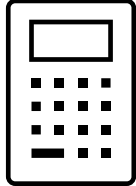


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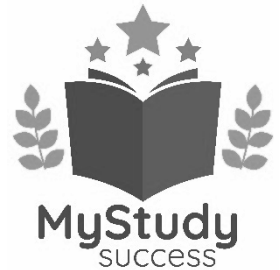
GCSE Mathematics

Completing the Square



ANSWERS

Grade 8



These questions get more difficult as your go through this paper.

This topic could come up on a calculator paper and non-calculator paper.

Materials

- **Formulae Sheet** (on the next page)
- **Black** ink or ball-point pen
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Protractor
- Compass
- Tracing Paper
- **Calculator allowed**

Instructions

- Show **all** of your working.
- Draw diagrams in pencil.
- Plot graphs in pencil.
- Diagrams are **not** accurately drawn, unless otherwise indicated.

Higher Tier Formulae Sheet

Perimeter, Area and Volume

Where a and b are the lengths of the parallel sides and h is their perpendicular separation:

Area of a trapezium = $\frac{1}{2}(a + b)h$

Volume of a prism = area of cross section $\times$ length

Where r is the radius and d is the diameter:

Circumference of a circle = $2\pi r = \pi d$

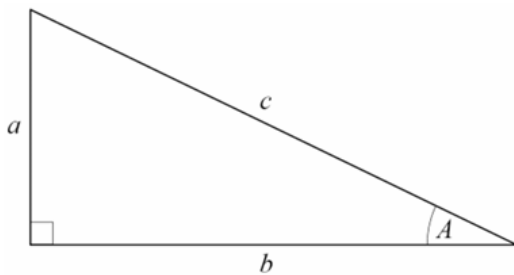
Area of a circle = πr^2

Quadratic Formula

The solution of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ where $a \neq 0$

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

Pythagoras' Theorem and Trigonometry

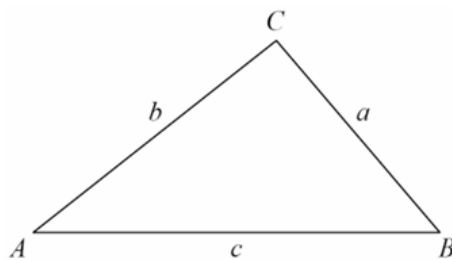


In any right-angled triangle where a , b and c are the length of the sides and c is the hypotenuse:

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

In any right-angled triangle ABC where a , b and c are the length of the sides and c is the hypotenuse:

$$\sin A = \frac{a}{c} \quad \cos A = \frac{b}{c} \quad \tan A = \frac{a}{b}$$



In any triangle ABC where a , b and c are the length of the sides:

$$\text{sine rule: } \frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

$$\text{cosine rule: } a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

$$\text{Area of triangle} = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin C$$

Compound Interest

Where P is the principal amount, r is the interest rate over a given period and n is number of times that the interest is compounded:

$$\text{Total accrued} = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{100} \right)^n$$

Probability

Where $P(A)$ is the probability of outcome A and $P(B)$ is the probability of outcome B :

$$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$$

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A \text{ given } B)P(B)$$

- 1 Write down the coordinates for the turning point of the graph $y = (x + 3)^2 + 9$

$$y = (x + 3)^2 + 9$$

$\downarrow$ $\downarrow$
 $x + 3 = 0$ $y = 9$
 $x = -3$

(-3 , 9)

(Total for question 1 is 1 mark)

- 2 Write down the coordinates for the turning point of the graph $y = (x + 7)^2 - 8$

$$y = (x + 7)^2 - 8$$

$\downarrow$ $\downarrow$
 $x + 7 = 0$ $y = -8$
 $x = -7$

(-7 , -8)

(Total for question 2 is 1 mark)

- 3 Write down the coordinates for the turning point of the graph $y = (x - 2)^2 + 2$

$$y = (x - 2)^2 + 2$$

$\downarrow$ $\downarrow$
 $x - 2 = 0$ $y = 2$
 $x = 2$

(2 , 2)

(Total for question 3 is 1 mark)

- 4 Write down the coordinates for the turning point of the graph $y = (x - 5)^2 - 4.25$

$$y = (x - 5)^2 - 4.25$$

$\downarrow$ $\downarrow$
 $x - 5 = 0$ $y = -4.25$
 $x = 5$

(5 , -4.25)

