

GCSE Maths: Answers and commentaries Foundation Tier – Paper 1

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Foundation Tier – Paper 1

Question 3

3	By rounding each number to the nearest 10, estimate the value of	31 × 18	[3 marks]
	Answer		

	[3 marks
30 x 20 = 600	
3 × 2 = 6	
	<u>30 × 2 = 600</u> <u></u>

Commentary

This was an efficient way to answer the question. Each number has been rounded correctly, the student has dealt with the 3 \times 2 first and then put back the zeros.

3 marks

Question 3, response 2

3	By rounding each number to the nearest 10, estimate the value of	31 × 18	[3 marks]
T	31× 0211 558		
	3// 8		
	28		
	Answer 560		

Commentary

This student has misunderstood the idea behind the rounding instruction and only rounded once they got to the answer. As this has shown that they can round to the nearest 10, they get a SC1.

	20 220 - (1	[3 mar
200	30 X 20 - 60	
	30	
1000	20	
	60	

Commentary

This student has correctly rounded both values but not reached the correct answer after the multiplication.

2 marks

Question 3, response 4

40			
20			
8240			

Commentary

This student has one correct rounding. If they had given the correct answer for their multiplication, they would have scored an additional mark.

	40 2	\$20	= 500	C. C.	~	
	 			128/201	-7	
-			8	1992	C	
		1				

Commentary

This student did give the correct answer for their multiplication, with one rounded value correct.

2 marks

Question 3, response 6

By rounding each number to the nearest 10, estimate the value of 31 × 18 [3 marks]
31
X 18
28
3R
22
Answer 6.5

Commentary

No rounding shown by this student. *0 marks*

Question 4



4 In this isosceles triangle,

AB = AC



Not drawn accurately

The perimeter of the triangle is 22 cm

Work out the length of AB.

	22-4= 18	[3 marks]
	22-4=18 18=2=9	
.		
	9	
Answer	cm	

Commentary

This is a very efficient answer. The base length has been subtracted and the answer then halved to give the value of each of the two missing sides.

4	In this isosceles triangle,	
	AB = AC	tn these des have
	A	to be the same.
	(\land)	Not drawn accurately
	18cm	18 CM
	B 4 cm C	
	The perimeter of the triangle is 22 cm	
	Work out the length of AB.	[3 marks]
	both corresponding sides	i equal the same
	amount	
	H200023002273 Whole perin	$neter = 22 \text{ (m. } \frac{1}{2}$
i	22-4=18	12
	Annual March 19	
	Answer 04 18	cm

Commentary

This student has started correctly but has not realised that the two remaining sides have to total 18, and so did not halve it.

4 In this isosceles triangle,

AB = AC



Not drawn accurately

The perimeter of the triangle is 22 cm

Work out the length of AB.

	[3 marks]
22-4=Fg 18	
18-2-6	
Answer 6	cm

Commentary

This student has a fully correct method, but the final answer should be 9.

Question 5

5

After school, Priya will

- go running (R)
- do her homework (H)
- play a video game (V).

Complete the list of the 6 possible orders in which she could do them.

[2 marks]

RHV	

- 5
- After school, Priya will
 - go running (R)
 - · do her homework (H)
 - play a video game (V).

Complete the list of the 6 possible orders in which she could do them.

[2 marks]



Commentary

This is a good way to approach the question. It's systematic and should limit mistakes. You can see that the question has already give the first combination. There is only one other combination that starts with R, so this is done first. Then the next start letter is chosen and the two combinations for that, before the final start letter is used.

5 After school, Priya will

- go running (R)
- do her homework (H)
- play a video game (V).

Complete the list of the 6 possible orders in which she could do them.

RHV	
VHR	
HVR	
RVH	
RHV	
VRH	

Commentary

This approach is not systematic. Unfortunately, the RHV combination that was given has been duplicated and the HRV combination is missing.

5 After school, Priya will

- go running (R)
- do her homework (H)
- play a video game (V).

Complete the list of the 6 possible orders in which she could do them.



Commentary

This unfortunately duplicates the HVR combination, and the HRV combination is missing, meaning we cannot award both marks.

Question 6(a)



6 (a) Which statement is correct? Tick one box.



Show working to support your answer.

[2 marks]



Commentary

This is nice and clear. We can see the evaluations in the working space and they have chosen the correct inequality sign.

6 (a) Which statement is correct?



Show working to support your answer.

[2 marks]



Commentary

The working is clear in the working space but they didn't tick the correct option.

6 (a) Which statement is correct? Tick one box.



17 + 3 < 29 - 10



17 + 3 = 29 - 10

17 + 3 > 29 - 10

Show working to support your answer.

[2 marks]

because it easils the sum big gest

Commentary

There is no working here, and it is not the correct option that has been ticked.

6 (a) Which statement is correct? Tick one box.



Show working to support your answer.

[2 marks]

17+3=20 15 less than 29-10=4 17+3=20 15 the same as 29-10=9 ŧ

Commentary

One of the evaluations is incorrect but the correct option has been chosen for their values.

