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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. e.g. 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 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.

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
1(a)	70	B1	condone 070

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
1(b)	2387	B2	B1 answer ending with units digit 7 or addition method from 319 with no more than one error or shows correct “borrowing” with no more than one error

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
2(a)	40	B1	accept forty

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
2(b)	3000	B1	accept three thousand

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
2(c)	56 ÷ 8 or 7 or 5 ÷ 8 or 0.625 or 8 ÷ 5 or 1.6 or 56 × 5 or 280 or 56 ÷ 8 × 5 or 56 : 35	B2	oe e.g. $\frac{5}{8} \times 56$

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
3(a)	75	B1	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
3(b)	$\frac{1}{2} \times 56$ or 8	M1	oe may be seen as 6 more or 8 more squares shaded on diagram
	6	A1	
	Additional Guidance		
	Allow any indication of shading		
	$\frac{8}{16}$		M1

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
4(a)	4.88	B1	first answer
	5.27	B1	second answer

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
4(b)	-2 and 10	B1	either order first answer
	-5 and -2 or 1 and 10	B1	either order second answer

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
5(a)	line P and line R	B1	either order, may be indicated on the diagram

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
5(b)	(1, 4), (2, 3), (3, 2) and (4, 1) plotted with no other points plotted on the grid	B1	at least two of ((1, 4), (2, 3), (3, 2) and (4, 1) plotted with up to two other points plotted on the grid
			or
		B2	at least four points plotted that would lie on the line $x + y = 5$ where each x and y are not all integers, with no other points plotted on the grid
			or
			all four correct coordinates given but not plotted, with no additional coordinates
Additional Guidance			
Mark intention			
Line joining the four correct points with only the four correct points plotted			B2
Line connecting the four correct points but without points plotted			B1

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
6(a)	25	B1	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
6(b)	9	B1	accept ± 12

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
6(c)	32	B1	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
7(a)	SC VC with no others	B1	oe accept in words
	Additional Guidance		
	Any indication, any order		
	Do not ignore repeats		

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
7(b)	A trial of at least 3 portions involving small and large with correct total seen or 24 and 30 chosen or $3 \times 8 (= 24)$ and $2 \times 15 (= 30)$	M1	e.g. $2 \times 8 + 15 = 31$ or 2S and 2L is 46
	3 small and 2 large	A1	
	Additional Guidance		
	Ignore incorrect trials if a correct trial or the correct answer is seen		
	Any unambiguous indication e.g. 2L 3S		M1A1
	$4 \times 8 + 3 \times 15 = 70$		M0

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
8	8×35 or 280	M1	oe in pounds
	1000 – their 280 or 720	M1	oe in pounds their 280 must be less than 1000 720 implies M1M1
	their $720 \div 50$ or 14.(4) or method to get to within one multiple of 50 for their 720 or 700 or 750	M1	oe in pounds their 720 must be less than 1000 and bigger than 50 allow one error in any build-up method $720 \div 50$ implies M1M1M1
	14 with no errors in working	A1	
	Additional Guidance		
	Allow mixed units for method marks		
	For build-up or build-down allow one error e.g.1 $1000 - 245 = 755$, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500, 550, 600, 650, 700, 755 answer 15		M0M1M1A0
	e.g.2 $8 \times 35 = 290$, $1000 - 290 = 710$, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500, 550, 600, 650, 700 answer 14		M1M1M1A0
	e.g.3 $8 \times 35 = 280$, $1000 - 280 = 720$, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 550, 600, 650, 700 answer 13		M1M1M1A0
	e.g.4 $8 \times 35 = 280$, $1000 - 280 = 720$, 670, 620, 570, 520, 470, 420, 370, 350, 300, 250, 200, 150, 100, 50, 0 answer 15		M1M1M1A0

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
9(a)	(Anna range) 13	B1	
	(Shiloh median) 12	B1	SC1 13 and 12 not correctly assigned

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
9(b)	Shiloh and valid reason involving range	B1ft	e.g. Shilo and lower range ft their range for Anna
	Additional Guidance		
	Quoted values must be correct for their part (a)		
	Condone “spread” for “range”		
	Part (a) Anna range 3 then indicates Anna, with Her range is lower		B1ft
	Any reason involving median		B0
	Shiloh, her scores are close(r) together (no mention of range)		B0
	No range calculated in part (a)		B0

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
10	Method for finding 1% or a multiple of 5% or 1800×15 or 27 000 or 0.15	M1	may be implied by a correct value
	Fully correct method that would lead to the correct answer	M1dep	
	270	A1	SC2 1530 SC1 digits 27
	Additional Guidance		
	Values or methods assigned to a percentage must be correct		
	Ignore a % sign after answer		

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
11(a)	4 × 5 or 20 or 2700	M1	oe
	27(.00)	A1	accept 2700p

