

Algebra (Introduction)

Question Paper, Set 02

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Maximum marks: 50

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

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. Which of the following is a variable: -13 , 17 , q , 30 ? [1 mark]
2. From $\frac{7}{8}$, p , r , a , $-\frac{1}{5}$, -4 , write (i) the variables (ii) the constants. [2 marks]
3. Represent in symbolic form: the subtraction of x from a . [1 mark]
4. Represent the following statements in symbolic form: (i) 36 more than m (ii) a decreased by 52 [2 marks]
5. Represent the following statements in symbolic form: (i) 10 times x (ii) x decreased by 13 (iii) 48 more than p (iv) 8 times q added to 12 times t (v) 26 divided by z [5 marks]
6. Represent the following statements in symbolic form: (i) One third of z (ii) 10 less than half of x [2 marks]
7. Fill in the box: $\square \times x = x$ [1 mark]
8. Simplify: (i) $1 \times xy$ (ii) $\frac{mp}{1}$ (iii) $-1 \times mnp$ [3 marks]
9. Which of the following are terms: $15 - a$, $\frac{7}{x}$, 9 , $\frac{10n}{t}$, $14 - b$? [1 mark]
10. Write 18 as a product of two factors in all possible ways. [2 marks]
11. Write the coefficient of t in (i) $-9t$ (ii) $18at$ (iii) $-9qt$. [3 marks]
12. Write the coefficient of n in $-\frac{n}{9}$. [1 mark]
13. State whether the following are like (or) unlike terms. Give reason. (i) $6z$, $-14z$ (ii) $-14mt$, $-14mn$ [2 marks]
14. Group the like terms: $8t$, $15t$, $-5t$, $14mn$, $-7z$, $15mn$, $8z$. [5 marks]
15. Find the sum of $28mn$ and $20mn$. [1 mark]
16. Add: (i) $21pr + 28pr$ (ii) $21a + 12a$ [2 marks]
17. Add the like terms: $2xz + 5 + 2 + 11xz$. [3 marks]
18. Simplify: (i) $10ac - 28ac$ (ii) $-6ac + 19ac$ (iii) $24ac - 4ac$ [3 marks]

19. Simplify: (i) $-17m + 15m$ (ii) $-25m - 11m$ (iii) $6m - 12m$ (iv) $29p - 2p$ (v) $-2p + 11p$ [5 marks]

20. Simplify $14xz - 3pq - 6r - 5pq - 10xz - 8r + 4pq$. [5 marks]

Key sheet

Q	Answer
1	q
2	(i) p, r, a (ii) $\frac{7}{8}, -\frac{1}{5}, -4$
3	$a - x$
4	(i) $m + 36$, (ii) $a - 52$
5	(i) $10x$, (ii) $x - 13$, (iii) $p + 48$, (iv) $12t + 8q$, (v) $\frac{26}{z}$
6	(i) $\frac{z}{3}$, (ii) $\frac{x}{2} - 10$
7	1
8	(i) xy , (ii) mp , (iii) $-mnp$
9	$\frac{7}{x}, 9, \frac{10n}{t}$
10	$18 = 1 \times 18 = 2 \times 9 = 3 \times 6$
11	(i) -9 , (ii) $18a$, (iii) $-9q$
12	$-\frac{1}{9}$
13	(i) Like, (ii) Unlike
14	$8t, 15t, -5t; 14mn, 15mn; -7z, 8z$
15	$48mn$
16	(i) $49pr$, (ii) $33a$
17	$13xz + 7$
18	(i) $-18ac$, (ii) $13ac$, (iii) $20ac$
19	(i) $-2m$, (ii) $-36m$, (iii) $-6m$, (iv) $27p$, (v) $9p$
20	$4xz - 4pq - 14r$

Solutions

1. Which of the following is a variable: -13 , 17 , q , 30 ? [1]

A variable (or literal) can take various numerical values. A constant has a fixed value.

