

History of Mathematical Ideas
Quiz 8

Name: _____

You have 10 minutes to complete this quiz. If you have a question raise your hand and remain seated. In order to receive full credit your answer must be **complete**, **legible** and **correct**. Show your work, and give adequate explanations.

1. Write down the formula for a root of a cubic equation in the form $x^3 + px + q = 0$. (You may do this by memory, or you may rederive it.)

$$x = \sqrt[3]{\frac{-q}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{q}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p}{3}\right)^3}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{-q}{2} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{q}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p}{3}\right)^3}}$$