Use mathematical induction to prove the following results.

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$$n^2 - 11n + 30 \ge 0$$
 for all integers  $n \ge 6$ . 2  $n^2 > -5n + 14$  for all integers  $n > 2$ .

- **8** (a) Prove that  $\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$  for any positive integer *n* by:
  - (i) first proving S(1) that  $\frac{d}{dx}(x) = 1$
  - (ii) then writing  $x^{n+1} = x \times x^n$  and using the product rule to prove that S(k+1) is true.
  - (b) Summarise your results to give the proof of the result by induction.

**14** Prove that  $\frac{d^n}{dx^n}(x^n) = n!$  for integral  $n, n \ge 0$ .

**15** The binomial theorem states that if *n* is an integer,  $n \ge 1$ , then  $(x + a)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n {^nC_r} x^r a^{n-r}$ . Use mathematical induction to prove this result.

**17** Prove that the number of diagonals of a convex polygon with *n* vertices is  $\frac{n(n-3)}{2}$  for  $n \ge 4$ .

- **23** (a) Write the binomial expansion of  $(k+1)^p$  where p is a positive integer.
  - **(b)** If *p* is a prime number, identify which of the terms in the expansion do not have a factor of *p*.
  - (c) Prove by induction on n that if n is a positive integer and p is a prime number, then  $n^p n$  is a multiple of p.