

INSTRUCTIONS

- Attempt all the questions.
- Show all the necessary calculations.

1. Given that $a * b$ means $a + b^2$, find;

(a) $2 * 3$

(b) $2 * (1 * -2)$

2. Simplify $\frac{(16)^{3/4} \times (64)^{1/3} \times \left(\frac{1}{32}\right)^{2/5}}{(128)^{1/7}}$.

3. Express $\frac{2}{3\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}}$ in form of $a\sqrt{2} + b\sqrt{3}$.

4. Solve the inequality $\frac{3}{2} - \frac{5x}{3} > 8 + \frac{x}{2}$.

5. Given that $g(x) = ax^2 + bx + 5$. If $g(2) = 21$ and $g(-3) = 26$, values of a and b .

6. Find the equation of a straight line passing through point $(3, -1)$ and is perpendicular to the line $2y + 3x = 8$.

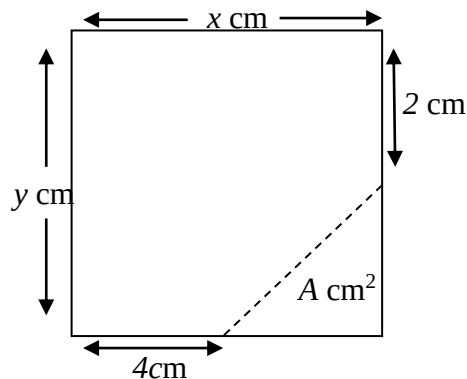
7. Solve quadratic equation $x^2 = 2 - x$.

8. It is given that $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$. Find ;

(i) The column vector of $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}$

(ii) The value of $|\mathbf{x}| + |\mathbf{y}|$

9.



The diagram shows a rectangle x cm by y cm. The triangular area is A cm².

- Obtain an equation for A in terms of x and y .
- Make y the subject in the equation above.

10. A ladder 12m long which is inclined at an angle of 54° to the ground just reaches to the top of a building. Calculate the height of the building.