Question 6(b)

6	(b)	Work out	60 ÷ 2 + 4	[2 marks]
			Answer _	

Questic 6 (b)	on 6(b), response 1 Work out 60 ÷ 2 + 4	[2 marks]
	60: (2+4) 2+4	$= \frac{6}{60} = 10$
	Answer 10	-

Commentary

Correct priority of operations has not been followed; the divide should be done first. *O marks*

Question 6(b), response 2

6 (b)	Work out 60 ÷ 2 + 4	[2 marks]
	60-2=30	
	30+4=34	
	Answer 34	

Commentary

This is a great example. The calculations are done separately so the student can see how far they've got.

Question 6(b), response 3 6 (b) Work out $60 \div 2 \div 4$ [2 marks] $60 \div 2 \div 4$ $60 \div 6 \div 6$ $60 \div 6 \div 6$ $-30 \div 4 \div 2 \div 6$ Answer -26

Commentary

The student has the correct method but the value of -30 is not correct. We can award a mark for fully correct method and ignore the incorrect value seen in the middle.

1 mark

Questi	on 6(b), response 4		
6 (b)	Work out 60 ÷ 2 + 4	B 1 D	[2 marks]
	30 + 6		
	Answer _	36	

Commentary

Priority of operations has not been followed correctly here. There's a correct first step that gets to the 30, but then the 2 is used again and added along with the 4.

			Cost of 100 grams	
Pasta 14p buys 400 grams of cereal and 250 grams of pasta. out the total cost in £		Cereal	49p	
		Pasta	14p	
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	Cost of 100 grams
Cereal	49p
Pasta	14p

Leah buys 400 grams of cereal and 250 grams of pasta.

Work out the total cost in £



Commentary

A nice example of clearly laid out work. The student has started by converting to \pounds and then worked out the prices for cereal and pasta, before adding them for a total.

7

	Cost of 100 grams
Cereal	49p
Pasta	14p

Leah buys 400 grams of cereal and 250 grams of pasta.

Work out the total cost in £

[4 marks] Cereal = \$ 498 40 Pasta = 14× 2509 140 =340 96 Pasta total = 34P Cerear total Answer £ 2.30

Commentary

The method for this is fully correct, but the price for the pasta is incorrect.

7

	Cost of 100 grams
Cereal	49p
Pasta	14p

Leah buys 400 grams of cereal and 250 grams of pasta.

Work out the total cost in £

[4 marks]

400 of ceral	49.0	
100 = 49P	4936	
H9×4 \$2057	4 945	
250 pasta		250
147=100		250
14×250 - 3.50		250
2.05		230
3.50		250
		250
5.35		250
		2520
		3s c

Commentary

There's a correct first step here with the 49 \times 4 but nothing useful after that.

7

	Cost of 100 grams
Cereal	49p
Pasta	14p

Leah buys 400 grams of cereal and 250 grams of pasta.

Work out the total cost in $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{L}}$

[4 marks]

1649	
3203	1255
<u> </u>	+ 3293 + 1255 45.48
	1250
	45.48
	1

Commentary

The 49 should be multiplied by 4, not by 400. Student is working with a cost of 49p for 1 g, not 100 g.

Question 8(a)

8	(a)	For a set of five numbers,	
•		the mode is 8	•
•		the median is 12	
		Work out one possible set of five numbers. [2 marks	5]
•			
		Answer	

Questio	on 8(a), response 1						
8 (a)	For a set of five numbers, the mode is 8 the median is 12						
	Work out one possible	e set of fiv	e numbers	•			[2 marks]
	Answer _	5	3	12	_2		

Commentary

Although the 12 is in the middle space, it's not the middle number if you put the numbers in order. For the median to be 12, the 12 has to be the middle value when the numbers are in order.

This was a very common mistake.

There are no 8s here, so no mode of 8.

8 (a) For a set of five numbers,

the mode is 8

the median is 12

Work out one possible set of five numbers.

[2 marks]

8,8,12,8,8 Answer 8 8 12 8 8

Commentary

Just as before, this is not a median of 12 but we do have a mode of 8.

Q	uestio	on 8(a), response 3	
8	(a)	For a set of five numbers, the mode is 8 the median is 12 Work out one possible set of five numbers. $M_{W}B$, 8, 12, 16, 18	arks]
		Answer <u>8</u> <u>8</u> <u>12</u> <u>16</u> <u>18</u>	

Commentary

A fully correct answer with a mode of 8 and a median of 12. The two numbers to the right of 12 could be anything greater than 12, as long as they are not the same as each other.

8 (a)	For a set of five numbers, the mode is 8 the median is 12 Work out one possible set of five numbers.						[2 marks]	
			8	12	7	14	16	
	Answer	7	8	12	1	_4_	16	

Commentary

The median is correct but we do not have a mode of 8.

Question 9

9	Shona has 14 dresses.
	50% of these dresses are red. She gives 5 of her red dresses to a charity shop. She buys 1 new red dress.
	What percentage of the dresses she has now are red? [4 marks]
	Answer%

9

Shona has 14 dresses.

50% of these dresses are red.

