



1. Write $(1 + \sqrt{3})^2$ in the form $a + b\sqrt{3}$.

----- [3]



2. Find $\sqrt{32} + \sqrt{50}$, giving your answer in the form $k\sqrt{2}$.

----- [2]



3(a). B0, B1, B2, ..., B10 are labels given to different sized sheets of paper.

The lengths of the sheets are related as follows:

$$\boxed{\text{Length of B10}} \times \sqrt{2} = \boxed{\text{Length of B9}}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Length of B9}} \times \sqrt{2} = \boxed{\text{Length of B8}}$$

and so on from B10, the smallest size, up to B0 the largest size.

The length of B7 paper is 125 mm.

(i) What is the **exact** length of B6 paper?

(i) mm [1]

(ii) What is the length of B5 paper?

Give your answer in its simplest form.

(ii) mm [2]



(b). The length of B1 paper is 1000 mm.

Find the length of B2 paper.

Give your answer in the form $k\sqrt{2}$, where k is an integer.

----- mm [3]



4. Simplify the following, giving your answer in the form $k\sqrt{2}$, where k is an integer.

$$8\sqrt{50} + \frac{30}{\sqrt{2}}$$

----- [4]

5. Multiply out and simplify.

$$(4 + \sqrt{3})(1 - \sqrt{3})$$

Give your answer in the form $a + b\sqrt{3}$ where a and b are integers.
Show all your working.

----- [3]

6. Multiply out and simplify fully.

$$(3 + \sqrt{7})(4 + \sqrt{7})$$

You must show your working.

----- [2]



7(a). Expand and simplify.

$$(1 + \sqrt{3})(4 + 2\sqrt{3})$$

----- [2]



(b). Rationalise the denominator in this expression.

$$\frac{3 + \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

----- [2]



8.

Simplify fully.

(i) $\sqrt{50} + \sqrt{2}$

(i) ----- [2]

(ii) $\frac{10}{\sqrt{6}}$

(ii) ----- [2]



9.

Write $\sqrt{12} + \sqrt{75}$ in the form $k\sqrt{3}$

----- [3]

10.

Show that $\frac{4 + 2\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5} - 1}$ can be simplified to $\frac{3\sqrt{5} + 7}{2}$.

[4]

END OF QUESTION PAPER

| Question | | | Answer/Indicative content | Marks | Part marks and guidance | |
|----------|---|---|----------------------------|-------|---|---|
| 1 | | | $4 + 2\sqrt{3}$ | 3 | <p>M1 for expanding $(1 + \sqrt{3})^2 = 1 + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3}$</p> <p>B1 for $\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3} = 3$ soi</p> | |
| | | | Total | 3 | | |
| 2 | | | $9\sqrt{2}$ | 2 | <p>M1 for $[\sqrt{32}] = 4\sqrt{2}$ or $[\sqrt{50}] = 5\sqrt{2}$</p> | <p>nfww but $4 + \sqrt{2}$ etc loses 1 mark eg $4 + \sqrt{2} + 5 + \sqrt{2} = 9\sqrt{2}$ scores 1, $4 + \sqrt{2} = 4\sqrt{2}$ does not score</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>More able candidates dealt with both terms and successfully collected them. The $5\sqrt{2}$ was found more often than the $4\sqrt{2}$. Less able candidates combined the 32 and 50 before attempting to square root. This often resulted in an incorrect answer of $41\sqrt{2}$ from $\sqrt{82}$ but those giving the correct answer of $9\sqrt{2}$ from this method did not score.</p> |
| | | | Total | 2 | | |
| 3 | a | i | $125\sqrt{2}$ final answer | 1 | | |

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| | ii | 250 | 2 | <p>M1 for <i>their</i> (i) $\times \sqrt{2}$</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>The word 'exact' in the question was significant only to the strongest candidates who had little difficulty in achieving 3 correct answers. However many candidates gave answers to multiple decimal places.</p> <p>In part (i), many candidates spoiled a correct answer by trying to 'evaluate' $125\sqrt{2}$. Common errors involved attempts at $\sqrt{125}$ and common wrong answers were $\sqrt{250}$, 250 or 62.5. Many managed to get a follow through mark in part (ii) for their answer to (i) $\times \sqrt{2}$.</p> | |
| | b | $500\sqrt{2}$ | 3 | <p>M2 for $\frac{1000}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}$ or better</p> <p>Or M1 for $\frac{1000}{\sqrt{2}}$ oe</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Many candidates gained 1 $\frac{1000}{\sqrt{2}}$ mark for $\frac{1000}{\sqrt{2}}$, although many did $1000 \times \sqrt{2}$ by mistake. The better candidates knew that numerator and denominator needed multiplying by $\sqrt{2}$ and generally went on to give the correct answer.</p> | |
| | | Total | 6 | | |

