

Year 12 AS/A Level & A Level Further

Baseline Test

Instructions

- The time for the test is 1 hour.
- Answer **all** questions in the space provided.
- Continue onto separate paper if needed.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 48.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets
-use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

1 Simplify these expressions as far as possible.

a $\frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x^2 + 2x + 1}$

(3 marks)

b $\frac{x^2 - 25}{x^2 + 6x + 8} \div \frac{x^2 - 2x - 15}{x^2 - 16}$

(4 marks)

2 The line l is a tangent to the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 20$ at the point $P(2, 4)$.

The tangent intersects the y -axis at point A . Find the area of the triangle OPA .

(5 marks)

3 Expand and simplify $(\sqrt{p} + 2\sqrt{q})(2\sqrt{p} - \sqrt{q})$ (3 marks)

4 a Write $3x^2 - 12x + 7$ in the form $a(x + b)^2 + c$ (3 marks)

b Hence, or otherwise, write down the coordinates of the turning point of the graph of $y = 3x^2 - 12x + 7$ (1 mark)

5 Prove algebraically that the product of three consecutive **odd** numbers is always an odd number. (4 marks)

- 6 The functions g and f are defined as $g(x) = \frac{2x}{4-x}$ and $f(x) = 3x - 1$

Given that $x \neq 4$, find the value(s) of x such that $g(x) = f(x)$, giving your answer(s) to 2 decimal places.

(6 marks)

- 7 The line l_1 has equation $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 3$ and intersects the x - and y -axes at the points A and B respectively.

a Find the exact length of the line segment AB .

(3 marks)

- b** Find the equation of the line l_2 perpendicular to l_1 which passes through the point $P(-1, -2)$. **(2 marks)**

The line l_2 intersects l_1 at the point C .

- c** Find the midpoint of the line segment AC . **(4 marks)**

8 A triangle ABC has side lengths $AB = 10$ cm, $BC = 15$ cm and $AC = 8$ cm.

- a** Find the size of the largest angle, giving your answer to 2 decimal places. **(3 marks)**

- b** Find the area of the triangle, giving your answer to 2 decimal places. **(2 marks)**

- 9 a Sketch the graph of $y = \cos x$ for $-180 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$, showing the points where the graph cuts the axes.

(2 marks)

- b Hence find the exact values of x in the interval $-180 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$ for which

$$\cos x = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

(3 marks)

This is the end of the test.