

History of Mathematical Ideas

Quiz 3

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. Define the “defect” of a polyhedron at a vertex.

The defect at a vertex v is 360° -(sum of the face angles meeting at v)

2. Compute the defect of a regular dodecahedron at one of its vertices.

There are three pentagons that meet at a give vertex of a regular dodecahedron. Each face angle is $(180^\circ - (360^\circ/5)) = 108^\circ$. Therefore the defect at a given vertex is $(360^\circ - 3 \cdot 108^\circ) = 36^\circ$.