



Cambridge IGCSE™ (9–1)

MATHEMATICS

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Paper 3 Calculator (Core)

For examination from 2025

MARK SCHEME

Maximum Mark: 80

Specimen

This document has **8** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptions for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptions for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptions for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptions.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptions in mind.

Maths-Specific Marking Principles

- 1 Unless a particular method has been specified in the question, full marks may be awarded for any correct method. However, if a calculation is required then no marks will be awarded for a scale drawing.
- 2 Unless specified in the question, answers may be given as fractions, decimals or in standard form. Ignore superfluous zeros, provided that the degree of accuracy is not affected.
- 3 Allow alternative conventions for notation if used consistently throughout the paper, e.g. commas being used as decimal points.
- 4 Unless otherwise indicated, marks once gained cannot subsequently be lost, e.g. wrong working following a correct form of answer is ignored (isw).
- 5 Where a candidate has misread a number in the question and used that value consistently throughout, provided that number does not alter the difficulty or the method required, award all marks earned and deduct just 1 mark for the misread.
- 6 Recovery within working is allowed, e.g. a notation error in the working where the following line of working makes the candidate's intent clear.

MARK SCHEME NOTES

The following notes are intended to help with understanding of mark schemes in general, but individual mark schemes may include marks awarded for specific reasons outside the scope of these notes.

Anything in the mark scheme which is in square brackets [...] is not required for the mark to be earned, but if present it must be correct.

When a part of a question has two or more ‘method’ steps, the M marks are in principle independent unless the scheme specifically says otherwise; and similarly where there are several B marks allocated. The notation ‘dep’ is used to indicate that a particular M or B mark is dependent on an earlier mark in the scheme.

Types of mark

- M** Method mark, awarded for a valid method applied to the problem.
- A** Accuracy mark, given for a correct answer or intermediate step correctly obtained. For accuracy marks to be given, the associated Method mark must be earned or implied.
- B** Mark for a correct result or statement independent of Method marks.

Abbreviations

awrt	answers which round to
cao	correct answer only
dep	dependent on the previous mark(s)
FT	follow through after error
isw	ignore subsequent working (after correct answer obtained)
nfw	not from wrong working
oe	or equivalent
SC	special case
soi	seen or implied

Question	Answer	Marks	Partial Marks
1(a)	4	1	
1(b)	9	1	
2	1, 2, 4, 17, 34, 68	2	B1 for 5 correct and no extras or 6 correct and 1 extra
3	$4 \times (6 - 2) + 1 = 17$	1	
4	$\frac{1}{4}$ or 0.25	1	
5(a)	576	1	
5(b)	13	1	
6	6.8	1	
7	381.42 cao	1	
8	1098 cao	2	M1 for $\frac{18}{2}(7 \times 18 - 4)$ or better
9	Correct ruled triangle with construction arcs	2	B1 for correct triangle with incorrect/no arcs or for 2 correct arcs
10	12.66 cao	2	B1 for 12.657 to 12.658 or 12.7 or M1 for $\frac{924}{73}$ If 0 scored, SC1 for <i>their</i> 12.657... seen and correctly rounded to 2 dp
11(a)	Tangent	1	
11(b)	Chord	1	
11(c)	3.72 or 3.720 to 3.721...	2	M1 for $[r^2 =] \frac{43.5}{\pi}$ or better
11(d)	201 or 201.0 to 201.1	3	B2 for 20.1 or 20.10 to 20.11 [cm] or 64π or M1 for $6.4 \times \pi$ oe or B1 for <i>their</i> 20.1 [cm] seen and correctly converted to mm
12(a)	34	1	

Question	Answer	Marks	Partial Marks
12(b)	24 66	2	B1 for 1 correct
13(a)	18	1	
13(b)(i)	1 [hour] 20 [mins]	2	M1 for $\frac{20}{15}$ or 1.333... [hours]
13(b)(ii)	Line from (12 00, 30) to Town D passing through (13 00, 45)	1	
13(c)	72	1	
13(d)	11.5 or 11.53 to 11.54	3	B1FT for 4.333... or 4 hours 20 min M1 for $\frac{50}{3 + \text{their (b)(i) in hours}}$ oe
13(e)(i)	Line from (11 00, 30) to (13 42, 0)	2	B1 for either (11 00, 30) or (13 42, 0) correctly plotted
13(e)(ii)	27	1	FT <i>their</i> line in (e)(i)
14(a)(i)	120	2	M1 for $6 \times 4 \times 5$ oe
14(a)(ii)	$2 \times (6 \times 4 + 4 \times 5 + 6 \times 5)$ leading to 148	M2	M1 for 6×4 or 4×5 or 6×5 oe soi
14(a)(iii)	60	2	M1 for $4 \times 6 + 4 \times 5 + 4 \times 4$ oe
14(b)	$6x + 8y - 2$ final answer	3	B2 for 2 correct terms in final answer or for $6x + 8y - 2$ seen and then spoilt or B1 for either $6x$ or $8y$ or -2 in final answer
15(a)	3.75 or 3.752 to 3.753...	2	M1 for $[r^2 =] \frac{177}{4\pi}$ or better
15(b)	221 or 220.8 to 221.5	2	FT <i>their</i> radius M1 for $\frac{4 \times \pi \times (\text{their radius})^3}{3}$ oe
16(a)	73 500 157 500	3	B2 for either correct or M1 for 8 parts = 84 000 soi
16(b)(i)	6720	1	
16(b)(ii)	63	2	M1 for $\frac{56000 - \text{their } 6720 - 14000}{56000} [\times 100]$ oe

Question	Answer	Marks	Partial Marks
16(b)(iii)	15 400 or 15 390 or 15 393 or 15 393.[16...]	2	M1 for $14\,000\left(1 + \frac{2.4}{100}\right)^4$ oe
17(a)	144	1	
17(b)	24	2	M1 for 2, 2, 2, 3, 5 or better or a correct factor tree or list/table for 120
17(c)	720	1	
18(a)	[a =] 13 [b =] 19 [c =] 25	2	B1 for 2 terms correct or for 2 terms with a difference of 6
18(b)(i)	$7n - 3$ oe final answer	2	B1 for $7n + j$ or $kn - 3$ $k \neq 0$ as final answer or for $7n - 3$ oe seen then then further incorrect working
18(b)(ii)	<i>their (b)(i)</i> = 361 oe	M1	
	Correct solution leading to 52	A1	
19	41.25	3	M2 for $\frac{12 \times 43.25 + 16 \times 39.75}{28}$ oe or M1 for 12×43.25 or 16×39.75 oe
20	1.5 oe	2	B1 for figs 15 or M1 for $\frac{5.4 \times 1000}{60 \times 60}$ oe
21(a)	Angle in a semicircle is 90	1	
21(b)	7.31 or 7.310 to 7.311	3	M2 for $\frac{6.2}{\cos 32}$ oe or M1 for $\frac{6.2}{PQ}$ oe
22	5.4[0] or 5.395...	3	M2 for $5.6^2 - 1.5^2$ oe or M1 for $5.6^2 = [\dots]^2 + 1.5^2$ oe

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