**RECURRING DECIMALS** 

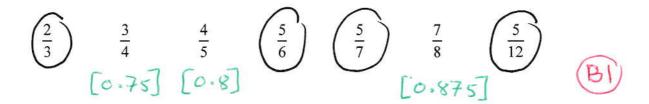
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## **SOLUTIONS**

GCSE (+ IGCSE) EXAM QUESTION PRACTICE

Recurring Decimals (Converting to Fractions) [1 mark]

Circle the fractions which can be written as recurring decimals.

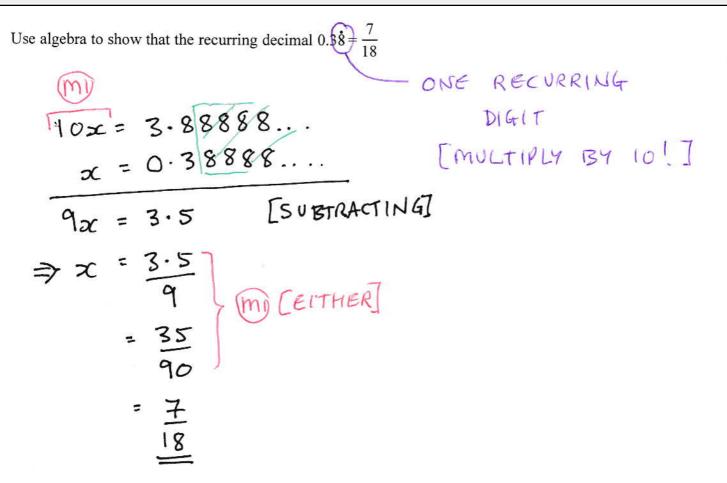


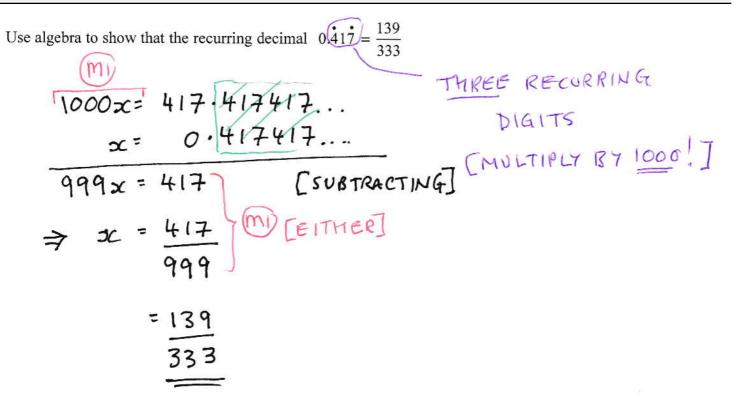
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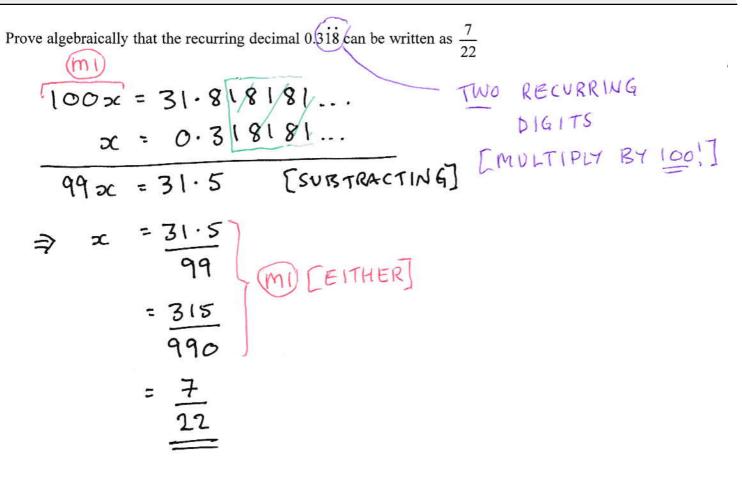
Write these numbers in order of size. Start with the smallest number.

