

Answers to essential skills exercises

Total marks: 116

All questions are 1 mark unless stated otherwise.

A: Evaluating indices:

1. 8 2. 81 3. 1 4. $\frac{4}{9}$ 5. $\frac{1}{8}$ 6. 1
7. 0.7 8. $\frac{1}{25}$ 9. 4 10. $\frac{1}{64}$

B: Laws of indices:

1. y^7 2. $3y^{-1}$ 3. $\frac{7}{2}y^2$ 4. y^7 5. $9x^2$ 6. $\frac{1}{9x^6}$ 7. $\frac{1}{4}y^2$ 8. $27x^4$ 9. $12x^4y^3$ 10. $10x$

C: Substitution:

1. -11 2. 4 3. 19 4. 4 5. 33

D: Multiplying out simple brackets:

1. $7x + 21$ 2. $5x - 25$ 3. $35x - 5$ 4. $-5x + 7$
5. $-14x^2 - 16x$ 6. $3x^3 - 2x^2$ 7. $ax - 8a$ 8. $3x + x^2$

E: Multiplying out more complex brackets:

1. $15x^2 + 11x + 2$ 2. $16x^2 + 18x - 9$ 3. $12x^2 - 23x + 5$
4. $4x^2 - 4$ 5. $25x^2 - 10x + 1$ 6. $x^2 - 4$

F: Simple factorisation:

1. $3(b+3c)$ 2. $6(3m - n)$ 3. $2(2x - 4y + z)$ 4. $\frac{1}{3}(2p - q)$
5. $3y(x - 4z)$ 6. $2x(2x + y)$ 7. $b(4a - 9b)$ 8. $4ab(2c + 3b)$

G: Factorising quadratics:

1. $5x(x+5)$ 2. $x(x-3)$ 3. $(x+3)(x+4)$ 4. $(x-5)(x+2)$
5. $(x+7)(x-1)$ 6. $(x-5)(x-3)$ 7. $(x-10)(x-1)$ 8. $(x+4)(x-4)$
9. $(x+y)(x-y)$ 10. $(2x+1)(x+2)$ 11. $(3x-2)(x+1)$ 12. $(5x-1)(x-2)$

H: Solving linear equations:

1. $x = 2$ 2. $x = \frac{1}{2}$ 3. $x = -2$ 4. $x = 10$ 5. $x = -\frac{7}{5}$ [2 marks for Q5]

I: Simultaneous linear equations:

1. $x = 1, y = 2$ 2. $x = -2, y = -5$ 3. $x = 2, y = -3$ 4. $x = -3, y = -2$ [2 marks each]

J: Solving quadratic equations by factorisation:

1. $x = -2$ or 5 2. $x = 3$ or 5 3. $x = \frac{1}{2}$ or 2 4. $x = -4$ or 4 5. $x = 0$ or 3 [2 marks each]

K: Solving quadratic equations by using the formula:

1. $x = 0.44$ or 4.56 2. $x = -0.45$ or 4.45 3. $x = -2.35$ or 0.85 [2 marks each]

L: Rearranging formulae:

1. $u = v - at$ 2. $a = \frac{v-u}{t}$ 3. $h = \frac{2A}{a+b}$ 4. $a = \frac{2A}{h} - b$ or $\frac{2A-hb}{h}$
5. $n = \frac{u-a}{d} + 1$ or $\frac{u-a+d}{d}$

M: Surds:

1. $3\sqrt{3}$ 2. $6\sqrt{3}$ 3. 7 4. 6

N: Trigonometry: Angles

1. 15.3° 2. 69.2° 3. 45.9°

O: Trigonometry: Sides of a triangle

1. 1.87 cm 2. 8.77 cm 3. 46.5 cm

P: Sine and Cosine Rule [2 marks each]

1. 39.3° 2. 11.4cm^2 3. 6.40cm 4. 35.6°
5. 6.29cm 6. 12.9cm