She gives 5 of her red dresses to a charity shop. -7

She buys 1 new red dress. + 1

What percentage of the dresses she has now are red?

[4 marks] -8 Red 08 3 0 0 % Answer

Commentary

This is a good example of the student labelling where they are up to, so they can keep track.

A common mistake in this question was to not realise that there were 10 dresses left, not the original 14 and the labelling here has helped to keep track of how many dresses there are.

9 Shona has 14 dresses.

50% of these dresses are red.

She gives 5 of her red dresses to a charity shop.

She buys 1 new red dress.

What percentage of the dresses she has now are red?



Commentary

This student has correctly worked out that there are 3 red dresses, but not kept track of

how many dresses there are in total. If they had correctly converted $\frac{3}{14}$ to a percentage, they could have had an extra mark.
Questic	n 9, response 3
9	Shona has 14 dresses.
7	50% of these dresses are red.
	She gives 5 of her red dresses to a charity shop.
	She buys 1 new red dress.
	What percentage of the dresses she has now are red?
	[4 marks]
	7 chress > red ones - 5 = 2 red
	+1 = 3
	$7 \text{ normal} = \frac{3}{10}$ 3 red
	50=5
	Answer 3 %

Here, the student has correctly found that there are 3 red dresses and 10 dresses in total, giving $\frac{3}{10}$ red dresses. The only error was not to turn this into a percentage. **3 marks**

Question 9, response 4

9	Shona has 14 dresses.

50% of these dresses are red.

She gives 5 of her red dresses to a charity shop. She buys 1 new red dress.

What percentage of the dresses she has now are red?

[4 marks]

red clothes she has % Answer

Commentary

The student has correctly worked out that there will be 10 dresses at the end, so they get 1 mark.

Question 10(a)

10 (a)	Here is a triangle.		
	1.2 m 1 m 40 cm	Not drawn accurately	
	Work out $\frac{\text{length of shortest side}}{\text{length of longest side}}$		
	Give your answer as a fraction in its simplest form.		[2 marks]
	Answer		

10 (a) Here is a triangle.



Not drawn accurately



Give your answer as a fraction in its simplest form.

[2 marks]



Commentary

We can see the correct conversion from 1.2 m to 120 cm. The correct two sides are used and it has been correctly simplified.

10 (a) Here is a triangle.



Not drawn accurately

Work out length of shortest side length of longest side

Give your answer as a fraction in its simplest form.

[2 marks]



Commentary

Whilst we have the correct two sides being used, there is no conversion and the lengths need to be in the same unit to be able to cancel the fraction.

10 (a) Here is a triangle.



Not drawn accurately

Work out length of shortest side length of longest side

Give your answer as a fraction in its simplest form.

[2 marks 1.2m 40cm = 0.4m 1.2:0.4 Answer

Commentary

There is a correct conversion here from 40 cm to 0.4 m.

It's more difficult to cancel the fraction if there are decimals involved, so it would make it easier if both were in cm instead of m. The conversion has been awarded a mark.

Question 10(b)



10 (b) Here is a different triangle.



x = 3y

Work out the size of angle y.



Commentary

It was fairly common to see 360° used instead of 180°. This misconception meant that no marks could be awarded.

10 (b) Here is a different triangle.



x = 3y

Work out the size of angle y.

[3 marks] y= 65

Commentary

This is a correct first step, to subtract the given angle from 180°. The student has not gone any further.



This is a correct first step but the student should then have divides by 4, not by 3. It was very common to see students divide by 3.

10 (b) Here is a different triangle.



x = 3y

Work out the size of angle y.

[3 marks]



Commentary

Correct first step and then the divide by 3 has been corrected to be divide by 4, getting to the correct final answer.

10 (b) Here is a different triangle.



x = 3y

Work out the size of angle y.



Commentary

The working here is all correct but at the end, the wrong value out of 51 and 17 has been chosen for the final answer, so the final mark cannot be awarded.

Question 11(a)

11

Companies A and B sell insurance for mobile phones.

The table shows the **monthly** costs for two types of cover, Damage and Loss.

Company	Damage	Loss
А	£8.65	£12.20
В	£7.25	£14.10

11 (a) Work out the difference in monthly cost for the two types of cover with **Company A**.

[2 marks]

Answer £

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A	£8.65	£12.20
В	£7.25	£14.10

11 (a) Work out the difference in monthly cost for the two types of cover with Company A.

[2 mark

Answer £ 3.55

Commentary

The correct two values have been chosen from the table and the answer comes from the subtraction.

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в	£7.25	£14.10

11 (a) Work out the difference in monthly cost for the two types of cover with Company A.

Out this	[2 marks]
ENX.XO -	
£ 8.65	
£ 3.45	

Answer £ 3.45

Commentary

The correct two values have been chosen from the table but the final answer is not correct.

11 Companies A and B sell insurance for mobile phones.

The table shows the monthly costs for two types of cover, Damage and Loss.

Company	Damage	Loss
A	£8.65	£12.20
в	£7.25	£14.10

11 (a) Work out the difference in monthly cost for the two types of cover with Company A.

