3t = 37 \sin 3t$	M1
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$\Rightarrow p = -6, q = 1$	A1
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$x = e^{-t}(A \cos 3t + B \sin 3t) - 6 \cos 3t + \sin 3t$	
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$x = 3$ when $t = 0 \Rightarrow A - 6 = 3 \Rightarrow A = 9$ (Uses initial conditions.)	B1
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$\dot{x} = e^{-t}(-3A \sin 3t + 3B \cos 3t) - e^{-t}(A \cos 3t + B \sin 3t) + 18 \sin 3t + 3 \cos 3t$	M1A1
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$\dot{x} = 0$ when $t = 0 \Rightarrow 3B - A + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow B = 2$ (Obtains solution, AEF.)	A1
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$x = e^{-t}(9 \cos 3t + 2 \sin 3t) - 6 \cos 3t + \sin 3t$	
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As $t \rightarrow \infty, e^{-t} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow x \approx -6 \cos 3t + \sin 3t$ (Obtains limit.)	B1
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$\sin 3t - 6 \cos 3t = \sqrt{37} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{37}} \sin 3t - \frac{6}{\sqrt{37}} \cos 3t \right)$ (Converts to $R \sin(3t - \phi)$)	M1
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$= \sqrt{37} \sin(3t - \tan^{-1} 6).$ (AG)	A1
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$m^2 + 2m + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (m + 1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -1$ (Forms and solves auxiliary equation.)	M1
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CF: $(A + Bt)e^{-t}$ (States CF.)	A1
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PI: $x = p \sin t + q \cos t$ (Uses correct form of PI and differentiates twice.)	M1
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$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = p \cos t - q \sin t \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = -p \sin t - q \cos t$	A1
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$-p \sin t - q \cos t + 2(p \cos t - q \sin t) + p \sin t + q \cos t = 4 \sin t$ (Compares coefficients and attempts to solve)	M1
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$2p = 0 \Rightarrow p = 0. -2q = 4 \Rightarrow q = -2.$	A1
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GS: $x = (A + Bt)e^{-t} - 2 \cos t$ (States general solution. FT on correct form only)	A1FT
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$x \approx -2 \cos t$	B1FT
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$10u^2 + 3u - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (2u + 1)(5u - 1) = 0$	M1
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CF: $x = Ae^{-\frac{1}{2}t} + Be^{\frac{1}{5}t}$	A1
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PI: $x = p + qt \Rightarrow \dot{x} = q \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = 0$	M1
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$3q - p - qt = t + 2 \Rightarrow q = -1, p = -5.$	M1A1
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GS: $x = Ae^{-\frac{1}{2}t} + Be^{\frac{1}{5}t} - t - 5$	A1
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$\dot{x} = -\frac{1}{2}Ae^{-\frac{1}{2}t} + \frac{1}{5}Be^{\frac{1}{5}t} - 1$	M1
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$A + B = 5$	M1
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$-\frac{1}{2}A + \frac{1}{5}B = 1$	
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$A = 0, B = 5$	A1
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$x = 5e^{\frac{1}{5}t} - t - 5$	A1
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$9u^2 + 6u + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (3u + 1)^2 = 0$	M1
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CF: $x = (At + B)e^{-\frac{1}{3}t}$	A1
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$x = p \sin t + q \cos t \Rightarrow \dot{x} = p \cos t - q \sin t \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = -p \sin t - q \cos t$	M1
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$-9p - 6q + p = 50$	M1
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$-9q + 6p + q = 0$	
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$q = -3, p = -4.$	A1
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$x = (At + B)e^{-\frac{1}{3}t} - 4 \sin t - 3 \cos t$	A1
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$\dot{x} = -\frac{1}{3}(At + B)e^{-\frac{1}{3}t} + Ae^{-\frac{1}{3}t} - 4 \cos t + 3 \sin t$	M1
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$B = 3$	B1
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$-\frac{1}{3}B + A - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow A = 5$	A1
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$x = (5t + 3)e^{-\frac{1}{3}t} - 4 \sin t - 3 \cos t$	A1
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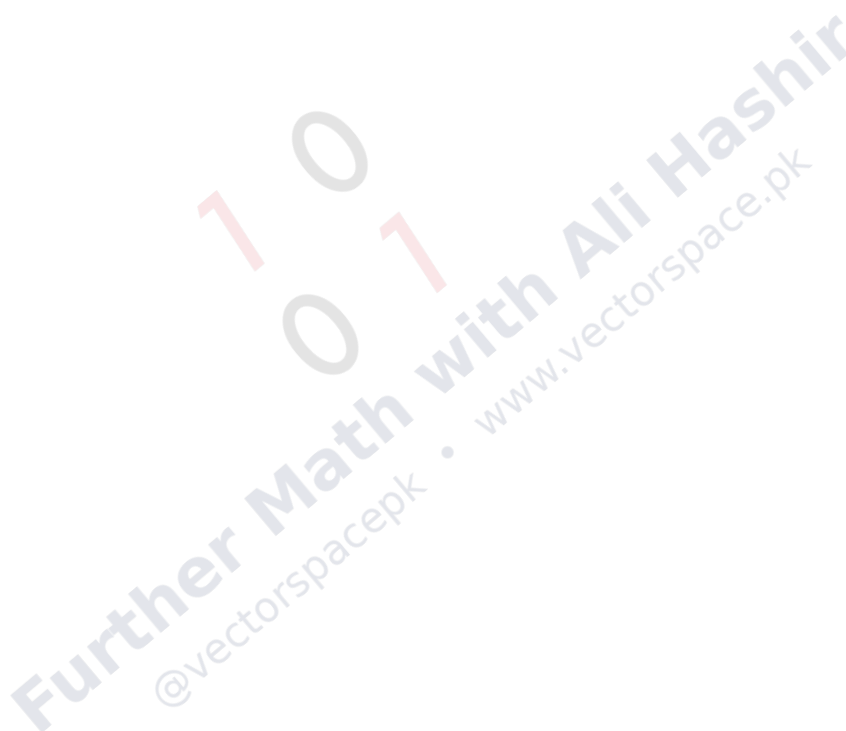
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Q16

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Mark scheme.



$$w = \cos y \Rightarrow \frac{dw}{dx} = -\sin y \frac{dy}{dx} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\frac{d^2w}{dx^2} = -\sin y \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \cos y \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\frac{d^2w}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dw}{dx} + w = -\sin y \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \cos y \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 - 2\sin y \frac{dy}{dx} + \cos y \quad \text{M1}$$

Uses substitution to obtain w - x equation, AG.

$$= -\cos y (e^{-2x} \sec y) = -e^{-2x} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$m^2 + 2m + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -1 \quad \text{M1}$$

Finds CF.

$$\text{CF: } w = (Ax + B)e^{-x} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{PI: } w = ke^{-2x} \Rightarrow w' = -2ke^{-2x} \Rightarrow w'' = 4ke^{-2x} \quad \text{M1}$$

Forms PI and differentiates.

$$4k - 4k + k = -1 \Rightarrow k = -1 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$w = (Ax + B)e^{-x} - e^{-2x} \quad \text{A1}$$

States general solution.

$$x = 0, y = \frac{1}{3}\pi, w = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow B = \frac{3}{2} \quad \text{B1}$$

Uses initial conditions to find constants.

$$w' = -(Ax + B)e^{-x} + Ae^{-x} + 2e^{-2x} \quad \text{M1}$$

Differentiates general solution.

$$x = 0, y = \frac{1}{3}\pi, y' = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, w' = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} = -\frac{3}{2} + A + 2 \Rightarrow A = -1 \quad \text{M1A1}$$

Substitutes initial conditions.

$$y = \cos^{-1} \left(\left(\frac{3}{2} - x \right) e^{-x} - e^{-2x} \right) \quad \text{A1}$$

States particular solution for y in terms of x .