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
11(b)	6.5 or $6\frac{1}{2}$ or valid reason	B1	e.g. shows that 6 parcels cost £31 and 7 parcels cost £35 or you can't have half a parcel
	Additional Guidance		
	Calculated values must be correct		
	(23, 27,) 31, 35 (, 39...)		B1
	There's no whole number you can times by 4 to get to 26		B1
There's no number you can times by 4 to get to 26		B0	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
12	Two comparable values and A	B2	B1 attempts to convert both to comparable form with at least one non-given value correct $\frac{16}{25}$ and $\frac{15}{25}$ or $\frac{3.5}{5}$ and $\frac{3}{5}$ or 0.64 and 0.6 or 64% and 60% or two values in the ratio 15 : 16
	Additional Guidance		
	Accept two comparable values for “not blue” $\frac{9}{25}$ and $\frac{10}{25}$ and A		B2
	$\frac{9}{20}$ and $\frac{10}{20}$		B1
	$\frac{9}{25}$ only		B0
Two comparable values and $\frac{16}{25}$ on answer line 64% and 60%, answer 64% (implies box A)	B2 B2		
	200 discs in each box, 128 and 120, answer A	B2	
	200 discs in each box, 128 (one non-given value correct)	B1	
	64% and 30% (attempt to convert each to a percentage) 64% only	B1 B0	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
13(a)	$450 \div (1 + 4)$ or $450 \div 5$ or 90	M1	oe
	360	A1	
	Additional Guidance		
	90 : 360 or 360 : 90 with no answer chosen		M1A0

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
13(b)	$\frac{7}{10}$	B1	oe fraction
	Additional Guidance		
	7 : 10		B0

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
14(a)	63	B1	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
14(b)	40.95	B1	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
14(c)	3843 + 61 or 3965 – 61 or $(3843 + 3965) \div 2$ or $7808 \div 2$ or Valid attempt to multiply 61 by 64 with no conceptual error	M1	oe from traditional method their 244 + their 3660 or their 64 + their 3840 with at least one correct and placeholder of zero correct or implied from grid method their 3600 + their 60 + their 240 + their 6 (at least three correct) from Chinese/Napier's bones method at least three values correct from 0/6, 0/4, 2/4 and 3/6 and total calculated for each diagonal with at least one carrying figure placed correctly
	3904	A1	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
15	5	B1	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
16	All 3 correct boxes indicated Odd Even Cannot tell	B3	in that order B1 for each correct box
	Additional Guidance		
	Allow any unambiguous indication e.g. crosses in all 3 correct boxes with all other boxes blank		B3
	More than one box ticked in a row		B0

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
17	27 – 8 or 19	M1	oe
	their 19 – 8 or 11 or 11 <i>n</i>	M1dep	oe 30 – 11 – 11 implies M1M1 (3rd term =) 30 implies M1M1 may be implied by the difference, after their 2nd term, consistently being the correct 11 19 <i>n</i> may be seen as part of 19 <i>n</i> + <i>b</i>
	their 19 + 4 × their 11 or 8 + 5 × their 11 or substitutes <i>n</i> = 6 into expression of the form their 11 <i>n</i> + <i>b</i>	M1dep	oe (5th term =) 52 implies M1M1M1 <i>b</i> must be an integer
	63	A1	SC1 103 using difference of 19
	Additional Guidance		
	3rd mark must be a correct method for working out the 6th term		
	Going past the 5th term e.g. 8, 19, 30, 41, 52, 63, 74 without answer 63		M1M1M1A0

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
18	$\frac{1}{2} \times 10 \times 8.4$	M1	oe
	42	A1	
	Additional Guidance		
	Ignore units		

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
19	$\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$	B1	
	Additional Guidance		
	Condone + sign and/or fraction line		B1
	(-2,8)		B0

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
20(a)	5750	B1	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
20(b)	5849	B1	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
21a	At least 3 points correctly plotted	M1	$\pm \frac{1}{2}$ square
	All 4 points correctly plotted and joined with straight lines	A1	$\pm \frac{1}{2}$ square lines may be dashed
	Additional Guidance		
	Mark intention for straight lines		
	Condone one continuous, smooth curve		
	Ignore the graph before 2016 and after 2023		
	Ignore a line of best fit		

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
21b	[84, 92]	B1	
	Additional Guidance		
	Answer in range with or without working, with no graph or incorrect graph		B1

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
	Correct statement	B1	e.g. she used the height instead of the slant height or she used the vertical height or she used 8 (instead of 10)
Additional Guidance			
	Check diagram		
	For 'vertical' accept anything that implies she has used the wrong height		
	Condone 'length' to mean 'height' or 'slant height'		
	8 or 10 circled on the diagram must be accompanied by a supporting statement		
22a	Indicates '8' in the calculation		B1
	She should have done $\pi \times 6 \times 10$		B1
	It should be 60π		B1
	She used the wrong height/the (value of) l is wrong		B1
	She hasn't used the slant height (she used the (vertical) height)		B1
	She hasn't used the 10		B1
	She hasn't used the 10 and should be $6 \times 8 \times 10 \times \pi$		B0
	The multiplication used the wrong number(s)		B0
	She hasn't used a value for π		B0
	An incorrect statement with a correct statement e.g. she used 8 instead of 10 and didn't square the radius		B0

