

RECURRING DECIMALS TO FRACTIONS

GRADE 6

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.

A VERY IMPORTANT
PATTERN TO CONSIDER
😊

$$\frac{5}{10} = 0.5 \quad \frac{5}{9} = 0.\dot{5}$$

$$\frac{37}{100} = 0.37 \quad \frac{37}{99} = 0.\dot{3}\dot{7}$$

$$\frac{419}{1000} = 0.419 \quad \frac{419}{999} = 0.\dot{4}\dot{1}\dot{9}$$

Q1.

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Write $\frac{7}{9}$ as a recurring decimal.
$$0.\dot{7}$$

(1 mark)

Q2.

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Write $\frac{17}{99}$ as a recurring decimal.
$$0.\dot{1}\dot{7}$$

(1 mark)

Q3.

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Write $\frac{712}{999}$ as a recurring decimal.
$$0.\dot{7}1\dot{2}$$

(1 mark)

Q4.

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Express $\frac{1}{6}$ as a decimal.
$$\begin{array}{r} 0.1\dot{6}\dot{6} \\ 6 \overline{) 1.000} \\ \underline{6} \\ 4 \\ \underline{6} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$0.\dot{1}\dot{6}$$

(1 mark)

Q5.

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Select the fraction which is a recurring decimal.

$$\frac{21}{35}$$

$$\frac{10}{12}$$

$$\frac{17}{68}$$

$$\frac{15}{24}$$

$$\frac{51}{170}$$

$$\frac{10}{12} = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$\frac{10}{12}$$

$\frac{5}{6}$ (AS ABOVE) IS RECURRING. (1 mark)

Q6.

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Write these numbers in order of size.
Start with the smallest number.

$0.2\dot{4}\dot{6}$ $0.24\dot{6}$ $0.\dot{2}4\dot{6}$ 0.246

0.246464
 0.246666
 0.246246
 0.246000

0.246
 $0.24\dot{6}$
 $0.\dot{2}46$
 $0.24\dot{6}$

Small
 Large

M1
 For 3 correct

A1
 (2 marks)

Q7.

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Prove algebraically that the recurring decimal $0.\dot{5}$ can be written as $\frac{5}{9}$

$10x = 5.555\ldots$
 $- \quad x = 0.555\ldots$

 $9x = 5$
 $x = \frac{5}{9}$

M1
 For the start of a method to convert

A1
 Fully correct proof
 (2 marks)

Q8.

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Prove algebraically that the recurring decimal $0.1\dot{5}$ can be written as $\frac{15}{99}$

$100x = 15.1515\ldots$
 $- \quad x = 0.1515\ldots$

 $99x = 15$
 $x = \frac{15}{99}$

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(2 marks)

Q9.

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Show that the recurring decimal $0.\dot{3}9\dot{6}$ can be written as $\frac{44}{111}$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1000x = 396.396.. \\
 - \quad x = 0.396.. \\
 \hline
 999x = 396 \\
 x = \frac{396}{999} = \frac{44}{111}
 \end{array}$$

SEE
Q7

(2 marks)

Q10.

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Use algebra to show that the recurring decimal $0.\dot{4}1\dot{7} = \frac{139}{333}$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1000x = 417.417.. \\
 x = 0.417.. \\
 \hline
 999x = 417 \\
 x = \frac{417}{999} = \frac{139}{333}
 \end{array}$$

SEE
Q7

(2 marks)

Q11.

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Use algebra to show that the recurring decimal $0.2\dot{6}$ can be written as $\frac{4}{15}$

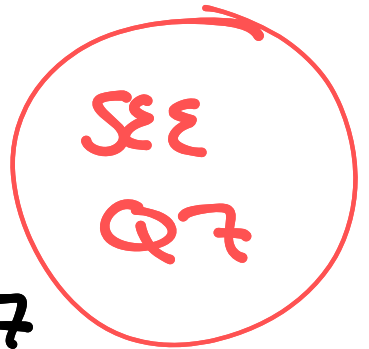
$$\begin{array}{r}
 10x = 2.666.. \\
 - \quad x = 0.266.. \\
 \hline
 9x = 2.4 \\
 x = \frac{2.4}{9} = \frac{24}{90} = \frac{4}{15}
 \end{array}$$

SEE
Q7

(2 marks)

Use algebra to show that the recurring decimal $0.3\dot{8} = \frac{7}{18}$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 10x = 3.888\dots \\
 x = 0.388\dots \\
 \hline
 9x = 3.5 \\
 x = \frac{3.5}{9} = \frac{35}{90} = \frac{7}{18}
 \end{array}$$



(2 marks)

Use algebra to show that the recurring decimal $0.0\dot{1}5$ can be written as $\frac{1}{66}$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 100x = 1.51515\dots \\
 x = 0.01515\dots \\
 \hline
 99x = 1.5 \\
 x = \frac{1.5}{99} = \frac{15}{990} = \frac{1}{66}
 \end{array}$$



(2 marks)

Use algebra to show that the recurring decimal $0.3\dot{2}4 = \frac{107}{330}$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1000x = 324.2424\dots \\
 - 10x = 3.2424\dots \\
 \hline
 990x = 321
 \end{array}$$

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TO ALIGN
THE RECURRING
BIT 😊

$$x = \frac{321}{990} = \frac{107}{330}$$



(2 marks)

Q15.

