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(1) Simplify each

$$\sqrt{20}$$

$$\sqrt{18}$$

$$\sqrt{75}$$

$$\sqrt{200}$$

$$\sqrt{32}$$

$$\sqrt{p^2}$$

(2) Write each in the form  $\sqrt{N}$

$$3\sqrt{5}$$

$$2\sqrt{2}$$

$$5\sqrt{2}$$

$$a\sqrt{b}$$

$$t^2\sqrt{t}$$

$$7\sqrt{2}$$

(3) Simplify each

$$\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{3}$$

$$\sqrt{6} \times 4\sqrt{3}$$

$$2\sqrt{5} \times 4\sqrt{10}$$

$$\sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{a}$$

(4) Expand and simplify each

$$\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2} + 1)$$

$$\sqrt{6}(\sqrt{2} - 2)$$

$$2\sqrt{3}(\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{6})$$

$$\sqrt{a}(\sqrt{a} + b)$$

$$5\sqrt{7}(5 - \sqrt{7})$$

(5) Expand and simplify each

$$(\sqrt{5} + 2)(\sqrt{5} + 6) \quad (\sqrt{6} - 4)(2\sqrt{6} + 1) \quad (\sqrt{5} - 6)(\sqrt{10} + 6) \quad (\sqrt{a} + 2)(\sqrt{a} + 6) \quad (\sqrt{b} + 2)(\sqrt{a} + 6)$$

(6) Simplify each

$$\frac{\sqrt{20}}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{27}{9}}$$

$$\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{8}}$$

$$\sqrt{2\frac{2}{9}}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{a^2}{a}}$$

(7) Simplify each, if possible

$$\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$5\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$\sqrt{50} - \sqrt{2}$$

$$2\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{75}$$

$$5\sqrt{8} - \sqrt{2}$$

$$10\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}$$

(8) Rationalise the denominator for each simplify your answer fully where possible

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

$$\frac{8}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{7}{3\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\frac{a}{\sqrt{a}}$$

$$\frac{1 + \sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{10 - \sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}}$$

(9) Rationalise the denominator for each simplify your answer fully where possible

$$\frac{2}{3 + \sqrt{5}}$$

$$\frac{3}{4 - \sqrt{3}}$$

$$\frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{7 + \sqrt{3}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}}$$

$$\frac{1 - \sqrt{3}}{1 + \sqrt{3}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{3}}$$

(10) Write  $(2\sqrt{3} - 1)(3\sqrt{6} + 1)$  in the form  $A\sqrt{2} + B\sqrt{3} + C\sqrt{6} + D$

(11) The area of the rectangle below is  $(7 + 7\sqrt{2})$ . One side length is  $(\sqrt{2} + 3)$ .

(a) Find the exact value of the other side length,

(b) Find the perimeter of the rectangle in exact form, simplifying your answer.

(12) Solve the equation  $x\sqrt{3} - 1 = 2x - \sqrt{6}$  giving your answer in the form  $x = A\sqrt{2} + B\sqrt{3} + C\sqrt{6} + D$

(13) Given that  $(a + \sqrt{b})^2 \equiv 10(3 + \sqrt{5})$  find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .

(14) The diagram below shows a right-angled triangle. Show that the perimeter of the triangle can be written in the form  $a + b\sqrt{19}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers to be found.

