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## Algebra

### Model Answers



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## Question 1

Make  $x$  the subject of the formula.

$$y = \sqrt{x^2 + 1} \quad [3]$$

1. Square both sides of the equation to eliminate the square root:

$$y^2 = x^2 + 1$$

2. Subtract 1 from both sides:

$$y^2 - 1 = x^2$$

3. Take the square root of both sides:

$$x = \sqrt{y^2 - 1}$$

So, the expression for  $x$  in terms of  $y$  is  $x = \sqrt{y^2 - 1}$ .

## Question 2

$$y = p^2 + qr$$

(a) Find  $y$  when  $p = -5$ ,  $q = 3$  and  $r = -7$ . [2]

To find the value of  $y$  when  $p = -5$ ,  $q = 3$ , and  $r = -7$  in the equation  $y = p^2 + qr$ , substitute these values into the equation:

$$y = (-5)^2 + (3)(-7)$$

Now, calculate each term:

$$y = 25 - 21$$

Finally, simplify the expression:

$$y = 4$$

Therefore, when  $p = -5$ ,  $q = 3$ , and  $r = -7$ , the value of  $y$  is 4.

(b) Write  $p$  in terms of  $q$ ,  $r$  and  $y$ .

$$y = p^2 + qr$$

1. Subtract  $qr$  from both sides to isolate  $p^2$  : [2]

$$y - qr = p^2$$

1. Take the square root of both sides:

$$p = \sqrt{y - qr}$$

So,  $p$  in terms of  $q$ ,  $r$ , and  $y$  is  $p = \sqrt{y - qr}$ .

### Question 3

Make  $b$  the subject of the formula.

[3]

$$c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

1. Square both sides of the equation to eliminate the square root:

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

2. Subtract  $a^2$  from both sides:

$$b^2 = c^2 - a^2$$

3. Take the square root of both sides:

$$b = \sqrt{c^2 - a^2}$$

So, the expression for  $b$  in terms of  $a, c$  is  $b = \sqrt{c^2 - a^2}$ .

### Question 4

Simplify the expression.

[2]

$$\left(a^{\frac{1}{2}} - b^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)\left(a^{\frac{1}{2}} + b^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)$$

To simplify the given expression  $\left(a^{\frac{1}{2}} - b^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)\left(a^{\frac{1}{2}} + b^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)$ , you can use the difference of squares formula, which states that  $(x - y)(x + y) = x^2 - y^2$ .

Apply this formula to the given expression:

$$\left(a^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2 - \left(b^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2$$

Simplify the squares:

$$a - b$$

So, the simplified expression is  $a - b$ .



### Question 5

Rearrange the formula  $y = \frac{x+2}{x-4}$  to make  $x$  the subject. [4]

1. Cross-multiply to eliminate the fraction:

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

2. Distribute  $y$  on the left side:

$$yx - 4y = x + 2$$

3. Move all terms involving  $x$  to one side and constants to the other side:

$$yx - x = 4y + 2$$

4. Factor out  $x$  on the left side:

$$x(y - 1) = 4y + 2$$

5. Divide by  $(y - 1)$  to solve for  $x$  :

$$x = \frac{4y+2}{y-1}$$

So, the formula rearranged to make  $x$  the subject is  $x = \frac{4y+2}{y-1}$ .

### Question 6

Make  $w$  the subject of the formula.

$$c = \frac{4 + w}{w + 3} \quad [4]$$

1. Multiply both sides by  $(w + 3)$  to eliminate the fraction:

$$c(w + 3) = 4 + w$$

2. Distribute  $c$  on the left side:

$$cw + 3c = 4 + w$$

3. Move all terms involving  $w$  to one side and constants to the other side:

$$cw - w = 4 - 3c$$

4. Factor out  $w$  on the left side:

$$w(c - 1) = 4 - 3c$$

5. Divide by  $(c - 1)$  to solve for  $w$  :

$$w = \frac{4-3c}{c-1}$$

So, the formula rearranged to make  $w$  the subject is  $w = \frac{4-3c}{c-1}$ .



### Question 7

$$w = \frac{I}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

- (a) Find  $w$  when  $L = 8 \times 10^{-3}$  and  $C = 2 \times 10^{-9}$ . [3]  
Give your answer in standard form.

The formula given is  $w = \frac{I}{\sqrt{LC}}$ , where  $w$  is the angular frequency,  $I$  is the current,  $L$  is the inductance, and  $C$  is the capacitance.

