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Glossary for Mark Schemes

GCSE examinations are marked in such a way as to award positive achievement wherever possible. Thus, for GCSE Mathematics papers, marks are awarded under various categories.

If a student uses a method which is not explicitly covered by the mark scheme the same principles of marking should be applied. Credit should be given to any valid methods. Examiners should seek advice from their senior examiner if in any doubt.

- M Method marks are awarded for a correct method which could lead to a correct answer.
- **M dep** A method mark dependent on a previous method mark being awarded.
- A Accuracy marks are awarded when following on from a correct method. It is not necessary to always see the method. This can be implied.
- **B** Marks awarded independent of method.
- **B dep** A mark that can only be awarded if a previous independent mark has been awarded.
- ft Follow through marks. Marks awarded following a mistake in an earlier step.
- **SC** Special case. Marks awarded within the scheme for a common misinterpretation which has some mathematical worth.
- **oe** Or equivalent. Accept answers that are equivalent. eg, accept 0.5 as well as $\frac{1}{2}$
- [*a*, *b*] Accept values between *a* and *b* inclusive.
- **3.14...** Accept answers which begin 3.14 eg 3.14, 3.142, 3.1416

Examiners should consistently apply the following principles

Diagrams

Diagrams that have working on them should be treated like normal responses. If a diagram has been written on but the correct response is within the answer space, the work within the answer space should be marked. Working on diagrams that contradicts work within the answer space is not to be considered as choice but as working, and is not, therefore, penalised.

Responses which appear to come from incorrect methods

Whenever there is doubt as to whether a candidate has used an incorrect method to obtain an answer, as a general principle, the benefit of doubt must be given to the candidate. In cases where there is no doubt that the answer has come from incorrect working then the candidate should be penalised.

Questions which ask candidates to show working

Instructions on marking will be given but usually marks are not awarded to candidates who show no working.

Questions which do not ask candidates to show working

As a general principle, a correct response is awarded full marks.

Misread or miscopy

Candidates often copy values from a question incorrectly. If the examiner thinks that the candidate has made a genuine misread, then only the accuracy marks (A or B marks), up to a maximum of 2 marks are penalised. The method marks can still be awarded.

Further work

Once the correct answer has been seen, further working may be ignored unless it goes on to contradict the correct answer.

Choice

When a choice of answers and/or methods is given, mark each attempt. If both methods are valid then M marks can be awarded but any incorrect answer or method would result in marks being lost.

Work not replaced

Erased or crossed out work that is still legible should be marked.

Work replaced

Erased or crossed out work that has been replaced is not awarded marks.

Premature approximation

Rounding off too early can lead to inaccuracy in the final answer. This should be penalised by 1 mark unless instructed otherwise.

Continental notation

Accept a comma used instead of a decimal point (for example, in measurements or currency), provided that it is clear to the examiner that the candidate intended it to be a decimal point.

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
	7x - 3x or 4x or 23 + 9 or 32	M1	oe $3x - 7x$ or $-4x$ or $-9 - 23$ or -32
1	7x - 3x = 23 + 9 or $4x = 32$	M1	oe $3x - 7x = -9 - 23$ or $-4x = -32$
	8	A1ft	ft M1M0 with one rearrangement or arithmetic error

	(third term =) $4a$ or (fourth term =) $8a$ or $7a$ (= 63) or $15a$	M1		
2	a = 63 ÷ 7 or a = 9 or 8 × 9 or 15 × 9	M1	seen or implied	
	135	A1		
	Ad	ditional G	Guidance	
	a = 9 is implied by second term 18 or third term 36 or fourth term 72, not from an incorrect sequence			

3(a)	Straight line from (0900, 0) to (1100, 120)	B1	
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3(b)	Straight line from (1030, 0) to (1200, 120)	B1ft	ft (1200, their 120) from their distance at 1100 in part (a)
	to (1200, 120)		

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments		
	80	B1ft	ft_speed from their distance-ti Train <i>B</i>	me graph for	
	Additional Guidance				
3(c)	If their distance-time graph for train B goes from (1030, 0) to (1200, 120) the answer for (c) must be 80				
	For ft their distance-time graph for Train B must be a straight line for at least 90 minutes				

	0.8 × 1550 or 1240	M1	oe	
	1950 ÷ 3 × 2 or 1300	M1	ое	
	their 1300 – 0.05 × their 1300 or 0.95 × their 1300 or 1235	M1	their 1300 can be their 124 1250	0 if greater than
	1240 and 1235	A1	as final values	
4		Q1ft	Strand (iii)	
			ft for correct decision based with at least M2 scored an final value	,
	(Car) B		SC2 1368 and 1200	
			or 1162.5(0) and 1202.5(0)	
			SC1 1368 or 1162.5(0) or 1202.5(0)	
	Additional Guidance			
	Car A = 1240 and Car B = 1300 with correct decision of Car A			M1M1M0A0Q1ft