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$e^{\int 5 dx} = e^{5x}$	M1
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integrating factor e^{5x}	A1
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$\frac{d}{dx}(ye^{5x}) = e^{-2x}$	M1
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$ye^{5x} = -\frac{1}{2}e^{-2x} + C$	A1
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$0 = -\frac{1}{2} + C$	M1
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$y = \frac{1}{2}e^{-5x} - \frac{1}{2}e^{-7x}$	A1
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$\frac{dx}{dt} = t^3 \frac{dy}{dt} + 3t^2 y$	B1
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$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = t^3 \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 6t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 6ty$	B1
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combine to obtain $\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + 4 \frac{dx}{dt} + 13x = t^3 \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 6t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 6ty + 4t^3 \frac{dy}{dt} + 12t^2 y + 13t^3 y = 61e^{\frac{1}{2}t}$ (AG)	M1 A1
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(b)

auxiliary equation $m^2 + 4m + 13 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -2 \pm 3i$	M1
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complementary function $x = e^{-2t}(A \cos 3t + B \sin 3t)$	A1
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try $x = ke^{\frac{1}{2}t} \Rightarrow \dot{x} = \frac{1}{2}ke^{\frac{1}{2}t} \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = \frac{1}{4}ke^{\frac{1}{2}t}$	B1
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$\frac{1}{4}k + 2k + 13k = 61 \Rightarrow k = 4$	M1 A1
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$t^3 y = e^{-2t}(A \cos 3t + B \sin 3t) + 4e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \Rightarrow y = t^{-3}e^{-2t}(A \cos 3t + B \sin 3t) + 4t^{-3}e^{\frac{1}{2}t}$	M1 A1
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$m^2 - 8m - 9 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -1, 9$	M1
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$x = Ae^{-t} + Be^{9t}$	A1
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try $x = ke^{8t} \Rightarrow \dot{x} = 8ke^{8t} \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = 64ke^{8t}$	B1
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$64ke^{8t} - 64ke^{8t} - 9ke^{8t} = 9e^{8t} \Rightarrow -9k = 9$	M1
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$k = -1$	A1
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$x = Ae^{-t} + Be^{9t} - e^{8t}$	A1
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$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} = \frac{x}{x^2+1} (x - \sqrt{x^2+1})$	B1
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$e^{\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} dx} = e^{\sinh^{-1} x}$	M1 A1
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$= x + \sqrt{x^2+1} \text{ (AG)}$	A1
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(b)

$\frac{d}{dx} \left(y (x + \sqrt{x^2+1}) \right) = -\frac{x}{x^2+1}$	M1 A1
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$y (x + \sqrt{x^2+1}) = -\int \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx = -\frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+1) + C$	M1 A1
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$\ln 2 = C$	M1
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$y = \frac{\ln 2 - \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+1)}{x + \sqrt{x^2+1}} = \left(x - \sqrt{x^2+1} \right) \ln \left(\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\dots} \right) \text{ i.e. } y = \left(x - \sqrt{x^2+1} \right) \ln \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} \right)$	M1 A1
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Q21

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Auxiliary equation: $9m^2 + 6m + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -\frac{1}{3}$.	M1
Complementary function: $y = e^{-\frac{1}{3}x}(Ax + B)$.	A1
Particular integral and its derivatives: $y = p + qx + rx^2 \Rightarrow y' = q + 2rx \Rightarrow y'' = 2r$.	B1
Substitutes and equates coefficients: $18r + 6q + 12rx + p + qx + rx^2 = 3x^2 + 30x$.	M1
$r = 3, q = -6, p = -18$.	A1
$y = e^{-\frac{1}{3}x}(Ax + B) + 3x^2 - 6x - 18$.	A1
(b) $y = 3x^2 - 6x - 18$.	B1 FT
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Finds integrating factor: $e^{\int \cot \theta \, d\theta} = e^{\ln \sin \theta} = \sin \theta$.	M1 A1
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Correct form on LHS and uses identity from part (a): $\frac{d}{d\theta}(y \sin \theta) = \sin^4 \theta = \frac{1}{8}(\cos 4\theta - 4 \cos 2\theta + 3)$.	M1
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$y \sin \theta = \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{1}{4} \sin 4\theta - 2 \sin 2\theta + 3\theta \right) + C$.	A1
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Substitutes initial conditions: $0 = \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{3}{2}\pi \right) + C$.	M1
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OE: $y \sin \theta = \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{1}{4} \sin 4\theta - 2 \sin 2\theta + 3\theta - \frac{3}{2}\pi \right)$.	A1
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Divides through by x : $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2}{x}y = \frac{1}{x}e^x$.	B1
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Finds integrating factor, must be integrating x^{-1} : $e^2 \int x^{-1} dx = x^2$.	M1 A1
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Correct form on LHS and attempt to integrate $\frac{1}{x}e^x$ multiplied by their integrating factor: $\frac{d}{dx}(yx^2) = xe^x$.	M1
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$yx^2 = (x - 1)e^x + C$.	A1
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Finds C : $C = 3$.	M1
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Divides through by coefficient of y : $y = \frac{(x - 1)e^x + 3}{x^2}$.	M1 A1
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Q24

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Auxiliary equation: $m^2 + 8m + 15 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -3, -5.$	M1
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Complementary function: $x = Ae^{-5t} + Be^{-3t}.$	A1
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Particular integral and its derivatives: $x = p \sin 3t + q \cos 3t \Rightarrow \dot{x} = 3p \cos 3t - 3q \sin 3t \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = -9p \sin 3t - 9q \cos 3t.$	M1 A1
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Substitutes and equates coefficients: $-9p - 24q + 15p = 0 \Rightarrow 6p - 24q = 0;$ $-9q + 24p + 15q = 102 \Rightarrow 4p + q = 17.$	M1
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$p = 4, q = 1.$	A1
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$x = Ae^{-5t} + Be^{-3t} + 4 \sin 3t + \cos 3t.$	A1
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Differentiating the correct form: $\dot{x} = -5Ae^{-5t} - 3Be^{-3t} + 12 \cos 3t - 3 \sin 3t.$	M1
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Forms simultaneous equations using initial conditions: $1 = A + B + 1, 0 = -5A - 3B + 12 \Rightarrow A = 6, B = -6.$	M1 A1
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$x = 6e^{-5t} - 6e^{-3t} + 4 \sin 3t + \cos 3t.$	A1
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Q25

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Auxiliary equation: $m^2 + 3m + 2 = 0$ leading to $m = -1, -2$.	M1
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Complementary function: $y = Ae^{-x} + Be^{-2x}$.	A1
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Particular integral and its derivatives: $y = p + qx$ leading to $y' = q$ leading to $y'' = 0$.	B1
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Substitutes and equates coefficients: $3q + 2(p + qx) = 2x + 1$.	M1
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$q = 1, p = -1$.	A1
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$y = Ae^{-x} + Be^{-2x} + x - 1$ (must see “ $y =$ ”).	A1
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(b)

$y = x - 1$ (accept $y \approx x - 1$).	B1 FT
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Q26

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Divides through by $\sin \theta$: $\frac{dy}{d\theta} + \operatorname{cosec} \theta y = \frac{\tan \frac{1}{2}\theta}{\sin \theta}$.	B1
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Finds integrating factor: $e^{\int \operatorname{cosec} \theta d\theta} = e^{\ln \tan \frac{1}{2}\theta} = \tan \frac{1}{2}\theta$.	M1 A1
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Correct form on LHS and uses an appropriate identity: $\frac{d}{d\theta} (y \tan \frac{1}{2}\theta) = \frac{\tan^2 \frac{1}{2}\theta}{\sin \theta} = \frac{1}{2} \tan \frac{1}{2}\theta \sec^2 \frac{1}{2}\theta$.	M1
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Integrates RHS: $y \tan \frac{1}{2}\theta = \frac{1}{2} \tan^2 \frac{1}{2}\theta + C$.	M1 A1
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Substitutes initial conditions: $1 = \frac{1}{2} + C$.	M1
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Divides through by their integrating factor: $y = \frac{1}{2} (\tan \frac{1}{2}\theta + \cot \frac{1}{2}\theta) [= \operatorname{cosec} \theta]$.	M1 A1
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Differentiates particular integral: $y = kxe^{-x}$ leading to $y' = ke^{-x}(1-x)$ leading to $y'' = ke^{-x}(x-2)$.	B1 B1
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Substitutes: $ke^{-x}(x-2) - 2ke^{-x}(1-x) - 3kxe^{-x} = 4e^{-x}$ leading to $-4k = 4$.	M1
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$k = -1$.	A1
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(b)

