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1. Write the following sum using sigma notation with an index starting at 1:

$$n^2 - (n-1)^2 + (n-2)^2 - (n-3)^2 + \dots + (-1)^{n-1}(1)^2$$
.

2. For each  $n \geq 1$ , the *n*-th triangular number is  $T_n = 1 + 2 + \cdots + n$ . Prove using Mathematical Induction that, for each  $n \ge 2$ ,  $T_n + T_{n-1} = n^2$ 

No marks will be awarded for any other method.

[3] 3. (a) Write the following complex number in Cartesian form: 
$$5\sqrt{2}e^{\frac{15\pi}{4}i}$$

(b) Write 
$$9\sqrt{3} - 9i$$
 in polar form.

[7] (c) Find the cube roots of 
$$-4 + 4i$$
. Express your answers in exponential form.

- 4. Consider the polynomial  $f(x) = 6x^5 3x^4 5x^2 + x + 4$ . Without factoring this polynomial or attempting to find any zeros for it:
- (a) Use the Rational Root Theorem to write down all possible rational zeros of f(x). [4]

[3] (b) Use Descartes' Rules of Signs to determine how many positive real zeros 
$$f(x)$$
 may have and how many negative real zeros  $f(x)$  may have.

- [3] (c) Use the Bounds Theorem to determine how large the absolute value of a root of f(x) may be.
- (d) Use your answers to (c) and (d) to improve your answer to (a) (that is, taking in account your [3] answers for (c) and (d), list all possible rational zeros of f(x)).
- (e) If a + bi is a complex root of f(x), where  $b \neq 0$ , find another root, and write down an irreducible [3] real quadratic factor of f(x).

- 5. Let P = (1, -1, 0),  $\vec{u} = [1, 2, -3]$  and  $\vec{v} = [2, 0, 2]$ .
- [3] (a) Find  $\cos \theta$  where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ .

[3] (b) Give an equation in vector form for the line passing through P and with direction vector  $\vec{v}$ .

- 6. Let  $\vec{x} = [1, 0, -4]$ ,  $\vec{y} = [a, 1, 3]$ .
- [3] (a) Find all values of a such that  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{y}$  are perpendicular.

[5] (b) Find all values of a such that  $||\vec{x} + 2\vec{y}|| = 3$ .