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# Solving equations

(9 – 1) Topic booklet

## Foundation

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 **1F** question you are not allowed to use a calculator.
- If the question is a **2F** or a **3F** 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.**

**3** Solve  $\frac{y}{4} = 10.5$

$y = \dots\dots\dots$

November 2017 – Paper 1F

**(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)**

**3** Solve  $\frac{x}{5} = 2\frac{1}{2}$

$x = \dots\dots\dots$

**(1)**

June 2017 – Paper 1F

**(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)**

**5** Solve  $p - 2 = 3$

$p = \dots\dots\dots$

June 2023 – Paper 1F

**(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)**

7 (a) Solve  $f + 2f + f = 20$



$$f = \dots\dots\dots$$

(1)

(b) Solve  $18 - m = 6$

$$m = \dots\dots\dots$$

(1)

Specimen 1 – Paper 3F

(Total for Question 7 is 2 marks)

8 (a) Solve  $m - 3 = 4$

$$m = \dots\dots\dots$$

(1)

(b) Solve  $3n + n = 24$

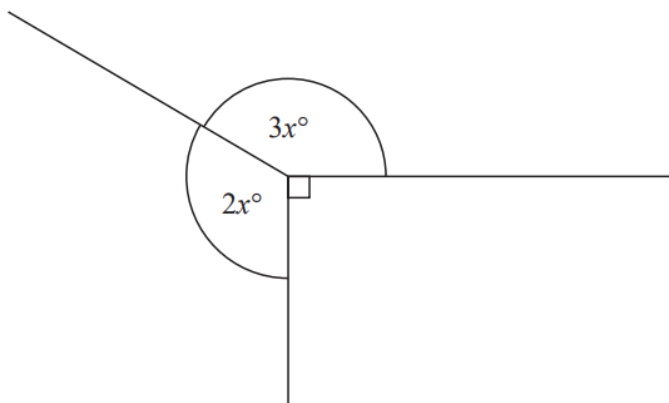
$$n = \dots\dots\dots$$

(2)

November 2022 – 1F

(Total for Question 8 is 3 marks)

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Find the value of  $x$ .

June 2017 – Paper 2F

(Total for Question 9 is 3 marks)

10 (a) Solve  $3m = 36$



$m =$  .....  
(1)

(b) Solve  $7 - x = 3$

$x =$  .....  
(1)

May 2020 – Paper 2F

(Total for Question 10 is 2 marks)

**10** (a) Solve  $t + t + t = 12$

$$t = \dots\dots\dots$$

**(1)**

(b) Solve  $x - 2 = 6$

$$x = \dots\dots\dots$$

**(1)**

(c) Solve  $6w + 2 = 20$

$$w = \dots\dots\dots$$

**(2)**

June 2019 – Paper 1F

**(Total for Question 10 is 4 marks)**

**10** Solve  $3x + 7 = 1$

$$x = \dots\dots\dots$$

**(2)**

Specimen 2 – Paper 1F

**(Total for Question 10 is 2 marks)**

**10** Solve  $3x - 5 = 9$



$x =$  .....  
(2)

Sample 1 – Paper 2F

**(Total for Question 10 is 2 marks)**



**11** (a) Solve  $x + x + x = 51$

$x =$  .....  
(1)

(b) Solve  $\frac{y}{4} = 3$

$y =$  .....  
(1)

(c) Solve  $2f + 7 = 18$

$f =$  .....  
(1)

May 2018 – Paper 2F

**(Total for Question 11 is 3 marks)**

**11** Gabriel thinks of a number.

He multiplies his number by 5 and then adds 7

His answer is 72

What number did Gabriel think of?



