

S3 Revision for the May Test - Algebra		
1	Remove the brackets and simplify $(2x - 3)(7x + 15)$	2
2	Remove the brackets and simplify $(2x + 3)(x^2 - 5x + 3)$	3
3	Factorise (a) $x^2 - 25$ (b) $2x^2 - 50$ (c) $x^2 + 3x - 40$	1 2 2
4	Simplify $\frac{x^2 - 25}{(x + 5)^2}$	2 3
5	Simplify $\frac{2y}{x^2} \times \frac{x^3}{6y^2}$	2
6	Express $\frac{2}{x} + \frac{7}{y}$ as a single fraction in the simplest form	2
7	Change the subject of the formula $x = y^2 - m$ to $y$	2
8	Change the subject of the formula $m = \frac{3t+1}{p}$ to $t$	3
9	Write $x^2 + 10x + 17$ in completed square form $(x + a)^2 + b$	2
10	Write $x^2 - 4x + 5$ in completed square form $(x + a)^2 + b$	2
11	A straight line passes through the points $(-4,1)$ and $(1,16)$ .  Find the equation of the straight line in the simplest form.	3
12	A straight line has the equation $y = -2x + 5$  (a) State the gradient of this line (b) State the coordinates of the point where the line crosses the $y$ -axis	1 1
13	Solve $3 + 2(5 - x) > 14$	3
14	Solve $4 + \frac{x}{3} = x - 6$	3

	Algebra – Answers
1	$(2x - 3)(7x + 15) = 14x^2 + 30x - 21x - 45 = 14x^2 + 9x - 45$
2	$(2x + 3)(x^2 - 5x + 3) = 2x^3 - 10x^2 + 6x + 3x^2 - 15x + 9$ $= 2x^3 - 7x^2 - 9x + 9$
3	(a) $x^2 - 25 = (x + 5)(x - 5)$ (b) $2x^2 - 50 = 2(x^2 - 25) = 2(x + 5)(x - 5)$ (c) $x^2 + 3x - 40 = (x + 8)(x - 5)$
4	$\frac{x^2 - 25}{(x + 5)^2} = \frac{(x + 5)(x - 5)}{(x + 5)^2} = \frac{x - 5}{x + 5}$
5	$\frac{2y}{x^2} \times \frac{x^3}{6y^2} = \frac{2x^3y}{6x^2y^2} = \frac{x}{3y}$
6	$\frac{2}{x} + \frac{7}{y} = \frac{2y + 7x}{xy}$
7	$x = y^2 - m \rightarrow x + m = y^2 \rightarrow y = \sqrt{x + m}$
8	$m = \frac{3t + 1}{p} \rightarrow pm = 3t + 1 \rightarrow pm - 1 = 3t \rightarrow t = \frac{pm - 1}{3}$
9	$x^2 + 10x + 17 = (x + 5)^2 - 8$
10	$x^2 - 4x + 5 = (x - 2)^2 + 1$
11	$y = 3x + 13$
12	The gradient is $m = -2$ The y-intercept is (0,5)
13	Multiply out the bracket $3 + 10 - 2x > 14$ Collect like terms $13 - 2x > 14$ $-2x > 1$ Solve for x $-x > \frac{1}{2}$ Solve for x $x < -\frac{1}{2}$ or $-\frac{1}{2} > x$
14	Multiply through by 3 $12 + x = 3x - 18$ Collect like terms $30 = 2x$ Solve for x $15 = x$ or $x = 15$