Continuous random variables – 2023 Nov CIE Mathematics

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A continuous random variable X takes values from 0 to 6 only and has a probability distribution that is symmetrical.

Two values, a and b, of X are such that P(a < X < b) = p and $P(b < X < 3) = \frac{13}{10}p$, where p is a positive constant.

(a)	Show that $p \leq \frac{5}{23}$.	[1]
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(b)	Find $P(b < X < 6 - a)$ in terms of p .	[2]

It is now given that the probability density function of X is f, where

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{36}(6x - x^2) & 0 \le x \le 6, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(c)	Given that $b = 2$ and $p = \frac{5}{27}$, find the value of a .	[5]
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The random variable X has probability density function, f, given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x^2} & a < x < b, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where a and b are positive constants.

(a)	It is	given	that	E(X)	=	ln	2.
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Show that $b = 2a$.	[3]
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(b)	Show that $a = \frac{1}{2}$.	[3
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(c)	Find the median of X .	[3
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