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MATHEMATICS A

TOPIC- Surds

1 Express $\sqrt{48} + \sqrt{108}$ in the form $k\sqrt{6}$ where k is a surd.

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(Total for Question 1 is 3 marks)

2 Show that $\frac{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{27}}{\sqrt{2}}$ can be expressed in the form \sqrt{k} where k is an integer.
State the value of k .

$k =$

(Total for Question 2 is 3 marks)

3 Show that $(6 - \sqrt{8})^2 = 44 - 24\sqrt{2}$

Show each stage of your working clearly.

(Total for Question 3 is 3 marks)

4 $(3 + \sqrt{a})(4 + \sqrt{a}) = 17 + k\sqrt{a}$ where a and k are positive integers.

Find the value of a and the value of k .

$a = \dots\dots\dots$

$k = \dots\dots\dots$

(Total for Question 4 is 3 marks)

5 $(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{8a})^2 = 54 + b\sqrt{2}$

a and b are positive integers.
Find the value of a and the value of b .
Show your working clearly.

$a = \dots\dots\dots$

$b = \dots\dots\dots$

(Total for Question 5 is 3 marks)

6 Given that $(5 - \sqrt{x})^2 = y - 20\sqrt{2}$ where x and y are positive integers, find the value of x and the value of y .

x

y

(Total for Question 6 is 3 marks)

- 7 Given that x and y are positive integers such that $(1 + \sqrt{x})(3 + \sqrt{x}) = y + 4\sqrt{5}$
find the value of x and the value of y .

$x = \dots\dots\dots$

$y = \dots\dots\dots$

(Total for Question 7 is 3 marks)

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8 (a) Expand $(5 + 3\sqrt{2})^2$

Give your answer in the form $(a + b\sqrt{2})$, where a and b are integers.
Show your working clearly.

(b) $(5 + 3\sqrt{2})^2 = p + \frac{q}{\sqrt{8}}$, where p and q are integers.

Find the value of q .

(2)

(3)

(Total for Question 8 is 5 marks)

9 (a) Write $\frac{1}{32}$ as a power of 2

(b) Show that $(4 + \sqrt{12})(5 - \sqrt{3}) = 14 + 6\sqrt{3}$
Show each stage of your working clearly.

(2)

(3)

(Total for Question 9 is 5 marks)

10 (a) Show that $(3 + 2\sqrt{2})(4 - \sqrt{2}) = 8 + 5\sqrt{2}$

Show your working clearly.

(b) Rationalise the denominator and simplify fully $\frac{10 + 3\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}$

Show your working clearly.

(2)

(2)

(Total for Question 10 is 4 marks)

- 11 (a) Show that $(5 - \sqrt{8})(7 + \sqrt{2}) = 31 - 9\sqrt{2}$
Show each stage of your working.

Given that c is a prime number,

- (b) rationalise the denominator of $\frac{3c - \sqrt{c}}{\sqrt{c}}$

Simplify your answer.

(3)

(2)

(Total for Question 11 is 5 marks)

12

$$\frac{1}{5^3} = 5^p \quad 1 = 5^q \quad \sqrt{5^3} = 5^r$$

(a) Write down the value of

(i) p

$$p = \dots\dots\dots$$

$$\frac{14}{\sqrt{245}} \quad \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5}$$

(3)

$$\left(-2\sqrt{3}\right)^2 \quad 20\sqrt{3}$$

(2)

(3)

(Total for Question 12 is 8 marks)

1 (a) Work out the value of $\frac{\sqrt{4.6}}{8.1 - 3.7}$

Give your answer as a decimal.

Write down all the figures on your calculator display.

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(2)

(b) Write your answer to part (a) correct to 3 significant figures.

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(1)

(Total for Question 1 is 3 marks)

- 2 (a) Simplify fully $\frac{50x^2 - 8}{10x - 4}$
Show clear algebraic working.

- (b) Given that a is a positive integer, show that

$$\sqrt{3a}(\sqrt{12a} + a\sqrt{3a})$$

is always a multiple of 3

(3)

(3)

(Total for Question 2 is 6 marks)

3 Simplify $(7 + 2\sqrt{50})(5 - 2\sqrt{2})$

Give your answer in the form $a + b\sqrt{18}$ where a and b are integers.
Show your working clearly.

(Total for Question 3 is 3 marks)