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Year 10 Advanced Mathematics Topic Test - Surds

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Instructions to Students:

- Answer all questions on the question sheet.
- Calculators may be used.
- Poorly presented work will not be marked.
- Complete the test in pen.

1. Simplify $(2\sqrt{3})^2$

2. Simplify $\sqrt{52}$

3. Write $5\sqrt{68}$ in simplest form

4. Express $4\sqrt{7}$ as an entire surd

5. Simplify $\sqrt{13} \times \sqrt{6}$

6. Simplify $\sqrt{3} + 7\sqrt{3} - 5\sqrt{3}$

7. Simplify $9\sqrt{2} + 8\sqrt{3} - 9\sqrt{3} - 8\sqrt{2}$

8. Simplify $\sqrt{27} + 2\sqrt{3}$ completely

9. Simplify $5\sqrt{18} + \sqrt{72} - \sqrt{75}$ completely

10. Simplify $2\sqrt{x} \times 3\sqrt{x}$

11. Simplify $9\sqrt{12} + 3\sqrt{6}$

12. Simplify fully $\frac{2\sqrt{3} \times 2\sqrt{6}}{4}$

13. Simplify fully $\frac{\sqrt{12} \times \sqrt{27}}{\sqrt{8} \times 2\sqrt{6}}$

14. Expand and simplify $2\sqrt{7}(\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{2})$

15. Expand and simplify the following:

(a) $(\sqrt{2} + 3)(\sqrt{2} + 1)$

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

(c) $(\sqrt{2} + 1)^2$

(d) $(\sqrt{2} + 1)(\sqrt{2} - 1)$

(e) $(2\sqrt{a} + 3\sqrt{b})(2\sqrt{a} - 3\sqrt{b})$

16. In each of the following, simplify fully and ensure you rationalise the denominator:

(a) $\frac{2}{\sqrt{11}}$

(b) $\frac{\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{7}}$

(c) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}}$

(g) $\frac{5}{6 - \sqrt{3}} + \frac{3}{5 + \sqrt{3}}$

(d) $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}$

(e) $\frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{2}}$

(f) $\frac{3\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}}{3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}}$

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$$(2\sqrt{3})^2 = (2\sqrt{3})(2\sqrt{3})$$

$$= 4 \times 3 \checkmark$$

$$= 12 \checkmark$$

2. Simplify $\sqrt{52}$

$$\sqrt{52} = \sqrt{4 \times 13}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{13} \checkmark$$

3. Write $5\sqrt{68}$ in simplest form

$$= 5 \times \sqrt{4 \times 17}$$

$$= 5 \times 2 \times \sqrt{17} \checkmark$$

$$= 10\sqrt{17} \checkmark$$

4. Express $4\sqrt{7}$ as an entire surd

$$4\sqrt{7} = \sqrt{4^2 \times 7}$$

$$= \sqrt{16 \times 7} \checkmark$$

$$= \sqrt{112} \checkmark$$

5. Simplify $\sqrt{13 \times 6}$

$$= \sqrt{78} \checkmark$$

6. Simplify $\sqrt{3+7\sqrt{3}-5\sqrt{3}}$

$$\sqrt{3+7\sqrt{3}-5\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= 3\sqrt{3} \checkmark$$

7. Simplify $9\sqrt{2}+8\sqrt{3}-9\sqrt{3}-8\sqrt{2}$

$$= \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3} \checkmark$$

8. Simplify $\sqrt{27}+2\sqrt{3}$ completely

$$\sqrt{27} + 2\sqrt{3} = \sqrt{3 \times 9} + 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$= 3\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{3} \checkmark$$

$$= 5\sqrt{3} \checkmark$$

9. Simplify $5\sqrt{18}+\sqrt{72}-\sqrt{75}$ completely

$$= 5\sqrt{9 \times 2} + \sqrt{36 \times 2} - \sqrt{25 \times 3}$$

$$= 3 \times 5\sqrt{2} + 6\sqrt{2} - 5\sqrt{3}$$

$$= 15\sqrt{2} + 6\sqrt{2} - 5\sqrt{3} \checkmark$$

$$= 21\sqrt{2} - 5\sqrt{3} \checkmark$$

10. Simplify $2\sqrt{x} \times 3\sqrt{x}$

$$6x \checkmark$$

11. Simplify $9\sqrt{12} \div 3\sqrt{6}$

$$= 3\sqrt{2} \checkmark$$

12. Simplify fully $\frac{2\sqrt{3} \times 2\sqrt{6}}{4}$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{6}}{2} \times \frac{\sqrt{18}}{2} = \sqrt{18}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{18}}{2} \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{9 \times 2}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} \times$$

