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(Note that there may be more marks available if question is more complicated)

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$\frac{du}{dx} =$	$= 2$	$= 3$	$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = -\operatorname{cosec}\theta\cot\theta$ $= \frac{-1}{\sin\theta} \cdot \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta}$	$= 4x^3$	$= \frac{1}{2}u^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$																														
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Correct simplification of the integral, ready for integrating	$\frac{1}{8} \int u + 2 + \frac{1}{u} du$	$\frac{1}{9} \int u^{\frac{3}{2}} - u^{\frac{1}{2}} du$	$-\int \sin\theta d\theta$	$\frac{1}{4} \int u^{-1} - 2u^{-2} du$	$2 \int \frac{1}{u+1} du$																														
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Correct final answer in required format	$\frac{5}{2} + \frac{\ln 5}{8}$	$\frac{116}{135}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4} \ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{12}$	$2\ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$																														
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