[2 marks]		
	5	8
	>	41,2.
		\$20.
	20.85	Answer £ -

Commentary

The correct values are chosen from the table but unfortunately, addition took place instead of subtraction.

11 Companies A and B sell insurance for mobile phones.

The table shows the monthly costs for two types of cover, Damage and Loss.

Company	Damage	Loss
A	£8.65	£12.20
В	£7.25	£14.10

11 (a) Work out the difference in monthly cost for the two types of cover with Company A.

[2 marks]

= \$ 7.25 +	514.10=521.35
521.35	- 520.85 = 51.50
Answer f	1.50

Commentary

It was not uncommon to see the totals calculated for each of A and B and the difference between those values found.

Question 11(b)

11 (b)	Ben wants Damage cover with Company B .	
	How much in total will he pay for one year ?	[3 marks]
	Answer £	

11 (b)	Ben wants Damage cover with Company B.
	How much in total will he pay for one year? [3 marks
	1202070
	8440Z
	0 \$87.00
	Answer £ 87.00

Commentary

The student has taken the correct value from the table and has a correct understanding that it needed to be multiplied by 12, to get a yearly cost.

The working is neatly set out and easy to follow. Correct final answer.

11 (b) Ben wants Damage cover with Company B.

How much in total will he pay for one year?

[3]





Commentary

The only error made here was to forget to put the decimal point back in.

11 (b) Ben wants Damage cover with Company B.

How much in total will he pay for one year?





Commentary

Here we see an incorrect value being used from the table, but the student does have an understanding that the value needed to be multiplied by 12. The multiplication is correct.

11 (b) Ben wants Damage cover with Company B.

How much in total will he pay for one year?



Commentary

Well set-out work with the correct place value when multiplying by the 10.

11 (b) Ben wants Damage cover with Company B. How much in total will be pay for one year? <u>Company B Damage cover =</u> 7.25 Monthy 7.25 X Year = <u>E7 X 12 = 84</u> <u>0.25 ptron X12=E3 = E87</u> Answer £ <u>87</u>

Commentary

This student has chosen to split the 7 from the 0.25 and multiply each by 12 and then total them. No mistakes were made and it's easy to follow the working, for the student and the person marking it.

11 (b) Ben wants Damage cover with Company B.

How much in total will he pay for one year?



Commentary

This student knew that they needed to multiply by 12, but only in fact multiplied by 6.

Question 11(b), response 7 11 (b) Ben wants Damage cover with Company B. How much in total will he pay for one year? [3 marks] 7.25 + 14.10 = 21.35 21.35 $21.35 \times 12 =$ 12 213.50 213.50 2566.30 256.30

Commentary

This is not the correct value to be multiplied by 12, but shows the understanding of the need to multiply by 12. The multiplication has not been done correctly.

Question 12

12	Work out	$\frac{11}{18} - \frac{1}{3}$	[2 marks]
		Answer	

Questi	12, response 1
12	Work out $\frac{11}{18} - \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{5}$
	$\frac{11}{18} - \frac{6}{18} = \frac{5}{18}$
	Answer $\frac{5}{18}$

This is a perfect example of how to answer the question. A common denominator of 18 can be used, so only the second fraction needs to be changed.



This is a perfect example of how you can answer the question. 54 is an appropriate choice for a common denominator. Both fractions needs to change before the subtraction can take place. The question doesn't ask for simplification, so it's perfectly ok to leave it like this.



This is the most common mistake on a fraction question, not to get a common denominator. If there's no common denominator, there can be no progress in the question.

Question 12, response 4

12	Work	out <u>11×1</u> 18×1	$\frac{1}{3}$								
۰.		<u>11 ×1</u> 17×1		<u>1×6</u> 3×6	3	11	-	6	2	y ² Jarq	2 9
	2		Answ	ver		4	8	2			

Commentary

The question can progress because we have two correct fractions over a common denominator but the subtraction isn't correct.

Question 12, response 5



Commentary

The 54 is an appropriate choice for a common denominator. The 18 is a correct numerator but the 39 is not.

Question 13(a)

13 (a)	The term-to-term rule for a sequence is	
	multiply by 2	
	The 3rd term of the sequence is 46	
	Work out the 1st term.	
	Give your answer as a decimal.	[3 marks]
	Answer	

13 (a) The term-to-term rule for a sequence is

multiply by 2

The 3rd term of the sequence is 46

Work out the 1st term.

Give your answer as a decimal.

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	۸ ۸.	1	23
	2/23	*	2
			+ 6

Commentary

This was a common error... to get an incorrect answer to the final division.

13 (a)	The term-to-term rule for a sequence is
	multiply by 2 24 36
	The 3rd term of the sequence is 4650Work out the 1st term.50Give your answer as a decimal.5698100
	$46 \div 2 = 24$ 24 ÷ 2 = 12
	$\frac{12}{12} \frac{000}{12}$
	Answer O. 10

Commentary

Although the first and last divisions go wrong, the method is exactly what should be happening.

