

**Advanced Higher Maths**  
**SQA 2022 Paper 2**  
**Question 7**



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The complex number  $z = 3 + i$  is a root of  $z^2 - 6z + a = 0$ , where  $a$  is a real number.

- (a) State the second root of  $z^2 - 6z + a = 0$ . 1
- (b) Hence, or otherwise, find the value of  $a$ . 2

The expression  $z^2 - 6z + a$  is a factor of  $z^3 - z^2 - 20z + b$ , where  $b$  is a real number.

- (c) Find the value of  $b$ . 1
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Answers:

- (a)  $3 - i$
- (b)  $a = 10$
- (c)  $b = 50$