17 , 30 and -13 have fixed values, so they are constants.

q can take various values, so it is the variable.

Ans: q

2. From $\frac{7}{8}$, p , r , a , $-\frac{1}{5}$, -4 , write (i) the variables (ii) the constants. [2]

Variables can take various numerical values: p , r and a .

Constants have a fixed value: $\frac{7}{8}$, $-\frac{1}{5}$ and -4 .

Ans: (i) p , r , a (ii) $\frac{7}{8}$, $-\frac{1}{5}$, -4

3. Represent in symbolic form: the subtraction of x from a . [1]

Take x away from a .

$$a - x$$

Ans: $a - x$

4. Represent the following statements in symbolic form: (i) 36 more than m (ii) a decreased by 52 [2]

(i) 36 more than m : add 36 to m . $m + 36$

(ii) Take 52 away from a . $a - 52$

Ans: (i) $m + 36$, (ii) $a - 52$

5. Represent the following statements in symbolic form: (i) 10 times x (ii) x decreased by 13 (iii) 48 more than p (iv) 8 times q added to 12 times t (v) 26 divided by z [5]

(i) Multiply: $10 \times x = 10x$

(ii) Take 13 away from x . $x - 13$

(iii) 48 more than p : add 48 to p . $p + 48$

(iv) 8 times q is $8q$; 12 times t is $12t$. Add $8q$ to $12t$: $12t + 8q$

(v) 26 divided by z is $\frac{26}{z}$

Ans: (i) $10x$, (ii) $x - 13$, (iii) $p + 48$, (iv) $12t + 8q$, (v) $\frac{26}{z}$

6. Represent the following statements in symbolic form: (i) One third of z (ii) 10 less than half of x [2]

(i) One third of z is $\frac{z}{3}$

(ii) Half of x is $\frac{x}{2}$. 10 less than it: take away 10. $\frac{x}{2} - 10$

Ans: (i) $\frac{z}{3}$, (ii) $\frac{x}{2} - 10$

7. Fill in the box: $\square \times x = x$ [1]

Rule: $1 \times a = a$

So $1 \times x = x$: the box is 1.

Ans: 1

8. Simplify: (i) $1 \times xy$ (ii) $\frac{mp}{1}$ (iii) $-1 \times mnp$ [3]

(i) Rule $1 \times a = a$, so $1 \times xy = xy$

(ii) Rule $\frac{a}{1} = a$, so $\frac{mp}{1} = mp$

(iii) Rule $-1 \times a = -a$, so $-1 \times mnp = -mnp$

Ans: (i) xy , (ii) mp , (iii) $-mnp$

9. Which of the following are terms: $15 - a$, $\frac{7}{x}$, 9 , $\frac{10n}{t}$, $14 - b$? [1]

A term is made from constants and variables by multiplication (or) division only.

$15 - a$ and $14 - b$ use $+$ (or) $-$, so they are not terms.

Terms: $\frac{7}{x}$, 9 and $\frac{10n}{t}$.

Ans: $\frac{7}{x}$, 9 , $\frac{10n}{t}$

10. Write 18 as a product of two factors in all possible ways. [2]

$$18 = 1 \times 18$$

$$18 = 2 \times 9$$

$$18 = 3 \times 6$$

So the factors of 18 are 1, 2, 3, 6, 9 and 18.

Ans: $18 = 1 \times 18 = 2 \times 9 = 3 \times 6$

11. Write the coefficient of t in (i) $-9t$ (ii) $18at$ (iii) $-9qt$. [3]

(i) $-9t = -9 \times t$, so the coefficient is -9 .

(ii) $18at = 18a \times t$, so the coefficient is $18a$.

(iii) $-9qt = -9q \times t$, so the coefficient is $-9q$.

