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| <b>05</b>   | <b>1d</b> | Express $\frac{(2x-3)}{2} - \frac{(x-1)}{5}$ as a single fraction in its simplest form. | <b>2</b> |
| $\begin{aligned}\frac{(2x-3)}{2} - \frac{(x-1)}{5} &= \frac{5(2x-3) - 2(x-1)}{10} \\ &= \frac{10x - 15 - 2x + 2}{10} \\ &= \frac{8x - 13}{10}\end{aligned}$ |           |   |          |

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Most candidates attempted this part. In the better responses candidates demonstrated an understanding of algebraic fractions by finding the lowest common denominator and correctly simplifying the numerator. Common errors included incorrect removal of brackets, removing the denominator, or treating the expression as an equation.

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