

**TRIAL AND IMPROVEMENT METHOD**

**Pearson Edexcel - Thursday 9 June 2016 - Paper 2 (Calculator) Higher Tier**

**1.**

7 The equation

$$x^3 - 5x = 34$$

has a solution between 3 and 4

Use a trial and improvement method to find this solution.  
Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.  
You must show all your working.

$x =$  .....

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**(Total for Question 7 is 4 marks)**

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**2.**

2 The equation

$$x^3 - x^2 = 30$$

has a solution between 3 and 4

Use a trial and improvement method to find this solution.  
Give your answer correct to one decimal place.  
You must show **ALL** your working.

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(Total for Question 2 is 4 marks)

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3.

10 The equation

$$x^3 - 2x = 125$$

has a solution between 5 and 6

Use a trial and improvement method to find this solution.  
Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.  
You must show all your working.

$x =$  .....

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(Total for Question 10 is 4 marks)

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4.

10 The equation

$$x^2 + 2x = 110$$

has a solution between 4 and 5

Use a trial and improvement method to find this solution.  
Give your answer correct to one decimal place.  
You must show ALL your working.

$x =$  .....

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(Total for Question 10 is 4 marks)

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5.

8 The equation

$$x^3 - 3x = 15$$

has a solution between 2 and 3

Use a trial and improvement method to find this solution.

Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.

You must show all your working.

$x =$  .....

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(Total for Question 8 is 4 marks)

11 The diagram shows a cube and a cuboid.

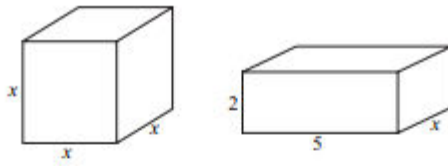


Diagram NOT accurately drawn

All the measurements are in cm.  
The volume of the cube is  $100 \text{ cm}^3$  more than the volume of the cuboid.

(a) Show that  $x^2 - 10x = 100$

(2)

(b) Use a trial and improvement method to find the value of  $x$ .  
Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.  
You must show **all** your working.

$x = \dots\dots\dots$   
(4)

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(Total for Question 11 is 6 marks)

11 The equation

$$x^3 - 6x = 72$$

has a solution between 4 and 5

Use a trial and improvement method to find this solution.  
Give your answer correct to one decimal place.  
You must show all your working.

$x =$  .....

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(Total for Question 11 is 4 marks)

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**8.**

6. The equation  $x^3 + 3x = 41$

has a solution between 3 and 4

Use a trial and improvement method to find this solution.  
Give your answer correct to one decimal place.  
You must show all your working.

$x =$  .....

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(Total 4 marks)

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9.

12. The equation

$$x^3 + 5x = 67$$

has a solution between 3 and 4

Use a trial and improvement method to find this solution.  
Give your answer correct to one decimal place.  
You must show ALL your working.

$$x = \dots\dots\dots$$

(Total 4 marks)

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Pearson Edexcel - Friday 11 June 2010 - Paper 4 (Calculator) Higher Tier

10.

8. The equation

$$x^3 + 10x = 25$$

has a solution between 1 and 2

Use a trial and improvement method to find this solution.  
Give your answer correct to one decimal place.  
You must show all your working.

$$x = \dots\dots\dots$$

(Total 4 marks)

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**Pearson Edexcel - Tuesday 10 November 2009 - Paper 4 (Calculator) Higher Tier**

**11.**

14. The equation

$$x^3 + 2x = 60$$

has a solution between 3 and 4

Use a trial and improvement method to find this solution.  
Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.  
You must show all your working.

$x = \dots\dots\dots$

**(Total 4 marks)**

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**AQA GCSE – Sample Paper 1 (Non - Calculator) Higher Tier**

**12.**



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Steph is solving a problem.

Cube A has a surface area of  $150 \text{ cm}^2$

Cube B has sides half the length of cube A

What is the volume of cube B?

To solve this problem, Steph decides to

- halve the surface area
- calculate the square root of the answer
- then divide by 6
- then cube this answer to work out the volume.

Evaluate Steph's method.

**[2 marks]**

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