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
22b	$\pi \times 6 \times 6$ or 36π or $3 \times 6 \times 6$	M1	oe accept [3.14, 3.142] or $\frac{22}{7}$ for π
	108	A1	
	Additional Guidance		
	$\pi 36$		M1

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
22c	'More than' indicated or implied by statement and valid reason	B1	e.g. valid reasons 3.14 is greater (than 3) Belinda's number is bigger (than Adrian's) (the correct answer is) 113.04 (with their answer to (b) less than 113.04)
	Additional Guidance		
	If calculations are used, the outcomes must be correct		
	Accept 113 unless from incorrect working		
	'Less than' indicated		B0
	Do not penalise use of the same incorrect formula in (b) and (c) e.g. $3 \times 12 = 36$ in (b) and $3.14 \times 12 = 37.68$ in (c) with 'More than' ticked		B1
	Ignore a non-contradictory reason with a correct reason e.g. 3.14 is bigger than 3 and nearer the true value of pi		B1
	Acceptable reasons		
	Adrian has rounded (pi) down/Adrian only used 3		B1
	There is an extra 0.14 to multiply by		B1
	Her number has decimal places		B1
	Her number is to more significant figures		B1
	Non-acceptable reasons		
3.14 will give a bigger answer/3.14 is more accurate		B0	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
23	$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}$ or $\frac{2}{3}$	M1	oe
	their $\frac{2}{3} \times 7$ or $\frac{14}{3}$	M1dep	oe
	$4\frac{2}{3}$	A1	allow 4 or 5 with correct working seen

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
24	$8x - 4x$ or $4x$ or $4x - 8x$ or $-4x$ or $-19 - 29$ or -48 or $19 + 29$ or 48	M1	
	$4x = 48$ or $-4x = -48$	A1	$\frac{48}{4}$ or $\frac{-48}{-4}$ implies M1A1 implied by correct answer
	12	A1ft	ft M1A0 from an equation of the form $\pm 4x = a$ or $bx = \pm 48$
	Additional Guidance		
	Trial and improvement scores 0 or 3		
	If a follow through answer does not simplify to an integer, accept it as a fraction, mixed number or decimal to at least 1dp. e.g. from $4x = 47$ accept $\frac{47}{4}$ or $11\frac{3}{4}$ or 11.75 Ignore any attempt to convert a correct ft fraction		M1A0A1ft
	Embedded answer		M1A1A0

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
25	$\frac{38(.0)}{17.2}$	M1	oe e.g. $\frac{19}{8.6}$ or $\frac{3.6}{17.2}$
	$\frac{380}{172}$ or $2\frac{36}{172}$	A1	oe with no decimals e.g. $\frac{190}{86}$ or $\frac{3800}{1720}$ implied by correct answer
	$\frac{95}{43}$ or $2\frac{9}{43}$	B1ft	SC2 $\frac{43}{95}$ SC1 $\frac{95}{138}$ (total area as denominator)
	Additional Guidance		
	Ignore units		
	Ignore an incorrect conversion of $\frac{95}{43}$ to a mixed number		M1A1B1
$\frac{38(.0)}{17.2} = \frac{3800}{172} = \frac{950}{43}$		M1A0B1ft	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
26(a)	Line joining open circles above, on or below –3 and 1	B1	condone arrows on a correct line with open circles
	Additional Guidance		
	Mark intention		
	If the student has drawn the circles on the line, they must have drawn their own line connecting the circles		
	Closed circle(s)		B0

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments	
26(b)	$4y \geq 5 - 10$ or $4y \geq -5$ or $10 - 5 \geq -4y$ or $5 \geq -4y$ or $y + \frac{10}{4} \geq \frac{5}{4}$ or $-\frac{5}{4}$	M1	oe fractions or decimals may be seen in an equation or inequality	
	$y \geq -\frac{5}{4}$ or $-\frac{5}{4} \leq y$	A1	oe fraction or decimal for $-\frac{5}{4}$	
	Additional Guidance			
	Allow use of other inequality signs or = if recovered			
	Accept any letter for y			
	Condone $\frac{-5}{4}$ or $\frac{5}{-4}$ for $-\frac{5}{4}$			
	Ignore any attempt to convert $-\frac{5}{4}$ to a decimal			
	$y \geq -\frac{5}{4}$ in working and $-\frac{5}{4}$ on answer line		M1A0	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
27	Enlarge(ment)	B1	
	$\frac{1}{3}$	B1	oe condone third
	(5,1)	B1	condone missing bracket(s)
	Additional Guidance		
	Multiple transformations stated or implied		