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| Q | Scheme | Marks | AOs | Pearson Progression Step and Progress descriptor |
| **1a** | Writes: as  | **M1** | 2.2a | 6thUnderstand the binomial theorem for rational n. |
| Uses the binomial expansion to write: | **M1** | 2.2a |
| Simplifies to obtain:  | **M1** | 1.1b |
| Writes the correct final answer: … | **A1 ft** | 1.1b |
|  | **(4)** |  |  |
| **1b** | Either states or states | **B1** | 3.2b | 6thUnderstand the conditions for validity of the binomial theorem for rational n. |
|  | **(1)** |  |  |
| **1c** | Makes an attempt to substitute  into For example  | **M1** | 1.1b | 6thUnderstand the binomial theorem for rational n. |
| Continues to simplify the expression: And states the correct final answer:  | **A1** | 1.1b |
|  | **(2)** |  |  |

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| **1d** | Substitutes  into Obtains:  | **M1 ft** | 2.2a | 6thUnderstand the binomial theorem for rational n. |
| States that   | **M1 ft** | 1.1b |
| Deduces that | **A1 ft** | 1.1b |
|  | **(3)** |  |
| (10 marks) |
| Notes**1a**Award 3 marks if a student has used an incorrect expansion but worked out all the other steps correctly.**1d**Award all three marks if a student provided an incorrect answer in part **a**, but accurately works out an approximation for root 2 consistent with this incorrect answer. |

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| **2a** | Correctly states that  | **M1** | 2.2a | 6thUnderstand the binomial theorem for rational n. |
| Simplifies to obtain … | **M1** | 1.1b |
| Deduces that | **M1** | 2.2a |
| Solves to find | **A1** | 1.1b |
|  | **(4)** |  |  |
| **2b** | . Award mark for –500 seen. | **A1** | 1.1b | 6thUnderstand the binomial theorem for rational n. |
| . Award mark for 500 seen. | **A1** | 1.1b |
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| (6 marks) |
| **Notes** |

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| **3a** | Writes  as  | **M1** | 2.2a | 6thUnderstand the binomial theorem for rational n. |
| Expands  | **M1** | 1.1b |
| Simplifies: Award mark even if *x2* term is not seen. | **M1** | 1.1b |
| Uses  to write *a* = 64. | **A1** | 1.1b |
| Uses to write *b* = –6. | **A1** | 1.1b |
|  | **(5)** |  |  |
| **3b** | States expansion is valid for  | **B1 ft** | 3.2b | 6thUnderstand the conditions for validity of the binomial theorem for rational n. |
| Solves to state  | **A1 ft** | 1.1b |
|  | **(2)** |  |  |
| **3c** | Substitutes *a* = 64 and *b* = –6 into  | **M1 ft** | 1.1b | 6thUnderstand the binomial theorem for rational n. |
| Finds  | **A1 ft** | 1.1b |
|  | **(2)** |  |  |
| (9 marks) |
| Notes**3a**Note *x*2 term is not necessary to answer part **a**, so is not required. Will be needed to answer part **c**.**3b**Award marks for a correct conclusion using incorrect values of *a* and *b* from part **a**.**3c**Award marks for a correct answer using incorrect values of *a* and *b* from part **a**. |

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| **4a** | Correctly writes  as: or  | **M1** | 2.2a | 6thUnderstand the binomial theorem for rational n. |
| Completes the binomial expansion: | **M1** | 2.2a |
| Simplifies to obtain  | **A1** | 1.1b |
| Correctly writes as: or  | **M1** | 2.2a |
| Completes the binomial expansion:  | **M1** | 2.2a |
| Simplifies to obtain  | **A1** | 1.1b |
| Simplifies by subtracting to obtain Reference to the need to subtract, or the subtracting shown, must be seen in order to award the mark. | **A1** | 1.1b |
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| **4b** | Makes an attempt to substitute *x* = 0.01 into f(*x*).For example,  is seen. | **M1** | 1.1b | 6thUnderstand the binomial theorem for rational n. |
| States the answer 1.5997328 | **A1** | 1.1b |
|  | **(2)** |  |  |
| **4c** | Makes an attempt to substitute *x* = 0.01 into For example  is seen. | **M1 ft** | 1.1b | 6thUnderstand the binomial theorem for rational n. |
| States the answer 1.59974907… Accept awrt 1.60. | **M1 ft** | 1.1b |
| Finds the percentage error: 0.0010% | **A1 ft** | 1.1b |
|  | **(3)** |  |  |
| (12 marks) |
| Notes4aIf one expansion is correct and one is incorrect, or both are incorrect, award the final accuracy mark if they are subtracted correctly.**4c**Award all 3 marks for a correct answer using their incorrect answer from part **a**. |

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