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# MATH DEPARTMENT

Year of 2025-2026

## Lessons required for the Math Entrance Exam: (Grade 8Bac to 9Bac)

#### 1) Powers:

Students should be able to:

- Determine the sign of a power.
- Apply the rules of calculation with powers.
- Write negative powers of 10 in decimal form and vice versa.
- Express a number in scientific notation.
- Find the GCD and LCM of two or more natural numbers.

#### 2) Square Roots:

Students should be able to:

- Simplify square roots.
- Perform operations on square roots.

#### 3) Literal Fractions:

Students should be able to:

- Simplify numerical fractions.
- Perform operations on numerical fractions (addition/subtraction/multiplication/division).
- Simplify compound/complex fractions.

#### 4) Remarkable Identities:

Students should be able to:

- Add, subtract, and multiply polynomials.
- Expand identities of the form:  $(a + b)^2$ ,  $(a b)^2$  and (a + b)(a b).
- Factorize an algebraic expression (Factoring by GCF / Factoring by Grouping / Factoring using Remarkable identities)

#### 5) Equations:

Students should be able to:

- Solve 1<sup>st</sup> degree equation of the form: ax + b = cx + d.
- Solve 1st degree equation with rational coefficients.
- Solve product equation of the form: (ax + b)(cx + d) = 0.
- Solve 2<sup>nd</sup> degree equation (Factorize then solve product of factors equal to zero).

### 6) Rational Algebraic Expressions:

Students should be able to:

- Determine the domain of definition of an algebraic expression in fractional form:  $F(x) = \frac{A(x)}{B(x)}$ .
- Simplify rational algebraic expressions.
- Solve rational algebraic equation of the form:  $\frac{A(x)}{B(x)} = 0$ .

## 7) Parallelograms:

Students should be able to:

- Use the properties of a parallelogram.
- Prove that a quadrilateral is a parallelogram.

## 8) Special Parallelograms:

Students should be able to:

- Use the properties of a rectangle.
- Prove that a quadrilateral is a rectangle.
- Use the properties of a rhombus.
- Prove that a quadrilateral is a rhombus.
- Use the properties of a square.
- Prove that a quadrilateral is a square.

#### 9) Relative Positions of Two Circles:

Students should be able to:

- Recognize parts of a circle (center, radius, diameter...).
- Determine the relative position of a point and a circle (exterior, on, interior).
- Determine the relative position of a line and a circle (exterior, tangent, and secant).

- Use the property that a line tangent to a circle is perpendicular to the radius at the point of tangency.
- Determine the relative position of two circles (Disjoint Circles (exterior/interior circles); Tangent Circles; Intersecting / Secant Circles) knowing their radii and the distance between their centers.
- Determine the relation between the distance of the centers of the two circles and the sum or difference of their radii, knowing the relative position of the two circles.

## 10) Midpoints Theorem:

Students should be able to:

- Apply the midpoints theorem in a triangle.
- Use the converse of midpoints theorem.

#### 11) The Trapezoid:

Students should be able to:

- Find the length of the median of a trapezoid.
- Use the properties of a trapezoid, a right trapezoid and an isosceles trapezoid.
- Prove that a quadrilateral is a trapezoid, a right trapezoid or an isosceles trapezoid.

#### 12) Pythagoras' Theorem:

Students should be able to:

- Apply Pythagoras' theorem.
- Use the Converse of Pythagoras' theorem.
- Use the relation between the median relative to the hypotenuse and the hypotenuse in a right triangle to find the length of the median or the hypotenuse/ to prove a triangle right.

## 13) Arcs and Angles:

Students should be able to:

- Identify angle types (central, inscribed, interior, and exterior).
- Calculate the measure of angles/intercepted arcs.