Auxiliary equation: $m^2 - 2m - 3 = 0$ leading to $m = -1, 3$.	M1
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Complementary function: $y = Ae^{-x} + Be^{3x}$.	A1
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General solution: $y = Ae^{-x} + Be^{3x} - xe^{-x} = (A-x)e^{-x} + Be^{3x}$.	A1 FT
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Derivative of general solution: $y' = -(A-x)e^{-x} - e^{-x} + 3Be^{3x}$.	B1
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Substitutes initial conditions into general solution: $A+B = \frac{1}{2}$, $-A-1+3B = \frac{1}{2}$ leading to $A = 0$, $B = \frac{1}{2}$.	M1
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$y = \frac{1}{2}e^{3x} - xe^{-x}$.	A1
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Q28

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[↑ Back to contents](#)**Mark scheme.****(a)**Writes in exponential form: $\sinh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x})$, $\cosh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x + e^{-x})$. **B1**Expands: $(\frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x}))^2 = \frac{1}{2}(e^{2x} - 2 + e^{-2x})$. **M1** $= \cosh 2x - 1$ (AG). **A1****(b)**Finds integrating factor: $e^{\int \coth x \, dx} = e^{\ln \sinh x} = \sinh x$. **M1 A1**Correct form on both sides: $\frac{d}{dx}(y \sinh x) = 4 \sinh^2 x$. **M1**Integrates $\sinh^2 x$ using identity: $y \sinh x = 2(\frac{1}{2} \sinh 2x - x) + C = \sinh 2x - 2x + C$. **M1 A1**Substitutes initial conditions: $\sinh \ln 3 = \sinh \ln 9 - 2 \ln 3 + C$ leading to $\frac{4}{3} = \frac{40}{9} - 2 \ln 3 + C$. **M1** $y \sinh x = \sinh 2x - 2x + 2 \ln 3 - \frac{28}{9}$. **A1****Total: 10**Spotted a mistake? Email us at vectorspacepk@gmail.com.

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$m^2 - 2m + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = 1$. Auxiliary equation.	M1
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$y = e^x(Ax + B)$. Complementary function (accept 'y =' missing).	A1
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$y = p \sin x + q \cos x$, $y' = p \cos x - q \sin x$, $y'' = -p \sin x - q \cos x$. Particular integral and its derivatives.	M1 A1
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$-p + 2q + p = 0$, $-q - 2p + q = 4$. Substitutes and equates coefficients.	M1
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$p = -2$, $q = 0$.	A1
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$y = e^x(Ax + B) - 2 \sin x$.	A1
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$y' = Ae^x + e^x(Ax + B) - 2 \cos x$. Differentiates.	M1
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$B = -4$, $A + B - 2 = 3 \Rightarrow A = 9$. Forms simultaneous equations using initial conditions.	M1 A1
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$y = e^x(9x - 4) - 2 \sin x$.	A1
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$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-1}}y = \frac{x^2 - x\sqrt{x^2-1}}{\sqrt{x^2-1}}$. Divides through by $\sqrt{x^2-1}$.	B1
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$e^{\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-1}}dx} = e^{\cosh^{-1}x}$. Finds integrating factor (M1 for correct form $e^{a \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-1}}dx}$, $a \neq 0$ constant).	M1 A1
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$x + \sqrt{x^2-1}$ (AG).	A1
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$\frac{d}{dx} \left(y(x + \sqrt{x^2-1}) \right) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2-1}}$. Correct form on LHS and simplifies RHS.	M1 A1
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$y(x + \sqrt{x^2-1}) = \sqrt{x^2-1} + C$. Integrates RHS (needs non-zero multiple of $\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2-1}}$).	M1 A1
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$2 = \frac{3}{4} + C$ leading to $C = \frac{5}{4}$. Substitutes initial conditions.	M1
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$y = \frac{\sqrt{x^2-1} + \frac{5}{4}}{x + \sqrt{x^2-1}}$. Divides through by coefficient of y .	M1 A1
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Mark scheme.

$e^{\ln(x^4+5)} = x^4 + 5$. Finds integrating factor.	M1 A1
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$\frac{d}{dx}(y(x^4 + 5)) = 6x^5 + 30x$. Writes in correct form.	M1
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$y(x^4 + 5) = x^6 + 15x^2 + C$.	A1
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$6 = 16 + C$. Substitutes initial conditions.	M1
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$y = \frac{x^6 + 15x^2 - 10}{x^4 + 5}$. Division through by coefficient of y .	M1 A1
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$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 \frac{dw}{dx} + 2xw.$	B1
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$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = x^2 \frac{d^2w}{dx^2} + 4x \frac{dw}{dx} + 2w.$	B1
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Uses substitution to find w - x equation: $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = x^2 \frac{d^2w}{dx^2} + 4x \frac{dw}{dx} + 2w + 4x^2 \frac{dw}{dx} + 8xw + 5x^2w.$	M1
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$5x^2 \frac{d^2w}{dx^2} + (4x^2 + 4x) \frac{dw}{dx} + (5x^2 + 8x + 2)w = 5x^2 + 4x + 2$ (AG).	A1
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$m^2 + 4m + 5 = 0$ leading to $m = -2 \pm i$. Auxiliary equation.	M1
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$y = e^{-2x}(A \cos x + B \sin x)$. Complementary function.	A1
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$y = px^2 + qx + r$, $y' = 2px + q$, $y'' = 2p$. Particular integral and its derivatives.	B1
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Substitutes and equates coefficients: $2p + 8px + 4q + 5px^2 + 5qx + 5r = 5px^2 + (8p + 5q)x + (2p + 4q + 5r)$; $5p = 5$, $8p + 5q = 4$, $2p + 4q + 5r = 2$.	M1
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$p = 1$, $q = -\frac{4}{5}$, $r = \frac{16}{25}$.	A1
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Substitutes for y and finds w in terms of x : $x^2w = e^{-2x}(A \cos x + B \sin x) + x^2 - \frac{4}{5}x + \frac{16}{25}$.	M1
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$w = (xe^x)^{-2}(A \cos x + B \sin x) + 1 - (\frac{5}{4}x)^{-1} + (\frac{5}{4}x)^{-2}$.	A1
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Auxiliary equation: $z^2 + z + 1 = 0$ leading to $m = -\frac{1}{2} \pm i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	(a) M1
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Complementary function: $x = e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} \left(A \sin \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t + B \cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t \right)$	A1
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Particular integral and its derivatives: $x = pt^2 + qt + r$ leading to $\dot{x} = 2pt + q$ leading to $\ddot{x} = 2p$	B1
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Substitutes and equates coefficients (PI must have correct form): $2p + 2pt + q + pt^2 + qt + r = t^2 + 1$	M1
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$r = 1, q = -2, p = 1$	A1
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$x = e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} \left(A \sin \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t + B \cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t \right) + t^2 - 2t + 1$	A1
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$e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$	(b) M1
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$\ddot{x} \rightarrow 2$	A1 FT
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$\frac{dy}{dx} = v + x \frac{dv}{dx}$	B1
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Substitutes and derives first order separable equation: $x \left(v + x \frac{dv}{dx} \right) = vx + \sqrt{9x^2 + x^2v^2}$	M1
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$x \frac{dv}{dx} = \sqrt{v^2 + 9}$	A1
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Separates variables and integrates both sides: $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{v^2 + 9}} dv = \int \frac{1}{x} dx$	M1
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$\sinh^{-1} \left(\frac{v}{3} \right) = \ln x + C$	A1
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Substitutes initial conditions: $C = 0$	B1
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Converts to logarithmic form: $\ln \left(\frac{v}{3} + \sqrt{\frac{v^2}{9} + 1} \right) = \ln x$	M1
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$y + \sqrt{y^2 + 9x^2} = 3x^2$	A1
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Squares to eliminate radical: $9x^4 - 6x^2y + y^2 - y^2 - 9x^2 = 0$	M1
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$y = \frac{3}{2}(x^2 - 1)$	A1
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Divides through by $x(x+7)$: $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{7y}{x(x+7)} = \frac{1}{x+7}$ **B1**