13 (a) The term-to-term rule for a sequence is

	multiply by 2		
The 3rd term of the	e sequence is 46		
Work out the 1st te	erm.		
Give your answer	as a decimal.		
	13-2	= 2=13 = 6.5	
F	Answer	6.5	

Commentary

We can see the method set out here. The first division has gone wrong, but the intention was to do exactly the right processes.

Question 13(a), response 4 13 (a) The term-to-term rule for a sequence is multiply by 2 The 3rd term of the sequence is 46 Work out the 1st term. Give your answer as a decimal. $\boxed{115}, \boxed{123}, 46, 23 \times 123} \times 2 = 46 = \boxed{2496} 12 \frac{169}{12} = 23$ $11 \times 2 = 66 = \boxed{2496} 12 \frac{169}{12} = 23$ $11 \times 2 = 11.5 \text{ will } 2 = 73$ 2 = 11.5 will 2 = 73Answer 11.5

Commentary

The student has written down the three spaces for the three terms and worked backwards to fill them. This is good because it stops them from going one step too far.

All calculations are correct.
Question 13(a), response 5

13 (a) The term-to-term rule for a sequence is

multiply by 2

The 3rd term of the sequence is 46

Work out the 1st term.

Give your answer as a decimal.

46-2= 23

Answer 23.00

Commentary

This is a correct first step, but goes no further.

Question 13(b)

13 (b)	The term-to-term rule for a different sequence is
	subtract <i>k</i>
	The 1st term is 34
	The 4th term is 10
	Work out the value of <i>k</i> .
	[3 marks]
	k =

Question 13(b), response 1

.. ...

	subtract k		
The 1st term is 34	- 2	34 -8 = 26	
The 4th term is 10 Work out the value of k.		26-8=18	
		18-8=10	
34 -10	= 24	4-1=3	
24 7 3	3 = 8		
4=9			
	The 4th term is 10 Work out the value of k 34 - 10 24 + 3	The 1st term is 34 The 4th term is 10 Work out the value of k. 34 - 10 = 24 $24 + 3 = 8$	

Commentary

This student has understood that there are 4 "jumps" between the first and fourth terms. They calculate the overall difference correctly and then correctly divide by 3.

Question 13(b), response 2 13 (b) The term-to-term rule for a different sequence is subtract k The 1st term is 34 The 1st term is 34 The 4th term is 10 Work out the value of k. 34 - b = 28 28 - b = 22 22 - b = 10 24 - b = 28 28 - b = 22 22 - b = 10 24 - b = 24 difference, in 10 - 34, what goes into 24 (theres, 4 + b = 2) 24k = 6

Commentary

This was a common misunderstanding that there are 4 "jumps" between the first and fourth terms. The student carefully checked their work a different way, but the misunderstanding meant that they couldn't correct it that way.

Question 13(b), response 3

13 (b)	The term-to-term rule for a different sequence is
	subtract k
	The 1st term is 34
	The 4th term is 10
	Work out the value of k.
	1 Z 3 4 [3 marks
	34, 26, 18, 10
	8 -8 -8
	k= -8

Commentary

The correct number of "jumps" between the first and fourth term have been understood but the rule is "subtract k". If we subtract -8, we would be adding 8.

Question	13(b), response 4
13 (b)	The term-to-term rule for a different sequence is
	subtract k
	The 1st term is 34
	The 4th term is 10
	Work out the value of k.
	34-10=24 K=24
	K=24
	k=Y

Commentary

This is a correct first step, but the student goes no further.

Question	13(b), response 5
13 (b)	The term-to-term rule for a different sequence is subtract k 10 10 10 10 26 26 26
	The 1st term is 34 The 4th term is 10 Work out the value of k . 34 26 18 10
	$\frac{34}{k} = -\mathbf{b}$

Commentary

The correct terms between the first and fourth term can be seen, but the student has recorded the difference incorrectly on the answer line.

Question 14





Commentary

This student has counted correctly but put the numbers in the wrong places in the vector.





Commentary

The student has counted correctly but as well as putting the numbers in the wrong places in the vector, they also included a negative sign with the 7.



Commentary

The 4 is not correct as that only moves the right hand edge of A to the left hand edge of B. The -2 is correct and will score.



Commentary

You can see that the student has used the top right hand corner of A and used dots to take it to the top right corner of B. This is a good method so that you make sure you're matching corner to corresponding corner.



Commentary

The mistake here is in not taking a corner to the same corner on the other shape. Bottom right of A should go to bottom right of B but this goes to top left of B.

Question 15

15

In a bag there are only red discs, blue discs and green discs.

There are 10 red discs.

When one disc is picked at random

$$\mathsf{P}(\mathsf{red}) = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$P(blue) = \frac{2}{5}$$

How many green discs are in the bag?

[4 marks]

Answer _____

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[4 marks]



Commentary

This is almost perfect. If the student had remembered at the end that they start with 80 discs instead of 100, they'd have scored full marks. They've worked out that there are 80 discs in the bag, then worked out how many are red and blue, before subtracting those from the total (wrong total, unfortunately) to get the remainder the must be green.

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When one disc is picked at random

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$$P(blue) = \frac{2}{5}$$

How many green discs are in the bag?



