

SURDS

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21. Express $\sqrt{180}$ in the form $a\sqrt{b}$, where a is a whole number and b is a prime number.

$$\sqrt{4 \times 45} = \sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{45} = 2\sqrt{45}$$

$$2\sqrt{9 \times 5} = 2\sqrt{9} \times \sqrt{5} = 2 \times 3 \times \sqrt{5} = 6\sqrt{5}$$

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(b) Express $\sqrt{192}$ in the form $a\sqrt{b}$, where a is a whole number and b is a prime number.

$$\sqrt{4 \times 48} = 2\sqrt{48}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{16 \times 3}$$

$$= 2 \times 4\sqrt{3}$$

$$= 8\sqrt{3}$$

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(c) Simplify $(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})^2 - 8$, expressing your answer in surd form.

$$(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5}) = (\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3}) + (\sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{5}) + (\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{5}) + (\sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{3})$$

$$= 3 + \sqrt{15} + \sqrt{15} + 5$$

$$= 8 + 2\sqrt{15}$$

$$\text{So } (\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})^2 - 8 = 8 + 2\sqrt{15} - 8 = 2\sqrt{15}$$

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12. (a) Find the value of $(\sqrt{45} - \sqrt{5})^2$.

$$\sqrt{45} = \sqrt{9 \times 5} = \sqrt{9} \times \sqrt{5} = 3\sqrt{5}$$

$$(\sqrt{45} - \sqrt{5}) = 3\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{5} = 2\sqrt{5}$$

$$(\sqrt{45} - \sqrt{5})^2 = (2\sqrt{5})^2 = 2^2(\sqrt{5})^2 = 4 \times 5 = 20$$

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(c) Evaluate $(\sqrt{72} - \sqrt{2})^2$.

$$(\sqrt{36 \times 2} - \sqrt{2})^2 = (6\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2})^2 = (5\sqrt{2})^2$$

$$= 5^2(\sqrt{2})^2 = 25 \times 2 = 50$$

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(c) Simplify $(3 - 5\sqrt{2})^2$ and state whether your answer is rational or irrational.

$$(3 - 5\sqrt{2})(3 - 5\sqrt{2}) = 9 - 15\sqrt{2} - 15\sqrt{2} + (25 \times 2) \\ = 59 - 30\sqrt{2}$$

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22. (a) Expand $(5 + 3\sqrt{2})^2$. Simplify your answer.

$$(5 + 3\sqrt{2})(5 + 3\sqrt{2}) = 25 + 15\sqrt{2} + 15\sqrt{2} + (9 \times 2) \\ = 43 + 30\sqrt{2}$$

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(c) Find the value of $(\sqrt{50} - \sqrt{2})^2$.

$$(\sqrt{25 \times 2} - \sqrt{2})^2 = (5\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2})^2 = (4\sqrt{2})^2 = 4^2(\sqrt{2})^2 = 16 \times 2 \\ = 32$$

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20. (a) Find the value of $(\sqrt{32} - \sqrt{2})^2$.

$$(\sqrt{16 \times 2} - \sqrt{2})^2 = (4\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2})^2 = (3\sqrt{2})^2 = 3^2(\sqrt{2})^2 = 9 \times 2 \\ = 18$$

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(b) Given that $p = \sqrt{7}$, $q = \sqrt{11}$ and $r = \sqrt{154}$, simplify pqr .

$$\sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{11} \times \sqrt{154} = \sqrt{7 \times 11 \times 154} = \sqrt{77 \times 154} \\ \sqrt{77} \times \sqrt{77 \times 2} = \sqrt{77} \times \sqrt{77} \times \sqrt{2} = 77\sqrt{2}$$

~~$$\sqrt{7 \times 11 \times 154}$$~~

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \quad 5 \quad 4 \\ \hline \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 0 & 7 & 3 & 2 & 8 & 7 \\ \hline 0 & 7 & 3 & 5 & 3 & 8 & 7 \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline 8 \quad 5 \quad 8 \end{array}$$

$$\sqrt{11858} = \sqrt{5929 \times 2} \\ = 77\sqrt{2}$$

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(b) Given that $p = \sqrt{5}$, $q = \sqrt{13}$ and $r = \sqrt{325}$, simplify pqr .

$$\sqrt{325} = \sqrt{25 \times 13} = 5\sqrt{13}$$

$$pqr = \sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{13} \times 5 \times \sqrt{13} \\ = 65\sqrt{5}$$

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25. Given that $f = \sqrt{2}$, $g = \sqrt{3}$ and $h = \sqrt{6}$, find in the simplest form,

(a) $\frac{fh}{g}$, $\frac{\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{\frac{12}{3}} = \sqrt{4} = 2$

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(b) $fg + 2h$.

$$\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{6} = \sqrt{2 \times 3} + 2\sqrt{6} \\ = \sqrt{6} + 2\sqrt{6} \\ = 3\sqrt{6}$$

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(c) Given that $f = \sqrt{2}$, $g = \sqrt{5}$ and $h = \sqrt{10}$, find, in its simplest form,

(i) $\frac{fg}{h}$,

$$\frac{\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{10}} = \sqrt{\frac{10}{10}} = 1$$

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(ii) $fg + h$,

$$\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{10} = \sqrt{10} + \sqrt{10} = 2\sqrt{10}$$

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(iii) fh .

$$\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{10} = \sqrt{20} = \sqrt{4 \times 5} = \sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{5} = 2\sqrt{5}$$

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21. Given that $a = \sqrt{5}$, $b = \sqrt{7}$ and $c = \sqrt{35}$, simplify abc and state whether your answer is rational or irrational.

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{35} \\ &= \sqrt{35} \times \sqrt{35} \\ &= 35 \end{aligned}$$

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- (c) Given that $a = \sqrt{5}$, $b = \sqrt{7}$ and $c = \sqrt{70}$, find the value of abc .

Write your answer in the form $n\sqrt{2}$ where n is a whole number.

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$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{70} \\ &= \sqrt{35} \times \sqrt{2 \times 35} \\ &= \sqrt{35} \times \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{35} \\ &= 35\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

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