



*Simple revision for  
Mathematics for first  
Preparatory*

# Algebra

[1] Find each of the following:

$$[a] \sqrt{16}$$

$$[b] -\sqrt{25}$$

$$[c] \pm \sqrt{40000}$$

$$[d] \sqrt{\frac{9}{49}}$$

$$[e] -\sqrt{\frac{64}{25}}$$

$$[f] \pm \sqrt{1.44}$$

$$[g] \pm \sqrt{8^2}$$

$$[h] -\sqrt{4^2}$$

$$[i] \sqrt{\left(\frac{81}{100}\right)}$$

$$[j] -\sqrt{\frac{49a^4}{25b^6}}$$

$$[k] \pm \sqrt{\frac{49a^4b^2}{9}}$$

$$[L] \sqrt{\frac{25X^2Y^2}{36}}$$

Solution

$$[a] \sqrt{16} = 4$$

$$[b] -\sqrt{25} = -5$$

$$[c] \pm \sqrt{40000} = \pm 20$$

$$[d] \sqrt{\frac{9}{49}} = \frac{3}{7}$$

$$[e] -\sqrt{\frac{64}{25}} = -\frac{8}{5} = -1.6$$

$$[f] \pm \sqrt{1.44} = \pm 1.2$$

$$[g] \pm \sqrt{8^2} = \pm 8$$

$$[h] -\sqrt{4^2} = -4$$

$$[i] \sqrt{\left(\frac{81}{100}\right)^2} = \frac{81}{100}$$

$$[j] -\sqrt{\frac{49a^4}{25b^6}} = -\frac{7a^2}{5b^3}$$

$$[k] \pm \sqrt{\frac{49a^4b^2}{9}} = \pm \frac{7a^2b}{3}$$

$$[L] \sqrt{\frac{25X^2Y^2}{36}} = \frac{5XY}{6}$$

[2] Find the solution set of each of the following equations:

(a)  $X + 17 = 13$  where  $X \in \mathbb{N}$

(b)  $-4 + y = 13$  where  $X \in \mathbb{N}$

(c)  $M - (-3) = 1$  where  $X \in \mathbb{Z}$

(d)  $3(X + 2) + 7(X - 1) = 12$  where  $X \in \mathbb{Q}$

(e)  $X + 3 = 18 - 3X$  where  $X \in \mathbb{Q}$

## Solution

◦ (a)  $X + 17 = 13$  where  $X \in \mathbb{N}$

$$X = 13 - 17 = -7 \notin \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{S.S} = \emptyset$$

(b)  $-4 + y = 13$  where  $X \in \mathbb{N}$

$$y = 13 + 4 = 17 \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{S.S} = \{ 17 \}$$

(c)  $M - (-3) = 1$  where  $X \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$M = 1 + (-3) = -2 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{S.S} = \{ -2 \}$$

(d)  $3(X + 2) + 7(X - 1) = 12$

$$3X + 6 + 7X - 7 = 12$$

$$10X - 1 = 12$$

$$10X = 12 + 1 = 13$$

$$X = 13 \div 10 = 1.3 \in \mathbb{Q}$$

$$\text{S.S} = \{ 1.3 \}$$

(e)  $X + 3 = 18 - 3X$

$$X + 3X = 18 - 3$$

$$4X = 15$$

$$X = 15 \div 4 = 3.75 \in \mathbb{Q}$$

$$\text{S.S} = \{ 3.75 \}$$

[3] Find the solution set of the following inequalities in Q:

[a]  $2X + 3 < 9$

[b]  $8X - 3X + 1 \leq 29$

[c]  $4n - 2(n - 1) \geq 0$

*Solution*

◦ (a)  $2X + 3 < 9$

$$2X < 9 - 3$$

$$2X < 6$$

$$X < 3$$

$$\text{S.S} = \{ X : X \in \mathbb{Q}, X < 3 \}$$

(b)  $8X - 3X + 1 \leq 29$

$$5X + 1 \leq 29$$

$$5X \leq 29 - 1$$

$$X \leq \frac{28}{5}$$

$$\text{S.S} = \{ X : X \in \mathbb{Q}, X \leq \frac{28}{5} \}$$

(c)  $4n - 2(n - 1) \geq 0$

$$4n - 2n + 2 \geq 0$$

$$2n + 2 \geq 0$$

$$2n \geq -2$$

$$n \geq -1$$

$$\text{S.S} = \{ n : n \in \mathbb{Q}, n \geq -1 \}$$

[4] A fair die is rolled once. Calculate the probability of rolling:

- (a) An even number                      (b) A prime number  
(c) A number greater than 3            (d) A number satisfies:  $2 < X < 3$   
(e) A number equal to 4                (f) A number more than 7  
(g) A number divisible by 3

Solution

$$S = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \}$$

- (a) The probability of an even number =  $\frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$   
(b) The probability of a prime number =  $\frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$   
(c) The probability of a number greater than 3 =  $\frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$   
(d) The probability of a number satisfies the inequality  $2 < X < 3 = 0$   
(e) The probability of a number equal to 4 =  $\frac{1}{6}$   
(f) The probability of a number more than 7 = 0  
(g) The probability of a number divisible by 3 =  $\frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$

[5] A card is drawn from a bag of 25 cards numbered from 1 to 25.  
Calculate the probability that the drawn card carries:

- (a) A number divisible by 5                      (b) A number  $\geq 20$   
(c) A perfect square number                      (d) A prime number

Solution

- (a) The probability of a number divisible by 5 =  $\frac{5}{25} = \frac{1}{5}$

(b) The probability of a number  $\geq 20 = \frac{6}{25}$

(c) The probability of a perfect square number  $= \frac{5}{25} = \frac{1}{5}$

(d) The probability of a prime number  $= \frac{9}{25}$