

Dear Head of Mathematics

### Re-sit Rules for GCSE Mathematics 2381, Mathematics B

We are writing to you to clarify the re-sit rules for 2381 after certification. If you have candidates who wish to re-sit Mathematics GCSE, here follows example re-sit paths that a candidate may take:

#### Example 1

A candidate follows the normal re-sit path.

Original Sitting: 5381F <sup>1</sup>		(UMS) 25
1 <sup>st</sup> retake attempt at same tier:	5381F <sup>2</sup>	22

In this example, the candidate has retaken once at the same tier. The best UMS marks from the two sittings will be selected for the final grade at cash-in.

#### Example 2 (single Tier)

If a candidate manages to sit a unit 3 times, the mark for the latest two sittings (this may not be the best one) will be taken into consideration when the qualification is cashed-in.

i.e. Candidate has sat the following

Original Sitting: 5381F <sup>1</sup>		(UMS) 33
1 <sup>st</sup> retake attempt at same tier:	5381F <sup>2</sup>	32
2 <sup>nd</sup> retake attempt at same tier:	5381F <sup>3</sup>	26

Even though the best mark is 33, we will take the better mark from the last 2 sittings; in this case it will be 32. Only the better mark for the latest two sittings will be taken into



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consideration when the qualification is cashed-in.

### Example 3 (two Tiers)

A candidate follows this re-sit path by mixing tiers.

Original Sitting:		(UMS)
5381F <sup>1</sup>		25
1 <sup>st</sup> retake attempt at same tier:	5381F <sup>2</sup>	22
1 <sup>st</sup> attempt at higher tier:	5381H <sup>1</sup>	20
1 <sup>st</sup> retake attempt at higher tier:	5381H <sup>2</sup>	17
2 <sup>nd</sup> retake attempt at original tier:	5381F <sup>3</sup>	15

In this example, the system would ignore the score from the original sitting, taking the better mark from the last 2 sittings for each tier. In this case it will be 22 for Foundation and 20 for Higher. When the qualification is cashed in, the unit with the higher UMS mark will be used, in this instance, the 22 uniform marks for the Foundation result.

Should the candidate then have another retake attempt at higher tier, the score from 5381H<sup>1</sup> would then be ignored and the best score would be taken from 5381F<sup>2</sup> & 5381F<sup>3</sup> and 5381H<sup>2</sup> & 5381H<sup>3</sup>. From these two options, the best UMS will be carried forward.

### Cash-Ins & Grading:

Candidates are allowed to take units at different tiers, however cannot be entered for both tiers of the same unit in the same exam session.

The terminal unit (5384) will dictate if the candidate receives a Higher or a Foundation tier result. For example a candidate may take 5381F, 5382H, 5383H but then take the terminal unit (5384) at Foundation tier, the highest overall grade they can achieve will be a Grade "C". If they take the terminal unit at Higher the highest overall grade they could achieve will be a Grade "A\* ", depending on their individual unit results.

The terminal unit (5384) cannot be carried forward to the next session - this unit needs to be taken when cashing-in. The unit tests 5381-5383 can be carried forward, in the way explained above.

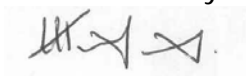
For example if 5381 needs to be re-sat after the qualification has already been cashed in, the candidate must also re-sit 5384 as this result will not be carried forward.

### Other related notes:

Please note the above re-sit rule does not apply to the new GCSE specifications (first teaching September 2010)

We apologise if this has caused any confusion this may have caused.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Uzma Tufail', written on a light-colored background.

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