

Firrhill High School  
Mathematics Department

Level 5

Assessment Questions

# Algebra

# Functions

(1) 2010 Paper 1 Q.4

Two functions are given below.

$$f(x) = x^2 - 4x$$

$$g(x) = 2x + 7$$

(a) If  $f(x) = g(x)$ , show that  $x^2 - 6x - 7 = 0$ .

(b) Hence find **algebraically** the values of  $x$  for which  $f(x) = g(x)$ .

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(2) 2009 Paper 1 Q.3

Given that

$$f(x) = x^2 + 3,$$

(a) evaluate  $f(-4)$

(b) find  $t$  when  $f(t) = 52$ .

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(3) 2006 Paper 1 Q.3

Given that  $f(x) = 4 - x^2$ , evaluate  $f(-3)$ .

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(4) 2005 Paper 1 Q.11

$$f(x) = 4\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{2}$$

(a) Find the value of  $f(72)$  as a surd in its simplest form.

(b) Find the value of  $t$ , given that  $f(t) = 3\sqrt{2}$ .

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(5) 2003 Paper 1 Q.4

$$f(x) = 7 - 4x$$

(a) Evaluate  $f(-2)$ .

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(b) Given that  $f(t) = 9$ , find  $t$ .

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(6) 2002 Paper 1 Q.4

Given that  $f(x) = x^2 + 5x$ , evaluate  $f(-3)$ .

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(7) 2001 Paper 1 Q.3

Given that  $f(m) = m^2 - 3m$ , evaluate  $f(-5)$ .

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(8) 2000 Paper 1 Q.3

$$f(x) = 2x - 5x^2.$$

Find  $f(-2)$ .

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(9) 1999 Paper 1 Q.10

$$f(x) = 3^x$$

(a) Find  $f(4)$ .

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(b) Given that  $f(x) = \sqrt{27}$ , find  $x$ .

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(10) 1998 Paper 1 Q.3

$$f(x) = \frac{3}{x^2}$$

Find  $f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$

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11) 2015 N5 Paper 2

2. A function is defined as  $f(x) = 3x + 2$ .

Given that  $f(a) = 23$ , calculate  $a$ .

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12) 2013 Credit Paper 2

2. Solve the equation

$$2x^2 + 7x - 3 = 0.$$

Give your answers **correct to 1 decimal place**.

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13) 2011 Credit Paper 1

3. Given that  $f(x) = 5 - x^2$ , evaluate  $f(-3)$ .

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14) 2011 Int 2 Paper 2

11. Solve the equation

$$4x^2 - 7x + 1 = 0,$$

giving the roots correct to 1 decimal place.

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