Ans: (i) -9 , (ii) $18a$, (iii) $-9q$

12. Write the coefficient of n in $-\frac{n}{9}$. [1]

$$-\frac{n}{9} = -\frac{1}{9} \times n$$

So the coefficient of n is $-\frac{1}{9}$.

Ans: $-\frac{1}{9}$

13. State whether the following are like (or) unlike terms. Give reason. (i) $6z$, $-14z$ (ii) $-14mt$, $-14mn$ [2]

(i) $6z$, $-14z$: the same literal factors z , so like terms.

(ii) $-14mt$ has literal factors mt , $-14mn$ has literal factors mn : different, so unlike terms.

Ans: (i) Like, (ii) Unlike

14. Group the like terms: $8t$, $15t$, $-5t$, $14mn$, $-7z$, $15mn$, $8z$. [5]

Like terms have the same literal factors.

Literal factor t : $8t$, $15t$ and $-5t$.

Literal factor mn : $14mn$ and $15mn$.

Literal factor z : $-7z$ and $8z$.

Ans: $8t$, $15t$, $-5t$; $14mn$, $15mn$; $-7z$, $8z$

15. Find the sum of $28mn$ and $20mn$. [1]

$$\begin{aligned}28mn + 20mn &= (28 + 20)mn \\ &= 48mn\end{aligned}$$

Ans: $48mn$

16. Add: (i) $21pr + 28pr$ (ii) $21a + 12a$ [2]

$$\begin{aligned}\text{(i) } 21pr + 28pr &= (21 + 28)pr = 49pr \\ \text{(ii) } 21a + 12a &= (21 + 12)a = 33a\end{aligned}$$

Ans: (i) $49pr$, (ii) $33a$

17. Add the like terms: $2xz + 5 + 2 + 11xz$. [3]

Letter terms together, numbers together.

$$\begin{aligned}2xz + 5 + 2 + 11xz &= (2xz + 11xz) + (5 + 2) \\ &= (2 + 11)xz + (5 + 2) \\ &= 13xz + 7\end{aligned}$$

Ans: $13xz + 7$

18. Simplify: (i) $10ac - 28ac$ (ii) $-6ac + 19ac$ (iii) $24ac - 4ac$ [3]

$$\begin{aligned}\text{(i) } 10ac - 28ac &= (10 - 28)ac = -18ac \\ \text{(ii) } -6ac + 19ac &= (-6 + 19)ac = 13ac \\ \text{(iii) } 24ac - 4ac &= (24 - 4)ac = 20ac\end{aligned}$$

Ans: (i) $-18ac$, (ii) $13ac$, (iii) $20ac$

19. Simplify: (i) $-17m + 15m$ (ii) $-25m - 11m$ (iii) $6m - 12m$ (iv) $29p - 2p$ (v) $-2p + 11p$ [5]

$$\begin{aligned}\text{(i) } -17m + 15m &= (-17 + 15)m = -2m \\ \text{(ii) } -25m - 11m &= (-25 - 11)m = -36m \\ \text{(iii) } 6m - 12m &= (6 - 12)m = -6m \\ \text{(iv) } 29p - 2p &= (29 - 2)p = 27p \\ \text{(v) } -2p + 11p &= (-2 + 11)p = 9p\end{aligned}$$

Ans: (i) $-2m$, (ii) $-36m$, (iii) $-6m$, (iv) $27p$, (v) $9p$

20. Simplify $14xz - 3pq - 6r - 5pq - 10xz - 8r + 4pq$. [5]

Bring the like terms together, then add (or) subtract the numbers.

$$\begin{aligned}14xz - 3pq - 6r - 5pq - 10xz - 8r + 4pq &= (14xz - 10xz) + (-3pq - 5pq + 4pq) + (-6r - 8r) \\ &= (14 - 10)xz + (-3 - 5 + 4)pq + (-6 - 8)r \\ &= 4xz - 4pq - 14r\end{aligned}$$

Ans: $4xz - 4pq - 14r$
