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**Question 1**

Simplify the following expression

$$a^3 - 2ba^2 + 10b^2a - 5a^2b + 14b^3 - 7ab^2$$

- [1]  $a^3 + 8ba^2 - 12a^2b + 14b^2$
- [2]  $a^3 + 10a^4b^2 - 70b^4a^2 + 14b^3$
- [3]  $a^3 - 7a^2b + 3ab^2 + 14b^3$
- [4]  $14a^3b^3 - 20b^3a^3 + 35a^3b^3$
- [5] None of the above

**Question 2**

Simplify the following expression

$$30xy - (15x^2y^3 \times 2y^0)$$

- [1]  $\frac{1}{xy^2}$
- [2]  $\frac{2y}{x}$
- [3]  $\frac{2}{xy^2}$
- [4]  $\frac{4}{xy^2}$
- [5] None of the above

**Question 3**

Simplify the following expression

$$30x^4y^3 - 15x^2y^3 \times 2y^3$$

- [1]  $4x^3y^4$
- [2]  $4x^4y^3$
- [3]  $\frac{x^4}{y^3}$
- [4]  $\frac{x^3}{y^3}$
- [5] None of the above

**Question 4**

Solve for  $x$  in the following equation

$$2x - 3 = 3 - x$$

- [1] 0
- [2] 6
- [3] 2
- [4]  $-2x$
- [5] None of the above

**Question 5**

Solve for  $x$  in the following equation

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

- [1]  $\frac{2}{3}$
- [2] 2
- [3] 3
- [4] 1
- [5] None of the above

**Question 6**

The correct mathematical expression for a number which is 5 times as big as the number obtained after  $x$  has been decreased by 3, is

- [1]  $5x - 3$
- [2]  $5(x - 3)$
- [3]  $(x - 3) + 5$
- [4]  $x - 15$
- [5] None of the above

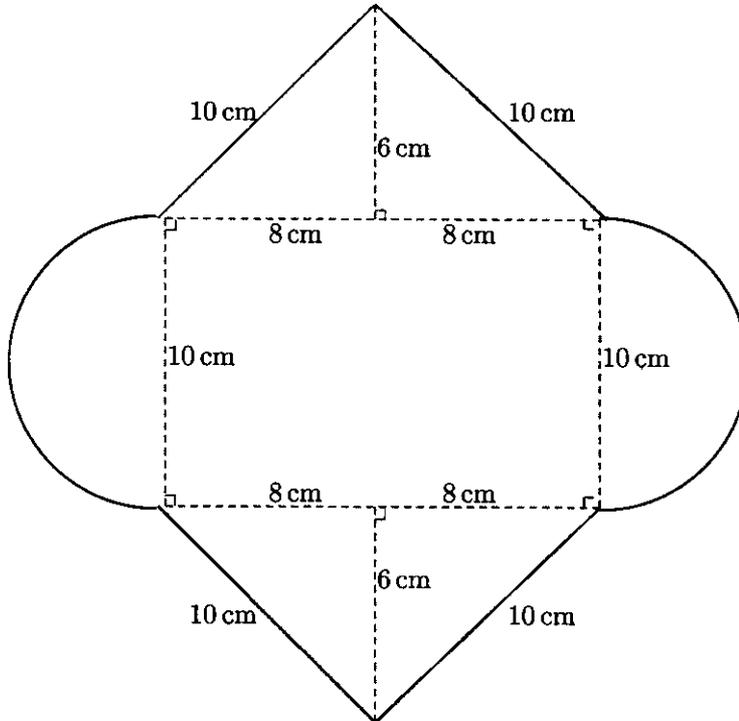
**Question 7**

A motorist travels 270 km in  $p$  hours. An expression for the distance which this motorist travels in  $x$  hours, is

- [1]  $\frac{270}{p} \times x$
- [2]  $\frac{270}{x} \times p$
- [3]  $\frac{270}{x} \div p$
- [4]  $\frac{p}{270} \times x$
- [5] None of the above

### Question 8

All the measurements in the sketch below are in centimetre



Determine the circumference of the figure given above. The answer *in metre*, rounded to two decimal digits, is

- [1] 0,71 m
- [2] 1,16 m
- [3] 0,60 m
- [4] 1,03 m
- [5] None of the above

### Question 9

Determine the area of the figure given in question 8 above, rounded to two decimal digits. The correct answer is

- [1] 286,54 cm<sup>2</sup>
- [2] 570,16 cm<sup>2</sup>
- [3] 126,54 cm<sup>2</sup>
- [4] 334,54 cm<sup>2</sup>
- [5] None of the above

**Question 10**

Determine the volume of a rectangular prism which is 60 cm long, 35 cm wide and 10 cm high. The answer in litre rounded to two decimal places, is

- [1] 21 000,00 ℓ
- [2] 0,02 ℓ
- [3] 6,10 ℓ
- [4] 21 ℓ
- [5] None of the above

**Question 11**

Calculate the cost of gravelling a square playing field of side length 32 m at R60 per square metre. The cost is

- [1] R1 920,00
- [2] R3 840,00
- [3] R61 440,00
- [4] R193 019,45
- [5] None of the above

**Question 12**

Change the subject of the formula  $S = P(1 + rt)$  to  $P$

- [1]  $P = S - rt$
- [2]  $P = \frac{S}{1+rt}$
- [3]  $P = \frac{S-1}{rt}$
- [4]  $P = \frac{S}{rt}$
- [5] None of the above

**Question 13**

Change the subject of the formula  $c = \frac{x}{a} - b$  to  $x$

- [1]  $x = ca + b$
- [2]  $x = c + b - a$
- [3]  $x = ba + ca$
- [4]  $x = abc$
- [5] None of the above

