

Advanced Higher Maths  
SQA 2023 Paper 2  
Question 15



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A function  $f(x)$  has the following properties:

- $f'(x) = \frac{x+1}{1+(x+1)^4}$

- the first term in the Maclaurin expansion of  $f(x)$  is 1.

(a) Find the Maclaurin expansion of  $f(x)$  up to and including the term in  $x^2$ . 3

(b) Use the substitution  $u = (x+1)^2$  to find  $\int \frac{x+1}{1+(x+1)^4} dx$ . 3

(c) Determine an expression for  $f(x)$ . 2

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Answers:

(a)  $1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{4}x^2$

(b)  $\frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1}(x+1)^2 + c$

(c)  $\frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1}(x+1)^2 + 1 - \frac{\pi}{8}$