

# Answers: Introduction to factorization

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## Summary

Answers to questions relating to the guide on introduction to factorisation.

*These are the answers to **Questions: introduction to factorisation**.*

**Please attempt the questions before reading these answers!**

## Q1

1.1.  $7(x + 5)$ .

1.2.  $3(x - 17)$ .

1.3.  $3(2m + n)$ .

1.4.  $5(f + 2 + 3k)$ .

1.5.  $2(5x - 1) + y(3y + 3)$ .

1.6.  $3x(3y - 1)$ .

1.7.  $a(a + b)$ .

1.8.  $4m(m - 2n + 3)$ .

1.9.  $4wx(3x + 4)$ .

1.10.  $ab(a^2 + b(1 + b))$ .

1.11.  $(x - 6)(x - 3)$ .

1.12.  $(w + z)(3 + x)$ .

1.13.  $(2a + b)(b - 1)$ .

1.14.  $(b + 3)(a(a + 1) - 2)$ .

## Q2

2.1.  $(x + 5)(x + 1)$ .

2.2.  $(x - 4)(x + 1)$ .

- 2.3.  $(x - 3)(x - 1)$ .
- 2.4.  $(2x - 7)(x - 3)$ .
- 2.5.  $5(x - 1)(x - 1)$ .
- 2.6.  $(x - 3y)(x + 2y)$ .
- 2.7.  $4y^2(3x - 1)(x + 1)$ .
- 2.8.  $(x - 4y)(x - 1)$ .
- 2.9.  $(x - y)^2$  or  $(y - x)^2$ .
- 2.10.  $(x - y)(x + y)$ .

### Q3

- 3.1. You worked out in 1.1 that  $7x + 35 = 7(x + 5)$ . Solving for  $x$  gives  $x = -5$ .
- 3.2. You worked out in 1.11 that  $x(x - 6) + 3(6 - x) = (x - 6)(x - 3)$ . Solving for  $x$  gives  $x = 3$  and  $x = 6$ .
- 3.3. You worked out in 2.3 that  $x^2 - 4x + 3 = (x - 3)(x - 1)$ . Solving for  $x$  gives  $x = 3$  and  $x = 1$ .
- 3.4. You worked out in 2.7 that  $12x^2y^2 + 8xy^2 - 4y^2 = 4y^2(3x - 1)(x + 1)$ . Solving for  $x$  gives  $x = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $x = -1$ .
- 3.5. You worked out in 2.8 that  $x^2 - 4yx - x + 4y = (x - 4y)(x - 1)$ . Solving for  $x$  gives  $x = 4y$  and  $x = 1$ .

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