Given values:  $L = 8 \times 10^{-3}$  and  $C = 2 \times 10^{-9}$ .

Substitute these values into the formula:

$$w = \frac{I}{\sqrt{(8 \times 10^{-3})(2 \times 10^{-9})}}$$

First, simplify the expression under the square root:

$$w = \frac{I}{\sqrt{1.6 \times 10^{-11}}}$$

Now, express the square root in standard form:

$$w = \frac{I}{1.2649 \times 10^{-6}}$$

To give the answer in standard form, you can express the denominator with the appropriate power of 10:

$$w \approx \frac{I}{1.265 \times 10^{-6}}$$

So,  $w$  in standard form is approximately  $w \approx \frac{I}{1.265 \times 10^{-6}}$ .

- (b) Rearrange the formula to make  $C$  the subject. [3]

1. Square both sides to eliminate the square root:

$$w^2 = \frac{I^2}{LC}$$

1. Multiply both sides by  $LC$  to isolate  $C$ :

$$C = \frac{I^2}{w^2}$$

So, the formula rearranged to make  $C$  the subject is  $C = \frac{I^2}{w^2}$ .

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**Question 8**

$$ap = px + c$$

Write  $p$  in terms of  $a$ ,  $c$  and  $x$ .

[3]

$$ap = px + c$$

1. Subtract  $px$  from both sides:

$$ap - px = c$$

1. Factor out  $p$  on the left side:

$$p(a - x) = c$$

1. Divide by  $(a - x)$  to solve for  $p$  :

$$p = \frac{c}{a-x}$$

So,  $p$  in terms of  $a$ ,  $c$ , and  $x$  is  $p = \frac{c}{a-x}$ .

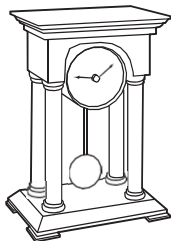


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## Question 9



The length of time,  $T$  seconds, that the pendulum in the clock takes to swing is given by the formula

$$T = \frac{6}{\sqrt{1+g^2}}$$

Rearrange the formula to make  $g$  the subject.

1. Square both sides of the equation to eliminate the square root: [4]

$$T^2 = \frac{36}{1+g^2}$$

1. Cross-multiply to get rid of the fraction:

$$T^2(1+g^2) = 36$$

1. Distribute  $T^2$  on the left side:

$$T^2 + T^2g^2 = 36$$

1. Rearrange the terms:

$$T^2g^2 = 36 - T^2$$

1. Divide by  $T^2$  to solve for  $g^2$ :

$$g^2 = \frac{36-T^2}{T^2}$$

1. Take the square root of both sides:

$$g = \sqrt{\frac{36-T^2}{T^2}}$$

So, the formula rearranged to make  $g$  the subject is  $g = \sqrt{\frac{36-T^2}{T^2}}$ .

## Question 10

(a)  $3^x = \frac{1}{3}$

Write down the value of  $x$ .

[1]

To find the value of  $x$  in the equation  $3^x = \frac{1}{3}$ , we can take the logarithm of both sides. In this case, let's use the natural logarithm (ln):

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

Use the logarithm property  $\ln(a^b) = b\ln(a)$ :

$$x \ln(3) = \ln\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

Now, solve for  $x$ :

$$x = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)}{\ln(3)}$$

Using a calculator:

$$x \approx -1.46447$$

So, the value of  $x$  is approximately -1.46447.

(b)  $5^y = k$ .

Find  $5^{y+1}$ , in terms of  $k$ .

Given the equation  $5^y = k$ , we want to find  $5^{y+1}$  in terms of  $k$ .

First, let's express  $5^{y+1}$  in terms of  $5^y$ :

$$5^{y+1} = 5^y \times 5^1$$

Now, substitute  $5^y = k$ :

$$5^{y+1} = k \times 5$$

So, in terms of  $k$ ,  $5^{y+1}$  is  $5k$ .



### Question 11

Make  $y$  the subject of the formula.  $A = \frac{r(y+2)}{5}$  [3]

1. Multiply both sides by 5 to get rid of the fraction:

$$5A = r(y + 2)$$

1. Divide both sides by  $r$  to isolate  $y + 2$  :

$$\frac{5A}{r} = y + 2$$

1. Subtract 2 from both sides to solve for  $y$  :

$$y = \frac{5A}{r} - 2$$

So, the formula with  $y$  as the subject is  $y = \frac{5A}{r} - 2$ .

