

Vedgyan Tutorial

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IGCSE 9th - Test-1- Unit 1: Algebra

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Q1. Tick (✓) all algebraic expressions:

$$x + 4 \quad 3(x + y) \quad \frac{3m}{n} \quad (4 + a)(2 - a)$$

Q2. Use algebra to write an expression in terms of h (average height) for:

- a. a height 12 cm shorter than average
- b. a height $2x$ taller than average
- c. a height twice the average height
- d. a height half the average height.

Q3. Rewrite each expression in its *simplest form*.

- a. $4 \times x + 5 \times y$
- b. $a \times 7 - 2 \times b$
- c. $2 \times x \times (x - 4)$
- d. $3 \times (x + 1) \div 2 \times x$
- e. $2 \times (x + 4) \div 3$
- f. $(4 \times x) \div (2 \times x + 4 \times x)$

Q4. A CD and a DVD cost x dollars.

- a. If the CD costs \$10 what does the DVD cost?
- b. If the DVD costs three times the CD, what does the CD cost?
- c. If the CD costs $\$(x - 15)$, what does the DVD cost?

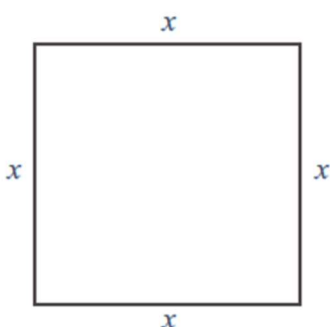
Q5. A woman is m years old.

- a. How old will she be in ten years' time?
- b. How old was she ten years ago?
- c. Her son is half her age. How old is the son?

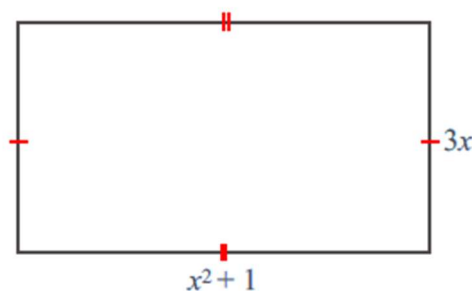
Q6. For each of the shapes in the diagram below:

- i. Write an expression for the perimeter of each shape.
- ii. Find the perimeter in cm if $x = 4$.

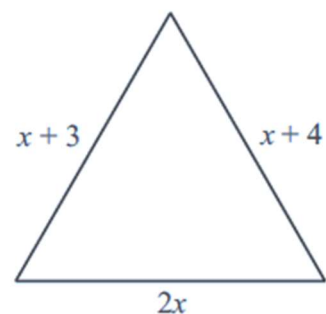
a



b



c



Q7. Evaluate the following expressions for $x = 3$.

g $x^2 + 7$

h $x^3 + x^2$

i $2(x - 1)$

j $\frac{4x}{2}$

k $\frac{6x}{3}$

l $\frac{90}{x}$

m $\frac{10x}{6}$

n $\frac{(4x + 2)}{7}$

Q8. What is the value of each expression when $a = 3$ and $b = 5$ and $c = 2$?

a abc

b a^2b

c $4a + 2c$

d $3b - 2(a + c)$

e $a^2 + c^2$

f $4b - 2a + c$

g $ab + bc + ac$

h $2(ab)^2$

i $3(a + b)$

j $(b - c) + (a + c)$

k $(a + b)(b - c)$

l $\frac{3bc}{ac}$

m $\frac{4b}{a} + c$

n $\frac{4b^2}{bc}$

o $\frac{2(a + b)}{c^2}$

Q9. Work out the value of y in each formula when:

$x = 0$

$x = 3$

$x = 4$

$x = 10$

$x = 50$

d $y = \frac{x}{2}$

e $y = x^2$

f $y = \frac{100}{x}$

g $y = 2(x + 2)$

h $y = 2(x + 2) - 10$

i $y = 3x^3$

Q10. A sandwich costs \$3 and a drink costs \$2.

- a. Write an expression to show the total cost of buying x sandwiches and y drinks.
b. Find the total cost of *four* sandwiches and *three* drinks

