



Surds Exam Practice

Q1. Simplify the following expression showing all your steps:

$$\sqrt{200} - \sqrt{32}$$

Answer: _____
(2 marks)

Q2. Write $\sqrt{75}$ in the form $k\sqrt{3}$ where k is an integer to be found. You must show your working out.

Answer: _____
(2 marks)

Q2. Simplify the following expression, showing all your working out:

$$\frac{3\sqrt{7} - 5\sqrt{7} - 6\sqrt{28}}{7}$$

Answer: _____
(3 marks)



Q4. Rationalise the denominator of each of the following expressions, and give your answer in its most simplified form:

a) $\frac{27}{3\sqrt{13}}$

Answer: _____
(2 marks)

b) $\frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5}}$

Answer: _____
(3 marks)



Q5. Express $\sqrt{32} - \frac{14}{\sqrt{2}}$ in the form $k\sqrt{2}$ where k is an integer.

Answer: _____
(2 marks)

Q6. Show that the following expression: $\frac{1}{\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} + \sqrt{2}} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{5}$ is equal to 0.

Answer: _____
(3 marks)



Q7. Rationalise the denominator and simplify the following expression:

$\frac{b + \sqrt{c}}{b - \sqrt{c}}$ where b and c are positive integers.

Answer: _____
(4 marks)

Q8. Let a be a positive integer. Simplify the following expression:

$\sqrt{a}\sqrt{a} - (\sqrt{a} - 2a)^2$

Answer: _____
(2 marks)



Q9. Let c and d be any positive integers. Express $c\sqrt{d}$ in the form \sqrt{E} , where E is an expression in terms of c and d .

Answer: _____
(1 mark)

Applied Mixed Practice Problems

Q10. One cube has side length $3\sqrt{10}$, whilst another cube has side length $4\sqrt{5}$.

Work out the ratio of the volume of the smaller cube to the larger cube, simplifying your answer.

Answer: _____
(4 marks)



Q11. A cathedral is $2\sqrt{3}$ miles due South and $\sqrt{12} - 4$ due West of a railway station. Show that the exact distance of the railway station to the cathedral can be expressed in the form $a(b - c\sqrt{3})$, where a , b and c are integers.

Answer: _____
(4 marks)



Q12. (i) Suppose that a and b are positive integers and $a > b$. Write down an inequality relating a^2 and b^2 .

Answer: _____
(1 mark)

(ii) Hence or otherwise, prove, using algebra, that $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{7} > \sqrt{10}$.

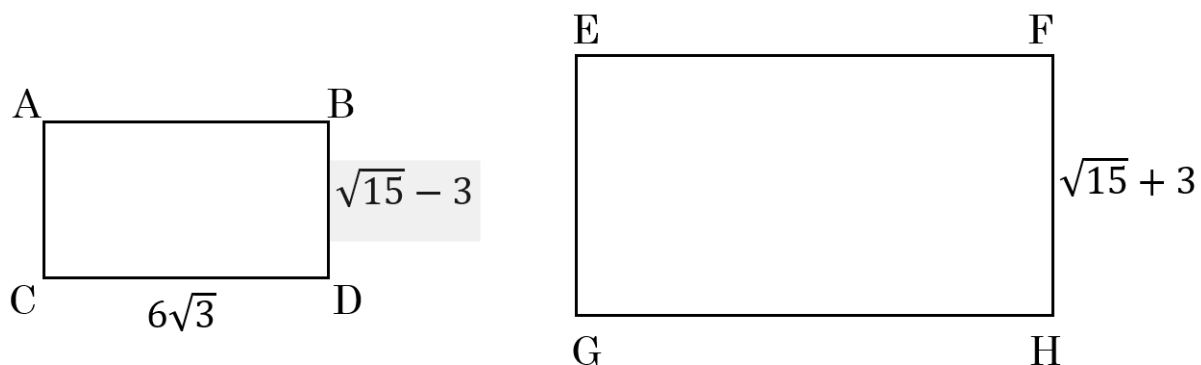
Answer: _____
(3 marks)

Q13. Show that $3^{\frac{3}{2}} - 27(3^{-\frac{1}{2}})$ can be written in the form $k\sqrt{3}$ for some integer k .

Answer: _____
(3 marks)



Q14. ABCD and EFGH are similar shapes. Find the length of side GH, giving your answer in the form $a + \sqrt{b}$.



Answer: _____
(4 marks)