Converts to partial fractions or completes the square: $\frac{7}{x(x+7)} = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x+7}$ **B1**

or $\frac{7}{x(x+7)} = \frac{7}{(x+\frac{7}{2})^2 - \frac{49}{4}}$

Finds integrating factor (accept non-zero multiple of $\frac{x}{x+7}$): $e^{\int 7x^{-1}(x+7)^{-1}dx} =$ **M1 A1**
 $e^{\ln x - \ln(x+7)} = \frac{x}{x+7}$

Correct form on LHS and attempt to integrate RHS (RHS must be of the form $\frac{a}{x+7} + \frac{b}{(x+7)^2}$): $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{yx}{x+7} \right) = \frac{x}{(x+7)^2} = \frac{1}{x+7} - \frac{7}{(x+7)^2}$ **M1**

$\frac{yx}{x+7} = \ln(x+7) + 7(x+7)^{-1} (+C)$ **A1**

Finds C , substitutes into their expression: $\frac{7}{8} = \ln 8 + \frac{7}{8} + C$ **M1**

Divides their expression through by coefficient of y : $y = \left(1 + \frac{7}{x}\right) \ln \left(\frac{x+7}{8}\right) + \frac{7}{x}$ **M1 A1**

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Auxiliary equation: $4m^2 - 1 = 0$ leading to $m = \pm \frac{1}{2}$	(a) M1
Complementary function (allow “ $y =$ ” missing): $y = Ae^{-\frac{1}{2}x} + Be^{\frac{1}{2}x}$	A1
Substitutes $y = k$: $-k = 3$ leading to $k = -3$	M1 A1
General solution (must have $y =$ or sensible equivalent): $y = Ae^{-\frac{1}{2}x} + Be^{\frac{1}{2}x} - 3$	A1 FT
Derivative of general solution: $y' = -\frac{1}{2}Ae^{-\frac{1}{2}x} + \frac{1}{2}Be^{\frac{1}{2}x}$	B1
Substitutes initial conditions, solves simultaneous equations: $A + B = 0$, $-\frac{1}{2}A + \frac{1}{2}B = 2$ leading to $A = -2$, $B = 2$	M1
Particular solution: $y = 2e^{\frac{1}{2}x} - 2e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} - 3$	A1
Makes x the subject (y must be of the form $a_1e^{bx} \pm a_2e^{-bx} + c$): $y = 0$ leading to $4 \sinh \frac{1}{2}x = 3$ leading to $\frac{1}{2}x = \sinh^{-1} \frac{3}{4}$	(b) M1
Uses logarithmic form: $\sinh^{-1} \frac{3}{4} = \ln \left(\frac{3}{4} + \sqrt{\frac{9}{16} + 1} \right) = \ln 2$	M1
$x = 2 \ln 2 = \ln 4$	A1
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$2m^2 + 2m + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}i$. Correct auxiliary equation.	M1
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Complementary function $y = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}(A \cos \frac{1}{2}x + B \sin \frac{1}{2}x)$.	A1
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Particular integral $y = px^2 + qx + r$ and derivatives $y' = 2px + q$, $y'' = 2p$.	B1
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Substitutes and equates coefficients: $p = 4$, $4p + q = 3$, $4p + 2q + r = 3$.	M1
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$q = -13$, $r = 13$.	A1
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General solution $y = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}(A \cos \frac{1}{2}x + B \sin \frac{1}{2}x) + 4x^2 - 13x + 13$.	A1
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Full use of product rule for y' .	M1
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Uses initial conditions: $A + 13 = 0$, $\frac{1}{2}B - \frac{1}{2}A - 13 = 0 \Rightarrow A = -13$, $B = 13$.	M1 A1
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$y = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}(-13 \cos \frac{1}{2}x + 13 \sin \frac{1}{2}x) + 4x^2 - 13x + 13$.	A1
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$$\frac{du}{d\theta} = -2(\theta - 1) \text{ leading to } (\theta - 1) d\theta = -\frac{1}{2} du. \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\int \frac{\theta - 1}{\sqrt{1 - (\theta - 1)^2}} d\theta = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du = -\sqrt{u} + C = -\sqrt{1 - (\theta - 1)^2} + C. \quad \text{M1 A1}$$

(b)

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} - \frac{y}{\theta} = \theta \sin^{-1}(\theta - 1). \text{ Divides through by } \theta. \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\text{Integrating factor } e^{-\int \theta^{-1} d\theta} = e^{-\ln \theta} = \theta^{-1}. \quad \text{M1 A1}$$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta}(\theta^{-1}y) = \sin^{-1}(\theta - 1). \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\theta^{-1}y = \theta \sin^{-1}(\theta - 1) - \int \frac{\theta}{\sqrt{1 - (\theta - 1)^2}} d\theta. \text{ Integrates } \sin^{-1}(\theta - 1). \quad \text{M1 A1}$$

$$\text{Applies part (a) and } \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} dx = \sin^{-1} x + C. \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\theta^{-1}y = \theta \sin^{-1}(\theta - 1) + \sqrt{1 - (\theta - 1)^2} - \sin^{-1}(\theta - 1) + C. \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{Substitutes initial conditions: } 1 = 1 + C. \quad \text{M1}$$

$$y = \theta(\theta - 1) \sin^{-1}(\theta - 1) + \theta \sqrt{1 - (\theta - 1)^2}. \quad \text{M1 A1}$$

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$\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{4}{4t^2 - 1}x = 1$. Divides through by $4t^2 - 1$.	B1
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$\frac{4}{4t^2 - 1} = \frac{2}{2t - 1} - \frac{2}{2t + 1}$. Writes as partial fractions.	B1
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Integrating factor $e^{\int 4(4t^2 - 1)^{-1} dt} = e^{\ln(2t-1) - \ln(2t+1)} = \frac{2t-1}{2t+1}$.	M1 A1
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$\frac{d}{dt} \left(x \frac{2t-1}{2t+1} \right) = \frac{2t-1}{2t+1} = \frac{2t+1-2}{2t+1}$. Correct form on LHS.	M1
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$x \frac{2t-1}{2t+1} = t - \ln(2t+1) + C$.	A1
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Substitutes initial conditions: $1 = 1 - \ln 3 + C$.	M1
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$x = \left(\frac{2t+1}{2t-1} \right) \left(t + \ln \left(\frac{3}{2t+1} \right) \right)$.	M1 A1
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$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sinh u \frac{du}{dx}.$	B1
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$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \sinh u \frac{d^2u}{dx^2} + \cosh u \left(\frac{du}{dx} \right)^2.$	B1
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Uses substitution to find y - x equation, AG.	M1
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$\sqrt{\cosh^2 u - 1} \left(\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} + \frac{du}{dx} \right) + \cosh u \left(\frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 - 2 \cosh u = 4e^{-x}. \text{ AG.}$	A1
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(b)