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments		
	Alternative method 1				
	$\frac{3}{12}$ (+) $\frac{2}{12}$ or $\frac{5}{12}$	M1	oe common denominator		
	or $\frac{6}{24}$ (+) $\frac{4}{24}$ or $\frac{10}{24}$				
	1 – their $\frac{5}{12}$ or $\frac{7}{12}$ or 12 – their 5	M1	oe their $\frac{5}{12}$ must be from $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6}$		
	or 1 – their $\frac{10}{24}$ or $\frac{14}{24}$				
	or 24 – their 10 or 14 (blue discs)				
	7	A1			
	Alternative method 2				
5	Multiple of 12 for total number of discs or	M1	Implied by LCM of 12		
	Number of red discs and white discs in ratio 3 : 2		eg 6R, 4W		
	Numbers of discs in ratio 3 : 2 : 7	M1	eg 6R, 4W, 14B		
	7	A1			
	Additional Guidance				
	7 out of 12 on answer line			M1M1A1	
	$\frac{7}{12}$ on answer line			M1M1A0	
	3 (red) 2 (white) 7 (blue) without 7 on answer line			M1M1A0	
	$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{2}{10}$			M0M1A0	
	$1-\frac{2}{10}$				

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments		
	2x(3x - 7)	B2	B1 $2(3x^2 - 7x)$ or $x(6x - 14)$ SC1 $2x(3x + 7)$		
	Additional Guidance				
6	Allow multiplication signs for B2 or B1				
	eg $2x \times (3x - 7)$			B2	
	Condone missing final bracket				
	eg 2x(3x - 7			B2	
	Accept (2x + 0)(3x - 7)			B2	

	-3, -2, -1, 0, 1			
7(a)	7(a) Additional Guidance	Guidance		
	-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2			В0



Q	Answer	Mark	Comments		
	Alternative method 1				
	150 ÷ (5 – 2) or 150 ÷ 3 or 50	M1			
	their 50 × 7 or their 50 × 5 or 250 and their 50 × 2 or 100	M1 dep			
	350	A1	SC1 210		
8	Alternative method 2				
	$\frac{5}{2} = \frac{x + 150}{x}$	M1	oe $5x = 2(x + 150)$		
	(x =) 100 and (x + 150 =) 250	M1			
	350	A1	SC1 210		
	Additional Guidance				
	250 and 100 is at least M1M1				

9(a)	5	B1	
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9(b) 1	B1
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	³ √27 or 3	M1	
9(c)	$\frac{1}{7^2}$ or $\left(\frac{1}{7}\right)^2$ or $\frac{1}{49}$	M1	
	$\frac{3}{49}$	A1	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
	x + y = 7	B1	oe allow = or any inequality sign
	x ≥ 2 or y > 1	B1	ое
10	x≥2 and y>1 and x+y<7	Q1	oe Strand (i) correct use of notation SC2 $x \le 2$ and $y < 1$ and $x + y > 7$ or $x > 2$ and $y \ge 1$ and $x + y \le 7$

	Alternative method 1		
	$\frac{x-20}{x+280} = \frac{1}{4}$ or 4(x-20) = x + 280	M1	ое
11	4x - 80 = x + 280 or $x - 20 = \frac{x}{4} + 70$	M1	oe correct expansion of their brackets or division scores M2
	4x - x = 280 + 80 or $3x = 360$ or $x - \frac{x}{4} = 70 + 20$ or $\frac{3x}{4} = 90$	M1	collecting their four terms scores M3
	x = 120	A1	SC3 – 380

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments		
	Alternative method 2				
	x + 280 – (x – 20) (= 3 parts)	M1			
	300 (= 3 parts) and 100 (= 1 part)	M1	scores M2		
	x - 20 = 100 or x + 280 = 400	M1	scores M3		
	x = 120	A1	SC3 – 380		
	Alternative method 3				
11 cont	x - 20 + x + 280 = 5(x - 20)	M1			
	2x + 260 = 5x - 100	M1	scores M2		
	3x = 360	M1	scores M3		
	x = 120	A1	SC3 – 380		
	Ad	ditional	Guidance		
	x - 20 = 4(x + 280)		M	0	
	x - 20 = 4x + 1120		Μ	1	
	-1140 = 3x		М	.1	

12(a) 5.83 × 10 ⁻⁴	B1	
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	941 600	B1		
12(b) Add			uidance	
	Accept 941,600 or 941 600.0()			B1

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
	7 200 000 000 \div 300 or 7200 \times 10 ⁶ \div 300 or 7.2 \times 10 ⁹ \div 300 or 24 million	M1	oe
12(c)	24 000 000 or 24 × 10^{6} or 0.024 × 10^{9}	A1	ое
	2.4×10^7	A1ft	ft M1 and their 24 000 000 written in standard form

