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**Exam Questions** 

## **Expanding Brackets**

Expanding & Simplifying Single Brackets / Expanding Double Brackets / Expanding **Triple Brackets** 

Total Marks	/132
Hard (22 questions)	/69
Medium (18 questions)	/36
Easy (16 questions)	/27

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## **Easy Questions**

**1** Expand 
$$3(2y - 5)$$

(1 mark)

**2 (a)** Expand 
$$4(3x + 5)$$

(1 mark)

**(b)** Expand and simplify 
$$2(x-4) + 3(x+5)$$

**3 (a)** Expand 3(2+t)

(1 mark)

**(b)** Expand 3x(2x+5)

(2 marks)

**4** Expand 4(x+2)

(1 mark)

**5** Expand 2m(m+3)

(1 mark)

**6** Expand and simplify 5(y-2) + 2(y-3)

(2 marks)

**7 (a)** Expand x(x+2)

(1 mark)

**(b)** Expand and simplify 3(y+2) + 4(x-1)

(2 marks)

**8** Expand x(x-3)

(1 mark)

**9** Expand and simplify 3(y-2) + 5(2y+1)

(2 marks)

**10** Expand 3y(4y - 3)

(1 mark)

**11** Expand and simplify 3(x+4) + 2(5x-1)

(2 marks)

**12** Expand 7(x+5)

(1 mark)

**13** Expand 4t(3t-2)

(2 marks)

**14** Expand  $4x^2(3x + 5)$ 

- **A.**  $32x^3$
- **B.**  $12x^3 + 20x^2$
- **C.**  $7x^3 + 9x^2$
- **D.**  $12x^2 + 5$

(1 mark)

**15** (2x-4)(3x+5) is expanded and simplified. Choose the term which is part of the answer.

**A.** 2*x* 

- **B.** -2x
- **C.** 22*x*
- **D.** -22x

(1 mark)

**16** Multiply out and simplify  $(x-8)^2$ 

## **Medium Questions**

**1** Expand and simplify 
$$3(m+4)-2(4m+1)$$

(2 marks)

**2** Expand and simplify 
$$5(p+3) - 2(1-2p)$$

(2 marks)

**3** Expand and simplify 
$$(p+9)(p-4)$$

(2 marks)

**4** Expand and simplify 
$$(x+4)(x+6)$$

(2 marks)

**5** Expand and simplify 
$$(m+3)(m+10)$$

(2 marks)

**6** Expand and simplify 
$$(x-5)(x+3)$$

**7** Expand and simplify (y-2)(y-5)

(2 marks)

**8** Expand and simplify (y+2)(y+5)

(2 marks)

**9** Expand and simplify (m+7)(m+3)

(2 marks)

(2x+1)(x-4)**10** Expand and simplify

(2 marks)

**11** Expand and simplify (2x+3)(x-8)

(2 marks)

**12** Expand and simplify (2t-3)(t+5)

(2 marks)

 $(w-5)^2$ **13** Expand and simplify

(2 marks)

**14** Expand and simplify (y+4)(2-y)

(2 marks)

**15** Expand and simplify 3x(2x + 3) - x(3x + 5)

(2 marks)

**16** Expand and simplify fully 4(2c + 3) - (5c - 1)

(2 marks)

**17** Expand and simplify

$$(3y-z)(2y+5z)$$

(2 marks)

**18** Expand and simplify (p+6)(p-2)

## **Hard Questions**

1 Show that (x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3) can be written in the form  $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ where a, b, c and d are positive integers.

(3 marks)

2 Show that

$$(3x-1)(x+5)(4x-3) = 12x^3 + 47x^2 - 62x + 15$$

for all values of X.

(3 marks)

3 Simplify fully  $(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{4b})(\sqrt{a} - 2\sqrt{b})$ 

(3 marks)

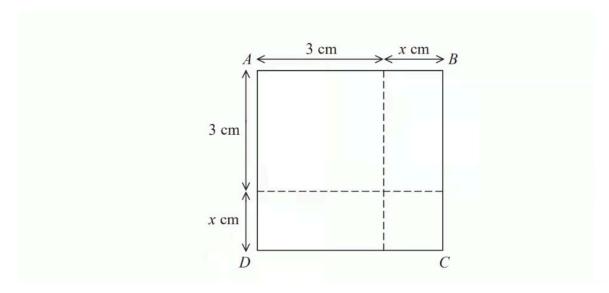
**4 (a)** Show that (2x + 1)(x + 3)(3x + 7) can be written in the form  $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ where a, b, c and d are integers.

(3 marks)

**(b)** Solve 
$$(1-x)^2 < \frac{9}{25}$$

(3 marks)

5



The area of square ABCD is  $10\ \mathrm{cm^2}.$ 

Show that  $x^2 + 6x = 1$ 

(3 marks)

**6** Expand and simplify 
$$5x(x+2)(3x-4)$$

(3 marks)

7 Given that  $(8-\sqrt{x})(5+\sqrt{x})=y\sqrt{x}+21$  where x is a prime number and y is an integer, find the value of x and the value of y. Show each stage of your working clearly.

x = .....

y = .....

(3 marks)

8 Solve 
$$(2x + 5)^2 = (2x + 3)(2x - 1)$$

 $X = \dots$ 

(3 marks)

**9** The functions f and g are defined as

$$f(x) = x^2 + 6$$

$$g(x) = x - 10$$

Solve the equation fg(x) = f(x)

Show clear algebraic working.

(3 marks)

**10** Expand and simplify (4x + 1)(x - 3)(5x + 6)

(3 marks)

**11** Show that 
$$x(x-1)(x+1) = x^3 - x$$

(1 mark)

12 
$$(x + a)(x + 3a) \equiv x^2 + bx + 75$$

Work out the **two** possible values of b.

(3 marks)

**13** Expand and simplify fully 
$$(x-3)(x+2)(x+5)$$

(3 marks)

**14** *s* and *t* are **positive** integers.

$$(x + s)(x - t)$$
 is expanded and simplified.

The answer is  $x^2 + kx - 40$  where k is a positive integer.

Work out the **smallest** possible value of k.

(2 marks)

**15** Here is an identity.

$$a(3x-10) \equiv 21x + 2b$$

Work out the values of a and b.

(3 marks)

**16** 
$$(x + 5)(x + 2)(x + a) \equiv x^3 + bx^2 + cx - 30$$

Work out the values of the integers a, b and c.

 $a = \dots$ 

 $b = \dots$ 

 $c = \dots$ 

(3 marks)

**17** Expand and simplify  $(3x^2 + 2)(2x + 5) - 6x(x^2 - 3)$ 

(4 marks)

**18** Expand and simplify  $(x-4)(2x+3y)^2$ 

(4 marks)

**19** Expand and simplify.

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

(3 marks)

**20** 
$$(x+a)(x+3)(2x+1) = bx^3 + cx^2 + dx - 12$$

Find the value of a, b, c and d.



(4 marks)

**21** Expand and simplify.

$$(2x-1)(x+5)(3x-2)$$

(4 marks)

**22** (x+3)(x-4)(x+5) is identical to  $x^3 + ax^2 - 17x + b$ 

Find the value of a and the value of b.

*a* = .....

 $b = \dots$