SUVA SANGAM COLLEGE

YEAR 12

MATHEMATICS

WORKSHEET 6

Strand 1	Social Mathematics
Sub-Strand	12.1.3 Indices and Surds
Content Learning	Identify Surds and its conjugates
Outcome	• Simplify surds
	Express the denominator of a fractional surd without any root signs
Reference from	Pg. 33 to 38
Text	

Questions

No.	CONCEPT IN BRIEF:
	To simplify surds,
	➤ first find highest factor of the number where one is a square number.
	Let's begin with the smallest number and get the square of it.
	The idea here is that we use the square number on the right side.
	a) $\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b}$ b) $a\sqrt{x} \pm b\sqrt{x} = (a \pm b)\sqrt{x}$
1.	Simplify each of the following
	a) $\sqrt{32}$ b) $\sqrt{\frac{98}{y^2}}$ c) $\sqrt{27} - \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{48}$
	CONCEPT IN BRIEF:
	Distributive law: to expand the brackets, use arrows to multiply the tail value with
	the head arrow value.
	FOIL: Expand two binomials [two terms] using the guideline: First Outer Inner
	Last.
	(a+b)(c+d) = ac + ad + bc + bd
2.	Expand and simplify the following.
	a) $\sqrt{5} (2 + \sqrt{3})$ b) $(\sqrt{5} - 1)^2$
	CONCEPT IN BRIEF:
	➤ Identify the conjugate of the denominator
	Multiply the conjugate of the denominator to both the numerator and
	denominator
	Simplify (expand) the two brackets in numerator
	you may use 'difference of two squares' for the denominator.
3.	Simplify by rationalizing the denominator.
	a) $\frac{7}{2-\sqrt{5}}$ b) $\frac{7+\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}-1}$