Auxiliary equation $m^2 + m - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow m = 1, -2.$	M1
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$y = Ae^x + Be^{-2x}.$	A1
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Particular integral $y = ke^{-x}, y' = -ke^{-x}, y'' = ke^{-x}.$	B1
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Substitutes and equates coefficients: $ke^{-x} - ke^{-x} - 2ke^{-x} = 4e^{-x}.$	M1
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$k = -2.$	A1
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$y = \cosh u = Ae^x + Be^{-2x} - 2e^{-x}.$	A1
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$y' = \sinh u \frac{du}{dx} = Ae^x - 2Be^{-2x} + 2e^{-x}.$	B1
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Substitutes initial conditions: $A + B - 2 = \frac{5}{3}, A - 2B + 2 = 4 \Rightarrow A = \frac{28}{9}, B = \frac{5}{9}.$	M1 A1
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$u = \cosh^{-1} \left(\frac{28}{9}e^x + \frac{5}{9}e^{-2x} - 2e^{-x} \right).$	A1
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$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dz}{dx} - 1.$	B1
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Substitutes and derives first order separable equation: $\frac{dz}{dx} - 1 = \frac{1+3z}{3z-1}.$	M1
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$\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{1+3z}{3z-1} + 1 = \frac{6z}{3z-1}.$	A1
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Separates variables and integrates both sides: $\int \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6}z^{-1} dz = \int 1 dx.$	M1
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$\frac{1}{2}z - \frac{1}{6} \ln z = x + C \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}y - \frac{1}{6} \ln(x+y) = C.$	A1
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Substitutes initial conditions into their expression.	M1
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$C = -\frac{1}{2},$ giving $\frac{1}{6} \ln(x+y) + \frac{1}{2}(x-y) - \frac{1}{2} = 0$ (OE).	A1
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Auxiliary equation $m^2 - 12m + 36 = 0$.	M1
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Complementary function $x = e^{6t}(At + B)$ (allow “ $x =$ ” missing).	A1
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Particular integral $x = p \sin t + q \cos t \Rightarrow x' = p \cos t - q \sin t \Rightarrow x'' = -p \sin t - q \cos t$.	M1 A1
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Substitutes and equates coefficients: $-p + 12q + 36p = 37$, $-q - 12p + 36q = 0$ (must have two unknowns).	M1
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$p = \frac{35}{37}$, $q = \frac{12}{37}$.	A1
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$x = e^{6t}(At + B) + \frac{35}{37} \sin t + \frac{12}{37} \cos t$ (must have “ $x =$ ”; FT on CF).	A1 FT
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Differentiates using product rule: $x' = Ae^{6t} + 6e^{6t}(At + B) + \frac{35}{37} \cos t - \frac{12}{37} \sin t$ (must have their PI differentiated).	M1*
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Forms simultaneous equations using initial conditions: $B = -\frac{12}{37}$, $A + 6B + \frac{35}{37} = 0 \Rightarrow A = 1$.	DM1 A1
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$x = e^{6t} \left(t - \frac{12}{37}\right) + \frac{35}{37} \sin t + \frac{12}{37} \cos t$ (must have “ $x =$ ”).	A1
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Auxiliary equation $6m^2 + 5m + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{3}$.	M1
Complementary function $x = Ae^{-\frac{1}{2}t} + Be^{-\frac{1}{3}t}$ (allow with “ $x =$ ” missing).	A1
Particular integral and its derivatives: $x = p + qt + rt^2 \Rightarrow x' = q + 2rt \Rightarrow x'' = 2r$.	B1
Substitutes and equates coefficients: $12r + 5q + 10rt + p + qt + rt^2 = t^2 + 10t + 13$.	M1
$r = 1, q = 0, p = 1$.	A1
$x = Ae^{-\frac{1}{2}t} + Be^{-\frac{1}{3}t} + t^2 + 1$ (must have “ $x =$ ”). (b)	A1
$x = t^2 + 1$ (must have “ $x =$ ”; accept “ x is approximately”; do not accept “ $x \rightarrow$ ”; FT on their PI).	B1FT
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Auxiliary equation: $m^2 + 2m + 3 = 0$.	M1
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Complementary function: $[y =]e^{-x} (A \cos \sqrt{2}x + B \sin \sqrt{2}x)$.	A1
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Particular integral and its derivatives: $y = px^2 + qx + r \Rightarrow y' = 2px + q \Rightarrow y'' = 2p$.	B1
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Substitutes and equates coefficients: $3p = 27, 3q + 4p = 0, 2p + 2q + 3r = 0$.	M1
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$p = 9, q = -12, r = 2$.	A1
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General solution: $y = e^{-x} (A \cos \sqrt{2}x + B \sin \sqrt{2}x) + 9x^2 - 12x + 2$.	A1
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Differentiates (must use product rule): $y' = e^{-x} (-\sqrt{2}A \sin \sqrt{2}x + \sqrt{2}B \cos \sqrt{2}x) - e^{-x} (A \cos \sqrt{2}x + B \sin \sqrt{2}x) + 18x - 12$.	M1*
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Uses initial conditions: $A + 2 = 2, \sqrt{2}B - A - 12 = -8 \Rightarrow A = 0, B = 2\sqrt{2}$.	DM1 A1
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$y = 2\sqrt{2}e^{-x} \sin \sqrt{2}x + 9x^2 - 12x + 2$.	A1
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$$\cosh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x + e^{-x}), \sinh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x}). \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x})(e^x + e^{-x}) = \frac{1}{2}(e^{2x} - e^{-2x}) = \sinh 2x \text{ (AG)}. \quad \text{M1 A1}$$

(b)

$$u = \sinh x \Rightarrow du = \cosh x \, dx. \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\text{Applies identities to find integral in terms of } u: \int \sinh^2 2x \cosh x \, dx = \text{M1}$$

$$4 \int \sinh^2 x \cosh^2 x \, du = 4 \int \sinh^2 x (\sinh^2 x + 1) \, du.$$

$$= 4 \int u^2(u^2 + 1) \, du. \quad \text{A1}$$

$$= 4 \left(\frac{1}{5} u^5 + \frac{1}{3} u^3 \right) (+C) = 4 \left(\frac{1}{5} \sinh^5 x + \frac{1}{3} \sinh^3 x \right) (+C). \quad \text{A1}$$

(c)

$$\text{Finds integrating factor: } e^{\int \tanh x \, dx} = e^{\ln \cosh x} = \cosh x. \quad \text{M1 A1}$$

$$\text{Correct form on LHS and attempt to integrate RHS: } \frac{d}{dx}(y \cosh x) = \text{M1}$$

$$\sinh^2 2x \cosh x.$$

$$\text{Integrates RHS using part (b): } y \cosh x = 4 \left(\frac{1}{5} \sinh^5 x + \frac{1}{3} \sinh^3 x \right) + C. \quad \text{M1 A1}$$

$$\text{Substitutes initial conditions: } 4 = C. \quad \text{M1}$$

$$y = 4 \operatorname{sech} x \left(\frac{1}{5} \sinh^5 x + \frac{1}{3} \sinh^3 x + 1 \right). \quad \text{A1}$$

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Finds integrating factor: $e^{\int 3 dx} = e^{3x}$.	M1 A1
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Correct form on LHS and attempt to integrate RHS: $\frac{d}{dx}(ye^{3x}) = e^{3x} \sin x$.	M1
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Integrates by parts once or uses $\sin x = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i}$ (EITHER): $\int e^{3x} \sin x dx = -e^{3x} \cos x + 3 \int e^{3x} \cos x dx$ (OR $= \frac{1}{3}e^{3x} \sin x - \frac{1}{3} \int e^{3x} \cos x dx$).	M1 A1
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Integrates by parts again or substitutes trig exponential forms: $\int e^{3x} \sin x dx = -e^{3x} \cos x + 3(e^{3x} \sin x - 3 \int e^{3x} \sin x dx)$ (or equivalent).	M1
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Must not see i: $ye^{3x} = \frac{1}{10}e^{3x}(3 \sin x - \cos x) + C$.	A1
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Finds C , substitutes into their expression (must be integrated): $1 = -\frac{1}{10} + C$.	M1
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Divides through by coefficient of y : $y = \frac{3}{10} \sin x - \frac{1}{10} \cos x + \frac{11}{10}e^{-3x}$.	A1
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$$(v = y^4) \frac{dv}{dx} = 4y^3 \frac{dy}{dx}. \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\frac{d^2v}{dx^2} = 4y^3 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 12y^2 \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2. \quad \text{B1}$$

Uses substitution to find v - x equation (AG): $\frac{d^2v}{dx^2} + \frac{dv}{dx} + 4v = 4y^3 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 12y^2 \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 + 4y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y^4.$ M1

$$(AG) = 4 \left(y^3 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3y^2 \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 + y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} + y^4 \right) = 4e^{-2x}. \quad \text{A1}$$

