

# 13. [Exploring Number]

**Skill 13.1** Using 'order of operations' involving a mix of ( ), ×, ÷, + or -

MM5.2 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4  
MM10 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4

- Simplify inside the brackets.
- Multiply ( × ) and/or divide ( ÷ ) in order from left to right.
- Add ( + ) and/or subtract ( - ) in order from left to right.

**Q.**  $18 \div (9 - 3) + 2 =$

**A.**  $18 \div (9 - 3) + 2 =$   
 $= 18 \div 6 + 2$  *subtract inside the brackets*  
 $= 3 + 2$  *division before addition*  
 $= 5$

**a)**  $6 + 12 \div 4 \times 3 =$   
 $= 6 + 3 \times 3$

$= 6 + 9 =$

**b)**  $6 \times 15 - 8 \times 3 =$   
 $=$

$=$

**c)**  $5 + 12 \div 6 \times 3 =$   
 $=$

$=$

**d)**  $3 \times (5 - 3) \times 8 =$   
 $=$

$=$

**e)**  $(15 + 8) - (7 + 6) =$   
 $=$

$=$

**f)**  $120 \div 5 - 6 \times 3 =$   
 $=$

$=$

**g)**  $22 - 8 - (11 - 4) =$   
 $=$

$=$

**h)**  $20 - (15 - 9) + 6 =$   
 $=$

$=$

**i)**  $6 \times (14 + 7) =$   
 $=$

$=$

**j)**  $8 \times 5 \div (7 - 3) =$   
 $=$

$=$

**k)**  $4 + (9 - 4) \times 7 =$   
 $=$

$=$

**l)**  $36 - 2 \times (12 + 5) =$   
 $=$

$=$

**m)**  $144 \div 6 - 4 \times 5 + 18 \div 3 =$   
 $=$

$=$

**n)**  $40 - 3 \times (13 + 5) \div 3 + 12 =$   
 $=$

$=$

- Simplify inside the brackets.
- Simplify the power.
- Always multiply ( × ) and/or divide ( ÷ ) in order from left to right.
- Always add ( + ) and/or subtract ( - ) in order from left to right.

**Q.**  $(6 + 2 \times 5)^2 =$

**A.**  $(6 + 2 \times 5)^2 =$

$= (6 + 10)^2$  *multiply within brackets first*

$= 16^2$  *add inside the brackets*

$= 256$

**a)**  $(3 \times 5)^2 =$

$= 15^2$

$=$

**b)**  $(2 \times 7)^2 =$

$=$

$=$

**c)**  $(5 + 5 \times 3)^2 =$

$=$

$=$

$=$

**d)**  $(2 \times 4 + 6)^2 =$

$=$

$=$

$=$

**e)**  $(2 + 8)^2 \div 4 =$

$=$

$=$

$=$

**f)**  $(7 + 5)^2 \div 8 =$

$=$

$=$

$=$

**g)**  $5 + (12 - 6)^2 =$

$=$

$=$

$=$

**h)**  $8 + (13 - 8)^2 =$

$=$

$=$

$=$

**i)**  $(4 \times 2 + 2)^2 =$

$=$

$=$

$=$

**j)**  $(3 \times 4 + 8)^2 =$

$=$

$=$

$=$

**k)**  $3 + (1 + 8)^2 =$

$=$

$=$

$=$

**l)**  $6 + (7 + 1)^2 =$

$=$

$=$

$=$

**m)**  $(10 - 1)^2 \div (30 - 3) =$

$=$

$=$

$=$

**n)**  $(10 - 3)^2 \div (12 - 5) =$

$=$

$=$

$=$

### Skill 13.3 Rounding decimal numbers to a given place.

MM5.2 11 22 33 44  
MM10 11 22 33 44

To round terminating decimals to a given place:

- Circle the digit to the right of the requested place.
- If this digit is: 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4 ( $< 5$ ) - **round down** - keep the digit in the requested place the same.
- 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 ( $\geq 5$ ) - **round up** - add 1 to the digit in the requested place.

To round recurring decimals to a given place:

- Write the first 4 digits after the decimal point. (see skill 7.6, page 76)
- Apply the procedure described above for terminating decimals.

**Q.** Round  $0.4\dot{6}$  to 3 decimal places.

**A.**  $0.4\dot{6} = 0.4666\dots$

$0.466\textcircled{6}\dots$

$\approx 0.467$

**a)** Round 0.13 to 1 decimal place.

$0.1\textcircled{3} \dots \approx \boxed{0.1}$

**b)** Round 7.89 to 1 decimal place.

$7.8\textcircled{9} \dots \approx \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**c)** Round 12.45 to 1 decimal place.

