If
$$x = \frac{1}{3 - \sqrt{8}}$$
, find the value of $x^3 - 2x^2 - 7x + 5$.

Express
$$\frac{3}{\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{5}}$$
 with rational denominator.

If
$$x = \frac{5 - \sqrt{21}}{2}$$
, prove that
$$\left(x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}\right) - 5\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) + \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) = 0.$$

Find the values of a and b if
$$\frac{7+3\sqrt{5}}{3+\sqrt{5}} - \frac{7-3\sqrt{5}}{3-\sqrt{5}} = a+\sqrt{5}b.$$

If a and b are rational numbers and
$$\frac{4+3\sqrt{5}}{4-3\sqrt{5}}=a+b\sqrt{5}$$
, find the values of a and b.

Find the values of a and b if
$$\frac{3+\sqrt{2}}{3-\sqrt{2}} = a+b\sqrt{2}$$
.

Simplify
$$\frac{\sqrt{72}}{5\sqrt{72}+3\sqrt{288}-2\sqrt{648}}.$$

Express in the form of
$$\frac{p}{q}$$
: $0.\overline{38} + 1.\overline{27}$.