



CREST Mathematics Olympiad (CMO) Worksheet *for* Class 8



Topic

Algebraic Expressions and Identities



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Worksheet on Algebraic Expressions and Identities

1. What is the result if $p^6 - q^6$ is divided by the product of $p^2 + pq + q^2$ and $p - q$?
 - a. $p^2 - q^2$
 - b. $p^2 + q^2$
 - c. $p^3 - q^3$
 - d. $p^3 + q^3$
2. What is the length of the adjacent side if an area of a rectangle is $(x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 4)$ and length of one of its sides is $(x + 1)(x - 2)$?
 - a. $x^2 + x + 2$
 - b. $x^2 + x - 2$
 - c. $x^2 - x + 2$
 - d. $x^2 - x - 2$
3. What is the value of st if $s + t = 7$ and $s^2 + t^2 = 31$?
 - a. 7
 - b. 9
 - c. 17
 - d. 19

4. Simplify:

$$\left(3y - \frac{z}{3}\right)\left(3y - \frac{z}{3}\right)$$

a.

$$9y^2 - yz + \frac{z^2}{9}$$

b.

$$9z^2 - yz + \frac{y^2}{9}$$

c.

$$9y^2 - 2yz + \frac{z^2}{9}$$

d.

$$9z^2 - 2yz + \frac{y^2}{9}$$

5. What is the value of the given algebraic expression $c^2d^3(c - 3d) + 7$ if $c = 1/2$ and $d = 2/3$?

- a. $6^{11/27}$
- b. $6^{13/27}$
- c. $6^{11/27}$
- d. $6^{11/27}$

Answer Key

1. $d - p^3 + q^3$

Explanation: Product of $p^2 + pq + q^2$ and $p - q$

$$= (p^2 + pq + q^2) \times (p - q)$$

$$= p^2(p - q) + pq(p - q) + q^2(p - q)$$

$$= p^3 - p^2q + p^2q - pq^2 + pq^2 - q^3$$

$$= p^3 - q^3$$

Simplification of $p^6 - q^6$

$$= (p^3)^2 - (q^3)^2 \text{ [Using standard identities } a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)\text{]}$$

$$= (p^3 + q^3)(p^3 - q^3)$$

$$\text{Result} = [(p^6 - q^6)] \div [\text{Product of } p^2 + pq + q^2 \text{ and } p - q]$$

$$= [(p^3 + q^3)(p^3 - q^3)] \div [p^3 - q^3]$$

$$= \frac{(p^3 + q^3)(p^3 - q^3)}{p^3 - q^3}$$

$$= p^3 + q^3$$

2. $b - x^2 + x - 2$

Explanation:



$$\text{Length of one of its sides} = (x + 1)(x - 2)$$

$$\text{Area of a rectangle} = (x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Length of adjacent side} \times \text{Length of one of its sides} = (x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Length of adjacent side} \times [(x + 1)(x - 2)] = (x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Length of adjacent side} = [(x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 4)] \div [(x + 1)(x - 2)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Length of adjacent side} = \frac{[(x^2 - 1^2)(x^2 - 2^2)]}{[(x + 1)(x - 2)]}$$

$$\text{[Using standard identities } a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)\text{]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Length of adjacent side} = \frac{(x + 1)(x - 1)(x + 2)(x - 2)}{[(x + 1)(x - 2)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Length of adjacent side} = (x - 1)(x + 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Length of adjacent side} = x(x + 2) - 1(x + 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Length of adjacent side} = x^2 + 2x - 1x - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Length of adjacent side} = x^2 + x - 2$$

3. $b - 9$

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Explanation: Using standard identity: $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$

$$(s + t)^2 = s^2 + 2st + t^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (s + t)^2 = (s^2 + t^2) + 2st$$

$$\Rightarrow (7)^2 = 31 + 2st$$

$$\Rightarrow 49 = 31 + 2st$$

$$\Rightarrow 2st = 49 - 31$$

$$\Rightarrow 2st = 18$$

$$\Rightarrow st = 18/2$$

$$\Rightarrow st = 9$$

4. $c -$

$$9y^2 - 2yz + \frac{z^2}{9}$$

Explanation:


$$\begin{aligned}& \left(3y - \frac{z}{3}\right)\left(3y - \frac{z}{3}\right) \\& \left(3y - \frac{z}{3}\right)^2 \quad [\text{Using standard identity: } (a - b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2] \\& = (3y)^2 - 2 \times 3y \times \frac{z}{3} + \left(\frac{z}{3}\right)^2 \\& = 9y^2 - 2yz + \frac{z^2}{3}\end{aligned}$$

5. $c - 6^{26}/_{27}$

Explanation:


$$\begin{aligned}& c^2d^3(c - 3d) + 7 \\& = c^3d^3 - 3cd^3 + 7 \\& = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 - 3 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4 + 7 \\& = \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)\left(\frac{8}{27}\right) - 3 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)\left(\frac{16}{81}\right) + 7 \\& = \frac{1}{27} - \frac{4}{27} + 7 \\& = \frac{1 - 4 + 189}{27} \\& = \frac{186}{27} \\& = 6\frac{24}{27}\end{aligned}$$

[Put $c = \frac{1}{2}$ and $d = \frac{2}{3}$]

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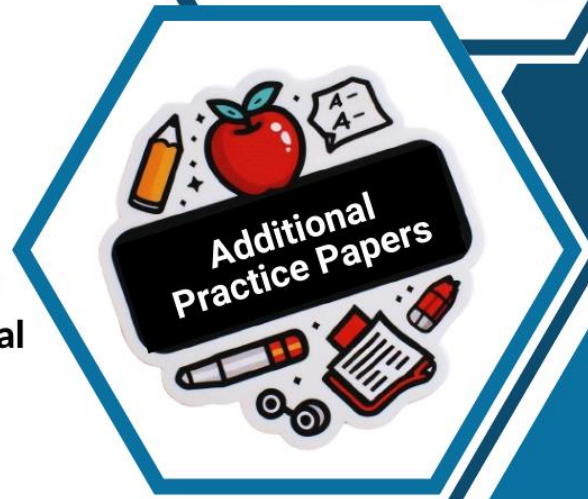
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