$12.4\textcircled{5} \dots \approx \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**d)** Round 31.5841 to 2 decimal places.

$31.58\textcircled{4}1 \dots \approx \boxed{31.58}$

**e)** Round 24.793 to 2 decimal places.

$24.79\textcircled{3} \dots \approx \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**f)** Round 4.231 to 2 decimal places.

$4.23\textcircled{1} \dots \approx \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**g)** Round 3.859 to 1 decimal place.

$3.8\textcircled{5}9 \dots \approx \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**h)** Round 50.296 to 2 decimal places.

$50.29\textcircled{6} \dots \approx \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**i)** Round  $4.\dot{7}$  to 2 decimal places.

$4.\dot{7} = 4.7\textcircled{7}7\dots \approx \boxed{4.78}$

**j)** Round  $3.\dot{4}2$  to 2 decimal places.

$3.\dot{4}2 = 3.4\textcircled{2}2\dots \approx \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**k)** Round  $0.\dot{6}$  to 2 decimal places.

$0.\dot{6} = 0.6\textcircled{6}6\dots \approx \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**l)** Round  $1.7\dot{3}$  to 3 decimal places.

$1.7\dot{3} = 1.73\textcircled{3}3\dots \approx \boxed{\phantom{000}}$

**m)** Round  $4.2\dot{8}$  to 3 decimal places.

$4.2\dot{8} = 4.28\textcircled{8}8\dots \approx \boxed{\phantom{000}}$

**n)** Round  $0.\dot{1}6$  to 3 decimal places.

$0.\dot{1}6 = 0.16\textcircled{6}6\dots \approx \boxed{\phantom{000}}$

### Skill 13.4 Writing rational approximations of simple irrational numbers.

MM5.2 11 2 2 3 3 4 4  
MM10 1 2 2 3 3 4 4

irrational number  $\sqrt{2} \approx 1.41421356$  rational approximation

- Circle the digit to the right of the requested place.
- If this digit is: 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4 ( $< 5$ ) - **round down** - keep the digit in the requested place the same.

5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 ( $\geq 5$ ) - **round up** - add 1 to the digit in the requested place.

*Hint: To write a decimal number correct to two decimal places is the same thing as rounding off to the nearest hundredth.*

**Q.**  $\cos 45^\circ \approx 0.70711$   
Write the rational approximation of  $\cos 45^\circ$  correct to two decimal places.

**A.**  $0.70711$   
circle the third digit  
 $\approx 0.71$   
7  $\geq$  5  
round up by adding 1 to 0

**a)**  $\sqrt{12} \approx 3.46410162$   
Write the rational approximation of  $\sqrt{12}$  correct to two decimal places.

$3.46410162$   
4  $<$  5  
round down by keeping 6  $\approx$  3.46

**b)**  $\sqrt{20} \approx 4.47213595$   
Write the rational approximation of  $\sqrt{20}$  correct to two decimal places.

.....  $\approx$   

**c)**  $\sqrt{24} \approx 4.89897949$   
Write the rational approximation of  $\sqrt{24}$  correct to two decimal places.

.....  $\approx$   

**d)**  $\sqrt{30} \approx 5.47722558$   
Write the rational approximation of  $\sqrt{30}$  correct to two decimal places.

.....  $\approx$   

**e)**  $\pi \approx 3.14159265$   
Write the rational approximation of  $\pi$  correct to three decimal places.

.....  $\approx$   

**f)**  $\phi \approx 1.61803398$  (the golden ratio)  
Write the rational approximation of  $\phi$  correct to three decimal places.

.....  $\approx$   

**g)**  $\sin 15^\circ \approx 0.25882$   
Write the rational approximation of  $\sin 15^\circ$  correct to three decimal places.

.....  $\approx$   

**h)**  $\tan 60^\circ \approx 1.73205$   
Write the rational approximation of  $\tan 60^\circ$  correct to three decimal places.

.....  $\approx$   

**i)**  $e \approx 2.71828182$  (Euler's number)  
Write the rational approximation of  $e$  correct to two decimal places.

.....  $\approx$   

**j)**  $\sqrt{10} \approx 3.16227766$   
Write the rational approximation of  $\sqrt{10}$  correct to three decimal places.