### Question 12

Simplify  $16 - 4(3x - 2)^2$ . [3]

1. First, apply the square to the expression inside the parentheses:

$$16 - 4(9x^2 - 12x + 4)$$

1. Distribute the -4 to each term inside the parentheses:

$$16 - 36x^2 + 48x - 16$$

1. Combine like terms:

$$-36x^2 + 48x$$

So, the simplified expression is  $-36x^2 + 48x$ .



### Question 13

Rearrange the formula to make  $y$  the subject.

$$x + \frac{\sqrt{y}}{9} = 1 \quad [3]$$

1. Subtract  $x$  from both sides:

$$\frac{\sqrt{y}}{9} = 1 - x$$

1. Multiply both sides by 9 to isolate the square root term:

$$\sqrt{y} = 9(1 - x)$$

1. Square both sides to eliminate the square root:

$$y = (9(1 - x))^2$$

1. Simplify the expression on the right side:

$$y = 81(1 - x)^2$$

So, the formula rearranged to make  $y$  the subject is  $y = 81(1 - x)^2$ .

### Question 14

(a) Factorise  $ax^2 + bx^2$ . [1]

$$ax^2 + bx^2 = x^2(a + b)$$

So, the factored form of  $ax^2 + bx^2$  is  $x^2(a + b)$ .

(b) Make  $x$  the subject of the formula

$$ax^2 + bx^2 - d = p \quad [2]$$

$$ax^2 + bx^2 - d = p$$

Combine like terms:

$$(a + b)x^2 - d = p$$

Add  $d$  to both sides:

$$(a + b)x^2 = p + d$$

Divide both sides by  $(a + b)$  to isolate  $x^2$ :

$$x^2 = \frac{p+d}{a+b}$$

Now, take the square root of both sides:

$$x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{p+d}{a+b}}$$

So,  $x$  as the subject of the formula is  $x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{p+d}{a+b}}$ .



### Question 15

Two quantities  $c$  and  $d$  are connected by the formula  $c = 2d + 30$ . [1]  
Find  $c$  when  $d = -100$ .

To find  $c$  when  $d = -100$  using the formula  $c = 2d + 30$ , substitute the given value of  $d$  into the equation:

$$c = 2(-100) + 30$$

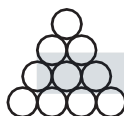
Now, perform the calculations:

$$c = -200 + 30$$

$$c = -170$$

So, when  $d = -100$ , the value of  $c$  is  $-170$ .

### Question 16



The number of tennis balls ( $T$ ) in the diagram is given by the formula

$$T = \frac{1}{2} n (n+1),$$

where  $n$  is the number of rows.

The diagram above has 4 rows.

How many tennis balls will there be in a diagram with 20 rows? [1]

You're given the formula for the number of tennis balls ( $T$ ) in the diagram based on the number of rows ( $n$ ):

$$T = \frac{1}{2} n (n + 1)$$

You're told that the diagram above has 4 rows, so you can substitute  $n = 4$  into the formula to find the number of tennis balls for this case:

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times (4 + 1) = \frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times 5 = 10$$

So, there are 10 tennis balls in a diagram with 4 rows.

Now, if you want to find the number of tennis balls for a diagram with 20 rows, substitute  $n = 20$  into the formula:

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \times 20 \times (20 + 1) = \frac{1}{2} \times 20 \times 21 = 210$$

Therefore, there will be 210 tennis balls in a diagram with 20 rows.



### Question 17

Make  $d$  the subject of the formula

$$c = \frac{d^3}{2} + 5. \quad [3]$$

$$c = \frac{d^3}{2} + 5$$

1. Subtract 5 from both sides:

$$\frac{d^3}{2} = c - 5$$

1. Multiply both sides by 2 to get rid of the fraction:

$$d^3 = 2(c - 5)$$

1. Take the cube root of both sides to solve for  $d$  :

$$d = \sqrt[3]{2(c - 5)}$$

So, the formula with  $d$  as the subject is  $d = \sqrt[3]{2(c - 5)}$ .

### Question 18

Make  $c$  the subject of the formula

$$\sqrt{3c - 5} = b. \quad [3]$$

$$\sqrt{3c - 5} = b$$

1. Square both sides to eliminate the square root:

$$(\sqrt{3c - 5})^2 = b^2$$

$$3c - 5 = b^2$$

1. Add 5 to both sides:

$$3c = b^2 + 5$$

1. Divide both sides by 3 to solve for  $c$  :

$$c = \frac{b^2 + 5}{3}$$

So, the formula with  $c$  as the subject is  $c = \frac{b^2 + 5}{3}$ .

