

Firrhill High School  
Mathematics Department

Level 5

Assessment Questions

# Algebra

Breaking Brackets

(1) 2010 Paper 2 Q.2

Expand fully and simplify

$$x(x-1)^2.$$

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(2) 2009 Paper 1 Q.4

(a) Factorise

$$x^2 - 4y^2.$$

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(b) Expand and simplify

$$(2x-1)(x+4).$$

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(c) Expand

$$x^{\frac{1}{2}}(3x + x^{-2}).$$

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(3) 2007 Paper 1 Q.5

Remove brackets and simplify

$$(2x+3)^2 - 3(x^2-6).$$

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(4) 2006 Paper 2 Q.4

(a) Expand and simplify

$$(x+4)(3x-1).$$

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(b) Expand

$$m^{\frac{1}{2}}(2+m^2).$$

(c) Simplify, leaving your answer as a surd

$$2\sqrt{20} - 3\sqrt{5}.$$

(5) 2003 Paper 1 Q.3

Simplify

$$3(2x - 4) - 4(3x + 1).$$

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6) 2015 N5 Paper 1

4. Multiply out the brackets and collect like terms

$$(x - 4)(x^2 + x - 2).$$

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7) 2015 Int2 Paper 1

1. Multiply out the brackets and collect like terms.

$$(2x + 6)(5x - 3) + 9x$$

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8) 2014 N5 Paper 1

2. Multiply out the brackets and collect like terms:

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

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9) 2014 Int2 Paper 1

2. Multiply out the brackets and collect like terms.

$$(3x + 2)(x - 5) + 8x$$

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10) 2013 Credit Paper 1

7. (a) Expand and simplify

$$(2x - 5)(x^2 + 3x - 7).$$

(b) Solve the inequality

$$4x - 5 \leq 7x - 20.$$

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11) 2013 Int 2 Paper 2

1. Multiply out the brackets and collect like terms.

$$(x + 2)(x - 5) - 9x$$

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12) 2012 Credit Paper 1

2. Expand and simplify

$$(3x - 2)(2x^2 + x + 5).$$

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13) 2012 Int 2 Paper 2

2. Multiply out the brackets and collect like terms.

$$(3x - 5)(x^2 + 2x - 6)$$

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14) 2011 Credit Paper 2

2. Expand and simplify

$$(3x + 1)(x^2 - 5x + 4).$$

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15) 2011 Int 2 Paper 1

2. Multiply out the brackets and collect like terms.

$$5x + (3x + 2)(2x - 7)$$

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