13. Simplify fully $\frac{\sqrt{12} \times \sqrt{27}}{\sqrt{8} \times \sqrt{6}}$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{4 \times 3} \times \sqrt{9 \times 3}}{\sqrt{4 \times 2} \times \sqrt{2 \times 3}}$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{3} \times 3\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2} \times 2\sqrt{6}}$$

$$= \frac{6 \times 3}{4\sqrt{12}} = \frac{18}{8\sqrt{3}} = \frac{9}{4\sqrt{3}}$$

14. Expand and simplify $2\sqrt{7}(\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{2})$

$$= (2\sqrt{7})(\sqrt{7}) - (2\sqrt{7})(\sqrt{2})$$

$$= 2 \times 7 - 2\sqrt{14} \checkmark$$

$$= 14 - 2\sqrt{14} \checkmark$$

15. Expand and simplify the following:

(a) $(\sqrt{2}+3)(\sqrt{2}+1)$

$$= \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{2} + 3$$

$$= 2 + 4\sqrt{2} + 3 \checkmark$$

$$= 5 + 4\sqrt{2} \checkmark$$

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

$$= 6a + 9\sqrt{ab} - 4\sqrt{ab} - 6b \checkmark$$

$$= 6a - 6b + 5\sqrt{ab} \checkmark$$

(c) $(\sqrt{2}+1)^2$

$$= (\sqrt{2}+1)(\sqrt{2}+1)$$

$$= 2 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2} + 1 \checkmark$$

$$= 3 + 2\sqrt{2} \checkmark$$

(d) $(\sqrt{2}+1)(\sqrt{2}-1)$

$$= (\sqrt{2})^2 - 1^2$$

$$= 2 - 1 \checkmark$$

$$= 1 \checkmark$$

(e) $(2\sqrt{a}+3\sqrt{b})(2\sqrt{a}-3\sqrt{b})$

$$= (2\sqrt{a})^2 - (3\sqrt{b})^2 \checkmark$$

$$= 4a - 9b \checkmark$$

16. In each of the following, simplify fully and ensure you rationalise the denominator:

(a) $\frac{2 \times \sqrt{11}}{\sqrt{11} \times \sqrt{11}}$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{11}}{11} \checkmark$$

(b) $\frac{\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{3} \times 2\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{7} \times 8\sqrt{7}}$

$$= \frac{2 \times 7 + 2\sqrt{21}}{4 \times 7} \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{14 + 2\sqrt{21}}{28} \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{7 + \sqrt{21}}{14} \checkmark$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ & = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} \\ & = \frac{3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3}}{6} \checkmark = \frac{3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3}}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(d)} \quad & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ & = \frac{\sqrt{10}}{5} - \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} \\ & = \frac{2\sqrt{10}}{10} - \frac{5\sqrt{6}}{10} \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(e)} \quad & \frac{1}{1+\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{1-\sqrt{2}}{1-\sqrt{2}} \\ & = \frac{1-\sqrt{2}}{1-2} \checkmark \\ & = \frac{1-\sqrt{2}}{-1} = \sqrt{2}-1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(f)} \quad \frac{3\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{3}}{3\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{3\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{3}}{3\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & = \frac{9 \times 2 - 3\sqrt{6} - 3\sqrt{6} + 3}{18 - 6\sqrt{6} + 3} \checkmark \\ & = \frac{18-3}{18-3} \\ & = \frac{21-6\sqrt{6}}{15} \div 3 \\ & = \frac{7-2\sqrt{6}}{5} \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(g)} \quad \frac{5}{6-\sqrt{3}} + \frac{3}{5+\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & = \frac{5(6+\sqrt{3})}{36-3} + \frac{3(5-\sqrt{3})}{25-3} \\ & = \frac{30+5\sqrt{3}}{33} + \frac{15-3\sqrt{3}}{22} \rightarrow \frac{2(30+5\sqrt{3})}{66} + \frac{3(15-3\sqrt{3})}{66} \\ & = \frac{60+10\sqrt{3}+45-9\sqrt{3}}{66} \\ & = \frac{105-\sqrt{3}}{66} \checkmark \end{aligned}$$