

A Level Induction Test

You may NOT use a calculator

If $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ then $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

1. Expand and simplify

(a) $(2x + 3)(2x - 1)$ (2) (b) $(a + 3)^2$ (2) (c) $4x(3x - 2) - x(2x + 5)$ (2)

2. Factorise

(a) $x^2 - 7x$ (2) (b) $y^2 - 64$ (2) (c) $2x^2 + 5x - 3$ (2) (d) $6t^2 - 13t + 5$ (2)

3. Simplify

(a) $\frac{4x^3y}{8x^2y^3}$ (2) (b) $\frac{3x+2}{3} + \frac{4x-1}{6}$ (2)

4. Solve the following equations

(a) $\frac{h-1}{4} + \frac{3h}{5} = 4$ (3) (b) $x^2 - 8x = 0$ (3) (c) $p^2 + 4p = 12$ (3)

5. Write each of the following as single powers of x and / y

(a) $\frac{1}{x^4}$ (1) (b) $(x^2y)^3$ (1) (c) $\frac{x^5}{x^{-2}}$ (1)

6. Work out the values of the following, giving your answers as fractions

(a) 4^{-2} (1) (b) 10^0 (1) (c) $\left(\frac{8}{27}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ (2)

7. Solve the simultaneous equations

$$\begin{aligned} 3x - 5y &= -11 \\ 5x - 2y &= 7 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

8. Rearrange the following equations to make x the subject

(a) $v^2 = u^2 + 2ax$ (2) (b) $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi x^2h$ (2) (c) $y = \frac{x+2}{x+1}$ (3)

9. Solve $5x^2 - x - 1 = 0$ giving your solutions in surd form (3)