Higher Maths SQA 2016 Paper 2 Question 3



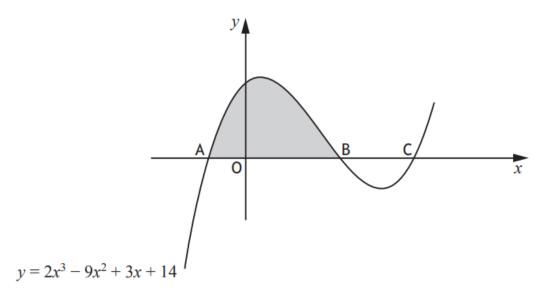
(a) (i) Show that (x+1) is a factor of $2x^3 - 9x^2 + 3x + 14$.

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(ii) Hence solve the equation $2x^3 - 9x^2 + 3x + 14 = 0$.

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(b) The diagram below shows the graph with equation $y = 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 3x + 14$. The curve cuts the x-axis at A, B and C.



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(i) Write down the coordinates of the points A and B.

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(ii) Hence calculate the shaded area in the diagram.

Answers:

- (a) (i) Proof. Substitute x = -1, use synthetic division or use polynomial long division.
 - (ii) x = -1, 2, 3.5
- (b) (i) (-1,0) and (2,0)
 - (ii) 27