### Question 19

Make  $d$  the subject of the formula

$$c = kd^2 + e. \quad [3]$$

$$c = kd^2 + e$$

1. Subtract  $e$  from both sides:

$$c - e = kd^2$$

1. Divide both sides by  $k$  to solve for  $d^2$  :

$$d^2 = \frac{c-e}{k}$$

1. Take the square root of both sides to solve for  $d$  :

$$d = \sqrt{\frac{c-e}{k}}$$

So, the formula with  $d$  as the subject is  $d = \sqrt{\frac{c-e}{k}}$ .



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## Question 20

Calculate the radius of a sphere with volume  $1260 \text{ cm}^3$ .

[The volume,  $V$ , of a sphere with radius  $r$  is  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ .] [3]

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

You're given that the volume is  $1260 \text{ cm}^3$ , so you can set up the equation:

$$1260 = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

To solve for  $r$ , you can follow these steps:

1. Multiply both sides by  $\frac{3}{4}$  to isolate the term with  $r^3$ :

$$\frac{3}{4} \times 1260 = \pi r^3$$

$$945 = \pi r^3$$

1. Divide both sides by  $\pi$  to isolate  $r^3$ :

$$r^3 = \frac{945}{\pi}$$

1. Take the cube root of both sides to solve for  $r$ :

$$r = \sqrt[3]{\frac{945}{\pi}}$$

Now, you can calculate the numerical value:

$$r \approx \sqrt[3]{\frac{945}{\pi}} \approx 6 \text{ cm}$$

So, the radius of the sphere is approximately 6 cm.

## Question 21

Rearrange the formula  $c = \frac{4}{a-b}$  to make  $a$  the subject. [3]

$$c = \frac{4}{a-b}$$

1. Cross-multiply to eliminate the fraction:

$$c(a-b) = 4$$

1. Distribute  $c$  on the left side:

$$ca - cb = 4$$

1. Add  $cb$  to both sides:

$$ca = cb + 4$$

1. Divide both sides by  $c$  to solve for  $a$ :

$$a = \frac{cb+4}{c}$$

So, the formula rearranged to make  $a$  the subject is:

$$a = \frac{cb+4}{c}$$



### Question 22

Make  $x$  the subject of the formula.  $y = \frac{x}{3} + 5$  [2]

$$y = \frac{x}{3} + 5$$

1. Subtract 5 from both sides:

$$y - 5 = \frac{x}{3}$$

1. Multiply both sides by 3 to isolate  $x$  :

$$3(y - 5) = x$$

1. Distribute 3 on the left side:

$$3y - 15 = x$$

So, the formula with  $x$  as the subject is:

$$x = 3y - 15$$

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### Question 23

Expand the brackets and simplify.

$$\frac{1}{2}(6x - 2) - 3(x - 1) \quad [2]$$

1. Distribute  $\frac{1}{2}$  to both terms inside the first set of brackets:

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 6x - \frac{1}{2} \times 2 - 3(x - 1)$$

This simplifies to  $3x - 1 - 3(x - 1)$ .

2. Distribute -3 to both terms inside the second set of brackets:

$$3x - 1 - 3x + 3$$

3. Combine like terms:

$$3x - 3x - 1 + 3$$

This further simplifies to  $-1 + 3$ .

4. Finally, combine the constants:

$$-1 + 3 = 2$$

So, the simplified expression is 2 .



### Question 24

Make  $x$  the subject of  $y = \frac{(x+3)^2}{5}$ . [3]

$$y = \frac{(x+3)^2}{5}$$

1. Multiply both sides by 5 to eliminate the fraction:

$$5y = (x+3)^2$$

1. Take the square root of both sides:

$$\sqrt{5y} = x + 3$$

1. Subtract 3 from both sides to isolate  $x$  :

$$x = \sqrt{5y} - 3$$

So, the formula with  $x$  as the subject is:

$$x = \sqrt{5y} - 3$$

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### Question 25

Rearrange the formula  $J = mv - mu$  to make  $m$  the subject. [2]

$$J = mv - mu$$

1. Factor out  $m$  from the right side:

$$J = m(v - u)$$

1. Divide both sides by  $(v - u)$  to solve for  $m$  :

$$m = \frac{J}{v-u}$$

So, the formula rearranged to make  $m$  the subject is:

$$m = \frac{J}{v-u}$$



## Question 26

$$\frac{g}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{h}{i}}$$

Find  $i$  in terms of  $g$  and  $h$ .