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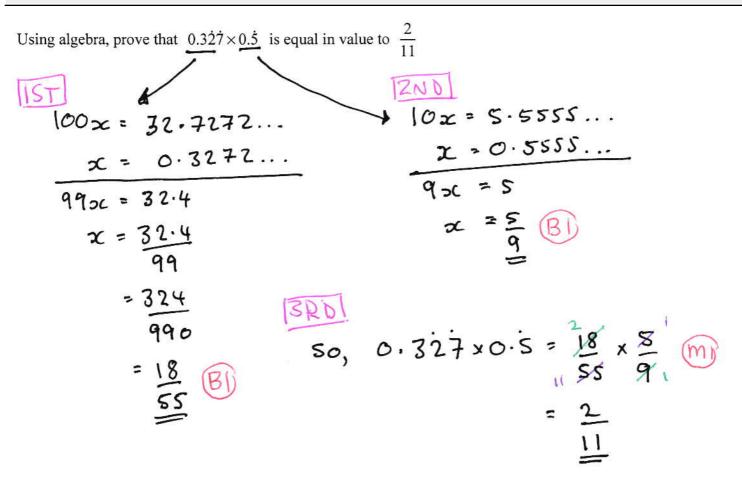
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Recurring Decimals (Converting to Fractions) [3 marks]



(2)

x is an integer such that  $1 \le x \le 9$ 

Show that:

(a) 
$$0.\dot{x} = \frac{x}{9}$$
  
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 $(\dot{n}) 0.\dot{x} = 0.\dot{x} \times x \times ...$   
 $10 \times 0.\dot{x} = x... \times x \times x \times ...$   
 $9 \times 0.\dot{x} = x$  (m)  
 $\Rightarrow 0.\dot{x} = \frac{x}{9}$   
(b)  $0.\dot{0}\dot{x} = \frac{x}{99}$ 

$$(0.0\dot{x} = 0.0\times0\times0\times0\times...)$$
  
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$$(0.0\dot{x} = x.0\times0\times0\times...)$$
  

$$(0.0\dot{x} = x.0)$$
  

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*y* is a whole number such that  $1 \le y \le 9$ 

Show that 
$$0.3\dot{y} = \frac{y}{33}$$
  
 $(0) \cdot 3\dot{y} = 0.3 y 3 y 3 y ...$   
 $(00 \times 0.3\dot{y} = 3y.3 y 3 y 3 y ...$   
 $99 \times 0.3\dot{y} = 3y$   
 $\Rightarrow 0.3\dot{y} = 3y$   
 $99$   
 $= \frac{y}{33}$ 

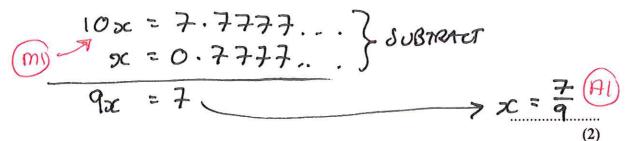
Rita says:

"I can tell from the denominators that  $\frac{17}{40}$  will convert into a terminating decimal but  $\frac{17}{70}$  will be recurring."

Explain how Rita can tell from the denominators, whether a fraction will convert into a terminating decimal or a recurring decimal.

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(a) Convert the recurring decimal 0.7 to a fraction.



 $0.0^{\circ}y$  is a recurring decimal.

- *y* is a whole number such that  $1 \le y \le 9$
- (b) (i) Write the recurring decimal  $0.0^{\circ}y$  as a fraction.

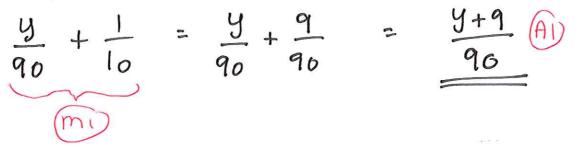
$$0, \dot{7} = \frac{7}{9} \Rightarrow 0, \dot{y} = \frac{y}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0, \dot{0}\dot{y} = \frac{y}{9} \div 10$$

$$\Rightarrow 0, \dot{0}\dot{y} = \frac{y}{9} \div 10$$

(ii)  $0.1\hat{y}$  is also a recurring decimal. Using your answer to part (i), or otherwise, convert the recurring decimal  $0.1\hat{y}$  to a fraction.

Give your answer as simply as possible.



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