

Bronze

1. $f(x) = 2x^3 - 5x^2 + px - 5, p \in \mathbb{R}$

Given that $1 - 2i$ is a complex solution of $f(x) = 0$,

(a) write down the other complex solution of $f(x) = 0$, (1)

(b) solve the equation $f(x) = 0$, (6)

(c) find the value of p . (2)

(Total 9 marks)

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2. The complex number z is defined by

$$z = \frac{a + 2i}{a - i}, a \in \mathbb{R}, a > 0$$

Given that the real part of z is $\frac{1}{2}$, find

(a) the value of a , (4)

(Total 4 marks)

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3. The complex numbers z and w satisfy the simultaneous equations

$$2z + iw = -1,$$

$$z - w = 3 + 3i.$$

(a) Use algebra to find z , giving your answer in the form $a + ib$, where a and b are real. (4)

(Total 4 marks)