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1. (a) Show that $(k+1)k^2 - k(k-1)^2 = k(3k-1)$ for any positive integer k.

(b) Evaluate
$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} k(3k-1)$$
.

2. Using the method of difference to find an expression for $S_5 = \sum_{k=1}^{n} k^5$.

3. (a) Find *a*, *b*, *c* such that
$$\frac{1}{x(x+1)(x+2)} = \frac{a}{x} + \frac{b}{x+1} + \frac{c}{x+2}$$
 for all $x \in \mathbf{R}$.

(b) Evaluate
$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{k(k+1)(k+2)}$$
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