Q11. Simplify: (Hint: Adding and subtracting like terms)

a. $4a + 2a + 3a$

b. $4a + 6b + 3a$

c. $5x + 2y - 7x$

d. $2p + 5q + 3q - 7p$

e. $2ab + 3a^2b - ab + 3ab^2$

Q12. Simplify:

j $9x - 2y - x$

m $5xy - 2x + 7xy$

p $5x^2y + 3x^2y - 2xy$

k $12x^2 - 4x + 2x^2$

n $xy - 2xz + 7xy$

q $4xy - x + 2yx$

l $12x^2 - 4x^2 + 2x^2$

o $3x^2 - 2y^2 - 4x^2$

r $5xy - 2 + xy$

Q13. Simplify as far as possible:

d $y^2 + 2y + 3y - 7$

e $x^2 - 4x - x + 3$

f $x^2 + 3x - 7 + 2x$

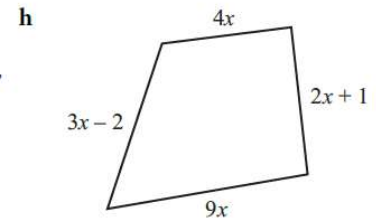
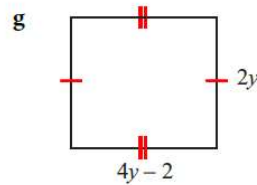
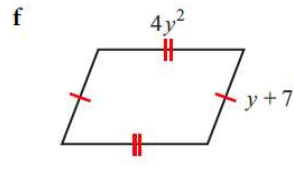
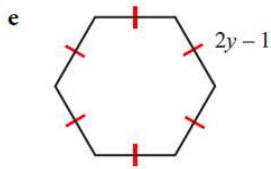
g $4xyz - 3xy + 2xz - xyz$

h $5xy - 4 + 3yx - 6$

i $8x - 4 - 2x - 3x^2$

Q14. Write an expression for the perimeter (P) of each of the following shapes and then simplify it to give P in the simplest possible terms.

P = Perimeter



Q15. Multiply:

m $2a \times 4ab$

n $3ab \times 4bc$

o $6abc \times 2a$

p $8abc \times 2ab$

q $4 \times 2ab \times 3c$

r $12x^2 \times 2 \times 3y^2$

Q16. Simplify:

e $\frac{14xy}{2y}$

f $\frac{18x^2y}{9x^2}$

g $\frac{10xy}{40x}$

h $\frac{15x}{60xy}$

i $\frac{7xyz}{14xy}$

j $\frac{6xy}{x}$

k $\frac{x}{4x}$

l $\frac{x}{9x}$

m $7xy \times 2xz \times 3yz$

n $4xy \times 2x^2y \times 7$

o $9 \times xyz \times 4xy$

p $3x^2y \times 2xy^2 \times 3xy$

q $9x \times 2xy \times 3x^2$

r $2x \times xy^2 \times 3xy$

Q17. Simplify these as far as possible.

i $5y \times \frac{2x}{5}$

j $4 \times \frac{2x}{3}$

k $\frac{x}{6} \times \frac{3}{2x}$

l $\frac{5x}{2} \times \frac{4x}{10}$

Q18. Expand:

m $5(2x - 2y)$

n $6(3x - 2y)$

o $3(4y - 2x)$

p $4(y - 4x^2)$

q $9(x^2 - y)$

r $7(4x + x^2)$

Q19. Remove the brackets to expand these expressions.

m $2x^2y(y - 2x)$

n $4xy^2(3 - 2x)$

o $3xy^2(x + y)$

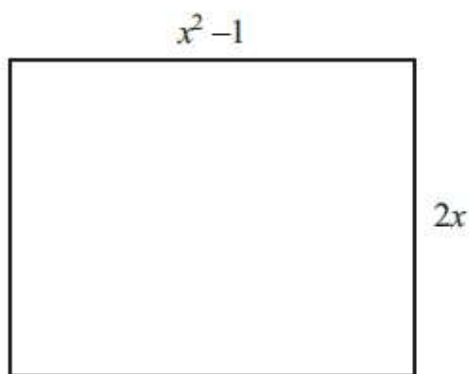
p $x^2y(2x + y)$

q $9x^2(9 - 2x)$

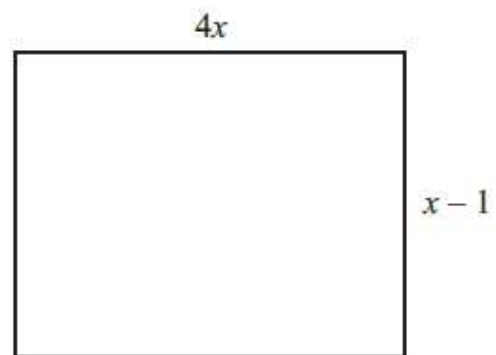
r $4xy^2(3 - x)$

Q20. Given the formula for area, $A = \text{length} \times \text{breadth}$, write an expression for A in terms of x for each of the following rectangles. Expand the expression to give A in simplest terms.

b



c



Q21. Expand and simplify:

m $2x(x + 4) - 4$

n $2y(2x - 2y + 4)$

o $2y(5 - 4y) - 4y^2$

p $3x(2x + 4) - 9$

q $3y(y + 2) - 4y^2$

r $2(x - 1) + 4x - 4$

Q22. Simplify these expressions by removing brackets and collecting like terms.

m $4(x - 2) + 3x(4 - y)$

n $x(x + y) + x(x - y)$

o $2x(x + y) + 2(x^2 + 3xy)$

p $x(2x + 3) + 3(5 - 2x)$

q $4(2x - 3) + (x - 5)$

r $3(4xy - 2x) + 5(3x - xy)$

Q23. Write each expression using index notation.

