

2. Algebra 1 – Basic algebraic operations

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Evaluation

1. Evaluate $30 - 3p^2q$ where $p = -1$ and $q = -6$ 2 KU

Simplification

2. Simplify $4(3x - 2) - 5(4x + 1)$ 3 KU

3. Remove the brackets and collect like terms $(3a - b)(2a - 5b)$ 2 KU

4. Remove the brackets and simplify your answer $(2x - 1)(x + 3) + (x - 4)^2$ 4 KU

5. Remove the brackets and simplify $(3y - 4)^2$ 2 KU

6. Multiply out the brackets and simplify. $(2x - 3)(3x^2 + 4x - 1)$ 3 KU

Factorisation

7. Factorise $6x^2 - 9x$ 2 KU

8. Factorise $4a^2 - 9b^2$ 2 KU

9. a) Factorise the expression $9x^2 - y^2$ 1 KU
 b) Hence simplify $\frac{6x + 2y}{9x^2 - y^2}$ 2 KU

10. a) Factorise $a^2 - 9b^2$ 1 KU
 b) Hence simplify $\frac{a^2 - 9b^2}{2a + 6b}$ 2 KU

11. a) Factorise $x^2 - 9$ 1 KU
 b) Express $\frac{4(5x + 3)}{25x^2 - 9}$ in its simplest form 2 KU

12. Express $\frac{15x - 20}{9x^2 - 16}$ in its simplest form 3 KU

13. i) Factorise **completely** $2x^2 - 6x$ 1 KU
 ii) Express $\frac{2x^2 - 6x}{x^2 - 9}$ in its simplest form. 2 KU

14. Factorise $3x^2 - 13x - 10$ 2 KU

Solve Linear Equations

15. Solve the equation $5 - 2(1 + 3x) = 27$ 3 KU
 16. Solve the equation $5 + 3a = a - 15$ 3 KU

Simultaneous Equations

17. Solve **algebraically**, the system of equations $\begin{aligned} 2a + 4b &= -7 \\ 3a - 5b &= 17 \end{aligned}$ 3 KU
 18. Solve the system of equations $\begin{aligned} 5a + 3b &= 9 \\ 7a - 2b &= 25 \end{aligned}$ 3 KU

Functions

1. $f(x) = x^2 - 2x$, evaluate $f(-2)$ 2 KU
 2. $h(t) = 15t - 3t^2$ Find $h(-2)$ 2 KU
 3. Given that $f(x) = \frac{x^3 + x^2 + 2}{5x - 1}$ evaluate $f(-3)$ 3 KU
 4. $f(x) = 9 - 6x$
 (a) Evaluate $f(-3)$ 1 KU
 (b) Given that $f(t) = 11$, find t 2 KU
 5. The function $f(x)$ is given by the formula $f(x) = 3x^2 - 7$, where x is a real number.
 (a) Find the value of $f(-2)$. 2 KU
 (b) Find the **values** of a for which $f(a) = 20$. 3 KU
 6. $f(x) = \frac{4}{x^2}$ find $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ 2 KU
 7. $f(x) = 3^x$
 a) Find $f(4)$ 1 KU

b) Given that $f(x) = \sqrt{27}$, find x .

3 KU

8. $f(x) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{x}}$ Find the **exact** value of $f(2)$
Give your answer as a **fraction** with a rational denominator. 2 KU

9. $f(x) = 3\sqrt{x}$ Find the exact value of $f(12)$,
giving your answer as a **surd, in its simplest form**. 2 KU

Quadratic Equations

1. Solve **algebraically**, the equation $x^2 = 7x$ 3 KU

2. Solve **algebraically**, the equation $6y - y^2 = 0$ 2 KU

3. Solve **algebraically**, the equation $2x^2 - 9x - 5 = 0$ 3 KU

4. Solve for x : $2x^2 + 7x - 15 = 0$ 3 KU

5. Solve the equation $2x^2 + 5x - 12 = 0$ 3 KU

6. Solve the equation $2p^2 - p - 10 = 0$ where p is a real number. 3 KU

7. Two functions are given below:

$$f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 1$$

$$g(x) = 5x + 3$$

Find the values of x for which $f(x) = g(x)$ 3 KU

8. Find the two roots of the equation $2x^2 - 3x - 4 = 0$
(Answer correct to 1 decimal place). 4 KU

9. Solve the equation $x^2 + 2x - 6 = 0$
Give your answers correct to 2 significant figures. 5 KU

Inequalities

1. Solve the inequality $8 - x > 3(2x + 5)$ 3 KU
2. Solve **algebraically** the inequality $3y < 4 - (y + 2)$ 3 KU
3. Solve the inequality $3 - (x - 6) < 2x$ 3 KU
4. Solve algebraically the inequality $6x - 2 < 5(1 - 3x)$ 3 KU
5. Solve algebraically, the inequality $2 + 5x \geq 8x - 16$ 3 KU
6. Solve the inequality $2 - 5(3x - 2) \geq 4(1 - 3x)$ where x is a **positive integer**. 5 KU
7. An inequality, like $4x + 10 \leq 6x + 2 \leq 3x + 26$, can be solved by
 - i) solving $4x + 10 \leq 6x + 2$ and
solving $6x + 2 \leq 3x + 26$
 - then ii) looking carefully at the two sets of answers to decide
on the correct solution to the original inequality.
 - a) Solve $3x + 1 \leq 5x + 3 \leq x + 23$ 4 KU
 - b) Write down the set of **all** possible solutions where x is an INTEGER. 1 KU

