

6. (a) Show that

$$\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{3}} - \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{2}. \quad (3)$$

(b) Hence prove that

$$\log_{\frac{1}{8}} \left(\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{3}} - \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{3}} \right) = -\frac{1}{6}. \quad (3)$$

(c) Find all possible pairs of integers a and n such that

$$\log_{\frac{1}{n}} \left(\sqrt{a + \sqrt{15}} - \sqrt{a - \sqrt{15}} \right) = -\frac{1}{2}. \quad (13)$$