Higher Maths SQA 2019 Paper 1 Question 16



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The point P has coordinates (4,k).

C is the centre of the circle with equation $(x-1)^2 + (y+2)^2 = 25$.

- (a) Show that the distance between the points P and C is given by $\sqrt{k^2 + 4k + 13}$.
- (b) Hence, or otherwise, find the range of values of k such that P lies outside the circle.

Answers:

- (a) Apply distance formula and obtain result. See marking instructions.
- (b) k < -6, k > 2 with, for example, a sketch or table of signs.