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(i) Using the laws of indices, solve

$$2^{4k-3} = \frac{8^{1-k}}{4\sqrt{2}} \quad (3)$$

(ii) Solve the equation

$$\frac{x\sqrt{3} + 2}{\sqrt{3} - 1} = x\sqrt{3} - 4$$

giving the answer in the form $a + b\sqrt{3}$, where a and b are rational numbers. (4)

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(a) Expand and simplify

$$\left(r - \frac{1}{r}\right)^2 \quad (2)$$

(b) Express $\frac{1}{3 + 2\sqrt{2}}$ in the form $p + q\sqrt{2}$ where p and q are integers. (2)

(c) Use the results of parts (a) and (b), or otherwise, to show that

$$\sqrt{3 + 2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3 + 2\sqrt{2}}} = 2 \quad (3)$$

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