

## Algebraic Expressions

**Variable:** A quantity which can take various numerical values is known as a variable (or a literal). Variables can be denoted by using the letters  $a, b, c, x, y, z$ , etc.

**Constant:** A quantity which has a fixed numerical value is called a constant. For example, 3, 25, and 8.9 are constants.

**Expression:** A number or a combination of numbers formed by using the arithmetic operations is called a numerical expression or an arithmetic expression. For example,  $3 + (4 \times 5)$ ,  $5 - (4 \times 2)$ ,  $(7 \times 9) \div 5$  and  $(3 \times 4) - (4 \times 5 - 7)$  are numerical expressions.

**Algebraic Expression:** An algebraic expression is a combination of variables and constants connected by arithmetic operations.

Statement	Expressions
(i) 5 added to $y$	$y + 5$
(ii) 8 subtracted from $n$	$n - 8$
(iii) 12 multiplied by $x$	$12x$
(iv) $p$ divided by 3	$p/3$

### Term

A term is a constant or a variable or a product of a constant and one or more variables.

$3x^2$ ,  $6x$  and  $-5$  are called the terms of the expression  $3x^2 + 6x - 5$

A term could be

- (i) a constant      (ii) a variable      (iii) a product of constant and a variable (or variables)
- (iv) a product of two or more variables

In the expression  $4a^2 + 7a + 3$ , the terms are  $4a^2$ ,  $7a$  and  $3$ . The number of terms is 3.

In the expression  $-6p^2 + 18pq + 9q^2 - 7$ , the terms are  $-6p^2$ ,  $18pq$ ,  $9q^2$  and  $-7$ . The number of terms is 4.

**The degree of an expression :** In one variable the highest value of the exponent of the variable. The degree of an expression of more than one variable is the highest value of the sum of the exponents of the variables in different terms.

The degree of the expression: (i)  $5a^2 - 6a + 10$  is 2 (ii)  $3x^3 + 7 + 6xy^2$  is 3 (iii)  $m^2n^2 + 3mn + 8$  is 4

6<sup>th</sup> Algebraic expression

1. Choose the correct answer:

- (i) Sum of  $4x$ ,  $-8x$  and  $7x$  is  
 (A)  $5x$  (B)  $4x$  (C)  $3x$  (D)  $19x$
- (ii) Sum of  $2ab$ ,  $4ab$ ,  $-8ab$  is  
 (A)  $14ab$  (B)  $-2ab$  (C)  $2ab$  (D)  $-14ab$
- (iii)  $5ab + bc - 3ab$  is  
 (A)  $2ab + bc$  (B)  $8ab + bc$  (C)  $9ab$  (D)  $3ab$
- (iv)  $5y - 3y^2 - 4y + y^2$  is  
 (A)  $9y + 4y^2$  (B)  $9y - 4y^2$  (C)  $y + 2y^2$  (D)  $y - 2y^2$
- (v) If  $A = 3x + 2$  and  $B = 6x - 5$ , then  $A - B$  is  
 (A)  $-3x + 7$  (B)  $3x - 7$  (C)  $7x - 3$  (D)  $9x + 7$

2. Simplify:

- (i)  $6a - 3b + 7a + 5b$  (ii)  $8l - 5l^2 - 3l + l^2$  (iii)  $-z^2 + 10z^2 - 2z + 7z^2 - 14z$   
 (iv)  $p - (p - q) - q - (q - p)$  (v)  $3mn - 3m^2 + 4nm - 5n^2 - 3m^2 + 2n^2$   
 (vi)  $(4x^2 - 5xy + 3y^2) - (3x^2 - 2xy - 4y^2)$  (vii)  $15n^2 - 10n + 6n - 6n^2 - 3n + 5$

**3. Subtract**

- (i)  $(a-b)$  from  $(a+b)$  (ii)  $a^2b$  from  $6a^2b$  (iii)  $7x^2y^2$  from  $-4x^2y^2$   
 (iv)  $3xy - 4$  from  $xy + 12$  (v)  $m(n - 3)$  from  $n(5 - m)$   
 (vi)  $9p^2 - 5p$  from  $-10p - 6p^2$  (viii)  $5m^2 + 6mn - 3n^2$   
 (vii)  $-3m^2 + 6m + 3$  from  $5m^2 - 9$  from  $6n^2 - 4mn - 4m^2$
3. Add (i)  $7ab$ ,  $8ab$ ,  $-10ab$ ,  $-3ab$  (ii)  $s + t$ ,  $2s - t$ ,  $-s + t$   
 (iii)  $3a - 2b$ ,  $2p + 3q$  (iv)  $2a + 5b + 7$ ,  $8a - 3b + 3$ ,  $-5a - 7b - 6$   
 (v)  $6x + 7y + 3$ ,  $-8x - y - 7$ ,  $4x - 4y + 2$   
 (vi)  $6c - c^2 + 3$ ,  $-3c - 9$ ,  $c^2 + 4c + 10$   
 (vii)  $6m^2n + 4mn - 2n^2 + 5$ ,  $n^2 - nm^2 + 3$ ,  $mn - 3n^2 - 2m^2n - 4$

5. (i) What should be added to  $3x^2 + xy + 3y^2$  to obtain  $4x^2 + 6xy$ ?  
 (ii) What should be subtracted from  $4p + 6q + 14$  to get  $-5p + 8q + 20$ ?  
 (iii) If  $A = 8x - 3y + 9$ ,  $B = -y - 9$  and  $C = 4x - y - 9$  find  $A + B - C$ .
6. Three sides of a triangle are  $3a + 4b - 2$ ,  $a - 7$  and  $2a - 4b + 3$ . What is its perimeter?
7. The sides of a rectangle are  $3x + 2$  and  $5x + 4$ . Find its perimeter.
8. Ram spends  $4a + 3$  rupees for a shirt and  $8a - 5$  rupees for a book. How much does he spend in all?
9. A wire is  $10x - 3$  metres long. A length of  $3x + 5$  metres is cut out of it for use. How much wire is left out?
10. If  $A = p^2 + 3p + 5$  and  $B = 2p^2 - 5p - 7$ , then find  
 (i)  $2A + 3B$  (ii)  $A - B$
11. Find the value of  $P - Q + 8$  if  $P = m^2 + 8m$  and  $Q = -m^2 + 3m - 2$ .