

(12)

(a) $f(5-x)$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5-x}}$$

(b) Undefined when:

$$5-x \leq 0$$

$$-x \leq -5$$

$$x \geq 5$$

Question			Generic scheme	Illustrative scheme	Max mark
12.	(a)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ interpret notation •² state expression for $f(g(x))$ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •¹ $f(5-x)$ or $\frac{1}{\sqrt{g(x)}}$ •² $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5-x}}$ 	2
Notes:					
1. For $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5-x}}$ without working, award both • ¹ and • ² .					
Commonly Observed Responses:					
Candidate A					
$5 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$			• ¹ ✗ • ² ✓ 1		
	(b)		• ³ state range	• ³ $x \geq 5$	1
Notes:					
2. Answer at • ³ must be consistent with expression at • ² .					
3. For candidates who interpret $g(f(x))$ as $f(g(x))$, do not award • ³ .					
Commonly Observed Responses:					
Candidate B					
$5 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ $x \leq 0$			• ¹ ✗ • ² ✓ 1 • ³ ✗		