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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.

М	Method marks are awarded for a correct method which could lead to a correct answer.
Mdep	A method mark dependent on a previous method mark being awarded.
Α	Accuracy marks are awarded when following on from a correct method. It is not necessary to always see the method. This can be implied.
В	Marks awarded independent of method.
Bdep	A mark that can only be awarded if a previous independent mark has been awarded.
Q	Marks awarded for quality of written communication.
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.
oe	Or equivalent. Accept answers that are equivalent.
	eg accept 0.5 as well as $\frac{1}{2}$
[a, b]	Accept values between <i>a</i> and <i>b</i> inclusive.
25.3	Allow answers which begin 25.3 e.g. 25.3, 25.31, 25.378.
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 candidate has used an incorrect method to obtain an answer, as a general principle, the benefit of doubt must be given to the candidate. In cases where there is no doubt that the answer has come from incorrect working then the candidate should be penalised.

Questions which ask candidates to show working

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

Questions which do not ask candidates to show working

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

Misread or miscopy

Candidates often copy values from a question incorrectly. If the examiner thinks that the candidate 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.

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
1(a)	Identifies coordinates of <i>A</i> and <i>B</i> or Accurately marks the midpoint of <i>AB</i>	M1	(1, 1) and (7, 3)
	4, 2	A1	SC1 4, y or x, 2, where x and y can be an numbers SC1 2, 4
1(b)	Point plotted with coordinates of the form $(a, a + 1)$ or Line $y = x + 1$ drawn	B1	SC1 If answer to 1(a) is 2, 4 then point plotted with coordinates of the form $(a, a - 1)$ or the line $y = x - 1$ drawn
	Additional Guidance	I	Mark
	Condone no labelling of the point. If a line is drawn then the diagonal of a	-	
	4x, $2y$ implies correct midpoint for M1	A0	M1 A0
	The counter has a latter on it	_	

2(a)	The counter has a letter on it \rightarrow Certain	B1			
	The counter has R on it \rightarrow Likely	B1			
	Additional Guidance			Mark	
	Do not award the mark if the event is linked to more than one probability				

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments			
2(b)	3 with M,B2Counters without letters may be blank or contain numbers or symbols1 with any letter except L or M,B2Counters without letters may be blank or contain numbers or symbols2 without lettersB1 2 of the 3 criteria met: • 4 or 5 counters with letters3 with M, 2 with any letters except L or M, 1 without a letterexactly 3 counters with letter L					
	Additional Guidance			Mark		
	The order of the letters is irrelevant. Examples:					
	M M D D triangle			B2		
	ммм авс			B1		
	M M M L blank blank			B1		
	W X Y Z 3 4			B1		
	MMMLA5			B1		
	HIJK L blank			B0		
	MMMLLL			B0		
	ММММА			B0		
	A A A A blank					
	Treat O as a letter or zero, whichever would give the higher mark					
	Treat I as a letter or one, whichever wo	uld give th	ne higher mark			
	Z may clearly be the letter Z, but if there give the higher mark	e is doubt	treat it as Z or 2, whichever would			

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments	
3	14	B2	B1 2, 6, 10, 18, 22 or 26 or 4, 9, 19, 24 or 29 or number greater than 30 which fu other two conditions, eg 34, 54, 7	
	Additional Guidance			Mar
	18 ÷ 2 = 9			
	9 + 6 = 15			
	18 or 15 given on answer line ir	mplies B1 for 18		B1

4(a)	Expression	Q1	Strand (i) correct terminology
4(b)	26	B1	

Q		Ans	swer		Mark	Comments		
5					B4	The pairs of numbers (eg 17 & 1 in either order	8) can be	
	11	17	18	9		B3 Three or four rows/columns add up to 5		
	1			3		using available numbers with no those rows/columns	repeats in	
	2			4		B2 Two rows/columns add up to 55 available numbers with no repea		
	15	20	12	8		rows/columns or		
	7			5		All rows and columns add up to 55, but repeated and/or unavailable numbers are used		
	13			10		B1 One row/column adds up to 55 using		
	6	19	14	16		available numbers with no repeats i row/column		
				or Three or four rows/columns add but repeated and/or unavailable are used				
	Additiona	al Guid	ance				Mark	
	Unavailable	e numb	ers are	he grid or outside the range 1-20				
	Mark correct rows/columns first, as B3 may be scored even when repeated or unavailable rows/columns have been used.							
	The answer grid may contain blanks. Treat a blank square as zero (which i unavailable number)					nk square as zero (which is an		
	Mark pract	ice grid	if answ	ver grid is bla	nk.			

