



National 5 Maths Functions

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SQA 2015 Paper 2
Question 2

A function is defined as $f(x) = 3x + 2$.

Given that $f(a) = 23$, calculate a .

2

Answer:

$$a = 7$$

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SQA 2016 Paper 1
Question 9

The function $f(x)$ is defined by $f(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}$, $x > 0$.

Express $f(5)$ as a fraction with a rational denominator.

2

Answer:

$$\frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5}$$

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SQA 2017 Paper 1
Question 1**

Given that $f(x) = x^2 + 3x$, evaluate $f(-5)$.

2

Answer:

10

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SQA 2018 Paper 2
Question 6

A function is defined as $f(x) = 5 + 4x$.

Given that $f(a) = 73$, calculate a .

2

Answer:

$$a = 17$$

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SQA 2019 Paper 1
Question 1

Given that $f(x) = 5x^3$, evaluate $f(-2)$.

2

Answer:

-40

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SQA 2021 Paper 1
Question 16

The function $f(x)$ is defined by $f(x) = 4 \sin 3x^\circ$.

Evaluate $f(90)$.

2

Answer:

-4

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SQA 2022 Paper 1
Question 2

Given that $f(x) = x^3 - 2$, evaluate $f(-3)$.

2

Answer:

-29

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SQA 2024 Paper 1
Question 2

Given that $f(x) = (x+3)^2$, evaluate $f(7)$.

2

Answer:

100

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SQA 2025 Paper 1
Question 7

A function is defined as $f(x) = 3x + 7$.

- (a) Evaluate $f(6)$. 1
- (b) Given that $f(p) = 19$, find the value of p . 2
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Answers:

- (a) 25
- (b) 4