[3]

1. Square both sides to eliminate the square root:

$$\left(\frac{g}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{h}{i}$$

$$\frac{g^2}{4} = \frac{h}{i}$$

2. Multiply both sides by  $i$  to isolate  $i$  :

$$i \cdot \frac{g^2}{4} = h$$

3. Multiply both sides by  $\frac{4}{g^2}$  to solve for  $i$  :

$$i = \frac{4h}{g^2}$$

So,  $i$  in terms of  $g$  and  $h$  is  $i = \frac{4h}{g^2}$ .

## Question 27

Make  $d$  the subject of the formula  $c = \frac{5d+4w}{2w}$ .

[3]

$$c = \frac{5d+4w}{2w}$$

1. Multiply both sides by  $2w$  to eliminate the fraction:

$$2wc = 5d + 4w$$

1. Subtract  $4w$  from both sides:

$$2wc - 4w = 5d$$

1. Factor out  $d$  on the right side:

$$d = \frac{2wc-4w}{5}$$

So, the formula with  $d$  as the subject is:

$$d = \frac{2wc-4w}{5}$$





## Question 28

Make  $x$  the subject of the formula.

$$P = \frac{x+3}{x} \quad [4]$$

$$P = \frac{x+3}{x}$$

1. Cross-multiply to eliminate the fraction:

$$Px = x + 3$$

1. Subtract  $x$  from both sides:

$$Px - x = 3$$

1. Factor out  $x$  on the left side:

$$x(P - 1) = 3$$

1. Divide by  $(P - 1)$  to solve for  $x$  :

$$x = \frac{3}{P-1}$$

So, the formula with  $x$  as the subject is:

$$x = \frac{3}{P-1}$$

## Question 29

Expand and simplify  $2(x-3)^2 - (2x-3)^2$ . [3]

1. Expand  $(x - 3)^2$  :

$$2(x - 3)^2 = 2(x^2 - 6x + 9)$$

$$= 2x^2 - 12x + 18$$

2. Expand  $(2x - 3)^2$  :

$$(2x - 3)^2 = (2x - 3)(2x - 3)$$

$$= 4x^2 - 12x + 9$$

3. Substitute these expansions into the original expression:

$$2(x - 3)^2 - (2x - 3)^2 = 2x^2 - 12x + 18 - (4x^2 - 12x + 9)$$

4. Distribute the negative sign and combine like terms:

$$= 2x^2 - 12x + 18 - 4x^2 + 12x - 9$$

$$= -2x^2 + 9$$

$$\text{So, } 2(x - 3)^2 - (2x - 3)^2 = -2x^2 + 9.$$



### Question 30

$$V = \frac{1}{3}Ah$$

- (a) Find  $V$  when  $A = 15$  and  $h = 7$ . [1]

To find  $V$  when  $A = 15$  and  $h = 7$  using the formula  $V = \frac{1}{3}Ah$ , substitute the given values into the formula:

$$V = \frac{1}{3}(15)(7)$$

Now, perform the calculations:

$$V = \frac{1}{3}(105)$$

Multiply the fraction and the number:

$$V = \frac{105}{3}$$

Simplify the fraction:

$$V = 35$$

So, when  $A = 15$  and  $h = 7$ , the value of  $V$  is 35.

- (b) Make  $h$  the subject of the formula. [2]

$$V = \frac{1}{3}Ah$$

1. Multiply both sides by  $\frac{3}{A}$  to eliminate the fraction:

$$\frac{3V}{A} = h$$

1. So, the formula with  $h$  as the subject is:

$$h = \frac{3V}{A}$$

### Question 31

- Rearrange the formula to make  $x$  the subject. [2]

$$y = x^2 + 4$$

$$y = x^2 + 4$$

1. Subtract 4 from both sides:

$$y - 4 = x^2$$

1. Take the square root of both sides:

$$\sqrt{y - 4} = x$$

However, note that when taking the square root, there will be two possible solutions (positive and negative). Therefore, the formula with  $x$  as the subject is:

$$x = \pm\sqrt{y - 4}$$

So,  $x$  can be expressed as  $x = \sqrt{y - 4}$  or  $x = -\sqrt{y - 4}$ .



### Question 32

- (a) Expand and simplify  $(a + b)^2$ . [2]

$$(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

So,

$$(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

This is the expanded and simplified form of  $(a + b)^2$ .

