

# General Algebra Worksheet

1. Expand and simplify:

(a)  $(x - 5)(2x + 3)$ .

$$2x^2 - 7x - 15$$

(b)  $(x^3 - 2)^2$ .

$$x^6 - 4x^3 + 4$$

(c)  $x^2(2x + 3)$ .

$$2x^3 + 3x^2$$

(d)  $x(x - 5)(x - 7)$ .

$$x^3 - 12x^2 + 35x$$

(e)  $(x + 1)(x + 3)(2x - 3)$ .

$$2x^3 + 5x^2 - 6x - 9$$

2. Solve the following:

(a)  $\frac{x+2}{3} - \frac{2x-1}{2} = x + 3$ .

$$x = -\frac{11}{10}$$

(b)  $\frac{x-3}{5} + \frac{2x-1}{2} = \frac{x}{2} + 2$ .

$$x = \frac{31}{7}$$

(c)  $\frac{2}{3x-1} = 3$ .

$$x = \frac{5}{9}$$

(d)  $\frac{5}{3-x} = 7$ .

$$x = \frac{16}{7}$$

(e)  $x^2 + 5x = 24$ .

$$x = -8 \text{ or } x = 3$$

(f)  $3x^2 = 10 + x$ .

$$x = -\frac{5}{3} \text{ or } x = 2$$

(g)  $(x + 1)(x + 3) = 3$ .

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = 4$$

(h)  $(x + 1)^2 = 17 + 2x$ .

$$x = 4 \text{ or } x = -4$$

(i)  $(2x + 1)(x - 3) = -6$ .

$$x = \frac{3}{2} \text{ or } x = 1$$

3. Make  $x$  the subject:

(a)  $ax + v = c$ .

$$x = \frac{c-v}{a}$$

(b)  $ax - t = q + p$ .

$$\frac{q+p+t}{a}$$

(c)  $a\sqrt{x} = b + c$ .

$$x = \frac{(b+c)^2}{a^2} = \frac{b^2+2bc+c^2}{a^2}$$

(d)  $ax = bx + c$ .

$$x = \frac{c}{a-b} = \frac{-c}{b-a}$$

(e)  $a(x + y) = b(x - z)$ .

$$x = \frac{ay+bz}{b-a} = \frac{-ay-bz}{a-b}$$

(f)  $\frac{x+1}{x+2} = a$ .

$$x = \frac{2a-1}{1-a} = \frac{1-2a}{a-1}$$

4. In a triangle ABC, angle ABC is a right angle. If AB=7 and BC=8, find angle BCA.

$$41.185925 \dots^\circ$$

5. In a triangle ABC, angle ABC is a right angle. If AB=13 and ACB=72, find length AC.

$$13.6690089 \dots^\circ$$

6. In the sequence 7, 10, 13, 16, 19... find a formula for the  $n$ th term. Use this formula to find the 2300th term.

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7. In the sequence 2, -3, -8, -13... find the 4100th term.

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