.....  $\approx$



### Skill 13.6 Writing a number in scientific notation as a basic numeral.

MM5.2 11 2 3 44  
MM10 11 2 3 44

$$2.43 \times 10^5$$

scientific notation

Product of: Number  $\geq 1$  and  $< 10$   
Power of 10 with positive index

$$= 243\,000$$

basic numeral

Very large

$$8.02 \times 10^{-4}$$

scientific notation

Product of: Number  $\geq 1$  and  $< 10$   
Power of 10 with negative index

$$= 0.000802$$

basic numeral

Very small

If the power of 10 is **positive**:

- Move the decimal point to the right as many places as the power of 10.
- Add zeros as place holders if necessary.

Example:  $3.1 = 3.1000$

Hint: By convention  $37 = 37. = 37.0$

If the power of 10 is **negative**:

- Move the decimal point to the left as many places as the power of 10.
- Add zeros as place holders if necessary.
- If the result is less than 1, write a zero in the units place.

Hint: By convention  $0.37$  not  $.37$

**Q.** Write  $3.5 \times 10^{-4}$  m, the diameter of optical fibre, as a basic numeral.

**A.**  $3.5 \times 10^{-4}$   $\Rightarrow$   $\text{index} = -4$   
 $= 00003.5 \times 10^{-4}$   $\Rightarrow$   $\text{move decimal point 4 places left}$   
 $= 0.00035$   
*(add zeros as place holders)*

**a)**  $6.2 \times 10^5$  is the scientific notation for:  
A) 6200 B) 620 000 C) 6.20000

$$6.2 \times 10^5 =$$

$$= 620\,000.$$

$\Rightarrow$  5 places right

**B**

**b)**  $4.12 \times 10^6$  is the scientific notation for:  
A) 4 120 000 B) 412 000 C) 4.120000

=

**c)**  $2.15 \times 10^3$  is the scientific notation for:  
A) 2.15000 B) 215 000 C) 2150

=

**d)**  $1.8 \times 10^7$  is the scientific notation for:  
A) 1 800 000 B) 18 000 000 C) 180 000

=

**e)** Earth's atmosphere extends upward for  $9.65 \times 10^5$  m. Write this as a basic numeral.

**f)** Write  $1.4 \times 10^9$ , China's population in 2010, as a basic numeral.

**g)** The size of a red blood cell,  $8.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mm, is scientific notation for:  
A) 0.0008 B) 8000 C) 0.008

=

**h)** The size of a virus,  $2.5 \times 10^{-5}$  mm, is scientific notation for:  
A) 0.00025 B) 0.000025 C) 250 000

=

**i)** Write  $2.5 \times 10^{-11}$  m, the radius of a hydrogen atom, as a decimal number.

**j)** Write  $5 \times 10^{-7}$  m, the size of a speck of dust, as a decimal number.

- Simplify within the brackets.
- Simplify the power.
- Always multiply ( $\times$ ) and/or divide ( $\div$ ) in order from left to right.
- Always add ( $+$ ) and/or subtract ( $-$ ) in order from left to right.
- Use the addition, subtraction, multiplication and division rules of negative numbers.

**Q.**  $-48 \div (-8 - 4) + 23 =$

**A.**  $-48 \div (-8 - 4) + 23 =$   
 $= -48 \div (-12) + 23$  *subtract inside the brackets*  
 $= 4 + 23$  *division before addition*  
 $= 27$

**a)**  $-6 \times (24 + 6) =$

$= -6 \times 30 = \boxed{-180}$

**b)**  $-4 \times (7 + 9) =$

$= \dots\dots\dots = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$

**c)**  $(10 - 2) \div (3 - 7) =$

$= \dots\dots\dots = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$

**d)**  $(11 - 3) \div (1 - 9) =$

$= \dots\dots\dots = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$

**e)**  $(6 - 10) \times (-4 - 8) =$

$= \dots\dots\dots = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$

**f)**  $(-5 - 4) \times (2 - 5) =$

$= \dots\dots\dots = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$

**g)**  $(-9 - 2) \times (12 - 7) =$

$= \dots\dots\dots = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$

**h)**  $(-8 + 3) \times (6 - 12) =$

$= \dots\dots\dots = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$

**i)**  $8 \times 12 \div (2 - 6) =$

$= \dots\dots\dots$   
 $= \dots\dots\dots = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$