(b)

Auxiliary equation: $m^2 + m + 4 = 0.$ M1

Complementary function (allow $v =$ missing): $[v = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \left(A \cos \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}x + B \sin \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}x \right).$ A1

Particular integral and its derivatives: $v = ke^{-2x} \Rightarrow v' = -2ke^{-2x} \Rightarrow v'' = 4ke^{-2x}.$ B1

Substitutes and equates coefficients: $4ke^{-2x} - 2ke^{-2x} + 4ke^{-2x} = 4e^{-2x}.$ M1

$k = \frac{2}{3}.$ A1

Substitutes for y and finds v in terms of x (must not see i): $v = y^4 = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \left(A \cos \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}x + B \sin \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}x \right) + \frac{2}{3}e^{-2x}.$ A1

$v' = 4y^3 \frac{dy}{dx} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \left(-\frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}A \sin \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}x + \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}B \cos \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}x \right) - \frac{1}{3}e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \left(A \cos \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}x + B \sin \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}x \right) - \frac{4}{3}e^{-2x}.$ B1

Substitutes initial conditions and forms simultaneous equations (must have used product rule when differentiating their v): $1 = A + \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{3}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}B - \frac{1}{2}A - \frac{4}{3} \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{3}, B = 0.$ M1 A1

$y = \left(\frac{1}{3}e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \cos \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}x + \frac{2}{3}e^{-2x} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \text{ (accept } \pm \text{).}$ A1

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Substitutes $\sinh$ and $\cosh$ in terms of exponentials: $(\cosh x + \sinh x)^{1/2} = \left(\frac{1}{2}(e^x + e^{-x}) + \frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x})\right)^{1/2}$. **M1**

AG: $(e^x)^{1/2} = e^{x/2}$. **A1**

(b)

Auxiliary equation: $m^2 + m + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}i\sqrt{11}$. **M1**

Complementary function: $y = e^{-x/2} \left(A \cos \frac{\sqrt{11}}{2}x + B \sin \frac{\sqrt{11}}{2}x \right)$. **A1**

Particular integral and its derivatives: $y = ke^{x/2} \Rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{2}ke^{x/2} \Rightarrow y'' = \frac{1}{4}ke^{x/2}$. **B1**

Substitutes and equates coefficients: $\frac{1}{4}k + \frac{1}{2}k + 3k = 5$. **M1**

$k = \frac{4}{3}$. **A1**

Must have ' $y =$ '. FT on their CF: $y = e^{-x/2} \left(A \cos \frac{\sqrt{11}}{2}x + B \sin \frac{\sqrt{11}}{2}x \right) + \frac{4}{3}e^{x/2}$. **A1FT**

Differentiates to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$. **B1**

Substitutes initial conditions and forms simultaneous equations. For M1, CF must be correct form: $A = -\frac{1}{3}$, $B = \frac{1}{\sqrt{11}}$. **M1 A1**

Must have ' $y =$ ': $y = e^{-x/2} \left(-\frac{1}{3} \cos \frac{\sqrt{11}}{2}x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{11}} \sin \frac{\sqrt{11}}{2}x \right) + \frac{4}{3}e^{x/2}$. **A1**

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Applies substitution: $\int \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du = \sqrt{u} [+C] = \sqrt{1+x^2} [+C]$. **M1 A1**

(b)

Divides through by x : $\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y}{x} = x \sinh^{-1} x$. **B1**

Finds integrating factor: $e^{-\int x^{-1} dx} = e^{-\ln x} = x^{-1}$. **M1 A1**

Correct form on LHS: $\frac{d}{dx}(x^{-1}y) = \sinh^{-1} x$. **M1**

Integrates RHS. RHS must be of the form $c \sinh^{-1} x$: $x^{-1}y = x \sinh^{-1} x - \int \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} dx$. **M1 A1**

$x^{-1}y = x \sinh^{-1} x - \sqrt{1+x^2} + C$. **A1**

Substitutes initial conditions: $1 = \ln(1 + \sqrt{2}) - \sqrt{2} + C$. ***M1**

Divides through by their integrating factor: $y = x^2 \sinh^{-1} x - x\sqrt{1+x^2} - x \ln(1 + \sqrt{2}) + x(1 + \sqrt{2})$. **DM1 A1**

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Auxiliary equation: $m^2 + 10m + 25 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -5$.	M1
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Complementary function. Allow 'x =' missing: $x = e^{-5t}(At + B)$.	A1
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Particular integral and its derivatives. For M1, both derivatives must be present and of the correct form (only allow sign errors): $x = p \sin t + q \cos t \Rightarrow x' = p \cos t - q \sin t \Rightarrow x'' = -p \sin t - q \cos t$.	M1 A1
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Substitutes and equates coefficients: $-p - 10q + 25p = 338, -q + 10p + 25q = 0$.	M1
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$p = 12, q = -5$.	A1
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Must have 'x =': $x = e^{-5t}(At + B) + 12 \sin t - 5 \cos t$.	A1
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(b)

Considering PI only: $x \approx 12 \sin t - 5 \cos t = 13 \left(\frac{12}{13} \sin t - \frac{5}{13} \cos t \right)$.	M1
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A1 for R and A1 for ϕ . Condone 22.6° . Withhold final A1 mark if working with incorrect PI. CWO: $12 \sin t - 5 \cos t = 13 \sin(t - 0.395 \dots)$.	A1 A1
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Applies product rule and $\frac{d}{dx} (\cosh^{-1} \frac{x}{3}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 9}}$. **M1**

OE: $\frac{x^2}{2\sqrt{x^2 - 9}} + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{x^2 - 9} - \frac{9}{2\sqrt{x^2 - 9}}$. **A1**

Puts over common denominator, AG: $\frac{x^2 - 9}{2\sqrt{x^2 - 9}} + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{x^2 - 9} = \sqrt{x^2 - 9}$. **A1**

(b)

Divides through by x : $\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y}{x} = x\sqrt{x^2 - 9}$. **B1**

Finds integrating factor: $e^{-\int x^{-1} dx} = e^{-\ln x} = x^{-1}$. **M1 A1**

Correct form on LHS: $\frac{d}{dx}(x^{-1}y) = \sqrt{x^2 - 9}$. **M1**

Integrates RHS. For M1, RHS must be of the form $c\sqrt{x^2 - 9}$: $x^{-1}y = \frac{x}{2}\sqrt{x^2 - 9} - \frac{9}{2}\cosh^{-1} \frac{x}{3} + C$. **M1 A1**

Substitutes initial conditions: $\frac{1}{3} = C$. **M1**

Divides through by their integrating factor: $y = x \left(\frac{x}{2}\sqrt{x^2 - 9} - \frac{9}{2}\cosh^{-1} \frac{x}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \right)$. **M1 A1**

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Auxiliary equation, two distinct real roots: $6m^2 - 5m + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}$.	M1
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Complementary function: $x = Ae^{t/2} + Be^{t/3}$.	A1
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Particular integral and its derivatives: $x = pt^2 + qt + r \Rightarrow x' = 2pt + q \Rightarrow x'' = 2p$.	B1
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Substitutes and equates coefficients: $p = 1, -10p + q = 1, 12p - 5q + r = 1$.	M1
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$p = 1, q = 11, r = 44$.	A1
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General solution: $x = Ae^{t/2} + Be^{t/3} + t^2 + 11t + 44$ (FT on CF).	A1
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Differentiates: $x' = \frac{1}{2}Ae^{t/2} + \frac{1}{3}Be^{t/3} + 2t + 11$.	M1
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Uses initial conditions: $A + B + 44 = 12, \frac{1}{2}A + \frac{1}{3}B + 11 = -6 \Rightarrow A = -38, B = 6$.	M1A1
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$x = -38e^{t/2} + 6e^{t/3} + t^2 + 11t + 44$.	A1
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Divides through by $\sqrt{x^2 + 16}$: $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + 16}} = x$. **B1**

Finds integrating factor $e^{\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 16}} dx} = e^{\sinh^{-1}(x/4)}$. **M1A1**