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments	
6	4 <i>x</i> – 1	B2	B1 4 <i>x</i> or -1	
	Additional Guidance			Mark
	-1 + 4x			B2
	4 <i>x</i> , 1			B1
	4x + -1			B1
	Accept $4 \times x$ or $x \times 4$ for $4x$			
	Do not ignore further working:			
	4x - 1 = 3x			B1
	4x - 1 = 0 (<i>x</i> = 0.25)			B1

7(a)	0.625	B1	Condone .625 Accept 0.6250, 0.62500, etc
7(b)	625	B1	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments		
8(a)	-5	B1			
8(b)	Correctly plots at least two points from their table	M1	1 mm tolerance Condone 1 or 2 incorrect points a	lso plotted	
	Correct ruled straight line from $(-2, -5)$ to $(2, 3)$	A1			
	Additional Guidance			Mark	
	There is no ft for the accuracy mark fro The correct line will score 2 marks	m an incor	rect value in (a)		
	The line <u>must</u> be ruled				
	The line must be within 1 mm of the correct points, otherwise A0				
	Ignore extra points plotted if the line is correct				
	If there is an incorrect line or no line at (but remember that an incorrect value	•	• •		

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments	
9(a)	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	B2	B1 all 0s correct or all non-zeros	correct
	Additional Guidance			Mark
	Do not accept a blank space as 0			
9(b)	$\frac{6}{16}$ or $\frac{3}{8}$ or 0.375 or 37.5%	B1ft	oe fraction, decimal or percentag ft from a completed table	е
	Additional Guidance	·		Mark
	Ignore an incorrect simplification of $\frac{6}{16}$ percentage Ignore descriptive words such as 'likel			
9(c)	0, 9, 9, 16 or 1, 9, 9, 16 or 4, 9, 9, 16 or 9, 0, 0, 16 or 9, 1, 1, 16 or 9, 4, 4, 16 Additional Guidance	B2	B1 x , 9, 9, 16 where $x < 9$ and $x \neq$ or 9, x , x , 16 where $x < 9$ and $x \neq$	
	Accept answers written on the spinner numbers on the spinner	or in the ta	able. If they are different, mark the	
	1, 4, 9, 16 scores B0			

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments			
10	a and b different primes and $\sqrt{a + b}$ eg $a = 2$ $b = 7$ a = 2 $b = 23a = 2$ $b = 47etc$	B2	Values of <i>a</i> and <i>b</i> can be reverse eg $a = 7$ $b = 2$ B1 2, 2 or <i>a</i> or <i>b</i> prime and $\sqrt{a + b}$ an inte eg $a = 3$ $b = 13$, $a = 7$ $b = 9$ or <i>a</i> and <i>b</i> prime and $a + b$ prime eg $a = 2$ $b = 5$, or at least four prime numbers ident or at least five prime numbers ident	ger) etc tified with		
	Additional Guidance					
	Examples of answers worth B1					
	2, 79 3, 6 5, 20 7, 29 <i>a</i> or <i>b</i> prime and $\sqrt{(a + b)}$ an integer					
	2, 11 2, 29 <i>a</i> and <i>b</i> prime and <i>a</i> + <i>b</i> prime					
	If answer line scores 0, check working for a trial that would score B2 or B1 with at most one trial incorrectly evaluated					

