

Algebra 1 - Questions

Questions

- 1.
- i. Solve for x:

$$2(4-3x) + 12 = 7x - 5(2x - 7)$$
.

- ii. Verify your answer to (i) above.
- **2.** Solve the simultaneous equations:

$$x + y = 7$$
$$x^2 + y^2 = 25$$

3. Simplify
$$\frac{x^2 - xy}{x^2 - y^2}$$

4.

Express the following as a single fraction in its simplest form:

$$\frac{6y}{x(x+4y)} - \frac{3}{2x}$$

5.

Solve the simultaneous equations:

$$x^{2} + xy + 2y^{2} = 4$$
$$2x + 3y = -1.$$

6.

Express the following as a single fraction in its simplest form:

$$\frac{x^2+4}{x^2-4} - \frac{x}{x+2}$$

Hint: $x^2 - 4$ is the difference between two squares i.e. $(x)^2 - (2)^2 = (x + 2)(x - 2)$

- 7. Find the range of values of x for which $|x-4| \ge 2$, where $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- 8.

Find the set of all real values of x for which $2x^2 + x - 15 \ge 0$.

9.

Solve the equation $x = \sqrt{x+6}$ $x \in R$

Hint: Try the method of guessing factors (x + ?)(x+?) but if this isn't working use the formula:

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

10. Solve the following for x, y and z.

$$x + 2y - z = 1$$

$$2x + y + z = 4$$

$$x + 2y + z = 2$$

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11. Solve the equation

$$|4x - 3| > 5$$

12. Solve the following equation and graph the solutions.

$$|3x + 2| < 4$$

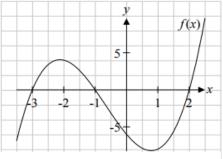
13. Solve the following cubic equation and graph the results.

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 4x^2 - 22x + 24$$

14.

(a) The graph of a cubic function f(x) cuts the x-axis at x = -3, x = -1 and x = 2, and the y-axis at (0, -6), as shown.

Verify that f(x) can be written as $f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 6.$



- (b) (i) The graph of the function g(x) = -2x 6 intersects the graph of the function f(x) above. Let f(x) = g(x) and solve the resulting equation to find the co-ordinates of the points where the graphs of f(x) and g(x) intersect.
 - (ii) Draw the graph of the function g(x) = -2x 6 on the diagram above.

15.

- (i) Let $f(x) = x^3 + kx^2 4x 12$, where k is a constant.
 - Given that x + 3 is a factor of f(x), find the value of k.
- (ii) Show that

$$\frac{3}{1+x^p} + \frac{3}{1+x^{-p}}$$
 simplifies to a constant.



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1. 2024 Paper 1 Question 1

(a) Solve the following equation for $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$n-3=\sqrt{3n+1}$$

(b) Write the following expression as a single fraction in terms of t:

$$\frac{4}{2t+1} - \frac{7}{12t}$$

(c) Solve the following simultaneous equations for $x, y, w \in \mathbb{Z}$:

$$x + 2y = 143$$

$$v + 3w = -74$$

$$4x + 5w = 4$$

2. 2022 Paper 1 Question 1

(a) Find the two values of $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ for which the following equation in x has exactly **one** solution:

$$3x^2 - mx + 3 = 0$$

(b) Explain why the following equation in x has **no** real solutions:

$$(2x+3)^2+7=0$$

- (c) (i) Show that x = -1 is **not** a solution of $3x^2 + 2x + 5 = 0$.
 - (ii) Find the **remainder** when $3x^2 + 2x + 5$ is divided by x + 1.

That is, find the value of c when $3x^2 + 2x + 5$ is written in the form

$$3x^2 + 2x + 5 = (x + 1)(ax + b) + c$$

where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$.

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