


Splitting the steps: Surds

Simplify each fraction by rationalising the denominator using $(a + b)(a - b) = a^2 - b^2$

	$\frac{2}{(5 - \sqrt{3})} \times \frac{(5 + \sqrt{3})}{(5 + \sqrt{3})} \quad \textcircled{1}$ $= \frac{2(5 + \sqrt{3})}{(5 - \sqrt{3})(5 + \sqrt{3})} \quad \textcircled{2}$ $= \frac{2(5 + \sqrt{3})}{25 - 3} \quad \textcircled{3}$ $= \frac{2(5 + \sqrt{3})}{22} \quad \textcircled{4}$ $= \frac{(5 + \sqrt{3})}{11}$	<p>①/② Multiply by the 'pair' to the denominator:</p> $\frac{(5 + \sqrt{3})}{(5 + \sqrt{3})}$ <p>③ Expand: $5^2 - (\sqrt{3})^2$</p> <p>④ Simplify: common factor of 2</p> 
2.	$\frac{6}{(2 + \sqrt{7})} \times \frac{(2 - \sqrt{7})}{(2 - \sqrt{7})} \quad \textcircled{1}$ $= \frac{6(2 - \sqrt{7})}{(2 + \sqrt{7})(2 - \sqrt{7})} \quad \textcircled{2}$ $= \frac{6(2 - \sqrt{7})}{4 - 7} \quad \textcircled{3}$ $= \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \textcircled{4}$ $= \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$	<p>①/② Multiply by the 'pair' to the denominator:</p> $\frac{(2 - \sqrt{7})}{(2 - \sqrt{7})}$ <p>③ Expand: $2^2 - (\sqrt{7})^2$</p> <p>④ Simplify: Common factor of 3</p>
3.	$\frac{8}{(\sqrt{15} + 3)} \times \frac{(\sqrt{15} - 3)}{(\sqrt{15} - 3)} \quad \textcircled{1}$ $= \frac{8(\sqrt{15} - 3)}{(\sqrt{15} + 3)(\sqrt{15} - 3)} \quad \textcircled{2}$ $= \frac{8(\sqrt{15} - 3)}{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \textcircled{3}$ $= \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \textcircled{4}$ $= \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$	<p>①/② Multiply by the 'pair' to the denominator:</p> $\frac{(\sqrt{15} - 3)}{(\sqrt{15} - 3)}$ <p>③ Expand: $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$</p> <p>④ Simplify: $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$</p>

4.	$\frac{10}{(\sqrt{21} - 7)} \times \frac{(\sqrt{\quad} + \quad)}{(\sqrt{\quad} + \quad)} \quad \textcircled{1}$ $= \frac{10(\sqrt{\quad} + \quad)}{(\sqrt{21} - 7)(\sqrt{\quad} + \quad)} \quad \textcircled{2}$ $= \frac{10(\sqrt{\quad} + \quad)}{\quad} \quad \textcircled{3}$ $= \quad \quad \textcircled{4}$ $=$	<p>①/② Multiply by the 'pair' to the denominator:</p> $\frac{(\sqrt{\quad} + \quad)}{(\sqrt{\quad} + \quad)}$ <p>③ Expand: _____</p> <p>④ Simplify: _____</p>
5.	$\frac{12}{(4 + \sqrt{2})} \times \frac{\quad}{\quad} \quad \textcircled{1}$ $= \frac{12(\quad)}{(4 + \sqrt{2})(\quad)} \quad \textcircled{2}$ $= \quad \quad \textcircled{3}$ $= \quad \quad \textcircled{4}$ $=$	<p>①/② Multiply by the 'pair' to the denominator:</p> $\frac{(\quad)}{(\quad)}$ <p>③ Expand: _____</p> <p>④ Simplify: _____</p>
6.	$\frac{20}{(5 - \sqrt{15})} \times \quad \quad \textcircled{1}$ $= \quad \quad \textcircled{2}$ $= \quad \quad \textcircled{3}$ $= \quad \quad \textcircled{4}$ $=$	<p>①/② Multiply by the 'pair' to the denominator:</p> $\frac{(\quad)}{(\quad)}$ <p>③ Expand: _____</p> <p>④ Simplify: _____</p>
7.	$\frac{-16}{(6 - \sqrt{20})} \times$	