

## Prime Factors Problems

**Time: 1 hour and 25 minutes**

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### Instructions

- Use black ink or ball-point pen.
- Answer all questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
- If blank paper is used, write down the question's number
- You must show all your working out.

### Information

- The marks for each question are shown in brackets.
- Blank paper is provided at the end if extra space is needed.
- The questions are arranged in order of increasing difficulty.

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

1) Prime Factorise these numbers:

$12 =$

$15 =$

$18 =$

$19 =$

$40 =$

$100 =$

$190 =$

$400 =$

$1000 =$

$125 =$

$250 =$

$84 =$

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2) Find the highest common factor of the following pairs:

a) 12 and 15

\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

b) 40 and 12

\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

c) 1000 and 700

\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

d) 36 and 48

\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

e) 700 and 280

\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

f) 640 and 480

\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

**3)** Find the lowest common multiple of the following pairs on numbers:

*a)* 12 and 15 \_\_\_\_\_ (2)

*b)* 40 and 13 \_\_\_\_\_ (2)

*c)* 1000 and 700 \_\_\_\_\_ (2)

*d)* 36 and 48 \_\_\_\_\_ (2)

*e)* 700 and 280 \_\_\_\_\_ (2)

*f)* 640 and 480 \_\_\_\_\_ (2)

4) Find the lowest common multiple of the following sets of numbers:

*a)* 12, 15 and 18

\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

*b)* 400, 800 and 120

\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

5) Consider  $A = 2^3 \times 5^x \times 7^8$

Write the following as products of their prime factors:

a)  $15A =$

b)  $4A =$

\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

c)  $A^3 =$

\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

d)  $\frac{3A}{7} =$

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- 6) Consider  $A = 2^m \times 3^n \times 5^2 \times 7$  and  $B = 2 \times 3^n \times 5^4 \times 11$  where  $m$  and  $n$  are integers larger than 2.

Write the following as products of their prime factors:

a)  $AB =$

\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

b)  $2AB^2 =$

\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

- c) The highest common factor of A and B

\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

- d) The lowest common multiple of A and B

\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

7) Consider  $A = 2^{10} \times 3^{20} \times 5^{30}$

Write the following as products of their prime factors:

a)  $10A =$

\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

b)  $\sqrt{A} =$

\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

c)  $\sqrt{81A}$

\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

d)  $\sqrt[5]{A}$

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- 8a) Write  $2^{12} \times 3^3 \times 5^{11}$  in standard form.  
Show your working.

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- b) The number of radioactive atoms in a sample of in a sample is  $7.5 \times 10^{28}$ . Write this number as a product of its prime factors.

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- c) It is estimated that there are about  $3.15 \times 10^{79}$  protons in the universe.

Write this number as a product of its prime factors.

\_\_\_\_\_ (3)



9) Consider the number  $N = 3^4 \times 5^6 \times 13^8$

a) Fred multiplies  $N$  by a number to make it even.

i) What is the smallest number Fred could have chosen?

*Write your answer as an integer.*

ii) Explain your answer.

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b) Milly multiplies  $N$  by a number to make it a multiple of 42.

i) What is the smallest number Milly could have chosen?

*Write your answer as an integer.*

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ii) Explain your answer.

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## Question 9 Continued

$$N = 3^4 \times 5^6 \times 13^8$$

- c) Ahmed multiplies  $N$  by a number to make it a square number.

i) What is the smallest number Ahmed could have chosen?  
*Write your answer as an integer.*

ii) Explain your answer.

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- d) Abby multiplies  $N$  by a number to make it a cube number.

i) What is the smallest number Abby could have chosen?  
*Write your answer as an integer.*

ii) Explain your answer.

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