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Completing the square

(9 – 1) Topic booklet

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These questions have been collated from previous years GCSE Mathematics papers.

You must have: Ruler graduated in centimetres and millimetres, protractor, pair of compasses, pen, HB pencil, eraser.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*
- Diagrams are NOT accurately drawn, unless otherwise indicated.
- You must **show all your working out.**
- If the question is a **1H** question you are not allowed to use a calculator.
- If the question is a **2H** or a **3H** question, you may use a calculator to help you answer.

Information

- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

Answer ALL questions
Write your answers in the space provided.
You must write down all the stages in your working.

- 11** Write $x^2 + 2x - 8$ in the form $(x + m)^2 + n$
where m and n are integers.



Specimen 1 – Paper 3H

(Total for Question 11 is 2 marks)

- 13** Write $x^2 + 6x - 7$ in the form $(x + a)^2 + b$ where a and b are integers.



November 2017 – Paper 3H

(Total for Question 13 is 2 marks)

- 17** Write down the coordinates of the turning point on the graph of $y = (x + 12)^2 - 7$

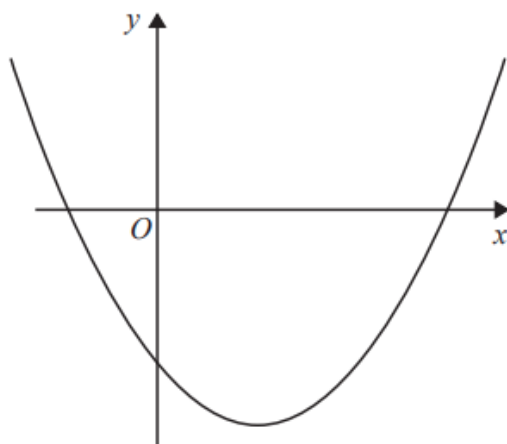


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November 2020 – Paper 2H

(Total for Question 17 is 1 mark)

17 Here is a sketch of a curve.



The equation of the curve is $y = x^2 + ax + b$ where a and b are integers.

The points $(0, -5)$ and $(5, 0)$ lie on the curve.

Find the coordinates of the turning point of the curve.

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



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(ii) Hence, write down the coordinates of the turning point on the graph of $y = x^2 - 8x + 3$

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19 Given that $x^2 - 6x + 1 = (x - a)^2 - b$ for all values of x ,

(i) find the value of a and the value of b .

$a =$

$b =$
(2)

(ii) Hence write down the coordinates of the turning point on the graph of $y = x^2 - 6x + 1$

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20 The curve C has equation $y = 2x^2 - 12x + 7$

Find the coordinates of the turning point on C.



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- 21** The equation of a curve is $y = 4x^2 - 56x$
The curve has one turning point.



By completing the square, show that the coordinates of the turning point are $(7, -196)$
You must show all your working.

- 22** Find the coordinates of the turning point on the curve with equation $y = 9 + 18x - 3x^2$
You must show all your working.

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November 2021 – Paper 1H

(Total for Question 22 is 4 marks)

23 (a) Write $2x^2 + 16x + 35$ in the form $a(x + b)^2 + c$ where a , b , and c are integers.



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(b) Hence, or otherwise, write down the coordinates of the turning point of the graph of $y = 2x^2 + 16x + 35$

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