



**HSC Advanced Maths Exam Booklet:**  
Arithmetic Skills

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**Easy:**

1. Which expression is a correct factorization of  $x^3 - 8$ ?
  - (A)  $(x - 2)(x^2 - 2x + 4)$
  - (B)  $(x - 2)(x^2 - 4x + 4)$
  - (C)  $(x - 2)(x^2 + 2x + 4)$
  - (D)  $(x - 2)(x^2 + 4x + 4)$
  
2. Solve  $|4x - 5| = 3(x + 1)$ .
  
3. Express  $\frac{\sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{8}-\sqrt{7}}$  in the form of  $a + b\sqrt{14}$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers.

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4. The sum of the interior angles of a regular polygon is  $4,140^\circ$ . What is the size of each interior angle?

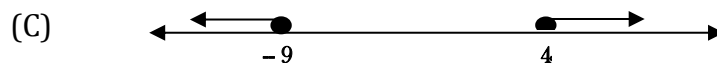
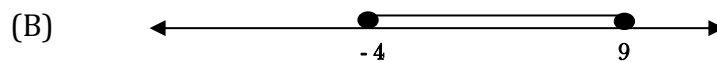
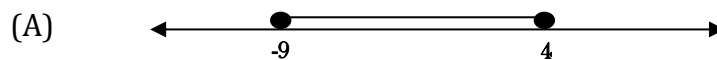
(A)  $157.5^\circ$

(B)  $160^\circ$

(C)  $162^\circ$

(D)  $165.6^\circ$

5. Which graph shows the solution to  $|2x - 5| \leq 13$ ?



6. Solve  $\log_3(2x - 7) = 2$ .

7. Make  $y$  the subject of the equation  $x = \log_3 y$ .

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8. Simplify  $\log_4 54 - 2 \log_4 3$ .
- (A)  $\log_4 9$   
 (B)  $\log_4 48$   
 (C)  $\log_4 6$   
 (D) 1
9.  $\log_4 2 =$
- (A)  $\frac{1}{2}$   
 (B) 1  
 (C) 2  
 (D) 4
10. The solution of the inequality  $x^2 - 6x + 8 \leq 0$  is:
- (A)  $x \geq 4$  or  $x \leq 2$   
 (B)  $2 \leq x \leq 4$   
 (C)  $2 < x < 4$   
 (D)  $x \leq 4$  or  $x \geq 2$

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11. Solve  $|3 - x| \geq 6$ .

(A)  $x \geq 3$  or  $x \leq 9$

(B)  $x \leq -3$  or  $x \geq 9$

(C)  $x \leq -3$  or  $x \leq 9$

(D)  $-3 \leq x \leq 9$

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12. Simplify  $\frac{3^{m+1} - 3^m}{3^{m+1} - 3^{2m}}$ .

13. If  $a > b$ , which of the following is always true?

(A)  $a^2 > b^2$

(B)  $\frac{1}{a} > \frac{1}{b}$

(C)  $-a > -b$

(D)  $2^a > 2^b$

14. What is the solution to the equation?  $\log_e(x + 2) - \log_e x = \log_e 4$ ?

(A)  $\frac{2}{5}$

(B)  $\frac{2}{3}$

(C)  $\frac{3}{2}$

(D)  $\frac{5}{2}$

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15. Given  $\log_7 2 = 0.36$  and  $\log_7 5 = 0.83$ , find the values of

(i)  $\log_7 0.4$

(ii)  $\log_7 50$

16. Solve for x:  $4^x - 5 \times 2^x + 4 = 0$

17. Graph the solution of  $4x \leq 15 \leq -9x$  on a number line.

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18. Given  $4x^2 + 5x + 6 \equiv A(x + 1)^2 + B(x + 1) + C$ , find the values of A, B, and C.

19. Change the subject of  $y = 3 \ln 2x + 1$  to x.



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**Hard:**

20.

i. Rationalise the denominator in the expression  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n+1}}$ , where n is a positive integer.

ii. Using your result from the part i or otherwise, find the value of the sum

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1} + \sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{99} + \sqrt{100}}$$

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21. What are the solutions to the equation  $25^x - 5^{x+1} + 6 = 0$  ?

(A)  $x = 2$  or  $x = 3$

(B)  $x = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 5}$  or  $x = \frac{\ln 3}{\ln 5}$

(C)  $x = \ln \frac{2}{5}$  or  $x = \ln \frac{3}{5}$

(D) *No Solutions*

22. If  $\log_5 8 = a$ , prove that  $\log_{10} 2 = \frac{a}{a+3}$