Commentary

This is a good first step, but without working out the total number of discs, can go no further.

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When one disc is picked at random

$$P(red) = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$P(blue) = \frac{2}{5}$$

How many green discs are in the bag?

Commentary

The student has worked out that there are 80 discs in total, worked out the correct number of red and blue but made a small slip on working out the number of green.

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How many green discs are in the bag?

[4 marks] 4010F80 * 8 401 = 32 of 80 = 32 32+10= 412 80-42=38 Answer 38green

Commentary

This is a perfect response. It's neatly laid out and easy to follow.

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When one disc is picked at random

$$P(red) = \frac{1}{8}$$
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How many green discs are in the bag?

8 5187:00 81 discs in total 16.2 +10 = 26.2 Answer

Commentary

Student has the wrong number of discs, but has gone on to correctly work out how many blue discs there would be, and added on the red discs, which are the correct next steps.

2 marks

[4 marks]

Question 16





Commentary

Student has correctly worked out a table of values but not plotted the points. This means they have no line crossing the given line, so cannot read off where they cross.



Answer

Commentary

There is no table of values here but the line is drawn perfectly. To gain the final mark, they would need to read off the x-coordinate of where the two lines cross.



Commentary

The correct line is drawn and the student has dropped a line down from the intersection of the two lines to the x-axis, to read off the value. The algebraic check on the value gives them peace of mind that they have the correct answer.





Commentary

This student has not attempted the graph but has tackled the more tricky algebra to get to the solution to the equation.

16 Here is the graph of y = 7 - 3x



Draw the graph of y = 2x + 1 on the grid and then

work out an approximate solution to 7-3x = 2x + 1

[3 marks]



Answer 1.3, 3-3

Commentary

We have the correct line here but the student has given coordinates as their answer, not just the value for x.

Question 18

18	Work out 80 000 000 ÷ 200 Give your answer in standard form.	[2 marks]
	Answer	

Give your answer in standard form.	1
8-2=4	
400,000 UX105	

Commentary

This is a perfect answer. The student has dealt with the 8 and 2 and then included the correct number of zeroes. Once they have the answer to the calculation, they have finished off by putting that number into standard form.

18 Work out 80 000 000 ÷ 200 Give your answer in standard form.

[2 marks]

0,000 4 Answer 404 404

Commentary

The student has the correct number but has incorrectly converted to standard form. *1 mark*

18	tion 18, response 3 Work out $8000000 \div 200 \Rightarrow 4576067666$	
	Give your answer in standard form.	[2 marks]
	Answer 4 XID	с. Н
Cor	nmentary	

This student does not have the correct value but they have correctly converted their value to standard form.

Questic	n 18, response 4	
18	Work out 80 000 000 ÷ 200 Give your answer in standard form.	[2 marks]
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	Answer <u>Sx \O</u> 7	- 3

Commentary

This is a correct first step to one way of answering this question. The first value in the calculation has been correctly converted to standard form.

Question 19(a)

19	(a)	Work out	$\frac{3^{12}}{3^7}$	
•			iswer as a whole number.	[2 marks]
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			Answer	
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Question 19(a), response 1 19 (a) Work out $\frac{3^{12}}{3^7}$ Give your answer as a whole number. [2 marks] $3^{12} + 3^7 = 3^5$ $3^{12} + 3^7 = 3^5$ $3^{10} + 3^7 = 3^7 = 3^5$ $3^{10} + 3^7 = 3^7 = 3^5$ $3^{10} + 3^7 = 3^7 = 3^5$ $3^{10} + 3^7 = 3^7 = 3^5$ $3^{10} + 3^7 = 3^7 = 3^5$ $3^{10} + 3^7 = 3^7 = 3^7 = 3^5$ $3^{10} + 3^7 = 3^7 = 3^7 = 3$

Student has correctly worked out the number in index form but not been able to correctly convert it to a whole number.

Question 19(a), response 2

19 (a) Work out

Give your answer as a whole number.

 $\frac{3^{12}}{3^7}$



Commentary

This is a perfect response. The number has been worked out in index form and then we see clear workings to get it as a whole number.

Question 19(a), response 3

19 (a) Work out $\frac{3^{12}}{3^7}$

Give your answer as a whole number.

$$[2 \text{ marks}]$$

$$12 - 7 = 5 \qquad 3^{5} = 3 \times 3 \times 9 = 27 \qquad 3 \times 27 = 81 \qquad 3 \times 81 = 243$$

$$3 \times 243 = 243$$

Commentary

This response has the correct number in index form but has gone one step too far when converting to a whole number.

Question 19(a), response 4

19 (a) Work out $\frac{3^{12}}{3^7}$

Give your answer as a whole number.



Commentary

It was quite a common mistake to deal correctly with the powers but to then divide the 3s.

Question 19(b)

19 (b)	Simplify $8 \times 2^6 \times 2^4$ Give your answer as a power of 2	[2 marks]
	Answer	
Question 19(b), response 1

19 (b)	Simplify $8 \times 2^6 \times 2^4$ Give your answer as a power of 2	[2 marks]
	2×2=210	
	Answer 20	

Commentary

This is a great first step, to deal with the powers you can see. To gain the second mark, you'd need to convert 8 to 2^3 and then process the powers you have.

