

Free-Standing Mathematics Qualification

Calculating Finances 6984/2 Intermediate Level

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mark is for method				
mark is dependent on one or more M marks and is for method				
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mark is independent of M or m marks and is for method and accuracy				
mark is for explanation				
follow through from previous				
incorrect result	MC	mis-copy		
correct answer only	MR	mis-read		
correct solution only	RA	required accuracy		
anything which falls within	FW	further work		
anything which rounds to	ISW	ignore subsequent work		
any correct form	FIW	from incorrect work		
answer given	BOD	given benefit of doubt		
special case	WR	work replaced by candidate		
OE	FB	formulae book		
2 or 1 (or 0) accuracy marks	NOS	not on scheme		
deduct <i>x</i> marks for each error	G	graph		
no method shown	c	candidate		
possibly implied	sf	significant figure(s)		
substantially correct approach	dp	decimal place(s)		
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Application of Mark Scheme

No method shown: Correct answer without working Incorrect answer without working	mark as in scheme zero marks unless specified otherwise
More than one method / choice of solution: 2 or more complete attempts neither/none crossed out	mark both/all fully and award
1 complete and 1 partial attempt, neither crossed out	the mean mark rounded down award credit for the complete
	solution only
Crossed out work	do not mark unless it has not been replaced

Alternative solution using a correct or partially correct method

award method and accuracy marks as appropriate

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(a)(i)	£121.24	B1	
(a)(ii)	Total repayments = $\pounds 121.24 \times 60$		
	£7274.40	B1	
	Interest is £7274.40 - £6000	M1	
	= £1274.40	A1	ISW
(b)	Monthly repayment is £123.05	B1	
	Total repayment is £123.05×60	M1	
	$= \pounds7383$		OR extra interest is £1.81×60 M1 = £108.60 B1
	Interest is £1383	A1	ISW
(c)(i)	Fidelity Finance do not require any repayment for the first three months	E1	Higher interest charges are made because of the longer loan period
(c)(ii)	Extra interest = $\pounds 1383 - \pounds 1274.40$	M1	OR (£123.05-121.24)×60
	= £108.60	A1	M1(b)–(a)
	TOTAL	10	

Question 2

	А	В	С	D	Е
1	Item	Price in 1973	Price in 2006	Increase in price	Increase as a percentage of the price in 1973
2	Butter (500 grams)	15p	85p	70p	467
3	Cheddar Cheese (1 kg)	14p	£2.99	£2.85	2036
4	Milk (1 pint)	6р	35p	29p	483
5	Potatoes (2kg)	4p	44p	40p	1000
6	House (average price in the UK)	£9941	£157 250	£147 309	1482
7	Rent (average monthly rent)	£25	£500	£475	1900

(a)	Column D	B 1	At least 3 correct
	Any percentages	M1A1	
	All of column E	A1	SC2 Percentages of price in 2006; all correct
	Percentages to nearest integer	B 1	Dependent on M1
(b)	$\frac{D3}{B3} \times 100$	B2	B1 for $\frac{D3}{B3}$
(c)	Increase is £20 539	B 1	91.6% B2
	Percentage increase is $\frac{20539}{1872} \times 100$		(of 2006 – if penalised in (a))
	= 1097%	B 1	
(d)	Items which have become more affordable are butter, milk, potatoes	B2	B1 for 2 correct and no extra
	TOTAL	11	

5 parts	B 1	
Barry has $\frac{3}{5} \times 25$	M1	
= 15kg	A1	SC2 for 10 kg or 10 and 15
TOTAL	3	

Question 4

(a)	Interest is $\frac{1.4}{100} \times \pounds 308.72$	M1	
	= £4.32	A1	Condone (eg adding £30) further work
(b)	Total cost is $\pounds 4.32 + \pounds 30 + \pounds 308.72$	M1	Three terms, 2 correct
	=£343.04	A1	Condone £34.32 B2 ft if (a) within 5p
	TOTAL	4	

Question 5

(a)	Annual income is 12×£4121		Deduct A1 if answers given in incorrect part
	= £49 452	B 1	
	Taxable income = $\pounds 49 \ 452 - 5225$	M1	
	= £44 227	A1	
(b)	Tax paid is 10p× 2230	B 1	B1 for £223
	$+22p \times 32370$	M1	
	$+40p \times 9627$	B 1	B1 for 9627
	= £223 + 7121.40 + 3850.80	A1	A1 for 7121.40
	= £11 195.20	A1	
	TOTAL	8	

Question 6

VAT is $\frac{17.5}{100} \times \text{\pounds}649$	M1	
= £113.58		Accept 113.57
Total cost is £649 + £113.58		
= £762.58	A1	Accept 762.57
		Accept $\frac{117.5}{100} \times \pounds 649$ M1 = £762.58 A1
TOTAL	2	

1999 – 2000	B2	B1 for 1996, 1999 or 2000
TOTAL	2	

Question 8

£340 million ~ 127.7%	B 1	
Sales in 2003 were $340 \times \frac{100}{127.7}$ thousand	M1	
= £266 thousand	A1	Accept 266.249, 266.2 or 266.25 thousand
TOTAL	3	

Question 9

Rate is $\sqrt[4]{\frac{2681}{2100}} - 1$	M1	
= 1.062966 - 1	A1	
Rate is 6.30%	A1	Accept 6.2966
TOTAL	3	

TOTAL MARK FOR PAPER	50	
TOTAL	4	
		ie 56% of original A1
		= 0.56 of original price A1
		$= 0.8 \times 0.7 \text{ of}$ original price M1
		= 80% of 70% of original price M1
		OR Green cross price = 80% of sale price
∴ Price is 56% of original	A1	
= 0.56 of original price	M1	Price in sale is £56 A1
Price in green cross sale is $0.7 - 0.14$ of original price		Reduction on green cross is £14 M1
= 0.14 of original price	A1	Price in sale is $\pounds 100$ - $\pounds 30 = \pounds 70$ M1
Green cross sale is $0.2 \times \text{original sale price}$	M1	If initial price is (eg) £100, reduction in price in sale is £30
Sale price is $0.7 \times$ original price		