$11 \times 11 \times 11$

$10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10$

$8 \times 8 \times 8 \times 8 \times 8$

$x \times x \times x \times x \times y \times y \times y$

$x \times y \times x \times y \times y \times x \times y$

$a \times b \times a \times b \times a \times b \times c$

Q24. Evaluate:

k $5^2 \times 3^8$

l $4^5 \times 2^6$

m $2^6 \times 3^4$

n $2^8 \times 3^2$

o $5^3 \times 3^5$

Q25. Express the following as products of prime factors, in index notation.

a 64

b 243

c 400

d 1600

e 16 384

Q25. Simplify:

i $3x^4 \times 2x^3$

j $3y^2 \times 3y^4$

k $2x \times x^3$

l $3x^3 \times 2x^4$

m $5x^3 \times 3$

n $8x^4 \times x^3$

o $4x^6 \times 2x$

p $x^3 \times 4x^5$

$$\frac{x^6}{x^4}$$

$$\frac{6x^5}{2x^3}$$

$$\frac{9x^7}{3x^4}$$

$$\frac{12y^2}{3y}$$

$$\frac{3x^4}{6x^3}$$

$$\frac{15x^3}{5x^3}$$

$$\frac{9x^4}{3x^3}$$

$$\frac{3x^3}{9x^4}$$

$$\frac{16x^2y^2}{4xy}$$

$$\frac{12xy^2}{12xy^2}$$

$$(3x^2y^2)^2$$

$$(x^4)^0$$

$$(5x^2)^3$$

$$(x^2y^2)^3$$

$$(x^2y^4)^5$$

$$(xy^4)^3$$

$$(4xy^2)^2$$

$$(3x^2)^4$$

$$(xy^6)^4$$

$$\left(\frac{x^2}{y}\right)^0$$

Q26. Use the appropriate laws of indices to simplify these expressions.

g $x^2(4x - x^3)$

h $x^8 \div (x^3)^2$

i $7x^2y^2 \div (x^3y)^2$

j $\frac{(4x^2 \times 3x^4)}{6x^4}$

k $\left(\frac{x^4}{y^2}\right)^3$

l $\frac{x^8 \times (xy^2)^4}{(2x^2)^4}$

m $(8x^2)^0$

n $4x^2 \times 2x^3 \div (2x)^0$

o $\frac{(4x^2y^3)^2}{(2xy)^3}$

Q27. Evaluate / True or False / Re-write each expression

1 Evaluate:

a 4^{-1}

b 3^{-1}

c 8^{-1}

d 5^{-3}

e 6^{-4}

f 2^{-5}

2 State whether the following are true or false.

a $4^{-2} = \frac{1}{16}$

b $8^{-2} = \frac{1}{16}$

c $x^{-3} = \frac{1}{3x}$

d $2x^{-2} = \frac{1}{x}$

3 Write each expression so it has only positive indices.

a x^{-2}

b y^{-3}

c $(xy)^{-2}$

d $2x^{-2}$

e $12x^{-3}$

f $7y^{-3}$

g $8xy^{-3}$

h $12x^{-3}y^{-4}$

Q28. Simplify. Write your answer using only positive indices.

a $x^{-3} \times x^4$

b $2x^{-3} \times 3x^{-3}$

c $4x^3 \div 12x^7$

d $\frac{x^{-7}}{x^4}$

e $(2x^2)^{-3}$

f $(x^{-2})^3$

g $\frac{x^{-3}}{x^{-4}}$

h $\frac{x^{-2}}{x^3}$

Q29. Evaluate / Simplify

1 Evaluate:

a $8^{\frac{1}{3}}$

b $32^{\frac{1}{5}}$

c $8^{\frac{4}{3}}$

d $216^{\frac{2}{3}}$

e $256^{0.75}$

2 Simplify:

a $x^{\frac{1}{3}} \times x^{\frac{1}{3}}$

b $x^{\frac{1}{2}} \times x^{\frac{2}{3}}$

c $\left(\frac{x^4}{x^{10}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

d $\left(\frac{x^6}{y^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

e $\frac{x^{\frac{6}{7}}}{x^{\frac{2}{7}}}$

f $\frac{7}{8}x^{\frac{1}{2}} \div \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{3}{2}}$

g $\frac{2x^{\frac{2}{3}}}{x^{\frac{8}{3}}}$

h $\frac{9x^{\frac{1}{3}}}{12x^{\frac{4}{3}}}$

i $\frac{1}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}} \div 2x^2$

j $-\frac{1}{2}x^{\frac{3}{4}} \div -2x^{-\frac{1}{4}}$

k $\frac{3}{4}x^{\frac{1}{2}} \div \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{4}}$

l $-\frac{1}{4}x^{\frac{3}{4}} \div -2x^{-\frac{1}{4}}$

Q30. Find the value of x in each of these equations.

