

Maths

Practice Questions

GCSE & A-level
AQA



Instructions

Individual, exam-style questions

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GCSE

1. Mohinoor is a university student studying French and Spanish.
 - a. He spends a total of 50 hours a week on his university work. 70% of this time is spent studying doing French. How many hours per week does he spend doing studying French?
 - b. Of the total 50 hours, Mohinoor spends 15 hours a week doing homework. What percentage of the total time is this?
 - c. To save time, Mohinoor pays a friend \$45 to do his homework for him. His friend takes 12 hours to finish the homework. How much does he pay his friend per hour?

2. A rectangle has side lengths $a = 4.2 \times 10^{-4}$ cm and $b = 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$ cm. Answers in this question must be given in standard form..
 - a. Work out the perimeter of the rectangle. (ii) Work out the area of the rectangle.
 - b. If a circle has the same area as the rectangle, what radius must the circle have?

3. Question 3
 - a. If $y=3a-2b$ where $a=4$ and $b=3$, what is the value of y ?
 - b. Solve $2x-5=3$ to find the value of x .
 - c. Solve $3^x = 6$ to find the value of x . 5
 - d. Simplify fully $3x+2y-x+3y+4x$.

4. Question 4
 - a. Rearrange $3y-2 = x$ to make y the subject.
 - b. Factorise $16x^2 - 9y^2$.
 - c. Solve the pair of simultaneous equations $y - 4x = -2$ and $2y + 3x = 7$.

5. Clara wants to drive from Bristol to Leeds, which is a 207 mile journey. Rearrange $3y-2 = x$ to make y the subject.
- If her car uses 60 litres of petrol to travel 3.5 miles. How many litres of petrol does it use to travel 1 mile?
 - Each litre of petrol costs \$1.42 and Clara buys 12 litres of petrol. How much does this cost her?
 - Using your answer to part (i), work out if 12 litres of petrol is enough to make the journey to Leeds?

6. Question 6

- Solve the equation $x^3 = 6$. Give your answer to 3 decimal places.
- Use the quadratic formula to solve $3x^2 + 6x - 2 = 0$ for both values of x . Give your answer to 4 decimal places.
- If $\tan(x) = 0.45$, what is the value of x ? Give your answer to 3 significant figures.



A2 Level

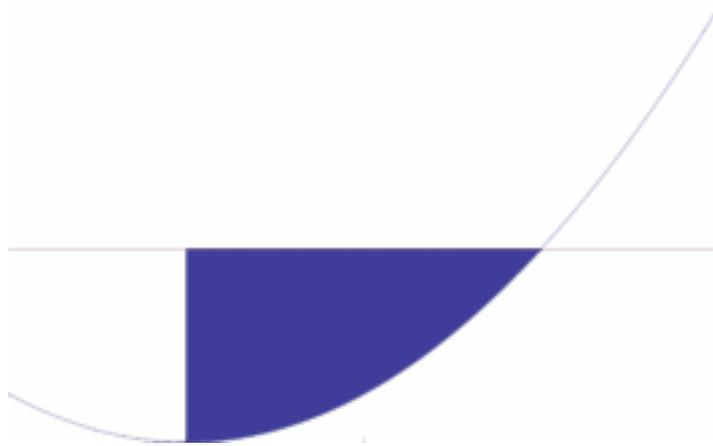
1. A curve has the equation $y = 3x^2 - 24x + 60$
 - a. Express $3x^2 - 24x + 60$ in the form $p(x-q)^2 + r$, where p , q and r are integers.
 - b. Write down the coordinates of the vertex of curve.
 - c. Hence explain why the equation $3x^2 - 24x + 60 = 0$ has no real roots.

2. Consider the function $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 16x + 20$
 - a. Using the Remainder Theorem, calculate the remainder when $f(x)$ is divided by $(x - 4)$.
 - b. Using the Factor Theorem, show that $(x + 5)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.
 - c. By writing $f(x) = (x + 5)(x^2 + px + q)$, find p and q , and express $f(x)$ as a product of three linear factors.
 - d. Hence write down the roots of the equation $f(x) = 0$.

3. The line AB is described by the equation $7y - 3x = 42$.
 - a. Find the gradient of the line AB.
 - b. Find the x- and y-axis intercepts of the line AB.
 - c. The line CD goes through the origin and is perpendicular to the line AB. Write down the equation of the line CD.

4. A circle is described by the equation $x^2 + 24x + y^2 - 10y = 0$
 - a. By completing the square, express this equation in the form $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = c^2$.
 - b. Hence write down the coordinates of the centre of the circle and its radius.

- c. Verify that the circle passes through the origin and find the equation of the tangent to the circle at this point.
5. The curve with the equation $y = x^3 + 6x^2 + 9x + 2$ has two stationary points, one at point P and one at point Q. The value of x at point P is -3.
- Calculate $\frac{dy}{dx}$
 - Verify that the point P is a stationary point on the curve and find the value of y at point P.
 - Find the value of x and y at point Q (the other stationary point on the curve).
 - Calculate $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ and find the value of $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ at point Q.
 - Hence determine whether Q is a maximum or minimum point of the curve.
6. The curve with the equation $y = 2x^2 + 4x + 5$ is sketched below. It has a minimum at point P.
- Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and find the x value of the minimum at point P.
 - Calculate $\int (2x^2 + 4x + 5) dx$



- Hence find the area of the shaded region above, bounded by the line $y = 2x^2 + 4x + 5$ and the line $y = 11$.