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| 4 | | $55\sqrt{2}$ | 4 | <p>Or B1 for $5\sqrt{2}$ or $40\sqrt{2}$</p> <p>And M1A1 for</p> $\frac{30\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}} = 15\sqrt{2}$ <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>This question differentiated well with some stronger candidates successfully arriving at the correct answer. Many gained a mark for knowing to multiply</p> $\frac{30}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ by } \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}$ <p>but many of these did not get the second mark for cancelling</p> $\frac{30\sqrt{2}}{2} = 15\sqrt{2}$ <p>While others gained a mark for knowing $\sqrt{50} = 5\sqrt{2}$ many spoilt this by adding the 8 and writing $13\sqrt{2}$ instead of $8 \times 5\sqrt{2}$.</p> <p>Answer: $55\sqrt{2}$</p> | |
| | | Total | 4 | | |

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| 5 | | $4, -4\sqrt{3}, [+][1] \sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{3}\sqrt{3}$ all seen $1 - 3\sqrt{3}$ | M2 B1 | M1 for two of $4, -4\sqrt{3}, [+][1] \sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{3}\sqrt{3}$ seen Examiner's Comments There were many correct answers here, though often these were obtained using a calculator. Most knew how to multiply out two brackets but many could not do this correctly. Frequently, negative signs were omitted and problems also occurred when collecting terms. | Allow -3 or $-\sqrt{9}$ or $-\sqrt{3^2}$ for $-\sqrt{3}\sqrt{3}$ |
| | | Total | 3 | | |
| 6 | | <u>Three</u> of $3 \times 4; 3 \times \sqrt{7}; 4 \times \sqrt{7}; \sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{7}$ oe $19 + 7\sqrt{7}$ final answer | M1 B1 | Examiner's Comments This question was answered well. Most obtained the correct answer and those who decided to give their answer as a decimal usually did so after correctly multiplying out the brackets. Surprisingly, some left their answer as $12 + 7\sqrt{7} + 7$ and others had difficulty in finding $3\sqrt{7} + 4\sqrt{7}$. | |
| | | Total | 2 | | |

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| 7 | a | $10 + 6\sqrt{3}$ | 2 | <p>M1 for three correct terms from 4 $[+]$ $2\sqrt{3}$ $[+]$ $4\sqrt{3}$ $[+]$ $2\sqrt{3}$ $\sqrt{3}$ oe or better</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Many were able to expand the brackets and produce four terms, although they did struggle to simplify $2\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3}$ and $2\sqrt{6}$ was a common response. It was also surprising that having reached $4 + 6\sqrt{3} + 6$ many did not simplify this expression.</p> | eg $2\sqrt{9}$ is acceptable for $2\sqrt{3}\sqrt{3}$ |
| | b | $\frac{2 + 3\sqrt{2}}{2}$ oe | 2 | <p>M1 for $\frac{(3 + \sqrt{2}) \times \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2}}$ oe</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Many knew they had to multiply the numerator and denominator by $\sqrt{2}$ but they only multiplied the 3 by $\sqrt{2}$ and not the $\sqrt{2}$ as well. Some just cancelled the two $\sqrt{2}$ s and gave the answer as 3.</p> | ie for intention to multiply top and bottom by $\sqrt{2}$ |
| | | Total | 4 | | |

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| 8 | | i | $6\sqrt{2}$ final answer | 2 | <p>M1 for $\sqrt{25 \times 2}$ or better seen</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Many were well prepared for part (a). In part (i) many scored a method mark for $\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{25}$, but those who converted this to $5\sqrt{2}$ did not always simplify to $6\sqrt{2}$ as the answer. The common errors were answers of $\sqrt{52}$, $\sqrt{100}$ and $\sqrt{50} = 2\sqrt{5}$ in the working.</p> | |
| | | ii | $\frac{5\sqrt{6}}{3}$ final answer | 2 | <p>M1 for $\frac{10}{\sqrt{6}} \times \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{6}}$</p> <p>oe</p> <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>In part (ii), most candidates rationalised the denominator correctly, but few</p> <p>cancelled $\frac{10\sqrt{6}}{6}$ to its simplest form.</p> | <p>For 2 marks accept $1\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{6}$</p> |
| | | | Total | 4 | | |

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| 9 | | $7\sqrt{3}$ | 3 | M2 for $2\sqrt{3}$ and $\sqrt{4 \times 3}$ or M1 for $5\sqrt{3}$ or better or $\sqrt{25 \times 3}$ or better | |
| | | Total | 3 | <p><u>Examiner's Comments</u></p> <p>In part (a), the work on surds was generally weak and candidates need to learn the conventions for simplifying surd expressions.</p> | |

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|----------|--|--|---------------------------|--|---|
| 10 | | $\frac{(4 + 2\sqrt{5})(\sqrt{5} + 1)}{(\sqrt{5} - 1)(\sqrt{5} + 1)}$ $(4\sqrt{5} + 4 + 10 + 2\sqrt{5})$ oe or better $(5 - \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{5} - 1)$ oe or better $\frac{6\sqrt{5} + 14}{4} = \frac{3\sqrt{5} + 7}{2}$ | 4 M1 M1 M1 A1 | condone one error soi by 5 -1 or 4 condone one error | bracket expansion could be in a table i.e. dividing by 2 |
| | | Total | 4 | <p>Examiner's Comments</p> <p>Most candidates who multiplied top and bottom by $\sqrt{5} + 1$, obtained the correct solution. A few candidates were unable to simplify their expression. Most did not know how to start this question.</p> | |