Qualification: SQA National 5 Mathematics 2018

Paper: 1 (Non-calculator)

Question: 19

19. (a) (i) Express
$$x^2 - 6x - 81$$
 in the form $(x - p)^2 + q$.

(ii) Hence state the equation of the axis of symmetry of the graph of $y = x^2 - 6x - 81$.

(b) The roots of the equation $x^2 - 6x - 81 = 0$ can be expressed in the form $x = d \pm d\sqrt{e}$.

Find, algebraically, the values of d and e.

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