

Question 3

(25 marks)

- (a) A security code consists of six digits chosen at random from the digits 0 to 9. The code may begin with zero and digits may be repeated.

For example

0	7	1	7	3	7
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 is a valid code.

- (i) Find how many of the possible codes will end with a zero.

$$10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 1 = 100,000$$

- (ii) Find how many of the possible codes will contain the digits 2 0 1 8 together and in this order.

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2	0	1	8
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 together \Rightarrow 3 places

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \times 10 \times 10 = 100 \\ \times 3 \leftarrow \text{position of 2018 in the code} \\ \hline 300 \end{array}$$

- (b) Find $a, b, c,$ and $d,$ if $\frac{(n+3)!(n+2)!}{(n+1)!(n+1)!} = an^3 + bn^2 + cn + d,$ where $a, b, c,$ and $d \in \mathbb{N}.$

$$\frac{(n+3)(n+2)(n+1)! (n+2)(n+1)!}{(n+1)! (n+1)!} = an^3 + bn^2 + cn + d$$

$$\therefore (n^2 + 5n + 6)(n+2) = an^3 + bn^2 + cn + d$$

$$\therefore n^3 + 5n^2 + 2n^2 + 6n + 10n + 12 = an^3 + bn^2 + cn + d$$

\therefore By comparing coefficients

$a = 1$	$b = 7$	$c = 16$	$d = 12$
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