

Maths Assessment Year 6: Algebra

- 1. Use simple formulae.
- 2. Generate and describe linear number sequences.
- 3. Express missing number problems algebraically.
- 4. Find pairs of numbers that satisfy an equation with two unknowns.
- 5. Enumerate possibilities of combinations of two variables.

40 total marks

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- 1. Use simple formulae.
- a) Calculate the value of the letter in each equation:

3α = 12	a =
30 = 5b	b =
8c = 72	c =
48 = 12d	d =



b) Calculate the value of the letter in each equation:

20 = 4h + 4	h =
3i + 5 = 11	i =
14 = 6j -4	j =
2k - 5 = 5	k =



c) In these equations, **a** is worth 7. Calculate the value of each shape:

= 3a	=
4 + a = 🕥	=
= 10 - α	=
a + a =	=



- 2. Generate and describe linear number sequences.
- $\boldsymbol{\text{a}}\boldsymbol{\text{)}}$ Fill in the first two terms in this sequence:

55 63 71



b) 8 is the **first** term in this sequence. What is the 7th term?

1 mark



c)	Find	the	missina	numbers	in	this	sequence
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d) The formula 5n + 1 can be used to calculate the value of the terms in this sequence:

6

11

16

21

26

Fill in the missing information in this table:

term	calculation	value
1st	5 x 1 + 1	6
5th		
10th		51
20th	5 x 20 + 1	



e) 3

7

11

15

19

11 is the **third** term in this sequence. Circle the formula that could be used to calculate this term:

3 x 4 - 1 3	3 x 4 + 1



f)

12

22

32

42

52

12 is the first term in this sequence. Calculate the 9th term, showing the formula you would use:



3. Express missing number problems algebraically.

a) A plumber charges £16 for each job that he attends, and then £9 per hour for every hour that he works. Circle the formula that could be used to calculate how much the plumber would charge for a job:

 ${f h}$ stands for the number of hours worked

9h - 16	16h + 9	9h + 16
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b)	Emily and Becky are sisters. This formula can be used to calculate Becky's age, compared to Emily's age:	
	e + 4 = b	
	e stands for Emily's age.	
	b stands for Becky's age.	
	When Emily is 11, how old will Becky be?	
	When Becky is 17, how old will Emily be?	2 marks
c)	A gardener calculates the perimeter of a garden to work out how much fencing is needed. She uses this formula:	
	l + w + l + w	
	l stands for the length of the garden.	
	w stands for the width of the garden.	
	Simplify this formula:	1 mark
d)	A builder needs to calculate the area of a bathroom floor, to work out how much it will cost to tile it. Tiles cost £5 per square metre, plus £10 for delivery. He uses this formula:	
	5a + 10	
	a stands for area of the floor (in square metres).	
	Calculate the cost of tiling a floor, where the area is 10 square metres:	1 mark
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	Calculate the area of a floor, where the cost of tiles is £110:	2 marks
e)	A painter and decorator charges £8 for every hour that she works, and she is currently offering a discount of £5 on each job.	
	Write the formula she could use to calculate how much money to charge her customers.	
	Use h to represent the number of hours.	1 mark
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- 4. Find pairs of numbers that satisfy an equation with two unknowns.
 - a) Find 3 different possible pairs of values for a and b in this equation:

$$ab = 18$$

(a and b are whole numbers.)

Value of a	Value of b

b) Find 3 different possible pairs of values for **a** and **b** in this equation:

$$19 = ab + 7$$

(a and b are whole numbers.)

Value of a	Value of b

c) Calculate the value of each letter:

ef = 21	e + f = 10	e < f	e =	f =
g - h = 3	g + h = 9		g =	h =
i ÷ j = 4	i j = 16		i =	j =









- **5**. Enumerate possibilities of combinations of two variables.
- a) In this equation, a and b are different whole numbers which are both less than 11.

$$2a = b$$

Write the calculations that would show all the possible values of ${\bf a}$ and ${\bf b}$:



b) Use this equation to fill in the missing information in the table below:

$$7a + 4 = b$$

Value of a	Value of b
2	
	11
4	
	25





Answer Sheet: Maths Assessment Year 6: Algebra



question	answer		marks	notes		
1. Use simple formulae.						
а	3a = 12 $a = 430 = 5b$ $b = 68c = 72$ $c = 948 = 12d$ $d = 4$		4	Award one mark for each answer.		
b	20 = 4h + 4 $h = 43i + 5 = 11$ $i = 214 = 6j - 4$ $j = 32k - 5 = 5$ $k = 5$		4	Award one mark for each answer.		
C			4	Award one mark for each answer.		
2. Generate and describe linear number sequences.						
a	39 47 55 63	71	1			
b	26		1			
С	22 38 54 70		1			
d	1st 5 x 1 + 1 6 5th 5 x 5 + 1 2 10th 5 x 10 + 1 5	6	4	Award one mark for each box correctly completed.		
е	$3 \times 4 - 1$ $3 \times 5 - 1$ $3 \times 4 + 1$		1			
f				Award two marks for the formula correctly identified. Award one mark for a correct answer, but no formula.		
3. Express	3. Express missing number problems algebraically.					
a	9h - 16 16h + 9 (9h + 16)		1			
b	When Emily is 11, Becky will be 15 When Becky is 17, Emily will be 13		2	Award one mark for each correct answer.		
С	(l+w) x 2 or 2l+2w		1			



question	answer		marks	notes			
d	The cost of tiling a floor where the area is 10 square metres would be £60		1	Award one mark for each correct answer.			
	The area of a floor where the tiles cost £110 would be 20 square metres		2	Award one mark if it is clear that the calculation (110 - 10) ÷ 5 has been used but the answer is wrong.			
е	8h - 5 or 8 x h - 5 or (8h) - 5 or (8 x h) - 5		1				
4. Find pairs of numbers that satisfy an equation with two unknowns.							
а	1 x 18 2 x 9 3 x 6		1	Award one mark for all three number pairs identified.			
b	1 x 12 2 x 6 3 x 4		1				
C	e = 3 f = 7 g = 6 h = 3 i = 8 j = 2		3	Award one mark for each pair of numbers identified.			
5. Enumerate possibilities of combinations of two variables.							
	1 x 2 = 2 2 x 2 = 4 3 x 2 = 6 4 x 2 = 8 5 x 2 = 10		1	Award one mark for all 5 possible combinations identified.			
	Value of a	Value of b					
	4	11 32	4				
	3	25					
	,		Total 40				