June 2023 – Paper 3F

(Total for Question 11 is 3 marks)

**14** Solve  $5(2m - 6) = 40$



$m =$  .....  
(3)

November 2022 – 2F

(Total for Question 14 is 3 marks)

**14** Solve  $5p + 7 = 22$



$p = \dots\dots\dots$   
(2)

May 2020 – Paper 3F

**(Total for Question 14 is 2 marks)**

**15** Solve  $4x - 7 = 37$

$x = \dots\dots\dots$   
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November 2021 – Paper 1F

**(Total for Question 15 is 2 marks)**

**16** Solve  $\frac{x}{7} + 9 = 4$



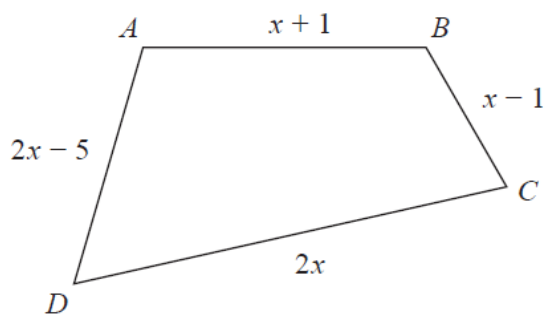
$x = \dots\dots\dots$

November 2023 – Paper 3F

**(Total for Question 16 is 2 marks)**



16 Here is a quadrilateral  $ABCD$ .



All the measurements are in centimetres.  
The perimeter of  $ABCD$  is 52 centimetres.  
Work out the length of  $DC$ .

..... centimetres

November 2022 – 1F (Total for Question 16 is 4 marks)

**16** Solve  $3(m - 4) = 21$

$m = \dots\dots\dots$   
(2)

May 2018 – Paper 1F

**(Total for Question 16 is 2 marks)**

**16 (a)** Solve  $4c + 5 = 11$



$c = \dots\dots\dots$   
(2)

(b) Solve  $5(e + 7) = 20$

$e = \dots\dots\dots$   
(2)

Specimen 1 – Paper 2F

**(Total for Question 16 is 4 marks)**

**16** Solve  $5x - 6 = 3(x - 1)$



$x =$  .....

November 2017 – Paper 2F

**(Total for Question 16 is 3 marks)**

**17** Solve  $5p = 3p + 8$



$p =$  .....

(2)

Specimen 2 – Paper 2F

**(Total for Question 17 is 2 marks)**

**17** Solve  $2(5x - 4) = 21$



$x =$  .....

(3)

November 2021 – Paper 3F

**(Total for Question 17 is 3 marks)**

**17** Solve  $\frac{3y}{4} = 12$



$y = \dots\dots\dots$   
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June 2022 – Paper 3F

**(Total for Question 17 is 4 marks)**

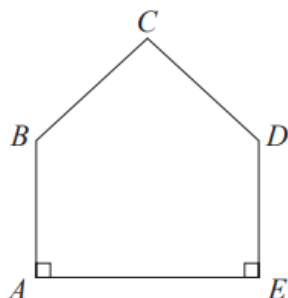
**17** Solve  $2(4x - 5) = 18$

$x = \dots\dots\dots$

May 2024 – Paper 1F

**(Total for Question 17 is 3 marks)**

- 17 The diagram shows a pentagon.  
The pentagon has one line of symmetry.



$$AE = 4x$$

$$AB = 2x + 1$$

$$BC = x + 2$$

All these measurements are given in centimetres.

The perimeter of the pentagon is 18 cm.

- (a) Show that  $10x + 6 = 18$

(3)

- (b) Find the value of  $x$ .

$$x = \dots\dots\dots$$

(2)

**18** Solve  $4(2x - 3) = 20$



$x =$  .....

June 2023 – Paper 3F

**(Total for Question 18 is 3 marks)**

**19** Solve  $7(f - 5) = 28$

$f =$  .....  
(2)

May 2020 – Paper 1F

**(Total for Question 19 is 2 marks)**

**19** Solve  $3(x - 4) = 12$



$x =$  .....  
(2)

November 2018 – Paper 2F

**(Total for Question 19 is 2 marks)**

**19** Solve  $4(x - 6) = 44$



$x =$  .....

