

Algebraic Expressions

Question Paper, Set 08

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Maximum marks: 50

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1. Answer all 20 questions. The marks for each question are shown in brackets.
2. Show your working for the 2, 3 and 5 mark questions.
3. The key sheet and worked solutions are at the end of this paper.

1. Write in symbolic form: 4 divided by y . [1 mark]
2. Write the factors of $-15pqr^3$. [1 mark]
3. Simplify: $\frac{q}{3} + \frac{q}{4}$ [1 mark]
4. Simplify: $9x + x - 11x - 6$ [2 marks]
5. Is $8 + \frac{t}{7}$ a polynomial? Give a reason. [1 mark]
6. Find the degree of $\frac{5}{8}p^2qt^3$. [1 mark]
7. Find the degree of the polynomial $-5a^2b^4 + 6a^5b^3 + a^4b + 6a^4b^3$. [2 marks]
8. Find the value of $-4a^2b$ when $a = -4$ and $b = 2$. [2 marks]
9. Add $8a + 7b + 9m$ and $-4a + \frac{1}{4}b + 8m$. [3 marks]
10. Add $\frac{2}{3}n^2 + 2t^2 + 5nt$ and $-\frac{3}{4}n^2 + \frac{4}{3}nt - t^2$ by the vertical method. [3 marks]
11. Subtract $3x + \frac{1}{3}y$ from $4x + 7y$. [2 marks]
12. If $A = 3c^2 - 7c - 6$ and $B = 5c^2 - c - 5$, find (i) $3A - 4B$ (ii) $(A + B) - (B - A)$. [5 marks]
13. Subtract $m^2 - 5t^2 - 2mt - 8$ from $m^2 - 2t^2 + 4$ by the vertical method. [3 marks]
14. Find $5x^2y \times (-4x^3y) \times 5xy^3$. [1 mark]
15. Multiply: $-4p^2(-4p^2q - 5t + 8q^2)$ [2 marks]
16. Multiply: $(q - 3r)(3q + r)$ [3 marks]
17. Simplify: $(q + 6)(q - 5) - (3q + 7)(q - 4)$ [5 marks]
18. Subtract $5mn(2m - n)$ from $3mn(m + 3n)$. [2 marks]
19. Simplify: $5r(q^2 - 2qr) - 3qr(q - 2r) + q(qr - r^2) + 2q^2(r - 2r^2)$ [5 marks]
20. Simplify: $a - [5b + \{2a - (2b + 4c)\}]$ [5 marks]

Key sheet

Q	Answer
1	$\frac{4}{y}$
2	$-15, p, q, r, r, r$
3	$\frac{7q}{12}$
4	$-x - 6$
5	Yes, it is a polynomial.
6	6
7	8
8	-128
9	$4a + \frac{29}{4}b + 17m$
10	$-\frac{1}{12}n^2 + t^2 + \frac{19}{3}nt$
11	$x + \frac{20}{3}y$
12	(i) $-11c^2 - 17c + 2$ (ii) $6c^2 - 14c - 12$
13	$3t^2 + 12 + 2mt$
14	$-100x^6y^5$
15	$16p^4q + 20p^2t - 32p^2q^2$
16	$3q^2 - 8qr - 3r^2$
17	$-2q^2 + 6q - 2$
18	$-7m^2n + 14mn^2$
19	$5q^2r - 5qr^2 - 4q^2r^2$
20	$-a - 3b + 4c$

Solutions

1. Write in symbolic form: 4 divided by y . [1]

4 divided by y is written $\frac{4}{y}$.

Symbolic form: $\frac{4}{y}$

Ans: $\frac{4}{y}$

2. Write the factors of $-15pqr^3$. [1]

$$-15pqr^3 = -15 \times p \times q \times r \times r \times r$$

Each number and each letter in the product is a factor.

