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Mathematics Department

WJEC GCSE  
**Higher – Non Calculator**  
Algebra

## **Algebra skills - start of paper**

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2. Simplify  $3(a + 2b) + 7a - 8b$ .

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2. Simplify  $5(x - 3y) + 6x - 10y$ .

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4. When  $t = 5$  and  $w = -2$  find the value of

(a)  $\frac{4t - 2w}{3}$ ,

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(b)  $tw^3$ .

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6. (a) Solve **each** of the following equations.

(i)  $7x + 4 = 3x + 16$

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(ii)  $3x + 2 = 2(3 - 2x)$

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(b) Simplify **each** of the following.

(i)  $2(3r + 1) + 5r$

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(ii)  $3(2p + 3) - 2(p - 1)$

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4. Solve **each** of the following equations.

(a)  $6x - 11 = 17 + 2x$

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(b)  $3(x - 7) = 27$

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(c)  $\frac{2x}{3} = 6$

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4. (a) When  $f = 5$  and  $g = -2$  find the value of

(i)  $\frac{2f - 3g}{2}$  ,

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(ii)  $3fg^2$ .

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4. (a) Solve  $\frac{x}{4} = 20$ .

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(b) Factorise  $y^2 - 4y$ .

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(c) Solve  $5x + 2 = 6 - 3x$ .

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(d) Expand  $x(5x^2 + 6)$ .

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7. (a) Solve  $\frac{x+5}{3} = 14$ .

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(b) Simplify  $5(2y+3) - 2(4y-7)$ .

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2. Simplify  $3(a + 2b) + 7a - 8b$ .

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5. Look at the grid.  
The total of each column is shown under the grid.

$a$	$b$	$c$	$a$
$a$	$c$	$c$	$b$
$b$	$c$	$c$	$c$
$b$	$c$	$c$	$d$
10	26	32	0

Find the values of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$ .

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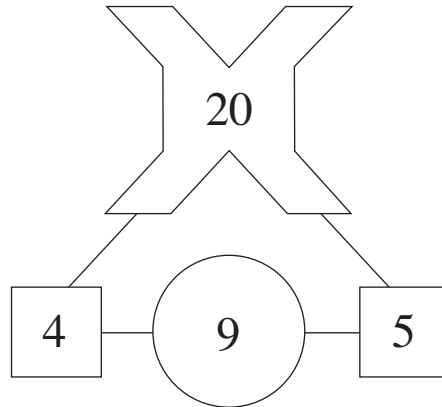
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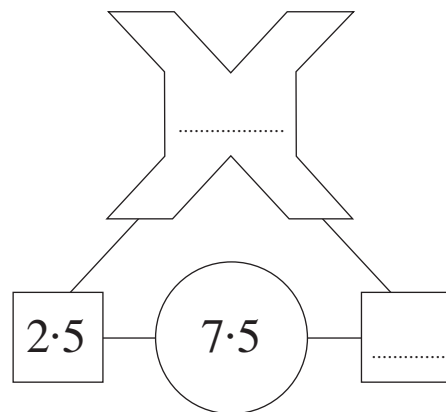
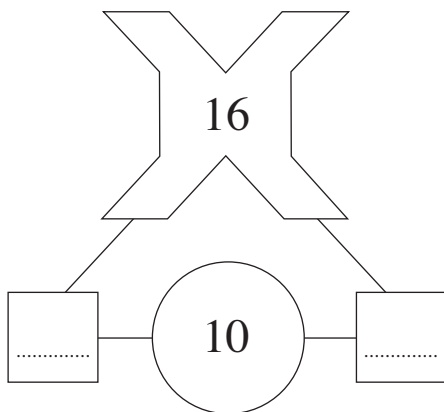
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$a =$  .....       $b =$  .....       $c =$  .....       $d =$  .....      [4]

1. The sum of the two numbers in the squares is shown in the circle.  
The product of the two numbers in the squares is shown in the cross.

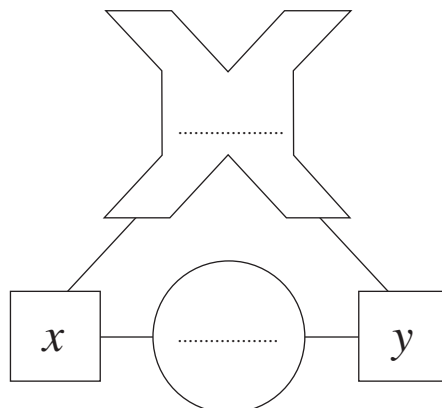


- (a) Complete **each** of the following diagrams.



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- (b) Using the same rules, complete the diagram below in terms of  $x$  and  $y$ .