$= \frac{1}{4}x + \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{x^2 + 16}$ (AG). **A1**

(b)

Correct form on LHS and RHS: $\frac{d}{dx} \left(y \left(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 16} \right) \right) = x^2 + x\sqrt{x^2 + 16}$. **M1A1**

Integrates RHS: $y \left(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 16} \right) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{3}(x^2 + 16)^{3/2} + C$. **M1A1**

Substitutes initial conditions: $6(3 + \sqrt{25}) = \frac{27}{3} + \frac{25}{3}\sqrt{25} + C$. **M1**

$y \left(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 16} \right) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{3}(x^2 + 16)^{3/2} - \frac{8}{3}$. **A1**

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Auxiliary equation. M1 for correct type of roots (complex): $3m^2 + 2m + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -\frac{1}{3} \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}i$. **M1**

Complementary function: $y = e^{-x/3} \left(A \cos \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}x + B \sin \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}x \right)$. **A1**

Particular integral and its derivatives: $y = px^2 + qx + r \Rightarrow y' = 2px + q \Rightarrow y'' = 2p$. **B1**

Substitutes and equates coefficients: $p = 1, 4p + q = 0, 6p + 2q + r = 0$. **M1**

$q = -4, r = 2$. **A1**

General solution: $y = e^{-x/3} \left(A \cos \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}x + B \sin \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}x \right) + x^2 - 4x + 2$ (must have 'y='). FT on CF). **A1FT**

Differentiates. GS must be in correct form. ***M1**

Uses initial conditions: $A + 2 = 0, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}B - \frac{1}{3}A - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow A = -2, B = 5\sqrt{2}$. **DM1A1**

$y = e^{-x/3} \left(-2 \cos \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}x + 5\sqrt{2} \sin \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}x \right) + x^2 - 4x + 2$. **A1**

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Applies chain rule: $\frac{d}{dx}(\ln(\tanh x)) = \frac{\operatorname{sech}^2 x}{\tanh x}$. **M1A1**

$= \frac{1}{\sinh x \cosh x} = \frac{2}{\sinh 2x}$ (AG). **A1**

(b)

Divides through by $\sinh(2x)$: $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2y}{\sinh(2x)} = 1$. **B1**

Correct form on LHS and RHS: $\frac{d}{dx}(y \tanh x) = \tanh x$. **M1A1**

Integrates RHS: $y \tanh x = \ln(\cosh x) + C$. **M1A1**

Substitutes initial conditions: $5 \left(\frac{3}{5}\right) = \ln \frac{5}{4} + C$. **M1**

$y \tanh x = \ln(\cosh x) + 3 - \ln \frac{5}{4}$ (accept equivalent exact form). **A1**

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Auxiliary equation $6m^2 + 3m + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -\frac{1}{4} \pm \frac{1}{4}i\sqrt{15}$. M1 for correct type (complex) of roots.	M1
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Complementary function $x = e^{-\frac{1}{4}t} \left(A \cos \frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}t + B \sin \frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}t \right)$. Allow 'x =' missing. Using x instead of t is A0.	A1
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Particular integral and its derivatives: $x = ke^{-t} \Rightarrow x' = -ke^{-t} \Rightarrow x'' = ke^{-t}$.	B1
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Substitutes and equates coefficients: $6ke^{-t} - 3ke^{-t} + 6ke^{-t} = e^{-t}$.	M1
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$k = \frac{1}{9}$.	A1
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General solution $x = e^{-\frac{1}{4}t} \left(A \cos \frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}t + B \sin \frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}t \right) + \frac{1}{9}e^{-t}$. FT on CF and their value of k. Must have 'x ='.	A1FT
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Differentiates using product rule.	*M1
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Substitutes initial conditions and forms simultaneous equations: $A = -\frac{1}{9}$, $B = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{15}}$.	DM1, A1
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Final answer must have 'x ='.	A1
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Finds integrating factor using $\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx = \ln |f(x)|$: $\int \frac{x+5}{x^2+10x+61} dx = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 10x + 61)$. **M1 A1**

$e^{-\frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+10x+61)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 10x + 61}}$. **A1**

Correct form on LHS using their integrating factor: $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + 10x + 61}} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 10x + 61}}$. **M1**

Completes the square: $x^2 + 10x + 61 = (x + 5)^2 + 36$. **B1**

Integrates RHS: $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x+5)^2 + 6^2}} dx = \sinh^{-1} \left(\frac{x+5}{6} \right) + C$. Attempting to integrate by parts is M0. ***M1 A1**

Substitutes initial conditions: $C = -\sinh^{-1} \left(\frac{8}{6} \right) = -\ln \left(\frac{8}{6} + \frac{5}{3} \right) = -\ln 3$. **DM1 A1**

Final answer. **A1**

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Auxiliary equation $m^2 + m - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow m = 1, -2$. M1 for correct type of roots.	M1
Complementary function $x = Ae^t + Be^{-2t}$. Allow 'x =' missing. Using x instead of t is A0.	A1
Particular integral and its derivatives: $x = pt^2 + qt + r \Rightarrow x' = 2pt + q \Rightarrow x'' = 2p$.	B1
Substitutes and equates coefficients: $p = -1, 2p - 2q = 1, 2p + q - 2r = -1$.	M1
$p = -1, q = -\frac{3}{2}, r = -\frac{5}{4}$.	A1
General solution $x = Ae^t + Be^{-2t} - t^2 - \frac{3}{2}t - \frac{5}{4}$. FT on CF and their values of p, q, r . Must have 'x ='.	A1FT
Differentiates: $x' = Ae^t - 2Be^{-2t} - 2t - \frac{3}{2}$.	*M1
Uses initial conditions: $A + B - \frac{5}{4} = 0, A - 2B - \frac{3}{2} = 0 \Rightarrow A = \frac{4}{3}, B = -\frac{1}{12}$.	DM1 A1
Final answer must have 'x ='.	A1

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Finds integrating factor using $\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx = \ln |f(x)|$: $\int \frac{2x+6}{x^2+6x+5} dx = \ln(x^2 + 6x + 5)$. **M1 A1**

$$e^{-\ln(x^2+6x+5)} = \frac{1}{x^2 + 6x + 5}. \quad \textbf{A1}$$

Correct form on LHS: $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{y}{x^2 + 6x + 5} \right) = \frac{4}{x^2 + 6x + 5}$. **M1**

Partial fractions or completing the square: $\frac{4}{x^2 + 6x + 5} = \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{1}{x+5}$. **B1**

Integrates RHS (RHS must be of the correct form): $\int \frac{4}{x^2 + 6x + 5} dx = \ln \left(\frac{x+1}{x+5} \right) + C$. ***M1 A1**

Substitutes initial conditions: $0 = \ln \frac{1}{5} + C$. **DM1**

$$\frac{y}{x^2 + 6x + 5} = \ln \left(\frac{x+1}{x+5} \right) - \ln \frac{1}{5} = \ln \left(\frac{5x+5}{x+5} \right). \text{ Accept } y = (x^2 + 6x + 5) \ln \left(\frac{5x+5}{x+5} \right). \quad \textbf{A1}$$

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Auxiliary equation $m^2 + 4m + 5 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -2 \pm i$. M1 for correct type of roots. **M1**

Complementary function $y = e^{-2x}(A \cos x + B \sin x)$. Allow 'y =' missing. **A1**
Accept $y = e^{-2x}(A \cos x + Bi \sin x)$.

Particular integral and its derivatives: $y = ke^{3x} \Rightarrow y' = 3ke^{3x} \Rightarrow y'' = 9ke^{3x}$. **B1**

Substitutes and cancels e^{3x} : $9k + 12k + 5k = 13 \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{2}$. **M1 A1**

General solution. Must have 'y ='. FT on their CF (the PI must be correct): **A1FT**
 $y = e^{-2x}(A \cos x + B \sin x) + \frac{1}{2}e^{3x}$.