- (b) Find the value of  $a^2 + b^2$  when  $a + b = 6$  and  $ab = 7$ .

$$a^2 + b^2 = (a + b)^2 - 2ab$$

Given that  $a + b = 6$  and  $ab = 7$ , substitute these values into the identity:

$$a^2 + b^2 = (6)^2 - 2(7)$$

$$= 36 - 14$$

$$= 22$$

So, the value of  $a^2 + b^2$  is 22.

### Question 33

- 15 A sphere has a volume of  $80 \text{ cm}^3$ .

Calculate the radius of the sphere.

[The volume,  $V$ , of a sphere with radius  $r$  is  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ .] [3]

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

You're given that the volume is  $80 \text{ cm}^3$ , so you can set up the equation:

$$80 = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

To solve for  $r$ , you can follow these steps:

1. Multiply both sides by  $\frac{3}{4}$  to isolate the term with  $r^3$  :

$$\frac{3}{4} \times 80 = \pi r^3$$

$$60 = \pi r^3$$

1. Divide both sides by  $\pi$  to isolate  $r^3$  :

$$r^3 = \frac{60}{\pi}$$

1. Take the cube root of both sides to solve for  $r$  :

$$r = \sqrt[3]{\frac{60}{\pi}}$$

Now, you can calculate the numerical value:

$$r \approx \sqrt[3]{\frac{60}{\pi}} \approx 2.87 \text{ cm}$$

So, the radius of the sphere is approximately 2.87 cm.



### Question 34

(a)

$$y = \sqrt{8 + \frac{4}{x}}$$

Find  $y$  when  $x = 2$ .

Give your answer correct to 4 decimal places.

[2]

To find the value of  $y$  when  $x = 2$  in the equation  $y = \sqrt{8 + \frac{4}{x}}$ , substitute  $x = 2$  into the equation:

$$y = \sqrt{8 + \frac{4}{2}}$$

Now, perform the calculations:

$$y = \sqrt{8 + 2}$$

$$y = \sqrt{10}$$

$$y \approx 3.1623$$

So, when  $x = 2$ , the value of  $y$  is approximately 3.1623 (correct to 4 decimal places).

(b) Rearrange  $y = \sqrt{8 + \frac{4}{x}}$  to make  $x$  the subject.

[4]

$$y = \sqrt{8 + \frac{4}{x}}$$

1. Square both sides to eliminate the square root:

$$y^2 = 8 + \frac{4}{x}$$

2. Subtract 8 from both sides:

$$y^2 - 8 = \frac{4}{x}$$

3. Take the reciprocal of both sides:

$$\frac{1}{y^2 - 8} = \frac{x}{4}$$

4. Multiply both sides by  $\frac{4}{1}$  to solve for  $x$ :

$$x = \frac{4}{y^2 - 8}$$

So, the formula with  $x$  as the subject is:

$$x = \frac{4}{y^2 - 8}$$



### Question 35

Expand the brackets.

$$y(3 - y^3)$$

[2]

$$y(3 - y^3) = 3y - y^4$$

So, the expanded form is  $3y - y^4$ .

### Question 36

Make  $y$  the subject of the formula.

$$A = \pi x^2 - \pi y^2$$

[3]

To make  $y$  the subject of the formula  $A = \pi x^2 - \pi y^2$ , you need to isolate  $y$  on one side of the equation. Follow these steps:

$$A = \pi x^2 - \pi y^2$$

$$\pi y^2 = \pi x^2 - A \quad (\text{Isolate the term with } y^2 \text{ on one side})$$

$$y^2 = \frac{\pi x^2 - A}{\pi} \quad (\text{Divide both sides by } \pi)$$

$$y = \sqrt{\frac{\pi x^2 - A}{\pi}} \quad (\text{Take the square root of both sides})$$

So, the formula for  $y$  is:

$$y = \sqrt{\frac{\pi x^2 - A}{\pi}}$$



### Question 37

Find  $r$  when  $(5)^{\frac{r}{3}} = 125$ . [2]

$$5^{\frac{r}{3}} = 5^3$$

Now, since the bases are the same, you can equate the exponents:

$$\frac{r}{3} = 3$$

To solve for  $r$ , multiply both sides of the equation by 3 :

$$r = 3 \times 3 = 9$$

So,  $r = 9$  is the solution to the given equation.

