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GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY

QUESTIONS FOR DROP-IN

Mercury

Question - Indices and simplification

Simplify

 $\frac{\sqrt{x} \left(yz\right)^2}{x^3 y^{-3/2}}$

into the form $x^a y^b z^c$ for numbers *a*, *b* and *c*.

Question - Algebra simplification and factorization

Simplify this expression and then take out a common factor to factorize:

 $3x^2 + 4xy - x^2 - 6xy$

Question - Trigonometry

If a right-angled triangle's two shortest sides are 5 and 12, work out how long the longest side is, and give a formula for the smallest of the three angles inside the triangle using an inverse trigonometric function.

Good link - Reciprocal trigonometric functions

Give definitions of the functions sec, cot and cosec.

Then for practice of sec, cot and cosec use the Khan Academy link

Question - See HELM notes on Trigonometric identities page 15/17

Show that

 $(1+\sin(t))(1+\sin(-t))\equiv\cos^2(t)$

Question - Hyperbolic functions

Calculate $2\sinh(x)\cosh(x)$, what function is it equal to? Use the $e^x + e^{-x}$ formula etc.