

# N62 Surds Rationalise the Denominator

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N59/60 (i)  $\sqrt{50} + \sqrt{2}$

$$\begin{array}{c} \sqrt{50} \\ \sqrt{25} \sqrt{2} \\ 5\sqrt{2} \end{array}$$

$$5\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}$$

$$6\sqrt{2}$$

(a)(i) ..... [2]

(ii)  $\frac{10}{\sqrt{6}}$   
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$$\frac{10}{\sqrt{6}} \times \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{10\sqrt{6}}{\cancel{6}_3} =$$

$$\frac{5\sqrt{6}}{3} \checkmark$$

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$$\frac{4+2\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}-1} \times \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{\sqrt{5}+1}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{3}6\sqrt{5} + \cancel{14}7}{\cancel{4}2}$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{5}+7}{2}$$

$$(4+2\sqrt{5})(\sqrt{5}+1)$$

$$4\sqrt{5} + 4 + 2(5) + 2\sqrt{5}$$

$$= 4\sqrt{5} + 4 + 10 + 2\sqrt{5}$$

$$= 6\sqrt{5} + 14 \checkmark$$

$$(\sqrt{5}-1)(\sqrt{5}+1)$$

$$(5 + \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{5} - 1)$$

$$= 4$$

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$$(\sqrt{2})^n = k\sqrt{2}$$

(a) (i) Find  $k$  when  $n = 7$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{7}{2} &= 3\frac{1}{2} \\ 3\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$(2^{1/2})^7 = k(2^{1/2})$$

$$2^{7/2} = k(2^{1/2})$$

$$\frac{2^{7/2}}{2^{1/2}} = k$$

$${}^2\sqrt{2} = 2^{1/2}$$

$$k = 2^3$$

$$k = 8$$

$$8$$

(a)(i)  $k = \dots\dots\dots 8 \dots\dots\dots$  [2]

(ii) Find  $n$  when  $k = 64$ .

$$\begin{aligned} k\sqrt{2} & \\ 64 \times 2^{1/2} & \\ 2^6 \times 2^{1/2} & \\ = 2^{6\frac{1}{2}} & \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{2} = (2^{1/2})^n = 2^{6\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$2^{1/2n} = 2^{6\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}n &= 6.5 \\ n &= 13 \end{aligned}$$

$$13$$

(ii)  $n = \dots\dots\dots 13 \dots\dots\dots$  [2]



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$$\frac{14}{3-\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{3+\sqrt{2}}{3+\sqrt{2}} = \frac{14(3+\sqrt{2})}{(3-\sqrt{2})(3+\sqrt{2})} = \frac{42 + 14\sqrt{2}}{7}$$
$$= 6 + 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$(3-\sqrt{2})(3+\sqrt{2})$$

$$9 + 3\sqrt{2} - 3\sqrt{2} - 2$$

$$9 - 2$$

$$= 7$$

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**19**  $\frac{1 + \sqrt{2}}{(3 - \sqrt{2})^2}$  can be written in the form  $a + b\sqrt{2}$

Find the value of  $a$  and the value of  $b$ .

$a = \dots\dots\dots$

$b = \dots\dots\dots$

**(Total for Question 19 is 5 marks)**

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19  $\frac{1 + \sqrt{2}}{(3 - \sqrt{2})^2}$  can be written in the form  $a + b\sqrt{2}$

Find the value of  $a$  and the value of  $b$ .

$$\begin{array}{l} (3 - \sqrt{2})(3 - \sqrt{2}) \\ 9 - 3\sqrt{2} - 3\sqrt{2} + 2 \\ \hline 11 - 6\sqrt{2} \\ (1 + \sqrt{2})(11 + 6\sqrt{2}) \\ 11 + 6\sqrt{2} + 11\sqrt{2} + 6(2) \\ \hline 23 + 17\sqrt{2} \end{array}$$
$$\frac{1 + \sqrt{2}}{11 - 6\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{11 + 6\sqrt{2}}{11 + 6\sqrt{2}}$$
$$\rightarrow \frac{23 + 17\sqrt{2}}{49}$$

$$(11 - 6\sqrt{2})(11 + 6\sqrt{2})$$

$$121 + \cancel{66\sqrt{2}} - \cancel{66\sqrt{2}} - 36(2)$$

$$121 - 72 = 49$$

$$a = \frac{23}{49}$$

$$b = \frac{17}{49}$$

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$$\frac{12 + \sqrt{128}}{1 - \sqrt{2}} \times \frac{1 + \sqrt{2}}{1 + \sqrt{2}}$$

