

**\*\*\*PLEASE DO NOT WRITE ON THIS SHEET\*\*\***

**A1 Doubles - Starting with Confidence Test version 2 – September 2019**

- Attempt ALL questions.
- Do not use a calculator.
- Show working-out clearly and triple check for expensive errors.
- Time allowed: 40 minutes

1. Express the following as single fractions: (a)  $\left(\frac{3}{2} \times \frac{1}{4}\right) + 3$  (b)  $\frac{2}{x} + \frac{3}{x^2}$  (4)
2. Solve the equation  $\frac{2x}{3} - \frac{x-2}{4} = 1$  for  $x$ . (3)
3. Evaluate the following: (a)  $4^{\frac{5}{2}}$  (b)  $16^{-\frac{7}{4}}$ . (2)
4. (a) Write  $\frac{2\sqrt{x}+4}{x^2}$  in the form  $\alpha x^n + \beta x^m$ . (3)  
(b) Solve the equation  $x^{-\frac{2}{3}} = 9$  for  $x$ . (3)
5. Simplify  $\sqrt{20} + 2\sqrt{45} - 3\sqrt{80}$  as much as possible. (3)
6. Rationalise the denominator of  $\frac{-7}{4\sqrt{5}}$ , and hence write it in the form  $b\sqrt{c}$ . (2)
7. Rationalise the denominator of  $\frac{5}{2-\sqrt{3}}$  and hence write it in the form  $a + b\sqrt{c}$ . (4)
8. Write down the discriminant of  $4x - 3x^2 = -3$  and hence state whether the equation has zero roots, one repeated root or two distinct roots. (2)
9. Factorise the quadratic  $9 - 4x^2$  using the difference of two squares (2)
10. Factorise the following:  
(a)  $3x^2 + 4x$  (b)  $5x^2 - 13x - 6$  (2)
11. Solve  $6x^2 - 5x - 6 = 0$  by factorising. (4)

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12. Solve  $2x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$

Leave your answer in the form  $x = A \pm B\sqrt{C}$

(3)

Quadratic formula:

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

13. Given  $f(x) = x^2 + 5x + 10$  :

a. Show that  $y = f(x)$  can be written in the form  $y = (x + a)^2 + b$

(2)

b. Sketch  $y = 2\left(f\left(x - \frac{5}{2}\right)\right)$ , showing clearly on your graph the minimum point.

(3)

14. Using the formula  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$ , write the equation of the line passing through the points  $(-4, -1)$  and  $(6, 4)$  in the form  $ax + by + c = 0$  where  $a, b,$  and  $c$  are integers.

(3)

15. By listing these values in order, find the median (Q2), and lower (Q1) and upper (Q3) quartiles:  
76, 56, 44, 77, 12, 1, 9.

(2)

16. Find an estimate of the mean of the following data, leaving your answer in any form:

Age of children (years)	Frequency ( $f$ )	Mid value ( $x$ )	$fx$
0-2	4		
3-7	7		
8-10	14		
11-13	20		
14-18	5		

(3)

**Total: 50 marks**

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Question Number	Scheme test 2	Marks
1 (a)	$\frac{3}{8} + \frac{24}{8} = \frac{27}{8}$	M1 for common denominator A1 for correct and simplified fraction
(b)	$\frac{2x+3}{x^2}$	M1 for a common denominator A1 for correct and simplified fraction
2	$\frac{8x-3(x-2)}{12} = 1$ $8x-3x+6=12$ $5x=6$ $x=\frac{6}{5}$	M1 common denominator  M1 multiply out and simplify  A1 correct simplified fraction
3 (a)	$(4^{\frac{1}{2}})^5 = 2^5 = 32$	B1 cao
(b)	$(16^{\frac{1}{4}})^{-7} = 2^{-7} = \frac{1}{128}$	B1 cao
4 (a)	$\frac{2\sqrt{x}}{x^2} + \frac{4}{x^2} = 2x^{-\frac{3}{2}} + 4x^{-2}$	M1 for separating into two fractions A1 A1 correct co-ffs and indices
(b)	$x^{-\frac{1}{3}} = \pm 3$ $x^{\frac{1}{3}} = \pm \frac{1}{3}$ $x = \pm \frac{1}{27}$	M1 for evidence of dealing with the negative power (reciprocal) M1 for evidence of dealing with the fractional power (rooting or cubing) A1
5	$2\sqrt{5} + 6\sqrt{5} - 12\sqrt{5} = -4\sqrt{5}$	M1 evidence of common factor of $\sqrt{5}$ M1 evidence of rooting a perfect square A1
6	$\frac{-7}{4\sqrt{5}} \times \frac{(\sqrt{5})}{(\sqrt{5})} = -\frac{7\sqrt{5}}{20}$	M1 multiply top and bottom by $k\sqrt{5}$ A1
7	$\frac{5}{(2-\sqrt{3})} \times \frac{(2+\sqrt{3})}{(2+\sqrt{3})} = \frac{5(2+\sqrt{3})}{4-3} = 10 + 5\sqrt{3}$	M1 multiply top and bottom by correct bracket A1 correct denominator A1 , A1
8	$(-4)^2 - 4(3)(-3) = 52$ $\therefore$ +ve discrim. 2 distinct real roots	B1 for 52 B1ft their discriminant value
9	$(3+2x)(3-2x)$	M1 A1 correct attempt at factorising
10 (a)	$3x^2 + 4x = x(3x+4)$	B1 correct answer only
(b)	$(5x+2)(x-3)$	B1 correct answer only
11	$(3x+2)(2x-3) = 0$  $x = -\frac{2}{3}$ or $x = \frac{3}{2}$	M1A1 correct attempt at factorising  A1, A1
12	$x = \frac{4 + \sqrt{16 - 4(2)(-1)}}{4}$	M1 M1A1

	$x = 1 \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{6}$ <p>Or</p> $x^2 - 2x - \frac{1}{2} = 0$ $(x - 1)^2 - \frac{3}{2} = 0$ $x = 1 \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$	<p>M1</p> <p>M1</p> <p>A1</p>
<b>13 (a)</b>	$y = \left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{15}{4}$	M1A1
<b>(b)</b>	<p>Sketch</p> <p>min pt <math>(0, \frac{15}{2})</math></p>	<p>B1 Any horizontal translation</p> <p>B1 Any vertical stretch</p> <p>B1 correct min pt</p>
<b>14</b>	$grad = \frac{1}{2}$ $x - 2y + 2 = 0$	<p>M1 A1 gradient</p> <p>A1</p>
<b>15</b>	<p>Median=44</p> <p>LQ=9, UQ=76</p>	<p>B1 for median</p> <p>B1 for both quartiles</p>
<b>16</b>	<p>Eg. <math>1 \times 4 = 4</math></p> $Mean = \frac{485}{50} = \frac{97}{10} = 9.7$	<p>M1 for fx calculation seen</p> <p>M1 for dividing by their total</p> <p>A1 any form</p>