Factors: $-15, p, q, r, r, r$

Ans: $-15, p, q, r, r, r$

3. Simplify: $\frac{q}{3} + \frac{q}{4}$ [1]

$$\frac{q}{3} + \frac{q}{4}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}\right)q$$

$$\text{For } q: \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{4+3}{12} = \frac{7}{12}$$

$$= \frac{7q}{12}$$

Ans: $\frac{7q}{12}$

4. Simplify: $9x + x - 11x - 6$ [2]

$$9x + x - 11x - 6$$

$$= (9 + 1 - 11)x - 6$$

$$= -x - 6$$

Ans: $-x - 6$

5. Is $8 + \frac{t}{7}$ a polynomial? Give a reason. [1]

$\frac{t}{7} = \frac{1}{7}t$; the power of t is 1, a whole number.

Both terms are monomials.

Yes, it is a polynomial.

Ans: Yes, it is a polynomial.

6. Find the degree of $\frac{5}{6}p^2qt^3$. [1]

Degree of a monomial = sum of the powers of its variables.

$$2 + 1 + 3 = 6$$

So the degree of $\frac{5}{6}p^2qt^3$ is 6.

Ans: 6

7. Find the degree of the polynomial $-5a^2b^4 + 6a^5b^3 + a^4b + 6a^4b^3$. [2]

Degrees of the terms: $-5a^2b^4$: 6, $6a^5b^3$: 8, a^4b : 5, $6a^4b^3$: 7.

Greatest among $\{6, 8, 5, 7\}$ is 8.

So the degree of the polynomial is 8.

Ans: 8

8. Find the value of $-4a^2b$ when $a = -4$ and $b = 2$. [2]

Put $a = -4$ and $b = 2$:

$$\begin{aligned} & -4(-4)^2(2) \\ & = -128 \end{aligned}$$

Ans: -128

9. Add $8a + 7b + 9m$ and $-4a + \frac{1}{4}b + 8m$. [3]

$$\begin{aligned} & 8a + 7b + 9m - 4a + \frac{1}{4}b + 8m \\ & = (8 - 4)a + (7 + \frac{1}{4})b + (9 + 8)m \\ \text{For } b: & 7 + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{28+1}{4} = \frac{29}{4} \\ & = 4a + \frac{29}{4}b + 17m \end{aligned}$$

Ans: $4a + \frac{29}{4}b + 17m$

10. Add $\frac{2}{3}n^2 + 2t^2 + 5nt$ and $-\frac{3}{4}n^2 + \frac{4}{3}nt - t^2$ by the vertical method. [3]

Write like terms one below the other and add each column.

$$\begin{array}{rrr} \frac{2}{3}n^2 & +2t^2 & +5nt \\ -\frac{3}{4}n^2 & -t^2 & +\frac{4}{3}nt \\ \hline -\frac{1}{12}n^2 & +t^2 & +\frac{19}{3}nt \end{array}$$

$$\text{For } n^2: \frac{2}{3} - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{8-9}{12} = -\frac{1}{12}$$

$$\text{For } nt: 5 + \frac{4}{3} = \frac{15+4}{3} = \frac{19}{3}$$

$$\text{Sum} = -\frac{1}{12}n^2 + t^2 + \frac{19}{3}nt$$

Ans: $-\frac{1}{12}n^2 + t^2 + \frac{19}{3}nt$

11. Subtract $3x + \frac{1}{3}y$ from $4x + 7y$. [2]

$$\begin{aligned} & (4x + 7y) - (3x + \frac{1}{3}y) \\ & = 4x + 7y - 3x - \frac{1}{3}y \\ & = (4 - 3)x + (7 - \frac{1}{3})y \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{For } y: 7 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{21-1}{3} = \frac{20}{3}$$

$$= x + \frac{20}{3}y$$

Ans: $x + \frac{20}{3}y$

12. If $A = 3c^2 - 7c - 6$ and $B = 5c^2 - c - 5$, find (i) $3A - 4B$ (ii) $(A + B) - (B - A)$. [5]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad & 3(3c^2 - 7c - 6) - 4(5c^2 - c - 5) \\ &= 9c^2 - 21c - 18 - 20c^2 + 4c + 20 \\ &= (9 - 20)c^2 + (-21 + 4)c + (-18 + 20) \\ &= -11c^2 - 17c + 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad & A + B = 8c^2 - 8c - 11 \\ & B - A = 2c^2 + 6c + 1 \\ & (A + B) - (B - A) = (8c^2 - 8c - 11) - (2c^2 + 6c + 1) \\ &= 8c^2 - 8c - 11 - 2c^2 - 6c - 1 \\ &= (8 - 2)c^2 + (-8 - 6)c + (-11 - 1) \\ &= 6c^2 - 14c - 12 \end{aligned}$$

