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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.
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 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. eg accept 0.5 as well as $\frac{1}{2}$
[a, b]	Accept values between a and b inclusive.
[a, b)	Accept values $a \leq \text{value} < b$
3.14...	Accept answers which begin 3.14 eg 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.

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 student intended it to be a decimal point.

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
9(a)	$2 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 9$ or 20 or $1 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 4 + 9$ or 25	M1	oe
	20 : 25	A1	oe
	4 : 5 or 0.8 : 1 or 1 : 1.25	A1ft	ft their ratio written in its simplest form with M1 awarded if it can be simplified SC2 5 : 4
	Additional Guidance		
	SC2 is for correct ratio reversed		
	Condone any ratio simplified to unitary form, with M1 awarded, for A1ft eg1 20 : 19 answer $1 : \frac{19}{20}$ or $\frac{20}{19} : 1$ eg2 20 : 19		M1A0A1ft M1A0A0ft
	20 : 15 simplified to 4 : 3		M1A0A1ft

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
9(b)	$\frac{1}{5}$	B1	oe fraction, decimal or percentage
	Additional Guidance		
	Ignore simplification or conversion attempts after correct probability seen		
	Ignore use of probability words		
	1 : 5 or 1 in 5 (chance)		B0

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
10	Alternative method 1: substitutes first		
	4^2 or 16 or 32 or 3×4 or 12 or 24	M1	oe implied by 28
	$2 \times (4 \times 4 + 3 \times 4)$	M1dep	oe
	56	A1	
	Alternative method 2: multiplies out first		
	$2 \times a^2$ or $2 \times 3a$	M1	oe
	$2 \times 4 \times 4 + 2 \times 3 \times 4$	M1dep	oe
	56	A1	
	Alternative method 3: factorises first		
	$2a(a + 3)$ or $2 \times a$ or $a + 3$	M1	oe
	$2 \times 4 \times (4 + 3)$	M1dep	oe
	56	A1	
	Additional Guidance		
	Inclusion of a can score a maximum of one mark eg1 $4^2 = 16$ $16 \times 2 = 32a$ eg2 $56a$		M1 only M1 only
	$2 \times 4^2 + 2 \times 3a$ is not enough for the second mark of Alt 2		M1M0A0

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
11	Correct circle drawn	B1	mark intention, but must have been an attempt with compasses and not free-hand

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
12(a)	$240 \div 8 \times 350$	M2	oe M1 correct first step using one operator eg 240×350 or 84 000
	10 500	A1	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
12(b)	$2600 \div (3 + 2 + 5)$ or 260	M1	oe
	their 260×5	M1dep	oe $2600 \div 2$ implies M2
	1300	A1	SC2 780 or 520 or 6500
	Additional Guidance		
	SC2 is for working out the number of teas / hot chocolates or for the misconception that 2600 was the number of hot chocolates		
	Answer 780 : 1300 : 520		M1M1A0

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
13	$180 - 74$ or 106 or $2x + 74 = 180$	M1	oe oe equation
	their $106 \div 2$ or $x = (180 - 74) \div 2$	M1dep	oe
	53	A1	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
14(a)	2 or 4 or 7 or 49	M1	
	2 and 4 and 7	M1	accept 49 for 7
	57 with 2 and 4 and 7 seen	A1	accept 49 for 7 condone 60 with 2 and 4 and 7 seen
	Additional Guidance		
	Ignore multiplication and/or addition of the given numbers		
	57 from multiplication and addition of values other than 2, 4 and 7		M0M0A0

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
14(b)	Overestimate and correct reason or Underestimate and used 1 and 3 and 6 in part (a) and correct reason	B1	oe eg every number rounded up
	Additional Guidance		
	Every number (was over .5 so) had to be rounded up		B1
	I rounded them up		B1
	(All) the numbers were closer to the higher number		B1
	I rounded up		B0
	The number was bigger than the real answer		B0

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
15(a)	$20 \div 2 (= 10)$	B1	oe eg you halve it
	Additional Guidance		
	Ignore any attempt to find an area or volume		
	r is half of d		B1
	d is double r		B1
	$10 \times 2 (= 20)$		B1
	$20 - 10 = 10$		B0
	Radius is smaller than diameter		B0

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
15(b)	10^3 or $10 \times 10 \times 10$ or 1000	M1	[1300, 1334] or [3100, 3142] or [4030, 4192] implies 1000
	$\frac{4000}{3} \pi$	A1	oe in terms of π condone a multiplication sign SC1 $\frac{32000}{3} \pi$
	Additional Guidance		
	SC1 is from using diameter instead of radius		
	Accept 1333(. ...) for $\frac{4000}{3}$		
	$4000\pi \div 3$ (1000 implied)		M1A0
	Ignore simplification or conversion attempts after correct answer		

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
16(a)	$20 = \frac{800}{w}$ or $(w =) \frac{800}{d}$	M1	oe
	$800 \div 20$	M1dep	oe
	40	A1	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
16(b)	It is greater than the answer to part (a)	B1	