

Examination Practice Questions

You should have:

A ruler, protractor, compasses, a pen, pencil, eraser, calculator.
For some questions, you may need tracing paper.

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – *there may be more space than you need*.
- **Calculators may be used.**

Information

- The marks for each question are shown in brackets.
- Use the number of marks for each question as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question. As a rough guide, you can multiply the number of marks by 1.2 to see how many minutes you should spend on a question.
- Questions been carefully compiled from or modelled on a variety of past papers and will generally get more challenging as the document progresses. Some of the later questions will go beyond the core grade level for this topic.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Don't forget to have fun.
- Check your answers at the end.

Q1.

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Expand and simplify $2x(x - 5)(x - 3)$

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(3 marks)

Q2.

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Expand and simplify $(t + 4)^3$

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(3 marks)

Q3.

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Expand $(x - 2)^2(x + 1)$. Simplify your answer.

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(3 marks)

Q4.

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Expand and fully simplify $(x + 1)(x - 1)(x + 2)$

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(3 marks)

Q5.

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Expand and fully simplify $(x - 5)(x + 2)(x + 5)$

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(3 marks)

Q6.

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By expanding the brackets, show that $(x - 4)(x - 3)(x + 1) = x^3 + ax^2 + bx + c$

where a , b and c are constants to be found.

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(3 marks)

Q7.

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Expand and simplify $(x + 4)(x - 2)(x + 1)$

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(3 marks)

Q8.

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Expand and simplify $(x + 1)^3 + 1$

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(3 marks)

Q9.

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Expand and simplify $(x + 5)(x - 3)(x + 3)$

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(3 marks)

Q10.

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Expand and simplify $(2x - 1)(x + 1)(x + 2) - 3(x - 1)$

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(3 marks)

Q11.

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Expand and simplify $(x - 2)(2x + 3)(x + 1)$

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(3 marks)

Q12.

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Expand and simplify the expression $(x + 3)(x - 4)(2x + 5)$

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(3 marks)

Q13.

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Expand and simplify $(x - 3)(2x + 3)(4x + 5)$.

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(3 marks)

Q14.

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Expand and simplify $(2x - 1)(x + 3)(x - 5)$

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(3 marks)

Q15.

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Expand and simplify $(x + 2)(2x - 3)(3x + 1)$

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(3 marks)

Q16.

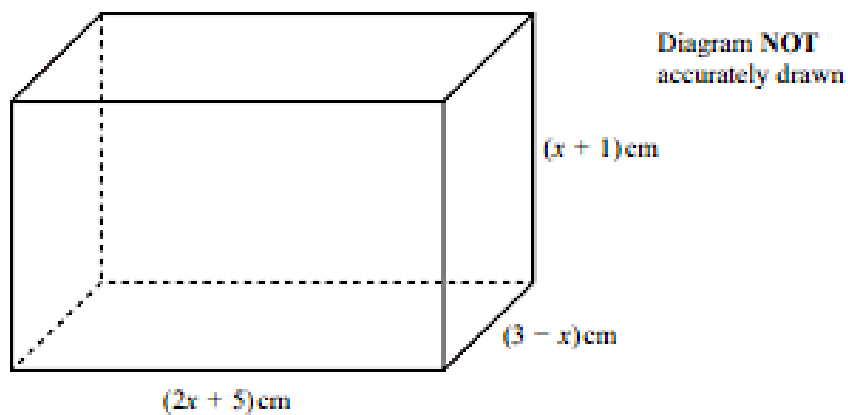
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Expand and simplify $(4x + 1)(x - 3)(5x + 6)$

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(3 marks)

Q17.

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The diagram shows a cuboid of volume $V\text{ cm}^3$

By working out the values of a , b , c and d show that $V = a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3$

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(3 marks)

Q18.

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Expand and simplify the expression $(2x + 3)^3 - (6x - 1)^2$

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(5 marks)

Q19.

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The coefficient of x^2 in the expansion of $(x + 3)(x + k)(2x - 5)$ is -3 . Find the value of the constant k .

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(3 marks)

Simplify fully the expression

$$\frac{(x+3)(x-4)(2x+5) - 2x(x^2+2) - 18}{x^2 - 13x}$$

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(4 marks)

QUESTIONS FROM MATHEMATICAL COMPETITIONS

Q1.

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The expression $x^2y + xy^2 + y^2z + yz^2 + z^2x + zx^2 - x^3 - y^3 - z^3 - 2xyz$ factorises as one of the expressions below. Tick the correct answer.

$$(x + y + z)(x - y + z)(-x + y - z)$$

$$(x + y - z)(x - y + z)(-x + y + z)$$

Q2.

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If x and n are integers then $(1 - x)^n(2 - x)^{2n}(3 - x)^{3n}(4 - x)^{4n}(5 - x)^{5n}$ satisfies one of the statements below. Tick the correct answer.

negative when $n > 5$ and $x < 5$

negative when n is odd and $x > 5$