November 2019 – Paper 3F

**(Total for Question 19 is 2 marks)**

**19**      Solve       $4(x - 5) = 18$

$x =$  .....  
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June 2017 – Paper 1F **(Total for Question 19 is 2 marks)**

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**19** Solve  $4x + 5 = x + 26$

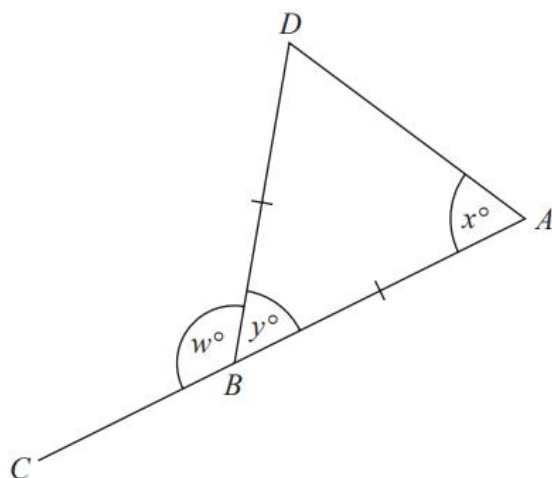
$x =$  .....

Sample 1 – Paper 1F **(Total for Question 19 is 2 marks)**

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**23** The diagram shows an isosceles triangle  $ABD$  and the straight line  $ABC$ .



$$BA = BD$$

$$x:y = 2:1$$

Work out the value of  $w$ .

$$w = \dots\dots\dots$$

**24** Mano has three shelves of books.

There are  $x$  books on shelf **A**.

There are  $(3x + 1)$  books on shelf **B**.

There are  $(2x - 5)$  books on shelf **C**.

There is a total of 44 books on the three shelves.

All the books have the same mass.

The books on shelf **B** have a total mass of 7500 g.

Work out the total mass of the books on shelf **A**.

**24** Solve  $2x^2 = 72$



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(2)

November 2017 – Paper 2F

**(Total for Question 24 is 2 marks)**

**24** Solve  $x^2 + 5x - 24 = 0$



June 2017 – Paper 2F

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**(Total for Question 24 is 3 marks)**

**25** Solve  $5x - 14 = 52 - x$



$x =$  .....

November 2023 – Paper 2F

**(Total for Question 25 is 3 marks)**

**25** Solve  $\frac{5 - x}{2} = 2x - 7$

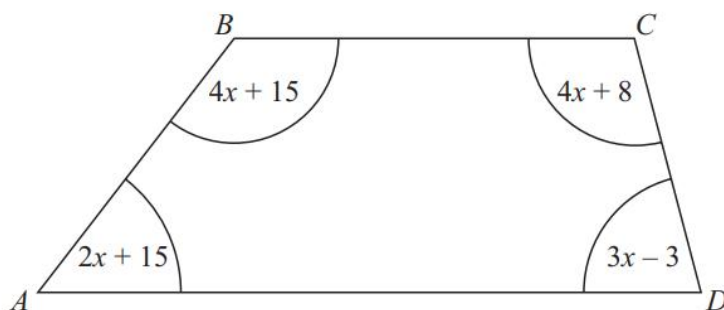


$x =$  .....

May 2018 – Paper 3F

**(Total for Question 25 is 3 marks)**

26  $ABCD$  is a quadrilateral.



All angles are measured in degrees.

Show that  $ABCD$  is a trapezium.

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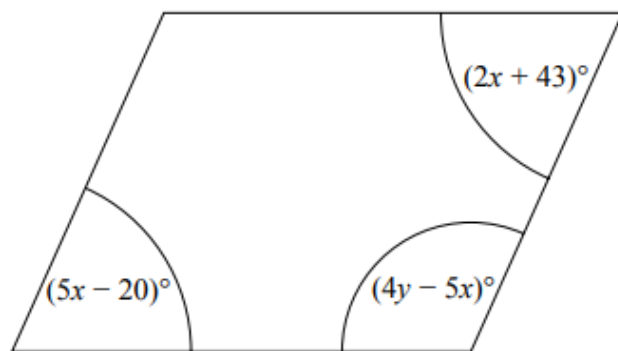
(Total for Question 26 is 4 marks)

27 Solve  $x^2 - 7x - 18 = 0$

November 2021 – Paper 1F

(Total for Question 27 is 3 marks)

**28** Here is a parallelogram.



Work out the value of  $x$  and the value of  $y$ .

$$x = \dots\dots\dots$$

$$y = \dots\dots\dots$$