

SURD OPERATIONS

RULES:

$$\sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b} = \sqrt{ab} \quad \text{AND} \quad \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}} = \sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} \quad \text{You can only add and subtract surds of the same root}$$

ALL solutions MUST be in simplified form:

Examples:

$$1. \sqrt{8} + \sqrt{2}$$

$$= \sqrt{4} \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}$$

$$= 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$2. \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{10}$$

$$= \sqrt{20}$$

$$= \sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{5}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{5}$$

$$3. \sqrt{12} \div \sqrt{3}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{12}{3}}$$

$$= \sqrt{4}$$

$$= 2$$

Now try these

$$1. \sqrt{12} + \sqrt{3}$$

$$2. \sqrt{20} + \sqrt{5}$$

$$3. \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{27}$$

$$4. \sqrt{40} + \sqrt{90}$$

$$5. \sqrt{32} - \sqrt{2}$$

$$6. \sqrt{27} - \sqrt{3}$$

$$7. \sqrt{50} - \sqrt{2}$$

$$8. \sqrt{45} - \sqrt{20}$$

$$9. \sqrt{6} \times \sqrt{2}$$

$$10. \sqrt{10} \times \sqrt{5}$$

$$11. \sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3}$$

$$12. \sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{8}$$

$$13. \sqrt{32} \div \sqrt{2}$$

$$14. \sqrt{24} \div \sqrt{2}$$

$$15. \sqrt{75} \div \sqrt{3}$$

$$16. \sqrt{100} \div \sqrt{5}$$

$$17. 3\sqrt{2} \times 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$18. 4\sqrt{2} \div 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$19. 5\sqrt{5} \times 2\sqrt{10}$$

$$20. 10\sqrt{24} \div 5\sqrt{2}$$

SOLUTIONS

1. $3\sqrt{3}$	2. $3\sqrt{5}$	3. $4\sqrt{3}$	4. $5\sqrt{10}$
5. $3\sqrt{2}$	6. $2\sqrt{3}$	7. $4\sqrt{2}$	8. $\sqrt{5}$
9. $2\sqrt{3}$	10. $5\sqrt{2}$	11. 3	12. $4\sqrt{3}$
13. 4	14. $2\sqrt{3}$	15. 5	16. $2\sqrt{5}$
17. 12	18. 2	19. $50\sqrt{2}$	20. $4\sqrt{3}$