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments		
11(a)	A B 60 120 120 160 200 100 140	B2	B1 for at least one correct region	on	
11(b)	Gives both probabilities as $\frac{7}{10}$ oe or States that there are 7 numbers for each	B1	SC1 If their Venn diagram is incorrect the may show that the two probabilities are equal or are not equal and still qualify for this mark		
	Additional Guidance			Mark	
	If their Venn diagram is incorrect they or from using their diagram	can achiev	e this mark either from a restart		
	Withhold the mark if their $\frac{7}{10}$ or 7 com	es from inc	correct working	B0	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments				
12	Alternative method 1						
	7 <i>x</i> + 14	M1					
	Their $7x - 3x = 4$ – their 14 or 4x = -10	M1	oe ft their expansion Rearranges their equation to get <i>x</i> terms on one side and number terms on the other				
	-2.5	A1ft	ft on one error in expansion or rearrangement				
	Alternative method 2	Alternative method 2					
	$x + 2 = \frac{3x}{7} + \frac{4}{7}$	M1					
	$x - \text{their } \frac{3x}{7} = \text{their } \frac{4}{7} - 2$ or $\frac{4x}{7} = \frac{-10}{7}$	M1	oe ft their division Rearranges their equation to get <i>x</i> terms on one side and number terms on the other				
	-2.5	A1ft	ft on one error in expansion or rearrangement				

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
12	Additional Guidance		Mark
(cont.)	Trial and improvement is 0 or 3 marks		
	Examples		
	7x + 14 = 3x + 47x - 3x = 4 - 14x = 2.5		M1 M1 A0
	BUT		
	7x + 14 = 3x + 4 x = 2.5 (no working seen)		M1 M0, A0
	7x + 16 = 3x + 47x - 3x = 4 - 16x = -3 (only 1 error)		MO M1 A1ft
	7x + 14 = 3x + 47x - 3x = 4 + 14x = 4.5 (only 1 error)		M1 M0 A1ft
	7x + 14 = 3x + 47x + 3x = 4 - 14x = -1 (only 1 error)		M1 M0 A1ft
	$7x + 2 = 3x + 47x - 3x = 4 - 2x = \frac{1}{2}$ oe (only 1 error)		M0 M1 A1ft
	7x + 14 = 3x + 4 7x + 3x = 4 + 14		M1 MO
	x = 1.8 (2 errors)		A0ft

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments		
13	500 ÷ (3 + 7) or 50	M1			
	$3 \times$ their 50 and 7 \times their 50 or 150 and 350 or their 50 \times 4	M1dep			
	200	A1			
	Additional Guidance			Mark	
	150 : 350 150 or 350 implies M1 unless from an incorrect method.				

14	$3x - x < 10$ or $2x < 10$ or $x < \frac{10}{2}$	M1	ое				
	x < 5 A1 SC1 5 or $x = 5$ or $x < 5$ or $x > 5$ or $x = 5$ or $x < 5$ or						
	Additional Guidance						
	< 5 or > 5 or ≤ 5 or ≥ 5						
	x must be less than 5 (ie words used rather than '<')						

15(a)	25	B1				
15(b)	3	B1	Accept 3 more squares shaded of	on diagram		
	Additional Guidance					
	If answer line is blank check diagram for 3 more squares shaded					

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
16(a)	16	B1	
	14	B1	
	90	B1	
16(b)	Attempt at 264 \times 10 and 264 \times 7 or attempt at 17 \times 200 and 17 \times 60 and 17 \times 4	M1	For example: 264 17 17 264 2640 3400 1848 1020 68 The order of the rows is interchangeable
			200 60 4
			10 2000 600 40
			7 14 00 42 0 28
			There may be errors in the components but the number of digits in each row of the traditional method or each box of the grid method must be correct and the emboldened zeros must be correct $\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
			2, 6, 4, 14, 42, 28 correctly entered into the
			grid. Allow one calculation error
			Traditional method: At least one of the rows must be correct
	Adds all the components	M1	Grid method: At least four of the six values must be correct
			Napier's Bones method: At least four of the six entries must be correct and all six numbers added in the correct manner
	4488	A1	

