



4.8F Expanding and Factorising: Foundation Tier Practice

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Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Answer ALL questions. Show all your working.

- 1** Expand and simplify: $3(2x + 4)$.

(Total for Question 1 is 2 marks)

- 2** Expand fully: $(x + 5) + (2x + 3)$.

(Total for Question 2 is 2 marks)

- 3** Expand and simplify: $4(x - 2) - 2x$.

(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)

- 4** Factorise fully: $6y + 9$.

(Total for Question 4 is 3 marks)

5 Factorise fully: $8m - 12n$.

(Total for Question 5 is 3 marks)

6 Factorise the quadratic: $x^2 + 5x + 6$.

(Total for Question 6 is 4 marks)

7 Factorise the quadratic: $x^2 + 7x + 12$. Give the answer in bracket form.

(Total for Question 7 is 4 marks)

8 A small charity sells charity bags. The cost to make each bag is given by the expression $2x + 3$, where x is the number of special stickers used. The charity makes 5 identical bags. Write an expression for the total cost for the 5 bags and then expand and simplify it.

(a) Write an expression for the total cost for the 5 bags. (2)

(b) Expand and simplify the expression from part (a). (4)

(Total for Question 8 is 6 marks)

9 A rectangular label has length $(3x + 2)$ cm and width $(x - 1)$ cm. Find an expression for the area of the label and then expand and simplify it.

(a) Write an expression for the area of the rectangle. (2)

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(b) Expand and simplify the expression from part (a). (4)

(Total for Question 9 is 6 marks)

10 Remove common factors and factorise fully: $12p^2q - 8pq^2 + 4pq$.

(a) Write down the highest common factor that can be removed from all three terms. (2)

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(b) Factorise the expression fully after removing the common factor. (6)

(Total for Question 10 is 8 marks)

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Question 1

- **M1** multiply each term by 3: $3 \times 2x$ and 3×4 shown
- **A1** $6x + 12$ cao
- **Answer:** $6x + 12$

Question 2

- **M1** collect like terms shown: $x + 2x$ and $5 + 3$
- **A1** $3x + 8$ cao
- **Answer:** $3x + 8$

Question 3

- **M1** expand $4(x - 2)$ to $4x - 8$ or equivalent
- **A1** $2x - 8$ cao
- **Answer:** $2x - 8$

Question 4

- **M1** identify common factor 3 and show factoring step: $3(2y + 3)$ or equivalent
- **A1** $3(2y + 3)$ cao
- **B1** final answer written in fully factorised form, $3(2y + 3)$ oe
- **Answer:** $3(2y + 3)$

Question 5

- **M1** identify common factor 4 and show factoring step: $4(2m - 3n)$ or equivalent
- **A1** $4(2m - 3n)$ cao
- **B1** final answer written in fully factorised form, $4(2m - 3n)$ oe
- **Answer:** $4(2m - 3n)$

Question 6

- **M1** find two numbers multiplying to 6 and adding to 5 (2 and 3) shown
- **M1** split middle term or show factors used: $x^2 + 2x + 3x + 6$
- **A1** $(x + 2)(x + 3)$ cao
- **B1** final answer given in bracket form $(x + 2)(x + 3)$ oe
- **Answer:** $(x + 2)(x + 3)$

Question 7

- **M1** identify pair 3 and 4 that multiply to 12 and add to 7
- **M1** split middle term or show factors: $x^2 + 3x + 4x + 12$
- **A1** $(x + 3)(x + 4)$ cao
- **B1** final answer presented in bracket form $(x + 3)(x + 4)$ oe
- **Answer:** $(x + 3)(x + 4)$

Question 8

- (a) **M1** show 5 times the cost of one bag: $5(2x + 3)$ or equivalent
- (a) **A1** $5(2x + 3)$ cao
- (a) **Answer:** $5(2x + 3)$
- (b) **M1** show multiplication by 5 applied to both terms: $5 \times 2x$ and 5×3 shown
- (b) **M1** state the intermediate expanded terms $10x$ and 15 explicitly
- (b) **A1** $10x + 15$ cao
- (b) **B1** final simplified expression given as $10x + 15$ oe
- (b) **Answer:** $10x + 15$

Question 9

- (a) **M1** area = length * width shown: $(3x + 2)(x - 1)$
- (a) **A1** $(3x + 2)(x - 1)$ cao
- (a) **Answer: $(3x + 2)(x - 1)$**
- (b) **M1** multiply out brackets correctly: $3x * x$, $3x * (-1)$, $2 * x$, $2 * (-1)$ shown
- (b) **M1** write each term found: $3x^2$, $-3x$, $2x$, -2
- (b) **A1** combine like terms correctly to give $3x^2 - x - 2$ cao
- (b) **B1** final simplified form presented as $3x^2 - x - 2$ oe
- (b) **Answer: $3x^2 - x - 2$**

Question 10

- (a) **M1** identify common factor $4pq$ or equivalent shown
- (a) **A1** $4pq$ cao
- (a) **Answer: $4pq$**
- (b) **M1** factor out $4pq$ from each term and show intermediate division: $12p^2q \div 4pq = 3p$, $-8pq^2 \div 4pq = -2q$, $4pq \div 4pq = 1$
- (b) **M1** write the expression as $4pq(3p - 2q + 1)$ or equivalent bracket contents shown
- (b) **M1** show multiplication back check for at least one term, e.g. $4pq * 3p = 12p^2q$
- (b) **A1** $4pq(3p - 2q + 1)$ cao
- (b) **B1** correct ordering of terms in the brackets $(3p - 2q + 1)$ oe
- (b) **B1** final answer presented in fully factorised form $4pq(3p - 2q + 1)$ oe
- (b) **Answer: $4pq(3p - 2q + 1)$**