

ALGEBRA exam practice questions:

1. Find the value of the following:

1.1  $3x$  if  $x = 9$

1.2  $4(3y)$  if  $y = 2$

1.3  $\frac{a+b}{a}$  if  $a = 6$  and  $b = 2$

2. Consider the following expression:

$$5x^4 - 3x^6 + 2x^2 - x + 7x^5 + 5$$

2.1 Rewrite the expression in order of descending power of  $x$ .

2.2 How many terms are there in the above expression?

2.3 What is the coefficient of the  $x$  term?

2.4 What is the degree of the polynomial?

2.5 What is the difference between the constant term and 2?

3. Consider the following expression:

$$3a + a^3 - 3(a^2 + 2)$$

3.1 Simplify the expression and arrange it in descending powers of  $a$

3.2 How many terms are there in the simplified expression?

3.3 What is the degree of the simplified expression?

3.4 What is the coefficient of the  $a^3$  term in the simplified expression?

3.5 What is the constant in the simplified expression?

3.6 If  $a = \frac{1}{2}$ , then what is the value of the expression?

4. Simplify the following expressions:

4.1  $10x^2 + 2x^2 - 5xy$

4.2  $16x - 4y + 4x + 12y$

4.3  $4a \times 2a$

4.4  $5a^2 \times 2ab^5$

4.5  $3a + a(a - 5)$

4.6  $\sqrt{16x^{16}}$

4.7  $\sqrt[3]{m^6}$

4.8  $\sqrt[3]{-27x^{12}}$

5. Simplify the following expression showing all your working:

5.1  $(2x^3)^2(2xy)^0$

5.2  $(6p^5)^2 \div 4p^2$

5.3  $\sqrt{100x^4 - 64x^4}$

5.4  $3t \times 5 - 2 \times 6t + 6t^2 \div 3t$

6. Solve for  $x$  in the following equations

6.1  $x + 8 = 19$

6.2  $5x = 15$

6.3  $3x + 4 = 31$

6.4  $3b - 36 = 0$

6.5  $\frac{10x}{3} = 6$

6.6  $x^2 = 36$

6.7  $\sqrt[3]{2y+1} - 5 + 2\sqrt[3]{2y+1} = -14$