16(b) (cont.)	Additi	Additional Guidance								
	The 2	method	marks a	are inde	pendent					
	compo		ust hav	e the re	e of the components and place value. The quired number of digits and zeros when the used					
	In the	n the traditional method or Napier's bones allow a blank or dash for a 0								
		264 × 17								
		 there must be the required accuracy in the components as described in the mark scheme 								
	Examp	le 1								
	264 <u>17</u> >	K								
	1852 <u>264</u> 4492	<u>264</u> (blank counts as a zero)								
		200	60	4						
	10	2000	600	40						
	7	140	440	28						
		6000 +			+ 28 = ut 4 of the values are correct so can score the 2 nd M	M0 M1 A0				
	mark)									
	Examp	ole 3								
		200	60	4						
	10	2000	600	40						
	7	1400	420	24		M1 M0 A0				
	Answ	er: 7184	N	11 (only	1 incorrect value) M0 (no working) A0					

Q			Answe	er		Mark	Comments		
16(b) (cont.)	Additic	Additional Guidance							
		0 = 260 not all th			3 Answ alculations	er: 2628 s have bee	n done)	M0 M0 A0	
		2	6	4]				
	1	2	6	4	-			M0 M0	
	7	14	42	24				A0	
17	17 1 + 4 + 10 or 15 and 2 + 3 + 7 or 12 <i>a</i> in A and <i>b</i> in B where $b - a = 3$ and no number is repeated eg $a = 5, b = 8$ a = 6, b = 9 etc					M1			
					= 3 and	A1	SC1 a, b where $b - a = 3$ by values repeats eg $a = 7, b = 7$ SC1 $a - b = 3$ and no numbe eg $a = 8, b = 5$	10	
	Additional Guidance							Mark	
	<i>a</i> and <i>b</i> can be negative or non-integers If answer is not given on answer lines look for numbers in the boxes								
18(a)	55 56 57 65 66 67 75 76 77				B2	 B1 All 9 correct numbers with incorrect numbers or 6, 7 or 8 correct numbers with incorrect numbers 			
	Additi	onal Gu	uidance)			1	Mark	
	Be car	eful of r	epeated	l numbe	ers – they	count as ir	ncorrect numbers		
18(b)	<u>6</u> 9					B1ft	oe ft from their (a)		

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Answer	Comments		
Additional Guidance		Mark	
Ignore descriptive words such as 'likely, 'unlikely' etc			
Ignore any incorrect cancelling or	age		
•	% or 67%	B1	
for $\frac{6}{9}$			
	Additional GuidanceIgnore descriptive words such as 'likely, 'unlikely' etcIgnore any incorrect cancelling or conversion to a decimal or percentsAccept 0.66 or better or 0.67 or 660 for $\frac{6}{-}$	Additional GuidanceIgnore descriptive words such as 'likely, 'unlikely' etcIgnore any incorrect cancelling or conversion to a decimal or percentageAccept 0.66 or better or 0.67 or 66% or 67% for $\frac{6}{-}$	

19(a)	35	B1		
19(b)	3.5 or $3\frac{1}{2}$	B1ft	ft their 35 ÷ 10	
	Additional Guidance			Mark
	<u>35</u> 10			В0
19(c)	73.5 or $73\frac{1}{2}$	B1ft	ft 2 × their 35 + their 3.5	

20(a)	Arrow to 0.4	B1	±2 mm on scale				
	Additional Guidance						
	Arrow does not have to reach line if intention is clear Arrow does not have to start at box						
20(b)	Arrow to 0.8	B1	±2 mm on scale				
	Additional Guidance						
	Arrow does not have to reach line if intention is clear Arrow does not have to start at box						

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments		
21(a)	At least three points plotted, each with coordinates (2, <i>y</i>)	B1			
	Additional Guidance			Mark	
	Award the mark if the correct line is clearly drawn but individual points have not been identified The line should be at least 2 squares long				
21(b)	At least three points plotted, each with coordinates $(x, -1)$	B1	SC1 correct points for $y = 2$ in (a $x = -1$ in (b)) and	
	Additional Guidance				
	Award the mark if the correct line is clearly drawn but individual points have not been identified				
	The line should be at least 2 squares long				