**j)**  $5 \times 14 \div (3 - 10) =$

$= \dots\dots\dots$   
 $= \dots\dots\dots = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$

**k)**  $-5 - 4 \times (11 - 9) =$

$= \dots\dots\dots$   
 $= \dots\dots\dots = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$

**l)**  $-7 + 2 \times (15 - 4) =$

$= \dots\dots\dots$   
 $= \dots\dots\dots = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$

**m)**  $-24 \div (-3 - 3) + 17 =$

$= \dots\dots\dots$   
 $= \dots\dots\dots = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$

**n)**  $-12 \times 5 - 45 \div 9 =$

$= \dots\dots\dots$   
 $= \dots\dots\dots = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$

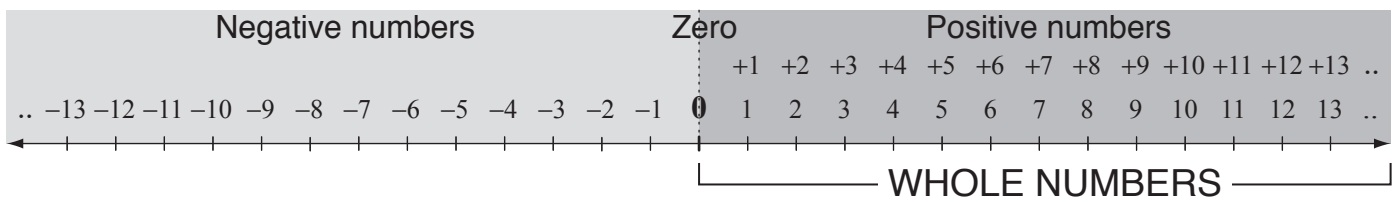
**o)**  $-18 + 4 \times (7 + 8) \div 10 - 2 =$

$= \dots\dots\dots$   
 $= \dots\dots\dots = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$

**p)**  $5 - 3 \times (6 + 2) \div 2 - 8 =$

$= \dots\dots\dots$   
 $= \dots\dots\dots = \boxed{\phantom{000}}$

## INTEGERS



- Decide if a number is a whole number or an integer, based on their definition (see Glossary) and hints below.

**Hints:** Negative numbers, fractions, terminating decimals, recurring decimals and infinite non-recurring decimals are not whole numbers.

Any fraction whose numerator is divisible by the denominator is a whole number:  $\frac{12}{4} = 3$

Any decimal with only zeros after the decimal point is a whole number:  $8.00 = 8$

Fractions, terminating decimals, recurring decimals and infinite non-recurring decimals are not integers.

Any fraction whose numerator is divisible by the denominator is an integer:  $\frac{5}{1} = 5$ ,  $-\frac{12}{4} = -3$

Any decimal with only zeros after the decimal point is an integer:  $-8.00 = -8$

Any square root of a perfect square is an integer:  $\sqrt{16} = 4$

- Q.** Choose the whole numbers from this list:

$-7, \frac{8}{2}, -\frac{1}{3}, 0, -3.6, 50$

- A.**  $-7$  is negative, so not a whole number

$\frac{8}{2} = 8 \div 2 = 4$  is a whole number

$-\frac{1}{3}$  is a fraction, so not a whole number

$-3.6$  is a decimal, so not a whole number

So  $\frac{8}{2}$ ,  $0$ ,  $50$  are whole numbers.

- a)** Choose the whole numbers from this list:

$7.43, (89), -5, 3\frac{1}{5}, (14), 0.6$

- b)** Choose the whole numbers from this list:

$567, 0.73, -4, \frac{3}{10}, 12, 0$

- c)** Choose the whole numbers from this list:

$1.4142, 18, -5.\bar{9}, \frac{4}{11}, -5, 143$

- d)** Choose the whole numbers from this list:

$-25, 0.6666\dots, 34, \frac{5}{7}, -1, 8.93567, 2$

- e)** Choose the integers from this list:

$-3.5, 11, 2.\bar{14}, -1, 3\frac{2}{7}, 2$

- f)** Choose the integers from this list:

$3.14, \frac{16}{4}, -3, -0.\bar{72}, \sqrt{25}$

- g)** Choose the integers from this list:

$-75, 2.23607, -\frac{8}{2}, \sqrt{90}, 10.00$

- h)** Choose the integers from this list:

$-\sqrt{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}, 0.5252, 18, 0$

A number is **rational** if:

- It can be written as a fraction of 2 integers.

