

Advanced Higher Maths
SQA 2016 Exemplar
Question 17



(a) Find the general solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = e^x + 12.$$

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(b) Find the particular solution for which $y = -\frac{3}{2}$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}$ when $x = 0$.

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Answers:

(a) $y = Ae^{-x} + Be^{2x} - \frac{1}{2}e^x - 6$

(b) $y = 3e^{-x} + 2e^{2x} - \frac{1}{2}e^x - 6$