$\sqrt{128}$   
 $\sqrt{64}\sqrt{2}$   
 $8\sqrt{2}$

$$(1 - \sqrt{2})(1 + \sqrt{2})$$

$$1 + \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2} - 2$$

$$1 - 2 = -1$$

$$(12 + \sqrt{128})(1 + \sqrt{2})$$

$$= 12 + 12\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{128} + \sqrt{28}$$

$$= 12 + 12\sqrt{2} + 8\sqrt{2} + 16$$

$$= 28 + 20\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{Ans} = \frac{28 + 20\sqrt{2}}{-1}$$

$$= -28 - 20\sqrt{2}$$

(Total for Question 20 is 4 marks) ✓

**21** Show that  $\frac{6 - \sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{2} - 1}$  can be written in the form  $a + b\sqrt{2}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers.

**(Total for Question 21 is 3 marks)**



21 Show that  $\frac{6-\sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{2}-1}$  can be written in the form  $a+b\sqrt{2}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers.

$$\frac{6-\sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{2}-1} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{\sqrt{2}+1}$$

$$(6-\sqrt{8})(\sqrt{2}+1)$$

$$6\sqrt{2} + 6 - \sqrt{16} - \sqrt{8}$$

$$6\sqrt{2} + 6 - 4 - 2\sqrt{2} \\ = 4\sqrt{2} + 2$$

$$\sqrt{8} = \sqrt{4}\sqrt{2} = 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$(\sqrt{2}-1)(\sqrt{2}+1)$$

$$2 + \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2} - 1$$

$$2 - 1 = 1$$

ans

$$\frac{4\sqrt{2} + 2}{1}$$

$$= 4\sqrt{2} + 2$$

$$= 2 + 4\sqrt{2} \checkmark$$

(Total for Question 21 is 3 marks)

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Here is how he answered the question.

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$+\sqrt{3} \times -\sqrt{3}$  sad called it  $+3$

needs to be  $-3$

$$\begin{aligned}14(2 - \sqrt{3}) &= 28 - 14\sqrt{3} \\ (2 + \sqrt{3})(2 - \sqrt{3}) \\ &= 4 - 2\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{3} - 3 \\ &= 4 - 3\end{aligned}$$

20 Show that  $\frac{(\sqrt{18} + \sqrt{2})^2}{\sqrt{8} - 2}$  can be written in the form  $a(b + \sqrt{2})$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers.

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$$(\sqrt{18} + \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{18} + \sqrt{2})$$

$$18 + \sqrt{36} + \sqrt{36} + 2$$

$$18 + 6 + 6 + 2$$

$$= 32$$

$$(\sqrt{8} - 2)(\sqrt{8} + 2)$$

$$8 + 2\sqrt{8} - 2\sqrt{8} - 4$$

$$8 - 4 = 4$$

$$\frac{32}{\sqrt{8} - 2} \times \frac{\sqrt{8} + 2}{\sqrt{8} + 2} = \frac{32(\sqrt{8} + 2)}{4}$$

$$\sqrt{8} \dots \frac{\sqrt{4}\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{32 \times 2\sqrt{2}}{64\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{32\sqrt{8} + 64}{4}$$

$$\frac{64 + 64\sqrt{2}}{4}$$

$$\frac{16}{64}(1 + \sqrt{2})$$

$$16(1 + \sqrt{2})$$

(Total for Question 20 is 3 marks) ✓

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**[4 marks]**

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[4 marks]

$$\sin 45 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \times 2 = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\tan 45 = 1$$

$$\tan 60 = \sqrt{3} \times 4 = 4\sqrt{3}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \sqrt{3}(\sqrt{2} - 1) \\ \sqrt{6} - \sqrt{3} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} 4\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3} \\ = 4(3) \\ = 12 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{4\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{3}}{12} \checkmark$$



**24** Show that  $\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{5}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{10}}$  can be written in the form  $\frac{c\sqrt{d}}{10}$

**N59** where  $c$  and  $d$  are integers.

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**[3 marks]**

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N60

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$$\frac{2\sqrt{6}\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5}\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{12}}{\sqrt{10}}$$

$$\frac{2\sqrt{4}\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{10}}$$

$$\frac{2(2)\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{10}} = \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{10}}$$

$$\frac{2\sqrt{12}}{\sqrt{10}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{10}}$$

[3 marks]

$$= \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{10}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{10}}$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{10}} \times \frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{10}} = \frac{3\sqrt{30}}{10}$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{30}}{10}$$