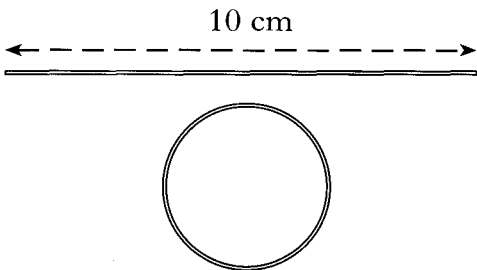


1.	<p>Express as a single fraction in its simplest form</p> $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{2}{(p+5)}$	2	
2.	<p>(a) Factorise</p> $4x^2 - y^2$ <p>(b) Hence simplify</p> $\frac{4x^2 - y^2}{6x + 3y}$	1	
		2	
3.	<p>Solve the equation</p> $\frac{2}{x} + 1 = 6$	3	
4.	<p>Simplify</p> $\frac{3}{m} + \frac{4}{(m+1)}$	3	
5.	<p>A piece of gold wire 10 centimetres long is made into a circle.</p>  <p>The circumference of the circle is equal to the length of the wire.</p> <p>Show that the area of the circle is exactly $\frac{25}{\pi}$ square centimetres.</p>	4	

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6.	<p>(a) A driver travels from A to B, a distance of x kilometres, at a constant speed of 75 kilometres per hour.</p> <p>Find the time taken for this journey in terms of x.</p> <p>(b) The time for the journey from B to A is $\frac{x}{50}$ hours.</p> <p>Hence calculate the driver's average speed for the whole journey.</p>	1	4
7.	<p>(a) Factorise $p^2 - 4q^2$.</p> <p>(b) Hence simplify</p> $\frac{p^2 - 4q^2}{3p + 6q}$	1	2
8.	<p>A is the point (a^2, a).</p> <p>T is the point (t^2, t), $a \neq t$</p> <p>Find the gradient of the line AT.</p> <p>Give your answer in its simplest form.</p>	3	
9.	<p>(a) Factorise $x^2 - 16$.</p> <p>(b) Express $\frac{5(2x - 3)}{4x^2 - 9}$ in its simplest form.</p>	1	2

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Solutions:

1.	$\frac{3p+5}{p(p+5)}$
2.	(a) $(2x - y)(2x + y)$ (b) $\frac{2x - y}{3}$
3.	$\frac{2}{5}$
4.	$\frac{7m + 3}{m(m + 1)}$
5.	Proof.
6.	(a) $\frac{x}{75}$ hours (b) 60 km/h
7.	(a) $(p - 2q)(p + 2q)$ (b) $\frac{(p - 2q)(p + 2q)}{3(p + 2q)} = \frac{p - 2q}{3}$
8.	$\frac{1}{t + a}$
9.	(a) $(x-4)(x+4)$ (b) $\frac{5(2x - 3)}{(2x - 3)(2x + 3)} = \frac{5}{2x + 3}$