Indices and surds – 2021 O Level Additional Math
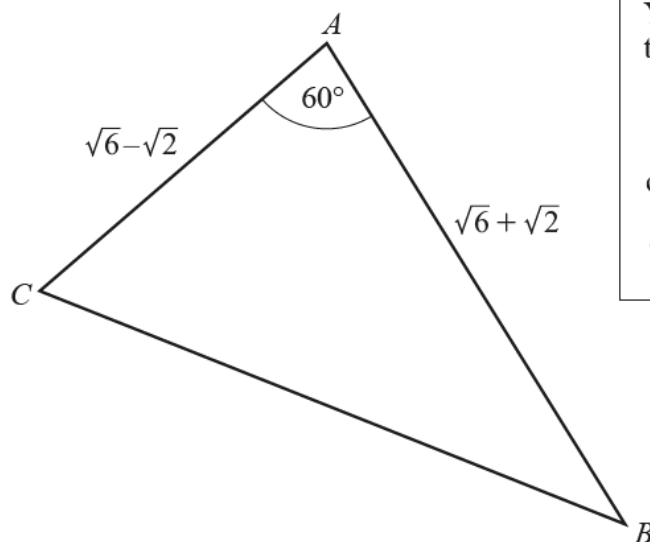
1. Nov/2021/Paper_12/No.2

(a) Given that $\dfrac{\sqrt[3]{xy}(zy)^2}{(xz)^{-3}\sqrt{z}} = x^a y^b z^c$, find the exact values of the constants a, b and c. [3]

(b) Solve the equation $5(2^{2p+1}) - 17(2^p) + 3 = 0$. [4]

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2. Nov/2021/Paper_22/No.6

DO NOT USE A CALCULATOR IN THIS QUESTION.
All lengths in this question are in centimetres.

You may use the following trigonometrical ratios.

$$\sin 60° = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\cos 60° = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\tan 60° = \sqrt{3}$$

The diagram shows triangle ABC with $AC = \sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}$, $AB = \sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}$ and angle $CAB = 60°$.

(a) Find the exact length of BC.   [3]

(b) Show that $\sin ACB = \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}$.   [2]

(c) Show that the perpendicular distance from A to the line BC is 1.   [2]

3. Nov/2021/Paper_23/No.4c

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4. June/2021/Paper_11/No.8a

DO NOT USE A CALCULATOR IN THIS QUESTION.

A curve has equation $y = \left(2 - \sqrt{3}\right)x^2 + x - 1$. The x-coordinate of a point A on the curve is $\dfrac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2 - \sqrt{3}}$.

(a) Show that the coordinates of A can be written in the form $\left(p + q\sqrt{3}, r + s\sqrt{3}\right)$, where p, q, r and s are integers. [5]

5. June/2021/Paper_12/No.1

Write $\dfrac{(pqr)^{-2}r^{\frac{1}{3}}}{\left(p^{2}r\right)^{-1}q^{3}}$ in the form $p^{a}q^{b}r^{c}$, where a, b and c are constants. [3]

6. June/2021/Paper_12/No.6

DO NOT USE A CALCULATOR IN THIS QUESTION.

A curve has equation $y = (3 + \sqrt{5})x^2 - 8\sqrt{5}x + 60$.

(a) Find the x-coordinate of the stationary point on the curve, giving your answer in the form $a + b\sqrt{5}$, where a and b are integers. [4]

(b) Hence find the y-coordinate of this stationary point, giving your answer in the form $c\sqrt{5}$, where c is an integer. [3]

7. June/2021/Paper_14/No.9a

In this question all lengths are in centimetres.
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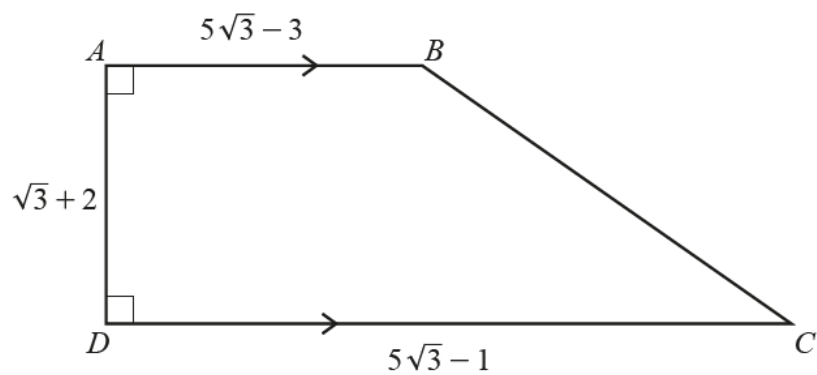
The diagram shows the trapezium $ABCD$, where $AB = 5\sqrt{3} - 3$, $DC = 5\sqrt{3} - 1$ and $AD = \sqrt{3} + 2$.

(a) Find the area of $ABCD$, giving your answer in the form $a + b\sqrt{3}$, where a and b are integers. [3]

8. June/2021/Paper_24/No.1

Find the exact solution of the equation $\dfrac{p^{\frac{3}{2}}+p^{\frac{1}{2}}}{p^{-\frac{1}{2}}}=4$. [3]