

5. The function  $f$  is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda}(x^2 - 4)(x^2 - 25),$$

where  $x$  is real and  $\lambda$  is a positive integer.

(a) Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$  showing clearly where the graph crosses the coordinate axes. (3)

(b) Find, in terms of  $\lambda$ , the range of  $f$ . (5)

(c) Find the sets of positive integers  $k$  and  $\lambda$  such that the equation

$$k = |f(x)|$$

has exactly  $k$  distinct real roots. (9)