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Q9 Despite its obviously algebraic nature, and incorporating inequalities, this was a remarkably popular question with candidates, more than 400 of whom chose to do it. Moreover, it also proved to be the most successful question on the paper, with the average mark exceeding a score of 12. Marks that were lost generally arose from a lack of care with signs (directions) or a failure to justify the direction of the inequality from the physical nature of the situation.



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