1 mark

Questio	n 19(b), response 2
19 (b)	Simplify $8 \times 2^{6} \times 2^{4}$ Give your answer as a power of 2 $8 \times 2^{6} \times 2^{4} = 8 2^{3} \times 2^{6} \times 2^{4} = 2^{3+6+4}$ $= 2^{13}$ $= 2^{13}$ Answer 2^{13}
	nentary tudent has spotted that 8 becomes 2^3 and gone on to deal with all of the powers at

Question 19(b), response 3

Give your answer	as a power o	f 2		[2 marks]
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8×9=	32			
		0		
	Answer	8× 4°0		

Commentary

Unfortunately, although we see a power of 10, it is on a 4 and not on a 2. The student has mistakenly multiplied the 2s.

Question 19(b), response 4

19 (b) Simplify $8 \times 2^6 \times 2^4$ Give your answer as a power of 2

	4	2	2 /	[2 mar
8x 26	×2"= 8	3×2°	2)2114	
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		C n2		
	Answer	0×2		

Commentary

The student has made the mistake of adding the powers, instead of subtracting them. *O marks*

Question 20

20

In a group of 98 students

- 25 study both Art and French
- 10 study Art but do not study French
- 41 study French.

Joel draws this Venn diagram to represent the information.

- $\xi =$ the group of 98 students
- A = the students who study Art
- F = the students who study French



Make two criticisms of his diagram.

Criticism 1			
Criticism 2	 	 	

[2 marks]

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Venn	Ligro	m i	s Appt-		French		
Criticism 2	911	Ne	number		s up to	90	not-
_98				<u>.</u>			

Commentary

Student has correctly identified both of the errors with the Venn diagram.

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[2 marks]

Criticism 1	The	Group	os Stud	lents	WED	15 all As
1-oget	her i	5 G8 F	lot 48 French		./	
Criticism 2	41	study	french	Not	16	

Commentary

It was a common mistake to forget that the 25 in the intersection also studied French, so the Venn diagram does actually show that 41 students study French.

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Make two criticisms of his diagram.

[2 marks]

Criticism 1 They	havent	lagelled it	So I dont	hnow
what group				
Criticism 2 The r				

Commentary

The comment about labels is worth a mark, but the other comment is incorrect. There is only one incorrect value on the Venn diagram.

1 mark

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Make two criticisms of his diagram.

[2 marks]

Criticism 1	he hasn't labled which circle is french and
WATC	5 and which one is art
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be 47	(added an extra prout)

Commentary

Altering the 48 to 47 would take care of the extra student that has crept into the Venn diagram, without affecting any of the given values.

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Make two criticisms of his diagram.

Criticism 1 <u>There are not le students that just</u> <u>Study french</u>. Criticism 2 <u>all Students Within the diagram don't</u> <u>addup to march are students</u>,

Commentary

Whilst this student tells us that the numbers don't add up to the 98 that they should add up to, they get a total of 96, which is not correct.

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Criticism 2 From	he	nee	as	to	Put	the	Letters

Commentary

This response only refers to the one issue. It refers to it in two slightly different ways, but they have only identified one issue.

1 mark

[2 marks]

Turn over for next question

Question 22



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Answer :	

22

In a week, Samir is paid

a basic hourly rate for the first 30 hours worked an overtime hourly rate for any extra hours worked.

The graph shows his pay for working up to 40 hours in a week.



201.0	[3 marks]
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45:70 =	
9:14	
Answer CL: 14	

Commentary

Student has only worked with two figures taken from the pay scale but has correctly simplified them.

1 mark

22

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250	£25	.00 per ho	x	
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Commentary

Student has correctly worked out the rate of pay for basic pay and for overtime pay but not given as a simplified ratio at the end.

22 In a week, Samir is paid

a basic hourly rate for the first 30 hours worked an overtime hourly rate for any extra hours worked.

The graph shows his pay for working up to 40 hours in a week.



Work out the ratio basic hourly rate : overtime hourly rate Give your answer in its simplest form. [3 marks] 5 hours = 75 75:5 1 hour basic = 15 & 5 1 hour overtime = \$25 5 hours = 125 125-5 15:25=3:5 5 Answer 3 : 5

Commentary

This is a perfect response. The rates of pay are calculated and the simplified ratio worked out.

22

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a basic hourly rate for the first 30 hours worked an overtime hourly rate for any extra hours worked.

The graph shows his pay for working up to 40 hours in a week.



TOON	450	[3 mark]
450: 700	2 40	3.50

Commentary

All we have here are two readings from the pay scale. They have not been simplified so cannot pick up the final mark.

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The graph shows his pay for working up to 40 hours in a week.



Work out the ratio basic hourly rate : overtime hourly rate Give your answer in its simplest form.

[3 marks] Lours = \$450 70 ime lio hours ar \$150 150 30 Answer 153: 3

Commentary

We can see the 30 hours for £450 and then the 450 is divided by the 30 to correctly work out a rate of pay of £15 per hour.