	15 and 13	B1		
13(a)	Additional Guidance			
	Do not accept incorrect order			
	eg 13 and 15			B0

	$(n + 1) \times (n + 6)$ with full working seen			M1M1A1
	Additional Guidance			
13(b)	(n + 1)(n + 6) with full working seen	A1	ignore further work	
40(1)	(n + a)(n + b)	M1	where $ab = 6$ or $a + b = 7$	
	n^{2} + 5n + 2n + 6 or n^{2} + 7n + 6	M1		

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments			
	Alternative method 1 (Elimination)					
	3a - 5 = b or 3a + 3b = 69 or $a + b = 23$	M1	oe $\frac{b+5}{3} = a$ or $\frac{64+5}{3} = a + b$ forms one correct equation			
14	3a - b = 5 and $3a + 3b = 69or 3a - b = 5 and a + b = 23$	M1	oe forms two correct equations with equal coefficients for one unknown			
	4a = 28 or $a = 7or 4b = 64 or b = 16$	A1 oe correctly eliminates one unknown				
	a = 7 and b = 16	Q1	strand (ii) complete and correct algebra SC2 for $a = 7$ and $b = 16$ with one correct equation SC1 for $a = 7$ and $b = 16$ without working or using trial and improvement			

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments		
	Alternative method 2 (Substitution)				
	3a - 5 = b or $3(a + b) - 5 = 64or3a + 3b = 69$ or $a + b = 23$	M1	oe $\frac{b+5}{3} = a$ or $\frac{64+5}{3} = a + b$ forms one correct equation		
14 cont	b = 3a - 5 and $3a + 3b = 69ora = 23 - b$ and $3a - b = 5$	M1	oe 3a + 3(3a - 5) = 69 or $3(23 - b) - b = 5$ forms two correct equations with an unknown as the subject of one of them		
	12a = 84 or $a = 7or 4b = 64 or b = 16$	A1	oe correctly substitutes for one unknowr and simplifies		
	a = 7 and b = 16	Q1	strand (ii) complete and correct algebra SC2 for $a = 7$ and $b = 16$ with one correct equation SC1 for $a = 7$ and $b = 16$ without working or using trial and improvement		
	Additional Guidance				
	Be careful for M1M1 that the equations are not equivalent eg $a = 23 - b$ and $3a + 3b = 69$			M1M0	

	(2x + 1)(2x – 1)	M1	
15	(2x + 5)(2x + 1)	M1	
	$\frac{2x-1}{2x+5}$	A1	Do not allow further work

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments	
	Alternative method 1			
	$x^{2} - 3x - 3x$ or $x^{2} - 6x$ or $b = 9 - a$ or $\frac{a}{2} = -3$ a = -6	M1 A1	oe	
	b = 15	A1		
	Alternative method 2			
16(a)	Substitutes a value for x into the identity and obtains a correct equation in a and b	M1		
	a = - 6	A1		
	b = 15	A1		
	Additional Guidance			
	x = 0 gives $b = 9 - a$			
	x = 1 gives $1 + a + b = 4 - a$			
	x = 2 gives $4 + 2a + b = 1 - a$			
	x = 3 gives $9 + 3a + b = -a$			

16(b) 2	B1	
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Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
17(a)	$\frac{16}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ or } \frac{16\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{4}} \text{ or } \frac{16\sqrt{2}}{2}$ or $\sqrt{\frac{256}{2}}$ or $\sqrt{128}$ or $\sqrt{64} \times \sqrt{2}$	M1	oe
	8√2	A1	do not ignore further work

17(b)	$25 - 5\sqrt{3} - 5\sqrt{3} + 3$ or $25 - 10\sqrt{3} + 3$	M1	allow one error in four terms
	$28 - 10\sqrt{3}$ or a = 28 and b = 10	A1	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments	
	6(x + 3) or (-)2(x - 2) or $6x + 18$ or $2x - 4$ or $-2x + 4$ or $(x - 2)(x + 3)$	M1		
	6x + 18 - 2x + 4 or $4x + 22$ or $x^2 - 2x + 3x - 6$ or $x^2 + x - 6$	M1	allow three correct terms after expansion ignore RHS and denominator allow three correct terms after expansion as denominator or RHS	
	$x^2 - 3x - 28 = 0$	A1		
18	(x-7)(x+4) (= 0)	M1	correct method to solve their quadratic equation by correct substitution into the quadratic formula or correct completion of the square or correct factorisation	
	(x =) 7 and (x =) - 4	A1	SC2 (x =) 7 or (x =) - 4	
	Additional Guidance			
	Correct substitution into quadratic formula $x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{(-3)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times -28}}{2 \times 1}$			