(Total for question 4 is 1 mark)

- 5 Write down the coordinates for the turning point of the graph $y = 2(x - 3)^2 + 6$

$$y = 2(x - 3)^2 + 6$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \downarrow & \downarrow \\ x - 3 = 0 & y = 6 \\ x = 3 & \end{array}$$

(3 , 6)

(Total for question 5 is 1 mark)

- 6 Write down the coordinates for the turning point of the graph $y = \frac{2}{3}(x + 6)^2 + 9$

$$y = \frac{2}{3}(x + 6)^2 + 9$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \downarrow & \downarrow \\ x + 6 = 0 & y = 9 \\ x = -6 & \end{array}$$

(-6 , 9)

(Total for question 6 is 1 mark)

- 7 (a) Write $x^2 + 4x - 5$ in the form $(x + a)^2 + b$, where a and b are integers.

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 4x - 5 \\ (x + 2)^2 - (2)^2 - 5 \\ (x + 2)^2 - 4 - 5 \\ (x + 2)^2 - 9 \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{(x + 2)^2 - 9}$$

(2)

- (b) Hence, or otherwise, write down the coordinates of the turning point of the graph

$$y = x^2 + 4x - 5$$

$$y = (x + 2)^2 - 9$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \downarrow & \downarrow \\ x + 2 = 0 & y = -9 \\ x = -2 & \end{array}$$

(-2 , -9)

(1)

(Total for question 7 is 3 marks)

- 8 (a) Write $x^2 - 10x + 2$ in the form $(x + a)^2 + b$, where a and b are integers.

$$x^2 - 10x + 2$$

$$(x - 5)^2 - (-5)^2 + 2$$

$$(x - 5)^2 - 25 + 2$$

$$(x - 5)^2 - 23$$

$$\underline{(x - 5)^2 - 23}$$

(2)

- (b) Hence, or otherwise, write down the coordinates of the turning point of the graph

$$y = x^2 - 10x + 2$$

$$y = (x - 5)^2 - 23$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x - 5 = 0 \\ x = 5 \end{array}$$

$$y = -23$$

$$\left(\underline{5}, \underline{-23} \right)$$

(1)

(Total for question 8 is 3 marks)

- 9 (a) Write $2x^2 + 8x - 3$ in the form $a(x + b)^2 + c$, where a , b and c are integers.

$$2x^2 + 8x - 3$$

$$2[x^2 + 4x] - 3$$

$$2[(x+2)^2 - (2)^2] - 3$$

$$2[(x+2)^2 - 4] - 3$$

$$2(x+2)^2 - 8 - 3$$

$$2(x+2)^2 - 11$$

$$\underline{2(x+2)^2 - 11}$$

(3)

- (b) Hence, or otherwise, write down the coordinates of the turning point of the graph

$$y = 2x^2 + 8x - 3$$

$$y = 2(x+2)^2 - 11$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x+2 = 0 \\ x = -2 \end{array}$$

$$y = -11$$

$$\left(\underline{-2}, \underline{-11} \right)$$

(1)

(Total for question 9 is 4 marks)

10 (a) Write $3x^2 - 6x - 7$ in the form $a(x + b)^2 + c$, where a , b and c are integers.

$$3x^2 - 6x - 7$$

$$3[x^2 - 2x] - 7$$

$$3[(x-1)^2 - (1)^2] - 7$$

$$3[(x-1)^2 - 1] - 7$$

$$3(x-1)^2 - 3 - 7$$

$$3(x-1)^2 - 10$$

$$\underline{3(x-1)^2 - 10}$$

(3)

(b) Hence, or otherwise, write down the coordinates of the turning point of the graph

$$y = 3x^2 - 6x - 7$$

$$y = 3(x-1)^2 - 10$$

$$x-1=0$$

$$x=1$$

$$y=-10$$

$$(\underline{1}, \underline{-10})$$

(1)

(Total for question 10 is 4 marks)

11 (a) Write $2x^2 + 10x + 4$ in the form $a(x + b)^2 + c$, where a , b and c are integers.

$$2x^2 + 10x + 4$$

$$2[x^2 + 5x] + 4$$

$$2[(x + \frac{5}{2})^2 - (\frac{5}{2})^2] + 4$$

$$2[(x + \frac{5}{2})^2 - \frac{25}{4}] + 4$$

$$2(x + \frac{5}{2})^2 - \frac{25}{2} + 4$$

$$2(x + \frac{5}{2})^2 - \frac{17}{2}$$

$$\underline{2(x + \frac{5}{2})^2 - \frac{17}{2}}$$

$$\text{OR } 2(x+2.5)^2 - 8.5$$

(3)