### Question 38

Make  $w$  the subject of the formula.

$$t = 2 - \frac{3w}{a}$$

[3]

$$t = 2 - \frac{3w}{a}$$

First, subtract 2 from both sides:

$$t - 2 = -\frac{3w}{a}$$

Next, multiply both sides by  $-\frac{a}{3}$  to solve for  $w$  :

$$w = \frac{a}{3}(2 - t)$$

So, the formula for  $w$  in terms of  $t$  and  $a$  is:

$$w = \frac{a}{3}(2 - t)$$



## Question 39

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

(a) Find  $T$  when  $g = 9.8$  and  $l = 2$ .

[2]

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

Here,  $l$  is the length of the pendulum, and  $g$  is the acceleration due to gravity.

Given that  $g = 9.8$  and  $l = 2$ , you can substitute these values into the formula and solve for  $T$  :

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{2}{9.8}}$$

Now, calculate the expression inside the square root:

$$\frac{2}{9.8} \approx 0.204$$

Substitute this back into the original equation:

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{0.204}$$

Now, calculate the square root:

$$T \approx 2\pi \sqrt{0.204} \approx 2\pi \times 0.451$$

Finally, calculate the product:

$$T \approx 2\pi \times 0.451 \approx 2.83 \text{ seconds}$$

So, when  $g = 9.8$  and  $l = 2$ , the period ( $T$ ) of the pendulum is approximately 2.83 seconds.

(b) Make  $g$  the subject of the formula.

[3]

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

First, divide both sides of the equation by  $2\pi$  to isolate the square root term:

$$\frac{T}{2\pi} = \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

Next, square both sides of the equation to eliminate the square root:

$$\left(\frac{T}{2\pi}\right)^2 = \frac{l}{g}$$

Now, solve for  $g$  by taking the reciprocal of both sides:

$$g = \frac{l}{\left(\frac{T}{2\pi}\right)^2}$$

Simplify the expression:

$$g = \frac{4\pi^2 l}{T^2}$$

So, the formula for  $g$  in terms of  $T$  and  $l$  is:

$$g = \frac{4\pi^2 l}{T^2}$$



### Question 40

Find the value of  $5a - 3b$  when  $a = 7$  and  $b = -2$ . [2]

$$5a - 3b = 5(7) - 3(-2)$$

Now, perform the multiplication and subtraction:

$$5(7) - 3(-2) = 35 + 6 = 41$$

So, when  $a = 7$  and  $b = -2$ , the value of  $5a - 3b$  is 41 .

### Question 41

Make  $q$  the subject of the formula  $p = 2q^2$ . [2]

$$p = 2q^2$$

First, divide both sides of the equation by 2 :

$$\frac{p}{2} = q^2$$

Now, take the square root of both sides. Note that there are two possible solutions (positive and negative) for the square root:

$$\pm\sqrt{\frac{p}{2}} = q$$

So,  $q$  can be expressed as:

$$q = \pm\sqrt{\frac{p}{2}}$$

Therefore,  $q$  is the square root of half of  $p$ , and it can be either positive or negative.

### Question 42

Make  $a$  the subject of the formula.  $x = y + \sqrt{a}$  [2]

$$x = y + \sqrt{a}$$

Subtract  $y$  from both sides of the equation:

$$x - y = \sqrt{a}$$

Square both sides to eliminate the square root:

$$(x - y)^2 = a$$

So, the formula for  $a$  in terms of  $x$  and  $y$  is:

$$a = (x - y)^2$$

Therefore,  $a$  is equal to the square of the difference between  $x$  and  $y$ .





### Question 43

$$s = ut + 16t^2$$

[2]

Find the value of  $s$  when  $u = 2$  and  $t = 3$ .

$$s = (2)(3) + 16(3)^2$$

Now, perform the calculations:

$$s = 6 + 16(9)$$

$$s = 6 + 144$$

$$s = 150$$

So, when  $u = 2$  and  $t = 3$ , the value of  $s$  is 150 .

### Question 44

$$y = \frac{qx}{p}$$

Write  $x$  in terms of  $p$ ,  $q$  and  $y$ .

[2]

$$y = \frac{qx}{p}$$

Multiply both sides by  $p$  to get rid of the fraction:

$$py = qx$$

Now, divide both sides by  $q$  to isolate  $x$  :

$$x = \frac{py}{q}$$

So,  $x$  in terms of  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $y$  is:

$$x = \frac{py}{q}$$



### Question 45

Make  $p$  the subject of the formula.

