

TAKE 10 ... SIMPLIFICATION OF SURDS

Q1. Write $\sqrt{75}$ in the form $k\sqrt{3}$, where k is an integer.

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Q2. (a) Express $5\sqrt{27}$ in the form $n\sqrt{3}$, where n is a positive integer.

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(b) Rationalise the denominator of $\frac{21}{\sqrt{3}}$

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Q3. Expand $(1 + \sqrt{2})(3 - \sqrt{2})$

Give your answer in the form $a + b\sqrt{2}$ where a and b are integers.

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Q4. (b) Expand and simplify $(2\sqrt{5} + 1)(3\sqrt{5} - 1)$

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(c) Write $\frac{6}{\sqrt{12}}$ in the form \sqrt{n} , where n is an integer.

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Q5. $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{5} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} = a\sqrt{3}$, where a is a fraction. Find the value of a .

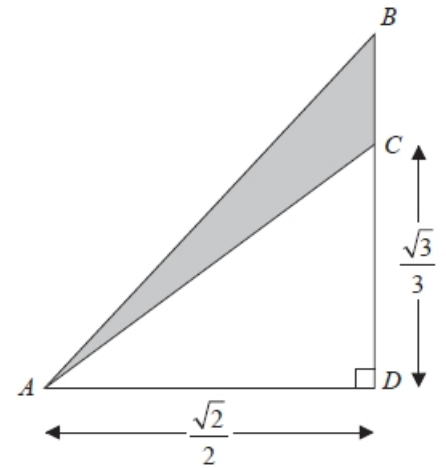
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Q6. ABD is a right angled triangle. All measurements are given in centimetres.

C is the point on BD such that $CD = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$

$$AD = BD = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

Work out the exact area, in cm^2 , of the shaded region.



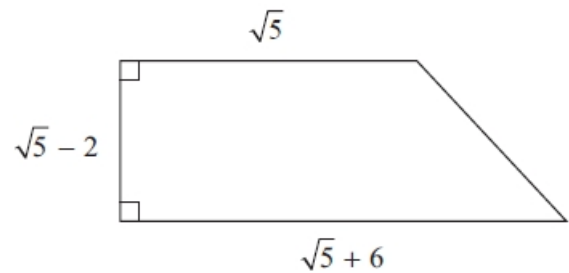
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Q7. Here is a trapezium.

All measurements shown are in centimetres.

Work out the area of the trapezium.

Give your answer in cm^2 in the form $a\sqrt{5} + b$ where a and b are integers.



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Q8. The perimeter of a square is $\sqrt{120}$ cm.

Work out the area of the square. Give your answer in its simplest form.

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Q9. $a = \sqrt{8} + 2$ $b = \sqrt{8} - 2$ $T = a^2 - b^2$

Work out the value of T .

Give your answer in the form $c\sqrt{2}$ where c is an integer.

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Q10. Show that $\frac{3+\sqrt{2}}{5+\sqrt{8}}$ can be written as $\frac{11-\sqrt{2}}{17}$

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