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Q 46 questions

Exam Questions

Factorising

Factorising Out Terms / Factorising by Grouping / Factorising Simple Quadratics / Factorising Harder Quadratics / Difference of Two Squares / Deciding the Factorisation Method

Total Marks	/96
Hard (16 questions)	/38
Medium (19 questions)	/45
Easy (11 questions)	/13

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Easy Questions

1 Factorise
$$y^2 - 2y$$

(1 mark)

2 Factorise
$$n^2 - 7n$$

(1 mark)

3 Factorise
$$x^2 + 7x$$

(1 mark)

4 Factorise
$$6 + 9x$$

(1 mark)

5 Factorise
$$3e^2 + 5e$$

(1 mark)

6 Factorise
$$3x + 6$$

(1 mark)

7(a) Simplify
$$3a \times 5b \times 2c$$

(1 mark)

(b) Factorise
$$3y + 6$$

(1 mark)

8 Factorise
$$y^2 + 27y$$

9 Factorise fully $8p^2 - 2p$

(2 marks)

10 Tenzin is given this question.

$$2x^2 + 6x$$

Here is his answer.

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

Explain why Tenzin's answer is not correct.

(1 mark)

11 Factorise $x^2 - xy$

(1 mark)

Medium Questions

1 Factorise
$$x^2 + 3x - 10$$

(2 marks)

2 Factorise
$$y^2 - 10y + 16$$

(2 marks)

3 (a) i) Factorise
$$x^2 - 12x + 27$$

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ii) Solve the equation
$$x^2 - 12x + 27 = 0$$

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(b) Factorise
$$y^2 - 100$$

(1 mark)

4 Factorise
$$y^2 + 7y + 6$$

5 Factorise $x^2 + 3x - 4$

(2 marks)

6 Factorise $x^2 - 49$

(1 mark)

7 (a) Factorise fully $8a^2 + 12a$

(2 marks)

(b) Factorise $y^2 - y - 2$

(2 marks)

8 Factorise $e^2 + e - 12$

(2 marks)

9 Factorise fully $3xy^2 - 6xy$

(2 marks)

10 (a) Factorise 6m - 9

(1 mark)

(b) Factorise fully $2x^2y + 4xy^2$

11 (a) Simplify fully
$$\frac{n^7 \times n^3}{n^6}$$

(2 marks)

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

(2 marks)

(c) Factorise
$$5y - 15$$

(1 mark)

(d) Factorise fully
$$18ab + 27ab^2$$

(2 marks)

12 Factorise completely
$$8x^2 + 4xy$$

(2 marks)

13 Factorise completely
$$6y^2 - 9xy$$

(2 marks)

14 Factorise fully
$$9x^2 - 6xy$$

15 Factorise $y^2 - 2y - 35$

(2 marks)

16 Factorise $x^2 - 11x + 24$

(2 marks)

17 Choose the factor of $x^2 - 5x$

A.
$$x - 1$$

B.
$$-5x$$

C.
$$x - 5$$

(1 mark)

18 Factorise $x^2 - 64$

A.
$$(x + 8)^2$$

B.
$$(x - 8)^2$$

C.
$$(x + 8)(x - 8)$$

D.
$$x(x - 64)$$

(1 mark)

19 Factorise fully $7m^2 + 21m$

Hard Questions

1 Factorise fully
$$20x^2 - 5$$

(2 marks)

2 (a) Factorise
$$y^2 - 16$$

(1 mark)

(b) Factorise
$$2p^2 - p - 10$$

(2 marks)

3 Factorise
$$4x^2 - 9$$

(1 mark)

4 (a) Factorise
$$a^2 - b^2$$

(1 mark)

(b) Hence, or otherwise, simplify fully
$$(x^2 + 4)^2 - (x^2 - 2)^2$$

(3 marks)

5 Factorise fully
$$15b^5 c - 35b^3 c^9$$

(2 marks)

6 Factorise fully $15y^4 + 20uy^3$

(2 marks)

7 Factorise fully $25a^4c^7d + 45a^9c^3h$

(2 marks)

8 Factorise fully $2e^2 - 18$

(2 marks)

9 Factorise $4c^2 - 9d^2$

(1 mark)

10 Factorise $6y^2 - y - 5$

(2 marks)

11 Factorise $3x^2 + 11x - 20$

(2 marks)

12 Factorise fully $144 - 4x^2$

(2 marks)

13 (a) Factorise $5x^2 + 6x - 8$

(2 marks)

(b) Simplify fully $\frac{x^2 + 9x + 14}{x^2 - 4}$

(3 marks)

14 (a) Here is an identity.

$$x^2 - y^2 \equiv (x + y)(x - y)$$

Use the identity to work out the value of $193^2 - 7^2$.

You must show your working.

(2 marks)

(b) Factorise $100a^2 - 81b^2$

(1 mark)

15 Factorise $3x^2 + 14x + 8$

(2 marks)

16 i) Factorise $x^2 - 43^2$

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ii) Calculate $57^2 - 43^2$

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(3 marks)