[3]

$$rp + 5 = 3p + 8r$$

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First, move all terms involving  $p$  to one side of the equation and the constants to the other side:

$$rp - 3p = 8r - 5$$

Factor out  $p$  from the left side:

$$p(r - 3) = 8r - 5$$

Now, divide both sides by  $(r - 3)$  to solve for  $p$ :

$$p = \frac{8r-5}{r-3}$$

So,  $p$  is the subject of the formula and can be expressed as:

$$p = \frac{8r-5}{r-3}$$

### Question 46

Solve the equation.

[2]

$$6(y + 1) = 9$$

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First, distribute the 6 to both terms inside the parentheses:

$$6y + 6 = 9$$

Next, subtract 6 from both sides of the equation to isolate the term with  $y$ :

$$6y = 3$$

Finally, divide both sides by 6 to solve for  $y$ :

$$y = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

So, the solution to the equation is  $y = \frac{1}{2}$ .



### Question 47

Make  $x$  the subject of the formula.

$$y = ax^2 + b$$

[3]

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Subtract  $b$  from both sides:

$$y - b = ax^2$$

Divide both sides by  $a$  to isolate  $x^2$  :

$$\frac{y-b}{a} = x^2$$

Now, take the square root of both sides. Note that there are two possible solutions (positive and negative) for the square root:

$$x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{y-b}{a}}$$

So,  $x$  can be expressed as:

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{y-b}{a}} \quad \text{or} \quad x = -\sqrt{\frac{y-b}{a}}$$

Therefore,  $x$  is the square root of the quantity  $\frac{y-b}{a}$ , and it can be either positive or negative.

### Question 48

Simplify.

$$1 - 2u + u + 4$$

[2]

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Combine the  $u$  terms:

$$1 - u + 4$$

Combine the constants:

$$5 - u$$

So, the simplified expression is  $5 - u$ .



### Question 49

Make  $r$  the subject of this formula.

$$v = \sqrt[3]{p+r}$$

[2]

$$v = \sqrt[3]{p+r}$$

Cube both sides to eliminate the cube root:

$$v^3 = p+r$$

Subtract  $p$  from both sides to isolate  $r$  :

$$r = v^3 - p$$

So,  $r$  is the subject of the formula and can be expressed as:

$$r = v^3 - p$$

### Question 50

Make  $x$  the subject of the formula.

$$y = 2 + \sqrt{x-8}$$

[3]

$$y = 2 + \sqrt{x-8}$$

Subtract 2 from both sides:

$$y - 2 = \sqrt{x-8}$$

Now, square both sides to eliminate the square root:

$$(y-2)^2 = x-8$$

Expand the left side:

$$y^2 - 4y + 4 = x - 8$$

Add 8 to both sides:

$$y^2 - 4y + 12 = x$$

So,  $x$  is the subject of the formula and can be expressed as:

$$x = y^2 - 4y + 12$$

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## Question 51

$$y = \frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{x^2}{2}$$

Find the value of  $y$  when  $x = 6$ .

Give your answer as a mixed number in its simplest form.

[2]

To find the value of  $y$  when  $x = 6$  in the equation  $y = \frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{x^2}{2}$ , substitute  $x = 6$  :

$$y = \frac{2}{6^2} + \frac{6^2}{2}$$

Now, simplify each term:

$$y = \frac{2}{36} + \frac{36}{2}$$

Reduce the fraction:

$$y = \frac{1}{18} + 18$$

To combine the fractions, find a common denominator:

$$y = \frac{1}{18} + \frac{18 \times 18}{18}$$

Now, add the fractions:

$$y = \frac{1+18^2}{18}$$

Calculate the numerator:

$$y = \frac{1+324}{18}$$

$$y = \frac{325}{18}$$

Express this as a mixed number in its simplest form:

$$y = 18\frac{1}{18}$$

So, when  $x = 6$ , the value of  $y$  is  $18\frac{1}{18}$ .

[3]

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## Question 52

7 Make  $x$  the subject of the formula.

$$y = (x - 4)^2 + 6$$

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First, subtract 6 from both sides of the equation:

$$y - 6 = (x - 4)^2$$

Now, take the square root of both sides. Note that there are two possible solutions (positive and negative) for the square root:

$$\pm\sqrt{y-6} = x - 4$$

Add 4 to both sides to isolate  $x$  :

$$x = 4 \pm \sqrt{y - 6}$$

So,  $x$  can be expressed as:

$$x = 4 + \sqrt{y - 6} \quad \text{or} \quad x = 4 - \sqrt{y - 6}$$

Therefore,  $x$  has two possible expressions in terms of  $y$ .