

1. Expand  $(3x - 2y)^7$  in descending powers of  $x$ .
2. In the expansion of  $(x^2 - \frac{2}{x})^{12}$  find
  - (a) the constant term, and
  - (b) the coefficient of  $x^9$ .
3. Expand  $(1 + 3x)^3(1 - x)^5$  in ascending powers of  $x$  as far as the term in  $x^3$ .
4.
  - (a) Expand  $(1 + kx - x^2)^6$  in ascending powers of  $x$  as far as the term in  $x^2$ .
  - (b) Hence find the values of  $k$ , if the coefficient of  $x^2$  is 123.
5.
  - (a) Expand  $(2 + x)^5$  and  $(2 - x)^5$  in ascending powers of  $x$ .
  - (b) Express  $(2 + x)^5 - (2 - x)^5$  in ascending powers of  $x$ .
  - (c) By using the result in (b), evaluate  $(2.1)^5 - (1.9)^5$ , answer correct to 5 decimal places.