Changing the subject of the formula

1. $Y = \frac{3(2v-w)}{5}$ Change the subject of the formula to v . 3 KU

2. $P = \frac{1}{3}(m-s)$ Change the subject of the formula to m 2 KU

3. $L = 8 + \frac{6}{Y}$ Change the subject of the formula to Y . 3 KU

4. Change the subject of the formula to k . $d = \frac{k-m}{t}$ 2 KU

5. $Q = p^2 + 3T$ Change the subject of the formula to T . 2 KU

6. $M = R^2t - 3$ Change the subject of the formula to R . 3 KU

7. Change the subject of the formula to b . $A = \sqrt{4b^2 - c}$ 3 KU

8. a) Change the subject of the formula $Q = 2\sqrt{s+t}$, to s 3 KU
b) Find the value of s when $Q = 3.5$ and $t = 2.2$ 2 KU

9. The frequency, F hertz of the sound you hear as you drive past a factory siren at a speed of v metres per second is given by the formula
$$F = f \left(1 - \frac{v}{s} \right)$$
 where f is the true frequency of the sound emitted by the siren and s is the speed of sound. Change the subject of the above formula to v . 3 KU

Algebraic Fractions

1. Express as a single fraction in its simplest form $\frac{1}{2x} - \frac{1}{3x}, \quad x \neq 0$ 2 KU

2. Express as a single fraction in its simplest form
$$\frac{3}{x} + \frac{2-x}{x^2}, \quad x \neq 0$$
 3 KU

3. Express as a single fraction in its simplest form
$$\frac{5}{x} - \frac{3}{(x-2)}, \quad x \neq 0 \text{ or } x \neq 2$$
 3 KU

Fraction Equations

1. Solve the equation $\frac{2x+1}{3} - \frac{x}{4} = 2$ 3 KU

2. Solve the equation $\frac{x+4}{2} - \frac{2x+1}{3} = 1$, where x is a real number. 3 KU

3. Solve **algebraically** the equation $3x - \frac{(5x+2)}{4} = 3$ 3 KU

4. Solve the equation $\frac{x-3}{2} + \frac{2x-1}{3} = 4$ 4 KU

5. Solve this equation for x : $\frac{x-2}{3} - \frac{x}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$ 4 KU

6. Solve **algebraically**, the equation $\frac{x}{2} - \frac{(x+1)}{3} = 4$ 3 KU

7. Solve **algebraically**, the equation $\frac{m}{3} = \frac{(1-m)}{5}$ 3 KU

Indices

1. Evaluate $27^{\frac{2}{3}}$ 2 KU
2. Express in its simplest form $y^{10} \times (y^4)^{-2}$ 2 KU
3. Simplify $a^3(a^{-7} + 5)$ 2 KU
4. Express $\frac{3y^5 \times 4y^{-1}}{6y}$ in its simplest form. 3 KU
5. Express $\frac{y^4 \times y}{y^{-2}}$ in its simplest form. 2 KU
6. Express $\frac{b^{\frac{1}{2}} \times b^{\frac{3}{2}}}{b}$ in its simplest form. 2 KU
7. Remove the brackets and simplify $b^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(b^{\frac{1}{2}} + b^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right)$ 3 KU
8. Remove the brackets and simplify $a^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(a + \frac{1}{a} \right)$ 2 KU

Surds

1. Express $\sqrt{50}$ as a surd in its simplest form. 1 KU
2. Simplify $\frac{\sqrt{72}}{\sqrt{3}}$ 2 KU
3. Simplify $\sqrt{48} - 3\sqrt{3}$ 2 KU
4. Express $\sqrt{32} - \sqrt{2}$ as a surd in its simplest form. 2 KU
5. Express $\sqrt{72} - \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{50}$ as a surd in its simplest form 3 KU
6. Express $\sqrt{32} + \sqrt{8}$ as a surd in its simplest form. 3 KU
7. Multiply out the brackets $\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2})$
Express your answer as a **surd** in its simplest form. 2 KU
8. $f(x) = 3\sqrt{x}$
Find the exact value of $f(12)$, giving your answer as a **surd, in its simplest form**. 2 KU
9. Express $\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}}$ as a fraction with a rational denominator. 2 KU
10. Simplify $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{24}}$ Express your answer as a fraction with a rational denominator 3 KU
11. $f(x) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{x}}$ Find the **exact** value of $f(2)$
Give your answer as a **fraction** with a rational denominator. 2 KU
12. A function f is given by $f(x) = 4^x$
Find the value of $f\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$ 2 KU