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Question 9 (12 marks) Use the Question 9 Writing Booklet.

(a) (i) When Chris started a new job, \$500 was deposited into his superannuation fund at the beginning of each month. The money was invested at 0.5% per month, compounded monthly.

Let P be the value of the investment after 240 months, when Chris retires.

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Show that $P = 232 \ 175.55$.

(ii) After retirement, Chris withdraws \$2000 from the account at the end of each month, without making any further deposits. The account continues to earn interest at 0.5% per month.

Let A_n be the amount left in the account *n* months after Chris's retirement.

- (1) Show that $A_n = (P 400\,000) \times 1.005^n + 400\,000$. 3
- (2) For how many months after retirement will there be money left in **2** the account?

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(b) Let y = f(x) be a function defined for $0 \le x \le 6$, with f(0) = 0.

The diagram shows the graph of the derivative of f, y = f'(x).



The shaded region A_1 has area 4 square units. The shaded region A_2 has area 4 square units.

(i)	For which values of x is $f(x)$ increasing?	1
(ii)	What is the maximum value of $f(x)$?	1
(iii)	Find the value of $f(6)$.	1
(iv)	Draw a graph of $y = f(x)$ for $0 \le x \le 6$.	2

End of Question 9