

Basic Algebra Test #1

1. Simplify fully: $3k^4 + 4k^4$
2. Simplify fully: $3x + 4x^2 - 7x + x^2$
3. Simplify fully: $4x^2 \times 5x$
4. Simplify fully: $xy \times 5y^2$
5. Simplify fully: $\frac{x^2}{2x}$
6. Simplify fully: $10xy \div 5y$
7. Expand: $4(x + 5)$
8. Expand: $x(x + 3)$
9. Expand and simplify: $2(x + 5) + 3(x + 6)$
10. Expand and simplify: $x(x - 1) + 5(x + 3)$
11. Factorise fully: $4x + 12$
12. Factorise fully: $x^2 + 5x$
13. Solve: $8x = 12$
14. Solve: $2 + x = -35$
15. Solve: $5x + 2 = 10$
16. Solve: $5 = 2 + 4x$
17. Solve: $2x + 1 = 9x$
18. Solve: $5x - 4 = x + 3$
19. Calculate: $A = 4 - 2x$ when $x = 3$
20. Calculate: $B = \frac{5}{x+3}$ when $x = 5$

Answers: Basic Algebra Test #1

1. $3k^4 + 4k^4 = 7k^4$
2. $3x + 4x^2 - 7x + x^2 = 5x^2 - 4x$ (or $5x^2 + -4x$ etc)
3. $4x^2 \times 5x = 4 \times 5 \times x^2 \times x = 20x^3$
4. $xy \times 5y^2 = 1 \times 5 \times x \times y \times y^2 = 5xy^3$
5. $\frac{x^2}{2x} = \frac{\cancel{x} \times x}{\cancel{x} \times 2} = \frac{x}{2}$ (or $\frac{1}{2}x$)
6. $10xy \div 5y = \frac{5\cancel{y} \times 2x}{5\cancel{y} \times 1} = 2x$
7. $4(x + 5) = 4 \times x + 4 \times 5 = 4x + 20$
8. $x(x + 3) = x \times x + x \times 3 = x^2 + 3x$
9. $2(x + 5) + 3(x + 6) = 2x + 10 + 3x + 18 = 5x + 28$
10. $x(x - 1) + 5(x + 3) = x^2 - 1x + 5x + 15 = x^2 + 4x + 15$ (any order)
11. $4x + 12 = 4 \times x + 4 \times 3 = 4(x + 3)$
12. $x^2 + 5x = x \times x + 5 \times x = x(x + 5)$
13. $8x = 12 \quad \frac{\cancel{8} \times x}{\cancel{8}} = \frac{12}{8} \quad x = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5$
14. $2 + x = -35 \quad +2 -_2 + x = -35 - 2 \quad x = -37$
15. $5x + 2 = 10 \quad 5x + 2 -_2 = 10 - 2 \quad x = \frac{8}{5} = 1.6$
16. $5 = 2 + 4x \quad - 2$ then $\div 4$ both sides $x = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75$
17. $2x + 1 = 9x \quad 2x -_2x + 1 = 9x - 2x \quad x = \frac{1}{7} = 0.143$
18. $5x - 4 = x + 3 \quad 5x - x -_4 +_4 = x -_x + 3 + 4 \quad x = \frac{7}{4} = 1.75$
19. $A = 4 - 2x$ if $x = 3 \quad = 4 - (2 \times 3) = 4 - 6 \Rightarrow A = -2$
20. $B = \frac{5}{x+3}$ if $x = 5 \quad = \frac{5}{5+3} \Rightarrow B = \frac{5}{8} = 0.625$