a $2^x = 64$

b $196^x = 14$

c $x^{\frac{1}{5}} = 7$

d $(x-1)^{\frac{3}{4}} = 64$

e $3^x = 81$

f $4^x = 256$

g $2^{-x} = \frac{1}{64}$

h $3^{x-1} = 81$

i $9^{-x} = \frac{1}{81}$

j $3^{-x} = 81$

k $64^x = 2$

l $16^x = 8$

m $4^{-x} = \frac{1}{64}$

Examination practice

Exam-style questions

- 1 Write an expression in terms of n for:
 - a the sum of a number and 12
 - b twice a number minus four
 - c a number multiplied by x and then squared
 - d the square of a number cubed.
- 2 Simplify:
 - a $9xy + 3x + 6xy - 2x$
 - b $6xy - xy + 3y$
- 3 Simplify:
 - a $\frac{a^3b^4}{ab^3}$
 - b $2(x^3)^2$
 - c $3x \times 2x^3y^2$
 - d $(4ax^2)^0$
 - e $4x^2y \times x^3y^2$
- 4 What is the value of x , when:
 - a $2^x = 32$
 - b $3^x = \frac{1}{27}$
- 5 Expand each expression and simplify if possible.
 - a $5(x-2) + 3(x+2)$
 - b $5x(x+7y) - 2x(2x-y)$
- 6 Find the value of $(x+5) - (x-5)$ when:
 - a $x = 1$
 - b $x = 0$
 - c $x = 5$
- 7 Simplify and write the answers with positive indices only.
 - a $x^5 \times x^{-2}$
 - b $\frac{8x^2}{2x^4}$
 - c $(2x-2)^{-3}$
- 8 If $x \neq 0$ and $y \neq 0$, simplify:
 - a $3x^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 5x^{\frac{1}{3}}$
 - b $(81y^6)^{\frac{1}{4}}$
 - c $(64x^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

Past paper questions

- 1 Simplify.

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}x^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)^3$$

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[Cambridge IGCSE Mathematics 0580 Paper 22 Q6 May/June 2016]

- 2 a Simplify $(3125t^{125})^{\frac{1}{5}}$.

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- b Find the value of p when $3^p = \frac{1}{9}$.

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- c Find the value of w when $x^{72} + x^w = x^8$.

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[Cambridge IGCSE Mathematics 0580 Paper 22 Q17 May/June 2014]

Summary of index laws

$x^m \times x^n = x^{m+n}$ When multiplying terms, add the indices.

$x^m \div x^n = x^{m-n}$ When dividing, subtract the indices.

$(x^m)^n = x^{mn}$ When finding the power of a power, multiply the indices.

$x^0 = 1$ Any value to the power 0 is equal to 1

$x^{-m} = \frac{1}{x^m}$ (when $x \neq 0$).

$$\sqrt{x} \times \sqrt{x} = x$$

$$\text{So, } x^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{x}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{y} \times \sqrt[3]{y} \times \sqrt[3]{y} = y$$

$$\text{So } y^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{y}$$

$$\text{So, } x^{\frac{1}{m}} = \sqrt[m]{x}.$$

In general terms: $x^{\frac{m}{n}} = x^{m \times \frac{1}{n}} = (x^{\frac{1}{n}})^m = (\sqrt[n]{x})^m$

$$x^{\frac{2}{3}} = (x^{\frac{1}{3}})^2 \quad \frac{1}{3} \times 2 \text{ is } \frac{2}{3}$$

$$y^{\frac{3}{4}} = (y^{\frac{1}{4}})^3 \quad \frac{1}{4} \times 3 = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$(x^{\frac{1}{3}})^2 = (\sqrt[3]{x})^2 \text{ and } (y^{\frac{1}{4}})^3 = (\sqrt[4]{y})^3$$

$$\text{So, } (x^{\frac{2}{3}}) = (\sqrt[3]{x})^2 \text{ and } (y^{\frac{3}{4}}) = (\sqrt[4]{y})^3.$$

Example

If $2^x = 128$ find the value of x .

$$2^x = 128$$

$$2^7 = 128$$

$$\therefore x = 7$$

Remember this means $2 = \sqrt[7]{128}$.

Find the value of x by trial and improvement.