Uses $y(0) = 1$, FT on their $1 - k$; their CF must be correct: $A + k = 1 \Rightarrow A = 1 - k = \frac{1}{2}$. **B1FT**

Finds y' ; for M1 their CF must have the correct form: $y' = e^{-2x}(-A \sin x + B \cos x) - 2e^{-2x}(A \cos x + B \sin x) + \frac{3}{2}e^{3x}$. **M1**

Uses $y'(0) = 0$: $B - 2A + \frac{3}{2} = 0 \Rightarrow B = -\frac{1}{2}$. **A1**

Must have 'y ='. **A1**

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Divides through by x : $\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{x}y = 2x \tan^{-1} x$.	B1
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Finds integrating factor: $e^{-\int x^{-1} dx} = x^{-1}$.	M1 A1
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Correct form on LHS and attempt to integrate RHS by parts (treating $\tan^{-1} x$ as $\cot x$ is M0): $\frac{d}{dx}(yx^{-1}) = 2 \tan^{-1} x$.	*M1
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$yx^{-1} = 2x \tan^{-1} x - 2 \int \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx = 2x \tan^{-1} x - \ln(1+x^2) + C$. Note $-\ln(1+x^2) = \ln \cos(\tan^{-1} x)$. SC B1 for $x \tan^{-1} x - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+x^2) + C$.	A1 A1
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Finds C , substitutes given conditions into their solution: $\frac{1}{2}\pi = 2\left(\frac{1}{4}\pi\right) - \ln 2 + C \Rightarrow C = \ln 2$.	DM1
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Divides through by their coefficient of y : $y = 2x^2 \tan^{-1} x - x \ln(1+x^2) + x \ln 2$.	DM1 A1
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Auxiliary equation $5m^2 + 2m + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -\frac{1}{5} \pm \frac{2}{5}i$. Correct type of roots for M1.	M1
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Complementary function $y = e^{-\frac{1}{5}x} (A \cos \frac{2}{5}x + B \sin \frac{2}{5}x)$.	A1
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Particular integral and derivatives: $y = px^2 + qx + r \Rightarrow y' = 2px + q \Rightarrow y'' = 2p$.	B1
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Substitutes and equates coefficients: $p = 1, 4p + q = 5, 10p + 2q + r = 3$.	M1
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$q = 1, r = -9$.	A1
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General solution $y = e^{-\frac{1}{5}x} (A \cos \frac{2}{5}x + B \sin \frac{2}{5}x) + x^2 + x - 9$. FT on CF.	A1 (FT)
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Differentiates using product rule, CF must be of correct form.	M1*
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Uses initial conditions: $A - 9 = 0, \frac{2}{5}B - \frac{1}{5}A + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow A = 9, B = 2$.	M1 (dep)
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Correct values.	A1
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$y = e^{-\frac{1}{5}x} (9 \cos \frac{2}{5}x + 2 \sin \frac{2}{5}x) + x^2 + x - 9$. Must have 'y ='.	A1
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Divides through by x : $\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y}{x} = x \tanh^{-1} x$.	B1
Finds integrating factor: $e^{-\int x^{-1} dx} = e^{-\ln x} = x^{-1}$.	M1
Correct integrating factor.	A1
Correct form on LHS and RHS: $\frac{d}{dx}(x^{-1}y) = \tanh^{-1} x$.	M1
Integrates correct function on RHS: $x^{-1}y = x \tanh^{-1} x - \int \frac{x}{1-x^2} dx$.	M1*
Correct RHS integral form.	A1
$x^{-1}y = x \tanh^{-1} x + \frac{1}{2} \ln(1-x^2) + C$. '+C' not required.	A1
Substitutes initial conditions: $0 = \frac{1}{2} \tanh^{-1} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{3}{4} + C \Rightarrow C = -\frac{1}{4} \ln 3 - \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{3}{4}$.	M1 (dep)
$x^{-1}y = x \tanh^{-1} x + \frac{1}{2} \ln(1-x^2) - \frac{1}{4} \ln \frac{27}{16}$.	A1
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Auxiliary equation $m^2 + 4m + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -1, -3$ (may be implied by correct CF). **(a) M1**

$y = Ae^{-x} + Be^{-3x}$. **A1**

Particular integral and derivatives: $y = p \sin x + q \cos x \Rightarrow y' = p \cos x - q \sin x \Rightarrow y'' = -p \sin x - q \cos x$. **M1 A1**

Substitutes and equates coefficients: $-p - 4q + 3p = 0$, $-q + 4p + 3q = 5$. **M1**

$p = 1$, $q = \frac{1}{2}$. **A1**

$y = Ae^{-x} + Be^{-3x} + \sin x + \frac{1}{2} \cos x$. **A1**

$e^{-x} \rightarrow 0$; sets up Pythagoras and compound angle formula: $y \approx \sin x + \frac{1}{2} \cos x = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \sin x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \cos x \right)$. **(b) M1**

$\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \sin(x + 0.464 \dots)$. A1 for R , A1 for ϕ (condone 26.6° ; allow $\phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$). **A1 A1**

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Finds integrating factor: $e^{\frac{1}{2} \int (2+x)^{-1} dx} = \sqrt{2+x}$. Allow a sign error in the integrating factor for M1. **M1 A1**

Correct form on LHS and simplifies RHS: $\frac{d}{dx} (y\sqrt{2+x}) = \sqrt{2+x}\sqrt{2-x} = \sqrt{4-x^2}$. **M1 A1**

Integrates RHS: $y\sqrt{2+x} = \frac{1}{2}x\sqrt{4-x^2} + 2\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right) [+C]$. **M1 A1**

Substitutes initial conditions: $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{3}\pi + C$. **M1**

$y\sqrt{2+x} = \frac{1}{2}x\sqrt{4-x^2} + 2\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right) - \frac{1}{3}\pi$. **A1**

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Auxiliary equation $m^2 + m + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}$. Must give correct type of roots $a \pm b\sqrt{3}$. **(a) M1**

$y = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \left(A \cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x + B \sin \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x \right)$. x missing/mislabelled is A0. **A1**

Particular integral and derivatives: $y = p \sin 2x + q \cos 2x \Rightarrow y' = 2p \cos 2x - 2q \sin 2x \Rightarrow y'' = -4p \sin 2x - 4q \cos 2x$. **M1 A1**

Substitutes and equates coefficients: $-4p - 2q + p = 1$, $-4q + 2p + q = 1$. **M1**

$p = -\frac{1}{13}$, $q = -\frac{5}{13}$. **A1**

$y = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \left(A \cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x + B \sin \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x \right) - \frac{1}{13} \sin 2x - \frac{5}{13} \cos 2x$. Must have "y=". **A1**

$e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \rightarrow 0$ and correct use of compound angle identity: $y \approx -\frac{1}{13} \sin 2x - \frac{5}{13} \cos 2x = \sqrt{\frac{2}{13}} \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{26}} \sin 2x - \frac{5}{\sqrt{26}} \cos 2x \right)$. **(b) M1**

$\sqrt{\frac{2}{13}} \sin(2x - 1.77)$. A1 for R , A1 for ϕ (condone 101.3° ; allow $R = 0.392$, $\phi = \cos^{-1}(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{26}})$). **A1 A1**

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Finds integrating factor using $\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx = \ln|f(x)|$: $\int \frac{1+x}{1-2x-x^2} dx =$ **M1 A1**
 $-\frac{1}{2} \ln(1-2x-x^2).$

$e^{-\frac{1}{2} \ln(1-2x-x^2)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2x-x^2}}.$ **A1**

Correct form on LHS and RHS: $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{1-2x-x^2}} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2x-x^2}}.$ **M1**

Completes the square: $1-2x-x^2 = 2-(x+1)^2.$ **B1**

Integrates RHS (must be of the form $1/\sqrt{ax^2+bx+c}$): $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2-(x+1)^2}} dx =$ **M1* A1**
 $\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x+1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + C.$

Substitutes initial conditions: $\pi = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + C \Rightarrow C = \frac{3}{4}\pi.$ **M1**
(dep) A1

$\frac{y}{\sqrt{1-2x-x^2}} = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x+1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + \frac{3}{4}\pi.$ **A1**

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