Hint: All integers are rational numbers.

$$-2, 700, \sqrt{16}, \frac{5}{1}, \frac{25}{5}$$

All terminating decimals are rational.

$$2.16, -5.753469$$

All recurring decimals are rational.

$$0.57575757... = 0.\dot{5}7$$

A number is **irrational** (not rational) if:

- It can be written as a decimal, but not as a fraction.
- It has infinite non-recurring digits after the decimal point.

Example: 2.52849302953...

Hint: Square roots of prime numbers and rational numbers that are not perfect squares are irrational numbers.

$$\sqrt{5}, \sqrt{18}$$

**Q.** Which numbers are rational?

- A)  $-\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}$
- B) 0.999...
- C)  $\pi$
- D)  $\frac{11}{2}$

**A.**  $-\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}$  is irrational, because  $\frac{3}{5}$  is not a perfect square.

0.999... is rational, because it is a recurring decimal.

$\pi$  is irrational, because it has infinite non-recurring digits after the decimal point ( $\pi \approx 3.1415926535...$ )

$\frac{11}{2}$  is rational, because it is a fraction.

So **B and D** are rational.

**a)** Is  $\sqrt{7}$  a rational or an irrational number?

irrational

**b)** Is 4.1263 a rational or an irrational number?

**c)** Is  $\frac{48}{25}$  a rational or irrational number?

**d)** Is 1.72430982... a rational or irrational number?

**e)** Is -60 a whole number, an integer or an irrational number?

**f)** Is 2.676767... a whole number, an integer or a rational number?

**g)** Is  $-\frac{7}{2}$  a whole number, an integer or a rational number?

**h)** Is -12 000 a whole number, an integer or an irrational number?

**i)** Which is **not** a rational number?

- A) -6
- B) 0.18952
- C)  $\pi$
- D)  $-\sqrt{9}$

**j)** Which is **not** a rational number?

- A)  $-0.3\dot{1}$
- B)  $\sqrt{3}$
- C) 2.135135135...
- D)  $\frac{11}{49}$

**k)** Which is an irrational number?

- A) 3
- B) -2.5
- C)  $\sqrt{4}$
- D)  $-\sqrt{2}$

**l)** Which is an irrational number?

- A) 2. $\dot{6}$
- B) 6.15
- C)  $\sqrt{7}$
- D)  $5\frac{3}{10}$

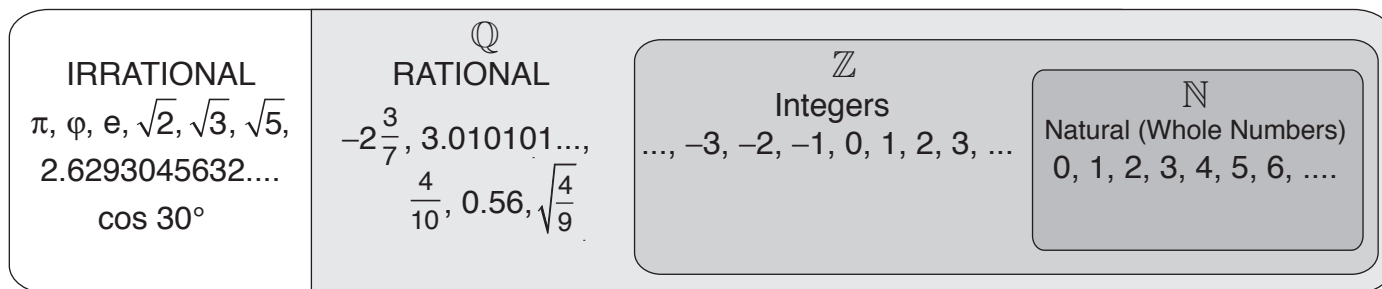
**m)** Which numbers are rational?

- A)  $\sqrt{8}$
- B) 6.5 $\dot{9}$
- C) -4.131133111333...
- D) 3.161616...

**n)** Choose the rational numbers from this list:

$$-2012, \pi, 0, \frac{28}{11}, -\sqrt{6}$$

$\mathbb{R}$  REAL NUMBERS



**Hint:** Rational numbers include integers, terminating decimals and recurring decimals.  
 Irrational numbers include infinite non-recurring decimals.

