07 | **1c** | Rationalise the denominator of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}-1}$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}-1} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{\sqrt{3}+1}$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{3-1}$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2}$$

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Better responses applied the correct conjugate surd. However, some candidates incorrectly multiplied by $\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{\sqrt{3}-1}$ or $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}}$.

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