

9 Unit test

1 $2x^2 - 7x - 15 = 0$ [1] $(2x + 3)(x - 5) = 0$ [1]
 $x = 5, x = -1.5$ [1] for both values correct

2 $(3x + 1)(3x - 2) = 0$ [1] for each correct bracket

3 a $x^2 + 2x + 2 = 0$ [1]

b $x^2 + 2x - 15 = 0$ [1] $(x + 5)(x - 3) = 0$ [1] $x = -5, x = 3$ [1] both values correct

4 Substitution into formula attempted [1]

$x = 1.22$ [1] $x = -0.549$ [1] rounded as shown

5 $(2x + 6)(2x + 8) = 0$ or $4x^2 + 28x + 48 = 0$ [1]

$4x^2 + 28x = 32$ or $4x^2 + 28x - 32 = 0$ seen [1]

$(x + 8)(x - 1) = 0$ or $x = 1$ [1]

border is 1 cm wide [1]

6 a $7x = 21$ [1] $x = 3$ [1] $y = 2$ [1]

b Attempt at multiplying equations [1] Equation with one variable eliminated [1]

$x = 4$ [1] $y = -1$ [1]

7 $2a + 3p = 1.90$ [1] $5a + 4p = 3.35$ [1] attempt at cross multiplying both equations [1]

One apple costs 35p [1] one pear costs 40p [1]

8 a 2 clear steps of working out [2] each, $y > -1$ [1]

b Expand the bracket [1] $\frac{2}{5} < x$ [1] $x < \frac{3}{14}$ [1]

9 $x > 1$ [1] $x < 3$ [1] $x = 2$ [1]

10 substitution of known values into formula for area of trapezium [1]

equate to zero: $5x^2 + 14x - 6 = 0$ [1] substitute into quadratic formula [1]

$x = 0.378$ m to 3 s.f. [1]

11 Combine the two equations: $x^2 - 9x - 2 = 3x - 2$ [1]

Equate to zero: $x^2 - 9x = 0$ [1]

$(0, -2)$ [1] $(9, 25)$ [1]

Sample student answer

1 There could end up being 3 or 4 different equations, so it is a good idea to label them to avoid confusion.

2 The letters s and l could look like a 5 or 1, which might lead to a mistake.

3 The student needs to make it clear how many paper clips are in each box, with a statement like, 'There are 60 paper clips in the small box and 175 paper clips in the large box.'