$\mathbb{N}$  included in  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}$  included in  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}$  included in  $\mathbb{R}$

Irrational number included in  $\mathbb{R}$

**Q.** Which classification describes  $-\sqrt{81}$ ?      **A.**  $-\sqrt{81} = -9$

A) integer and irrational B) rational and real C) irrational and rational D) real and natural	integer ✓ rational ✓ real number ✓ natural ✗ irrational ✗
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*So **B** is the correct description.*

**a)** Use true and false to complete this table:

	Integer	Rational	Irrational	Real
4.327	<b>false</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>false</b>	<b>true</b>

**b)** Use true and false to complete this table:

	Integer	Rational	Irrational	Real
-500				

**c)** Use true and false to complete this table:

	Integer	Rational	Irrational	Real
$\pi$				

**d)** Use true and false to complete this table:

	Integer	Rational	Irrational	Real
$\frac{3}{14}$				

**e)** Use true and false to complete this table:

	Integer	Rational	Irrational	Real
$\sqrt{26}$				

**f)** Use true and false to complete this table:

	Integer	Rational	Irrational	Real
$\frac{36}{9}$				

**g)** Which classification describes 0.65291...?

- A) integer and rational
  - B) rational and real
  - C) integer and irrational
  - D) irrational and real
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**h)** Which classification describes  $-\sqrt{49}$ ?

- A) integer and rational
  - B) irrational and real
  - C) integer and irrational
  - D) rational and irrational
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**i)** Which classification describes 0.153846?

- A) integer and irrational
  - B) irrational and real
  - C) integer and rational
  - D) rational and real
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**j)** Which classification describes  $\frac{257}{43}$ ?

- A) integer and rational
  - B) irrational and real
  - C) rational and real
  - D) rational and irrational
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- Express the numbers as decimals.
- Round the decimal numbers to one or two decimal places, as needed in the question.  
Examples:  $\pi = 3.1415926... \approx 3.14$  correct to 2 decimal places  
 $\frac{5}{3} = 1.6666... \approx 1.66$  correct to 2 decimal places  
 $\sqrt{3} = 1.732050808... \approx 1.73$  correct to 2 decimal places
- Find the perfect squares greater than ( $>$ ) and less than ( $<$ ) the number under the square root.
- Compare and order the terminating decimals.

**Q.** Place in ascending order:

$$\sqrt{10}, \frac{10}{3}, 3.21, \pi, \sqrt{12}$$

*express numbers as decimals*

**A.**  $\sqrt{10} = 3.16227766... \approx 3.16$

$$\frac{10}{3} = 3.33333... \approx 3.33 \quad \text{round to 2 decimal places}$$

$$\pi = 3.1415... \approx 3.14$$

$$\sqrt{12} = 3.46410161... \approx 3.46$$

$$\Rightarrow 3.14 < 3.16 < 3.21 < 3.33 < 3.46$$

$$\text{OR } \pi < \sqrt{10} < 3.21 < \frac{10}{3} < \sqrt{12}$$

The answer is  $\pi, \sqrt{10}, 3.21, \frac{10}{3}, \sqrt{12}$

**a)** Which number is greater?

$$\sqrt{21} \text{ or } 5$$

$$16 < 21 < 25 \Rightarrow 4 < \sqrt{21} < 5 \Rightarrow \boxed{5}$$

**b)** Which number is greater?

$$\sqrt{72} \text{ or } 8$$

$$\dots \Rightarrow \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

**c)** Which number is smaller?

$$1.41 \text{ or } \sqrt{2}$$

$$\dots \Rightarrow \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

**d)** Which number is greater?

$$\sqrt{8} \text{ or } 3$$

$$\dots \Rightarrow \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

**e)** Which number is greater?

$$\pi \text{ or } \sqrt{9}$$

$$\dots \Rightarrow \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

**f)** Which number is smaller?

$$\frac{5}{2} \text{ or } \sqrt{6}$$

$$\dots \Rightarrow \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

**g)** Which number is greater?

$$\sqrt{18} \text{ or } 4$$

$$\dots \Rightarrow \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

**h)** Which number is smaller?

$$\sqrt{25} \text{ or } 5.1$$

$$\dots \Rightarrow \boxed{\phantom{00}}$$

**i)** Place in ascending order:

$$\sqrt{5}, \frac{7}{3}, 2.2, \frac{5}{2}, 2.4$$

$$\dots \Rightarrow \boxed{\phantom{000000}}$$

**j)** Place in ascending order:

$$\sqrt{8}, \frac{8}{3}, \frac{10}{4}, 2.76, \sqrt{7}$$

$$\dots \Rightarrow \boxed{\phantom{000000}}$$