(b) Hence, or otherwise, write down the coordinates of the turning point of the graph

$$y = 2x^2 + 10x + 4$$

$$y = 2(x + \frac{5}{2})^2 - \frac{17}{2}$$

$$x + \frac{5}{2} = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{5}{2}$$

$$y = -\frac{17}{2}$$

$$(\underline{-\frac{5}{2}}, \underline{-\frac{17}{2}})$$

$$\text{OR } (-2.5, -8.5)$$

(1)

(Total for question 11 is 4 marks)

12 (a) Write $3x^2 - 4x + 10$ in the form $a(x + b)^2 + c$, where a , b and c are integers.

$$3x^2 - 4x + 10$$

$$3\left[x^2 - \frac{4}{3}x\right] + 10$$

$$3\left[\left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2\right] + 10$$

$$3\left[\left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 - \frac{4}{9}\right] + 10$$

$$3\left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 - \frac{12}{9} + 10$$

$$3\left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{26}{3}$$

$$\underline{3\left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{26}{3}}$$

(3)

(b) Hence, or otherwise, write down the coordinates of the turning point of the graph

$$y = 3x^2 - 4x + 10$$

$$y = 3\left(x - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{26}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x - \frac{2}{3} &= 0 \\ x &= \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$y = \frac{26}{3}$$

$$\left(\underline{\frac{2}{3}}, \underline{\frac{26}{3}}\right)$$

(1)

(Total for question 12 is 4 marks)

13 (a) Write $7x^2 + 5x - 4$ in the form $a(x + b)^2 + c$, where a , b and c are integers.

$$7x^2 + 5x - 4$$

$$7\left[x^2 + \frac{5}{7}x\right] - 4$$

$$7\left[\left(x + \frac{5}{14}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{5}{14}\right)^2\right] - 4$$

$$7\left[\left(x + \frac{5}{14}\right)^2 - \frac{25}{196}\right] - 4$$

$$7\left(x + \frac{5}{14}\right)^2 - \frac{25}{28} - 4$$

$$7\left(x + \frac{5}{14}\right)^2 - \frac{137}{28}$$

$$\underline{7\left(x + \frac{5}{14}\right)^2 - \frac{137}{28}}$$

(3)

(b) Hence, or otherwise, write down the coordinates of the turning point of the graph

$$y = 7x^2 + 5x - 4$$

$$y = 7\left(x + \frac{5}{14}\right)^2 - \frac{137}{28}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x + \frac{5}{14} &= 0 \\ x &= -\frac{5}{14} \end{aligned}$$

$$y = -\frac{137}{28}$$

$$\left(\underline{-\frac{5}{14}}, \underline{-\frac{137}{28}}\right)$$

(1)

(Total for question 13 is 4 marks)

14 By completing the square, solve $x^2 + 4x + 3 = 0$

$$x^2 + 4x + 3 = 0$$

$$(x+2)^2 - (2)^2 + 3 = 0$$

$$(x+2)^2 - 4 + 3 = 0$$

$$(x+2)^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$(x+2)^2 = 1$$

$$\sqrt{} \quad \sqrt{}$$

$$x+2 = \pm 1$$

$$(-2) \quad (-2)$$

$$x = -2 \pm 1$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ x = -2 + 1 \quad x = -2 - 1 \\ = -1 \quad = -3 \end{array}$$

$$x = -1 \text{ or } -3$$

(Total for question 14 is 5 marks)

15 By completing the square, solve $x^2 - 8x + 5 = 0$

Give your answer in surd form.

$$x^2 - 8x + 5 = 0$$

$$(x-4)^2 - (4)^2 + 5 = 0$$

$$(x-4)^2 - 16 + 5 = 0$$

$$(x-4)^2 - 11 = 0$$

$$(x-4)^2 = 11$$

$$\sqrt{} \quad \sqrt{}$$

$$x-4 = \pm \sqrt{11}$$

$$(+4) \quad (+4)$$

$$x = 4 \pm \sqrt{11}$$

$$x = 4 \pm \sqrt{11}$$

(Total for question 15 is 5 marks)