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ELEMENTARY MATHEMATICS (Algebra).
FOR GIRLS ONLY.

TUESDAY, 20th JUNE.—AFTERNOON, 3.30 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

Seven questions may be answered.

All questions carry equal marks.

Mathematical Tables may be obtained from the Superintendent.

1. (a) Multiply $5a^2 - 3ab + 2b^2$ by $2a - 3b$.

(b) By how much does $9x^3 - 2x^2 - 7x + 4$ exceed $9x^3 - 2x^2 + 11x - 2$ when $x = -\frac{1}{3}$?

2. Solve the equations :

(i) $3x - 4(5 - 6x) = 17$;

(ii) $12x + y = -1$
 $3x - 2y = 5$.

3. Factorise :

(i) $2ab - 2a - b + 1$;

(ii) $2(x+1)(x+2) + (x+6)(x-2)$.

4. Express in words the meaning of (i) $3x + 5$; (ii) $a - (b + c)$;
(iii) $(l + m)(l - m) = l^2 - m^2$.

Express by means of symbols :

(i) Four times a number exceeds another number by 3 ;

(ii) the amount by which the product of two numbers exceeds their sum.

(iii) $\text{£}p$ per ton in pence per lb.

5. Solve the equations :

(i) $3x^2 - 16x - 12 = 0$;

(ii) $3(x-4)^2 - 16(x-4) - 12 = 0$.

6. A had 29 shillings more than B. If he gave B 4 shillings, A would have twice as much as B. Find what each of them had.

7. Prove that $x^2 - kx + 1$ is a factor of $3x^5 - 5x^3 + k$ when $k=2$ and when $k=-2$.

8. What is an odd number ?

Given that $2x-1$ is an odd number write down the next consecutive odd number.

The sum of the squares of two consecutive odd numbers is 202 : find the numbers.

9. A merchant mixed m cwt. of tea costing a shillings per cwt. with n cwt. costing b shillings per cwt. He sold the mixture at c shillings per lb . Write down expressions to represent :

- (i) the total cost price in shillings of the mixture ;
- (ii) the selling price in shillings per *cwt.* ;
- (iii) the total selling price in shillings ;
- (iv) his profit in shillings ;
- (v) his percentage profit.