

Free-Standing Mathematics Qualification

Making Sense of Data 6983/2 Foundation Level

Mark Scheme

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Key to mark scheme and abbreviations used in marking

M	mark is for method			
m or dM	mark is dependent on one or more M marks and is for method			
A	mark is dependent on M or m marks and is for accuracy			
В	mark is independent of M or m marks and is for method and accuracy			
Е	mark is for explanation	mark is for explanation		
or ft or F	follow through from previous			
	incorrect result	MC	mis-copy	
CAO	correct answer only	MR	mis-read	
CSO	correct solution only	RA	required accuracy	
AWFW	anything which falls within	FW	further work	
AWRT	anything which rounds to	ISW	ignore subsequent work	
ACF	any correct form	FIW	from incorrect work	
AG	answer given	BOD	given benefit of doubt	
SC	special case	WR	work replaced by candidate	
OE	or equivalent	FB	formulae book	
A2,1	2 or 1 (or 0) accuracy marks	NOS	not on scheme	
–x EE	deduct x marks for each error	G	graph	
NMS	no method shown	c	candidate	
PI	possibly implied	sf	significant figure(s)	
SCA	substantially correct approach	dp	decimal place(s)	

No Method Shown

Where the question specifically requires a particular method to be used, we must usually see evidence of use of this method for any marks to be awarded. However, there are situations in some units where part marks would be appropriate, particularly when similar techniques are involved. Your Principal Examiner will alert you to these and details will be provided on the mark scheme.

Where the answer can be reasonably obtained without showing working and it is very unlikely that the correct answer can be obtained by using an incorrect method, we must award **full marks**. However, the obvious penalty to candidates showing no working is that incorrect answers, however close, earn **no marks**.

Where a question asks the candidate to state or write down a result, no method need be shown for full marks.

Where the permitted calculator has functions which reasonably allow the solution of the question directly, the correct answer without working earns **full marks**, unless it is given to less than the degree of accuracy accepted in the mark scheme, when it gains **no marks**.

Otherwise we require evidence of a correct method for any marks to be awarded.

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Question 1

(a)	9	B1	Condone no 'g'
(b)	1.5	B1	SC1 Lentils, Leeks
(c)	9 – 1.5	M1	
	= 7.5	A1	
(d)	Arrange in order:	M1	
	1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 5, 5, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8, 9		
	Median is 5	A1	
(e)	Mean is	M1	
	(1.5+2+2.5+3+5+5+5+6+7+8+8+9) ÷ 12		
	$=\frac{62}{12}$	B1	For 62
	$=5.17 \text{ or } 5\frac{1}{6}$	A1	Accept 5.2, 5.166
			SC2 5.1 or 5.16 or $\frac{31}{6}$
(f)	5	B1	
	TOTAL	10	

Question 2

(a)	$\frac{3}{15}$	M1	
	$=\frac{1}{5}$	A1	
(b)	20%	B1 ft	
	TOTAL	3	

Question 3

(a)	$\frac{41}{60} \times 100$	M1	
	= 68.33	A1	
	= 68.3	B1ft	Dependent on M1
(b)	Total no of parts = 6	B1	
	Jack pays $\frac{5}{6} \times £90$	M1	
	= £75	A1	SC2 £15
			Or £15 and £75
	TOTAL	6	

Question 4

Label axes	B1 'UK users' or more detail + bars labelled
Accurate heights, five only (within $1\frac{1}{2}$	squares) B2 B1 for 3 correct of the 5 most popular
Suitable scale, start at 0, fits graph	B1 If scale starts at 10000, B1 for labelling & B1 for just 5 bars correct
TOTAL	4

Question 5

(a)	Total frequency is more than 30	B1	
(b)	Completion of tally	B2	B1 for 2 correct
(c)	Labelling of responses	B1	Could be given if not
			using $\stackrel{\diamond}{\wedge} = 10$
	Correct number of symbols	B2	
	Use of half symbol	B1	
	TOTAL	7	

Question 6

Angle for coal is $\frac{17}{100} \times 360$	M1	
= 61°	A1	Any angle correct
Other angles are 115°, 148°, 29°, 7°	A1	
Labelling	B1	Dependent on M1
Accuracy (±2°)	B1	Dependent on M1
TOTAL	5	

Question 7

(a)	Suitable scale (using pence)	B1	40 or 50 per 2cm vertical
	Plotting points (within one little square)	B2	B1 for 2 correct (condone joining to 0)
(b)	No	B1	+ any statement
	Phone calls will become negative costs!	B1	Any sensible equivalent
	Or		
	Yes	B1	
	Continuing competition forces prices down	B1	B1 for 'Yes, only until the price is zero'
	TOTAL	7	
	TOTAL MARK FOR PAPER	40	