22	0.79	B2	B1 full calculation with 1 error	
	Additional Guidance			Mark
	A misread of sign or number counts as one error			

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments	
23(a)	n + n + 2 or 2n + 2 or 2(n + 1)	B1	oe	
	S = or = S	Q1	Strand (i) Correct notation for a f	ormula
	Additional Guidance			Mark
	Do not ignore further working, e.g. $n +$	$n + 2 = n^2$	² + 2	B0
23(b)	n + n + 2 = 2n + 2 = 2(n + 1) or $2n + 2 = 2(n + 1) = n + n + 2$ or $(2n + 2) \div 2 = n + 1$	B1		
	Additional Guidance			Mark
	Accept $2(n + 1) = 2n + 2$ if $2n + 2$ is given in part (a) Condone missing brackets if the intention is clear			

24(a)	-11	B1	
24(b)	-24	B1	
24(c)	7	B1	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments		
25	Alternative method 1				
	$\frac{15}{40}$	M1			
	3 with $\frac{15}{40}$ or 15 seen	A1	Condone embedded answer of $\frac{3}{8}$ SC1 3 without correct working		
	Alternative method 2				
	$33 - 18 = \frac{40x}{8}$	M1			
	3 with $33 - 18 = \frac{40x}{8}$ seen	A1	Condone embedded answer of $\frac{3}{8}$ SC1 3 without correct working		
		D.			
26(a)	<i>n</i> + 4	B1			
26(b)	3(2x + 1)	B1			

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 $R = \frac{E}{V}$

26(c)

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments	
27	27 Alternative method 1			
	$\frac{3}{6} + \frac{1}{6}$ or $\frac{4}{6}$ or $\frac{2}{3}$	M1	Common denominator with at least one numerator correct	
	1 – their $\frac{2}{3}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$	M1dep		
	40 ÷ their $\frac{1}{3}$ or 40 × 3 or 120 or 40 ÷ 2	M1dep	ое	
	20	A1		
	Alternative method 2	1		
	$1 - \frac{1}{6}$ or $\frac{5}{6}$	M1		
	Their $\frac{5}{6} - \frac{3}{6}$ or $\frac{2}{6}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$	M1dep	Common denominator with at least one numerator correct	
	40 ÷ their $\frac{1}{3}$ or 40 × 3 or 120 or 40 ÷ 2	M1dep	oe	
	20	A1		
	Alternative method 3	1		
	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6}$	M1		
	$\frac{3}{6} - \frac{1}{6}$ or $\frac{2}{6}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$	M1dep	Common denominator with at least one numerator correct	
	40 ÷ their $\frac{1}{3}$ or 40 × 3 or 120 or 40 ÷ 2	M1dep	oe	
	20	A1		

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments	
27 (cont.)	Additional guidance			Mark
	Be careful of the value $\frac{1}{3}$			
	This may or may not score 2 mark	۲S		
	Example			
	$\frac{3}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{4}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$			M1 only

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
28	0.16 or 3.6 or 0.9 or $\frac{16}{100}$ or $\frac{72}{20}$ or $\frac{18}{20}$	B1	ое
	0.72 or $\frac{144}{200}$ or their 0.16 × 4.5 correctly evaluated or their 3.6 × 0.2 correctly evaluated or their 0.9 × 0.8 correctly evaluated or their $\frac{16}{100} \times \frac{9}{2}$ correctly evaluated or their $\frac{72}{20} \times \frac{2}{10}$ correctly evaluated or their $\frac{18}{20} \times \frac{8}{10}$ correctly evaluated	B1	Oe
	No and 0.72 or $\frac{72}{100}$ with no incorrect evaluation of $\frac{3}{4}$	Q1ft	Strand iii Correct method for the calculations and correct decision for their product Allow arithmetical errors