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GCSE MATHEMATICS

Foundation and Higher tier – Questions by Topic – Mark Scheme

Algebra

Expanding single brackets - including when simplification is then needed

v1.0

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.
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.
ft	Follow through marks. Marks awarded for correct working following a mistake in an earlier step.
SC	Special case. Marks awarded within the scheme for a common misinterpretation which has some mathematical worth.
M dep	A method mark dependent on a previous method mark being awarded.
B dep	A mark that can only be awarded if a previous independent mark has been awarded.
oe	Or equivalent. Accept answers that are equivalent. e.g. accept 0.5 as well as $\frac{1}{2}$
[a, b]	Accept values between a and b inclusive.
3.14...	Allow answers which begin 3.14 e.g. 3.14, 3.142, 3.1416
Use of brackets	It is not necessary to see the bracketed work to award the marks.

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

Questions which ask students to show working

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

Questions which do not ask students to show working

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

Misread or miscopy

Students often copy values from a question incorrectly. If the examiner thinks that the student 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.

Q1.

$13x + 22$

*B1 $15x + 20$ or $-2x + 2$
or $13x + a$ or $bx + 22$, where a and b can be any numbers*

B2

Additional Guidance

Do not ignore further working for B2 eg $13x + 22 = 35x$

B1

eg $13x + 22, x = \frac{22}{13}$

B1

[2]

Q2.

No and correct reason

*eg
it should be $8a$
two minuses make it $+2a$*

B1

Additional Guidance

No and $8a - 7b$

B1

No and $4a$ should be $8a$

B1

No and two minuses make it plus

B1

No and it should be $+2a$

B1

No and $4a$ is wrong

B1

No and $8a + 7b$

B0

[1]

Q3.

x^2 or $3x$

M1

$x^2 + 3x$

A1

[2]

Q4.

$6x + 24$

B1 $6x$ or $(+) 24$

B2

Additional Guidance

$24 + 6x$

B2

Ignore any attempt to solve $6x + 24 = 0$

$6x + 24$ in working with answer $30x$

B1

$6x + 25$ in working with answer $31x$

B1

[2]

Q5.

$4a + 8$ or $8 + 4a$ or $5a$

M1

$5a + 8$ or $8 + 5a$

A1

Additional Guidance

Further incorrect work or simplification eg $5a + 8$, Answer $13a$

M1A0

[2]

Q6.

$10cd + 5c$ or $10dc + 5c$

or

$5c + 10cd$ or $5c + 10dc$

B1 fully simplified first term

ie $10cd$ or $10dc$

or correct expansion not fully simplified

eg $10 \times cd + 5c$ or $5c \times 2d + 5c (\times 1)$

or $5c2d + 5 \times c$

B2

Additional Guidance

Further incorrect work after a B2 response is B1

eg $10cd + 5c = 15cd$

B1

Further incorrect work after a B1 response is still B1

eg $10cd + 1 = 11cd$

B1

[2]

Q7.

$15x^2 - 10x$

B1 $15x^2$ or $-10x$ seen

B2

Additional Guidance

Condone an attempt to solve an equation after $15x^2 - 10x$ seen

B2

Condone an attempt to solve an equation after $15x^2$ or $-10x$ seen

B1

Do not ignore further incorrect working for B2

eg $15x^2 - 10x$ followed by $5x$

B1

[2]

Q8.

$$8c + 12$$

or

$$-5c + 1$$

may be seen in a grid

implied by $3c + 12 + 1$ or $8c + 13 - 5c$

M1

$$3c + 13$$

A1

Additional Guidance

Do not ignore further working

eg $3c + 13 = 16c$

M1A0

eg $3c + 13, c = \frac{-13}{3}$

M1A0

$$8c + 12 - 5c - 1$$

M1

$$8c + 3 - 5c + 1$$

M1

[2]

Q9.

$$x^2 - 4x$$

B1

[1]

Q10.

$$6x$$

B1

[1]

Q11.

One of
 $12x^2 + 8x$
 $-12x^2 + 10x$
 $-18x - 42$

may be seen in a grid

M1

Two of
 $12x^2 + 8x$
 $-12x^2 + 10x$
 $-18x - 42$

may be seen in a grid

M1dep

$12x^2 + 8x$
 and $-12x^2 + 10x$
 and $-18x - 42$
 and -42

must see 6 correct terms and a final simplification to -42

A1

Additional Guidance

For terms seen in a grid accept eg $8x$ for $+8x$

Accept multiplication signs between coefficients and algebra

eg $12 \times x^2 + 8 \times x$

1st M1

Accept eg $+ -12x^2$ for $-12x^2$

Do not accept unprocessed brackets eg do not accept $-(18x + 42)$

Crossed out terms are likely to be their working rather than deleted work

[3]

Q12.

$6x^5 + 12x^2$

B1

[1]

Q13.

$12x^3 + 20x^2$

B1

[1]