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1. (a) (i) Use the formula below to find the value of  $g$  when  $f = 9$  and  $h = -3$ .

$$g = \frac{f(5-h)}{3}$$

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- (ii) Find the value of  $d^2 - 7$  when  $d = -4$ .

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- (b) Make  $q$  the subject of the formula below.

$$q + 5t = u$$

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- (c) Factorise  $7p + 21$ .

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- (d) Simplify  $4f + 5f - 17f - f + 6f$ .

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- (e) Expand  $6(x + 2)$ .

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3. (a) Factorise  $18a - 27$ .

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(b) Factorise  $b^3 - 3b$ .

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(c) Expand  $5(2x + 7)$ .

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(d) Solve  $\frac{12}{x} = 4$ .

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(e) Solve  $8x + 5 = 4x + 7$ .

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3. Solve  $4x - 9 > 15 + 2x$ .

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(b) Simplify  $12x - 50y - 40x - 35y$ .

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(d) Simplify  $\frac{(3a + 2)^8}{3a + 2}$ .

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4. (a) Given that  $a = -2$ ,  $b = -4$  and  $c = 8$  find the value of  $\frac{3c-4a}{b^2}$ .

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(d) Simplify  $2xy + 3y - 13xy + 4x - 17y$ .

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5. (a) Simplify  $4(x + 5) - 3(2x - 4)$ .

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(b) Simplify  $\frac{y^{16} \times y^2}{y^4}$ .

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(c) Solve  $3b + 2 > 29$ .

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4. (a) Expand  $y(y^3 + 6)$ .

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(b) Solve  $\frac{x}{3} + 54 = 63$ .

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(c) Solve  $\frac{36-x}{4} = 10$ .

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(d) Factorise  $2x^2 - 4x$ .

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4. (a) Solve  $\frac{40}{5x} = 4$ .

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(b) Solve  $3(2x - 5) > 21$ .

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4. (a) Solve  $6x - 7 = 2x + 21$ .

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(b) Factorise  $24x + 3$ .

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(c) Factorise  $x^2 - 6x$ .

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(d) Expand  $2x(x^3 + 6)$ .

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(e) Solve  $\frac{x}{3} + 15 = 25$ .

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5. (a) Expand  $y^2(y^3 - 2)$ .

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(b) Factorise  $8x^3 + 16$ .

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(c) Solve  $7x < 2x + 30$ .

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(b) Solve  $\frac{3x}{2} = 15$ .

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(b) Solve  $8x < 3x + 40$ .

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1. Given that  $f = -3$ ,  $g = 2$  and  $h = 5$ , find the value of the following expressions.

(a)  $\frac{f^2 - h}{g}$

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(b)  $(2h)^3$

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(c)  $g - f + \frac{1}{h}$

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4. (a) Simplify

(i)  $3t^2 \times 4t^7$ ,

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(ii)  $\frac{p^8}{p^2}$ .

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(b) Solve the inequality  $7x < 72 - x$ .

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(b) Simplify  $32x - 16y - 50x - 17y$ .

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(c) Simplify  $\frac{(2x + 7)^4}{2x + 7}$ .

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1. (a) Given that  $a = -3$ ,  $b = -5$  and  $c = 2$ , find the value of  $\frac{6c - 2b}{a^2 + 2}$ . [2]

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6. (a) Solve  $6x - 27 = 4x - 13$ .

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(b) Solve  $\frac{x}{2} + 18 = 26$ .

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(c) Factorise  $y^2 - 5y$ .

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(d) Expand  $y(y^2 + 4)$ .

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(e) Solve  $5x - 6 < 30$ .

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(b) Given that  $a = 10$ ,  $b = -3$  and  $c = -5$ , find the value of each of the following expressions.

(i)  $b^2$  [1]

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(ii)  $\frac{ab}{c}$  [1]

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(iii)  $\frac{2bc}{a}$  [1]

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6. Solve the inequality  $3 - x < 7$ .

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2. (a) Solve  $\frac{3x}{4} = 36$ .

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(b) Solve  $\frac{9}{x} = 18$ .

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(c) Solve  $5x - 12 = 3(x + 6)$ .

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(d) Solve the inequality  $9x + 5 < 77$ .

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(e) Write down the smallest whole number that satisfies the inequality  $4x > 45$ .

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Smallest whole number is .....

(f) Simplify  $10x \times 5x \times 2x$ .

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6. (a) (i) Solve the inequality.

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$$6p < 4p - 7$$

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- (ii) An integer  $p$  satisfies the above inequality.  
Write down the greatest possible value of  $p$ .

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- (b) Simplify  $5(3x + 2) - 4(2x - 5)$ .

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