Ans: (i) $-11c^2 - 17c + 2$ (ii) $6c^2 - 14c - 12$

13. Subtract $m^2 - 5t^2 - 2mt - 8$ from $m^2 - 2t^2 + 4$ by the vertical method. [3]

Write $m^2 - 2t^2 + 4$ on top and the expression to be subtracted below it, like terms in the same column.

$$\begin{array}{rrrr} m^2 & -2t^2 & +4 & \\ m^2 & -5t^2 & -8 & -2mt \\ (-) & (+) & (+) & (+) \\ \hline & 3t^2 & +12 & +2mt \end{array}$$

Change the sign of every term in the lower row, then add each column.

The m^2 terms cancel.

$$= 3t^2 + 12 + 2mt$$

Ans: $3t^2 + 12 + 2mt$

14. Find $5x^2y \times (-4x^3y) \times 5xy^3$. [1]

$$\begin{aligned} &= (5 \times (-4) \times 5)(x^2 \times x^3 \times x)(y \times y \times y^3) \\ &= -100x^6y^5 \end{aligned}$$

Ans: $-100x^6y^5$

15. Multiply: $-4p^2(-4p^2q - 5t + 8q^2)$ [2]

$$\begin{aligned} &= (-4p^2)(-4p^2q) + (-4p^2)(-5t) + (-4p^2)(8q^2) \\ &= 16p^4q + 20p^2t - 32p^2q^2 \end{aligned}$$

Ans: $16p^4q + 20p^2t - 32p^2q^2$

16. Multiply: $(q - 3r)(3q + r)$ [3]

$$\begin{aligned} &= 3q^2 + qr - 9qr - 3r^2 \\ &= 3q^2 - 8qr - 3r^2 \end{aligned}$$

Ans: $3q^2 - 8qr - 3r^2$

17. Simplify: $(q + 6)(q - 5) - (3q + 7)(q - 4)$ [5]

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (q^2 - 5q + 6q - 30) - (3q^2 - 12q + 7q - 28) \\
 &= q^2 - 5q + 6q - 30 - 3q^2 + 12q - 7q + 28 \\
 &= (1 - 3)q^2 + (-5 + 6 + 12 - 7)q + (-30 + 28) \\
 &= -2q^2 + 6q - 2 \\
 \text{Ans: } &-2q^2 + 6q - 2
 \end{aligned}$$

18. Subtract $5mn(2m - n)$ from $3mn(m + 3n)$. [2]

$$\begin{aligned}
 &3mn(m + 3n) - 5mn(2m - n) \\
 &= 3m^2n + 9mn^2 - 10m^2n + 5mn^2 \\
 &= (3 - 10)m^2n + (9 + 5)mn^2 \\
 &= -7m^2n + 14mn^2 \\
 \text{Ans: } &-7m^2n + 14mn^2
 \end{aligned}$$

19. Simplify: $5r(q^2 - 2qr) - 3qr(q - 2r) + q(qr - r^2) + 2q^2(r - 2r^2)$ [5]

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 5q^2r - 10qr^2 - 3q^2r + 6qr^2 + q^2r - qr^2 + 2q^2r - 4q^2r^2 \\
 &= (5 - 3 + 1 + 2)q^2r + (-10 + 6 - 1)qr^2 - 4q^2r^2 \\
 &= 5q^2r - 5qr^2 - 4q^2r^2 \\
 \text{Ans: } &5q^2r - 5qr^2 - 4q^2r^2
 \end{aligned}$$

20. Simplify: $a - [5b + \{2a - (2b + 4c)\}]$ [5]

Remove the innermost brackets first.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= a - [5b + \{2a - 2b - 4c\}] \\
 &= a - [5b + 2a - 2b - 4c] \\
 &= a - [3b + 2a - 4c] \\
 &= a - 3b - 2a + 4c \\
 &= -a - 3b + 4c \\
 \text{Ans: } &-a - 3b + 4c
 \end{aligned}$$