**Question 14**

A manufacturer produces 50 T-shirts per day at a cost of R10 per T-shirt. The daily fixed cost is R500. The T-shirts sell at a price of R35 per T-shirt. Suppose he sells all the T-shirts he produces per day. The profit he makes per week with six selling days, is

- [1] R3 000
- [2] R9 500
- [3] R5 400
- [4] R4 500
- [5] None of the above

**Question 15**

Determine the LCM of each of the following

- (a) 18, 36 and 27
- (b)  $3st$ ,  $4s^2$  and  $5t^2$

- [1] (a) 36 (b)  $60s^2t^2$
- [2] (a) 108 (b)  $30s^2t^2$
- [3] (a) 216 (b)  $30st$
- [4] (a) 72 (b)  $30s^3t^3$
- [5] None of the above

**Question 16**

Simplify each of the following

- (a)  $\frac{3}{8} - \frac{4}{7} \times \frac{9}{14}$
- (b)  $\frac{12}{6} \times \frac{4}{1} \div \frac{1}{2}$
- (c)  $\frac{3}{10} + \frac{5}{12}$

- [1] (a)  $\frac{49}{24}$  (b) 1 (c)  $\frac{43}{11}$
- [2] (a)  $\frac{27}{196}$  (b) 4 (c)  $\frac{8}{22}$
- [3] (a)  $\frac{27}{4}$  (b)  $\frac{2}{3}$  (c)  $\frac{15}{120}$
- [4] (a)  $\frac{27}{64}$  (b) 16 (c)  $\frac{43}{60}$
- [5] None of the above

**Question 17**

The equation of the line passing through the points  $(-1, 2)$  and  $(2, 1)$  is

- [1]  $y = -\frac{1}{3}x - \frac{5}{3}$
- [2]  $y = -x + 3$
- [3]  $y = \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{7}{3}$
- [4]  $y = x + 1$
- [5] None of the above

**Question 18**

John bought a watch for R600. After 6 months he needed cash and sold it for R450. The percentage loss, accurate to two decimal digits, is

- [1] 25,00%
- [2] 150,00%
- [3] 75,00%
- [4] 33,33%
- [5] None of the above

**Question 19**

A manufacturer uses three main ingredients to make polish. The ingredients are melted wax, water and white spirits which are mixed in the ratio 2:5:3. How many litres of melted wax are needed to be able to make 50 litres of polish? Give the answer to two decimal digits correct.

- [1] 7,69 l
- [2] 25,00 l
- [3] 10,00 l
- [4] 15,00 l
- [5] None of the above

**Question 20**

Sipho wishes to purchase a second hand car costing R22 500. His father will lend him all the money at a simple interest rate of 12% per year for 5 years. How much will Sipho need to pay his father in 5 years' time?

- [1] R13 500
- [2] R1 372 500
- [3] R36 000
- [4] R39 625,69
- [5] None of the above

**Question 21**

At what simple interest rate should R9 500 be invested to grow to R12 000 in 18 months? Give the answer correct to two decimal digits

- [1] 17,54%
- [2] 18,00%
- [3] 0,18%
- [4] 14%
- [5] None of the above

**Question 22**

How long, to the nearest year, does R36 450 need to be invested to grow to R50 000, if the interest rate is 10%, compounded monthly?

- [1] 38 years
- [2] 3 years
- [3] 316 years
- [4] 2 years
- [5] None of the above

**Question 23**

Nikiwe moves into her new flat and wants to buy R7 500 worth of furniture. She has R5 500 to invest at an interest rate of 10% per year, compounded monthly. How long, in years, will it take for her R5 500 to grow to R7 500?

- [1] 37 years
- [2] 4 years
- [3] 38 years
- [4] 3 years
- [5] None of the above

**Question 24**

Nick bought a house in 1998 for R480 000. He paid a R150 000 deposit. He managed to secure a loan for the outstanding amount at an interest rate of 7,75% per year, compounded monthly. How many years, to two decimal digits, will it take Nick to pay this loan off if he makes a payment of R5 000 at the end of every month?

- [1] 12,53 years
- [2] 4,60 years
- [3] 7,19 years
- [4] 6,24 years
- [5] None of the above

**Question 25**

Mr Moshokoa wants to start investing for his son's tertiary studies. He wants to have R400 000 available in 12 years' time. His investment account returns 8,5% interest per year, compounded weekly. His weekly investment into this account, to the nearest rand, has to be

- [1] R1 607
- [2] R369
- [3] R1 203
- [4] R1 022
- [5] None of the above

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**FORMULAE**

<b>Circumference</b>	
Rectangle	$C = 2(l + w)$
Square	$C = 4l$
Triangle	$C = a + b + c$
Circle	$C = 2\pi r$
<b>Area</b>	
Rectangle	$A = l \times w$
Square	$A = l^2$
Triangle	$A = \frac{1}{2}bh$
Circle	$A = \pi r^2$
<b>Volume</b>	
Cube	$V = l^3$
Prism	$V = l \times \text{basis} \times h$
Cylinder	$V = \pi r^2 h$

**Straight line**

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$\frac{y - y_1}{x - x_1} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

**Simple interest**

$$I = Prt$$

$$S = P(1 + rt)$$

**Compound interest**

$$S = P(1 + i)^n$$

**Annuity: present value**

$$P = Ra_{\overline{n}|i}$$

$$P = R \left[ \frac{(1 + i)^n - 1}{i(1 + i)^n} \right]$$

**Annuity: future value**

$$S = Rs_{\overline{n}|i}$$

$$S = R \left[ \frac{(1+i)^n - 1}{i} \right]$$

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