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(2 marks)

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4) Simplify $\sqrt{128}$

(2 marks)

5) Show that $\sqrt{6048}$ can be written in the form $k\sqrt{42}$,
where k is an integer to be found.

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6) Show that $\sqrt{504}$ can be written in the form $6\sqrt{k}$,
where k is an integer to be found.

(2 marks)

7) Simplify fully $5\sqrt{88}$

(2 marks)

8) Simplify fully $4\sqrt{54}$

(2 marks)

GCSE Exam Questions: Simplifying surds Answers

	Question	Answer	Marks
1)	Simplify $\sqrt{50}$	$k\sqrt{2}$ or $5\sqrt{2}$ $5\sqrt{2}$	(1) (1)
2)	Simplify $\sqrt{60}$	$k\sqrt{15}$ or $2\sqrt{k}$ $2\sqrt{15}$	(1) (1)
3)	Simplify $\sqrt{63}$	$k\sqrt{7}$ or $3\sqrt{k}$ $3\sqrt{7}$	(1) (1)
4)	Simplify $\sqrt{128}$	$k\sqrt{2}$ or $8\sqrt{k}$ $8\sqrt{2}$	(1) (1)
5)	Show that $\sqrt{6048}$ can be written in the form $k\sqrt{42}$, where k is an integer to be found.	$6048 = 42 \times 144$ or 144 seen $12\sqrt{42}$ or $k = 12$	(1) (1)
6)	Show that $\sqrt{504}$ can be written in the form $6\sqrt{k}$, where k is an integer to be found.	$504 = 36 \times 14$ or 36 seen $6\sqrt{14}$ or $k = 14$	(1) (1)
7)	Simplify fully $5\sqrt{88}$	$k\sqrt{22}$ or $10\sqrt{k}$ $10\sqrt{22}$	(1) (1)
8)	Simplify fully $4\sqrt{54}$	$k\sqrt{6}$ or $12\sqrt{k}$ $12\sqrt{6}$	(1) (1)

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