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Use algebra to show that the recurring decimal $0.2\dot{5}4$ can be written as $\frac{14}{55}$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1000x = 254.5454\ldots \\
 - 10x = 2.5454\ldots \\
 \hline
 990x = 252 \\
 x = \frac{252}{990} = \frac{14}{55}
 \end{array}$$

SEE
Q7

(2 marks)

Q16.

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Use algebra to show that the recurring decimal $0.0\dot{1}5$ can be written as $\frac{154}{990}$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 100x = 1.555\ldots \\
 - x = 0.015\ldots \\
 \hline
 99x = 1.54 \\
 x = \frac{1.54}{99} = \frac{154}{990}
 \end{array}$$

SEE
Q7

(2 marks)

Q17.

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Use algebra to show that the recurring decimal $0.28\dot{1}3 = \frac{557}{1980}$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1000x = 281.3131\ldots \\
 - 10x = 2.8131\ldots \\
 \hline
 990x = 278.5 \\
 x = \frac{278.5}{990} = \frac{2785}{9900} \\
 = \frac{557}{1980}
 \end{array}$$

SEE
Q7

(2 marks)

$0.4\dot{x}$ is a recurring decimal.

x is a whole number such that $1 \leq x \leq 9$

Find, in terms of x , the recurring decimal $0.4\dot{x}$ as a fraction.

Give your fraction in its simplest form.

Show clear algebraic working.

$\frac{x}{10}$ AS THESE ARE
UNITS

$$4\frac{x}{10} - 0.4$$

$$4\frac{x}{10} - \frac{4}{10}$$

$$\frac{40+x}{10} - \frac{4}{10}$$

$$\frac{40+x-4}{10}$$

$$10y = 4x \cdot xx \dots$$

$$y = 0.4x \dots$$

$$9y = 4\frac{x}{10} - 0.4$$

$$9y = \frac{40+x-4}{10}$$

$$90y = 40+x-4$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{36+x}{90}$$

M1

A1

(3 marks)

Using algebra, prove that $0.1\dot{3}\dot{6} \times 0.\dot{2}$ is equal in value to $\frac{1}{33}$

PHEW!

$$100x = 13.636 \dots$$

$$x = 0.136 \dots$$

$$99x = 13.5$$

$$x = \frac{135}{990} = \frac{27}{198}$$

$$0.\dot{2} = \frac{2}{9}$$

M1

M1

$$\frac{27}{198} \times \frac{2}{9} = \frac{54}{1782} = \frac{1}{33}$$

A1

(3 marks)

QUESTIONS FROM MATHEMATICAL COMPETITIONS

Q1.

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As a decimal, what is the value of $\frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{11}$

$$\frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{11} = \frac{11}{99} + \frac{9}{99} = \frac{20}{99}$$

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$$\frac{20}{99} = 0.20202020$$

$$= 0.\dot{2}\dot{0}$$

Q2.

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As a decimal, what is the value of $\frac{10}{9} + \frac{9}{10}$

$$\frac{100}{90} + \frac{81}{90} = \frac{181}{90} = 2 + \frac{1}{90}$$

$$\therefore 2.0\dot{1}$$

0.01

Q3.

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How many different digits appear when $\frac{20}{11}$ is written as a recurring decimal? Circle the answer.

2

3

4

5

6

$$\frac{20}{11} = 1 \frac{9}{11} = 1.\dot{8}\dot{1}$$

(1 AND 8)

$$\frac{9}{11} = 0.\dot{8}\dot{1}$$

Q4.

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What is the sum of the first 2011 digits when $20 \div 11$ is written as a decimal?

AS ABOVE: 1.818181...

1006 1's THE EXTRA 1
 1005 8's

$$(1006 \times 1) + (1005 \times 8) = 9046$$

Q5.

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Which of these is equal to $0.\dot{8} + 0.0\dot{7}$?

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$$0.\dot{8} = \frac{8}{9} \quad \frac{8}{9} + \frac{7}{90} = \frac{29}{30}$$

$$0.0\dot{7} = \frac{7}{90}$$

TRICKY BIT:

$$\frac{29}{30} = 9 + \frac{2}{3}$$

$$= 9 + 0.\dot{6}$$

$$= 9.\dot{6}$$

SO $\frac{29}{30} = 0.9\dot{6}$

0.8 $\dot{7}$
 0.88
 0.9 $\dot{5}$
 0.9 $\dot{6}$
 0.98

Q6.

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What is the mean of $1.\dot{2}$ and $2.\dot{1}$?

$$\begin{array}{r} 1.2222.. \\ 2.1111.. \\ \hline 3.3333 \end{array} \text{ or } 3.\dot{3}$$

$$\frac{3.\dot{3}}{2} = 1.\dot{6}$$

1.6 $\dot{6}$
 1.666
 1.665
 1.6 $\dot{5}$
 1.65