1 mark

Question 23(a)



Question 23(a), response 1



Question 23(a), response 2



Commentary

Although these fractions would indeed give $\frac{3}{10}$ as the answer when multiplied, $\frac{3}{2}$ is not less than 1.

Question 23(a), response 3



Question 23(a), response 4

23 (a) In each box, write a fraction less than 1 to make a correct calculation.

[1 mark]



Commentary

This student has tried to use negative numbers to make sure their fractions are each less than 1. Using a negative sign on the top and bottom of a fraction will make the fraction positive overall.

Question 23(b)



Question 23(b), response 1



$$0.03 \times 0.02 = 0.0$$

Commentary

The student has identified that 2 and 3 would multiply to give the 6 that we need, but they have not understood that the place value means their answer would actually be 0.0006.

0 marks

Question 23b), response 2



Commentary

This was a common answer, but the 1 is not less than 1, so can't score.

Question 23(b), response 3 23 (b) In each box, write a decimal less than 1 to make a correct calculation. [1 mark] $0.1 \times 0.6 = 0.06$

Commentary

Perfect answer. Each fraction is less than 1 and they multiply together to give 0.06. *1 mark*

Question 23(b), response 4



Question 24



24 Use a ruler and compasses in this question.

ABCD represents a garden.



A tree is to be planted in the garden. The tree will be in the region that is closer to *AB* than to *BC*.

Label the region, R, where the tree could be planted. Show all your construction lines.

[3 marks]

Commentary

This is the correct way to construct an angle bisector. Unfortunately, it was done on the wrong corner.

1 mark

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Show all your construction lines.

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Commentary

The correct angle has been bisected but the region is not correctly identified. **2** marks

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Show all your construction lines.

[3 ma

Commentary

This is the correct first step to constructing an angle bisector, to draw an arc out to either side of the corner, touching each edge.

1 mark

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A tree is to be planted in the garden. The tree will be in the region that is closer to *AB* than to *BC*. Label the region, R, where the tree could be planted.

Show all your construction lines.

[3 marks]

Commentary

Perfect response. The arcs are clear to see and the bisecting line meets the edge AD. The correct region is then clearly identified.

24

Use a ruler and compasses in this question.

ABCD represents a garden.



Show all your construction lines.

Commentary

This is a different method to create an angle bisector. The two arcs, centred on B are drawn. To score further, you would need to draw two lines from the AB intersection of one arc to the BC intersection of the other arc, draw the bisector through the point that's created and identify the correct region.

1 mark

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Question 25

25	Here are two shapes, P and Q.		
	P $\frac{3}{4}$ of a circle, radius 20 cm	Q $\frac{1}{3}$ of a circle, radius 15 cm	Not drawn accurately
	How many times bigger is the area of You must show your working.	of P than the area of Q?	[4 marks]
	Answer		

25

Here are two shapes, P and Q. P Q $\frac{3}{4}$ of a circle, radius 20 cm $\frac{1}{3}$ of a circle, radius 15 cm Not drawn accurately How many times bigger is the area of P than the area of Q? You must show your working. [4 marks] 202=400 400 × TC= 400 st 152=225 225 × JC = 225 JC Hrea = 1.25 x 15 Bigger than Q 1-25 Answer

Commentary

The area of each full circle has been found but the fractions have not been dealt with, so nothing further can be scored.

1 mark



Commentary

Correct areas found and then the $\frac{1}{3}$ of Q is calculated. Only $\frac{1}{4}$ of P has been found, so nothing further can be scored. **2 marks**

25 Here are two shapes, P and Q.

Р	Q	
$\frac{3}{4}$ of a circle, radius 20 cm	$\frac{1}{3}$ of a circle, radius 15 cm	
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How many times bigger is the are You must show your working.	ea of P than the area of Q?	
$= 4r^2$		[4 marks]
\$ 20° N	15	
Answer		

Commentary

The correct formula for the area of a circle has been used and correct values substituted in for each shape. Even though the numbers are not processed, this was a correct start and can score the first mark.

1 mark



Commentary

This is correct until the final step. This student has worked out "how much bigger" P is, rather than "how many times bigger". They needed to divide at the end, instead of subtract.



Commentary

This is not the correct way to find the area of a circle. The 20 and the 15 should each have been squared.



Commentary

The fractions here have been used, but applied to the radius of each circle, not the area. *O marks*



Commentary

This is a perfect response with everything set out so that it's easy for the student and the marker to follow.



Commentary

This student has used the formula for circumference instead of area.

Question 26





Commentary

This student has correctly worked out that it would be $\frac{12}{15}$ that simplifies to $\frac{4}{5}$ but they haven't noticed that they need to halve the 12.



Commentary

The $\frac{12}{15}$ has been linked with the 2 on this script, so the student could arrive at the final answer of 6.





Commentary

Every step is clearly processed to move each of the numbers away from the left hand side of the equation. It's good to move things one at a time, so that nothing gets missed or processed twice by mistake.



Commentary

If the right hand side had been correctly processed, this would have been fully correct. Perfect method, just unfinished.

1 mark



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