

FREE-STANDING MATHEMATICS QUALIFICATION INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Foundations of Advanced Mathematics (MEI)

6989

Candidates answer on the answer sheet.

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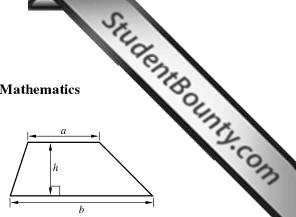
- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your centre number and candidate number on the answer sheet in the spaces provided unless this has already been done for you.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Do not write in the bar codes.
- There are forty questions in this paper. Attempt as many questions as possible. For each question there are four possible answers, A, B, C and D. Choose the one you consider correct and record your choice in soft pencil on the separate answer sheet.
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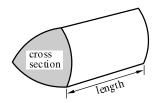
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Area of trapezium = $\frac{1}{2}(a+b)h$



Volume of prism = (area of cross-section) \times length

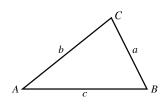


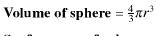
In any triangle ABC

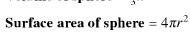
Sine rule
$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

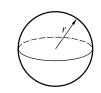
Cosine rule
$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

Area of triangle = $\frac{1}{2}ab \sin C$



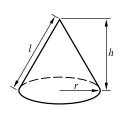






Volume of cone =
$$\frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$$

Curved surface area of cone = πrl



The solutions of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, where $a \neq 0$, are given by

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

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A
$$(-2)^4 = 16$$

B
$$22 - 5 \times 3 = 7$$

$$\mathbf{C} \qquad \frac{(+6) \times (-8)}{(-3) \times (-4)} = 4$$

$$\mathbf{D} \quad (3-7) - (2-5) = -1$$

2 Look at this list of numbers.

12 18 64 144 216 360

Three of the following statements are true and one is false. Which one is false?

A There are exactly 2 square numbers in the list.

B There are exactly 2 cube numbers in the list.

C There are exactly 2 factors of 36 in the list.

D There are exactly 2 multiples of 72 in the list.

3 Three of the following statements are true and **one** is false. Which one is **false**?

A 70% is less than $\frac{5}{7}$.

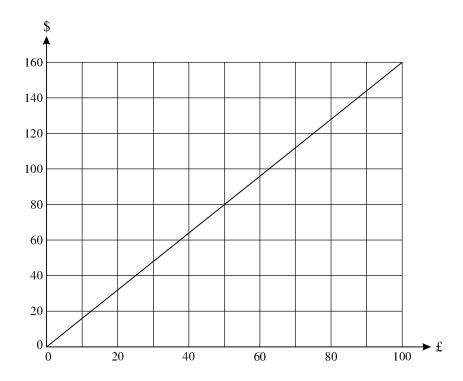
B
$$0.33 < \frac{1}{3} < 0.34$$

 \mathbb{C} When a quantity is divided in the ratio 2: 3 the larger part is 60%.

D A quantity is divided into two parts. One part is three tenths of the whole so the parts are in the ratio 3:10.

- 4 Three of the following statements are true and **one** is false. Which one is **false**?
 - **A** $2.5 \,\mathrm{kg} = 2500 \,\mathrm{g}$
 - **B** $100 \, \text{mm}^2 = 10 \, \text{cm}^2$
 - \mathbf{C} 750 millilitres = 0.75 litres
 - **D** 10 centimetres per second = 360 metres per hour

5 The diagram below shows a conversion graph between pounds (£) and Canadian dollars (\$) on a particular day.



- **A** £40 is worth less than \$60.
- **B** \$140 is approximately £88.
- **C** £1 is worth more than \$1.
- **D** The gradient is the conversion factor from pounds to Canadian dollars.

STATE OF THE STATE 6 Three of the following statements are true and **one** is false. Which one is **false**?

- 75.69 = 76, correct to the nearest integer.
- $\frac{1}{15}$ = 0.067, correct to 2 decimal places.
- $\sqrt{20} = 4.5$, correct to the nearest tenth.
- $5^6 = 15600$, correct to 3 significant figures.

7 Jayon is collecting data about car colours. She records the colours of 20 cars passing her house as

Black	Silver	White	Blue	Black
Silver	Blue	Red	Silver	Blue
Green	Silver	Yellow	White	Blue
Red	Black	Silver	Black	Grey

In order to complete this question you may find it helpful to summarise the data using the tally chart below.

Car colour	Tally	Total
Black		
Blue		
Red		
Silver		
White		
Other (eg Green, Grey, Yellow,)		

Three of the following statements about Jayon's data are true and one is false. Which one is false?

- The modal class is Silver.
- On a pie chart, the sector representing Red will have an angle of 36°.
- \mathbf{C} Nearly two thirds of the cars are Black, Blue or Silver.
- D Based on the data the probability that the next car to pass Jayon's house will be Black is $\frac{1}{6}$.

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8 You are given a = 4, b = -1 and $c = \frac{1}{2}$.

Which one of the following expressions has the greatest value?

- $\mathbf{A} = a + b + c$
- \mathbf{B} ab^2
- $\mathbf{C} = \frac{a-b}{c}$
- **D** 3*abc*

- 9 Three of the following statements are true and **one** is false. Which one is **false**?
 - A The solution of 19 2x = 11 is a positive integer.
 - **B** The solution of 5x 2(x 4) = -1 is a negative integer.
 - C The solution of $\frac{3x-7}{4} = 5$ is positive but not an integer.
 - **D** The solution of 5(x + 8) = -17 is negative but not an integer.

$$\mathbf{A} \qquad \frac{9x^8}{3x^2} = 3x^6$$

$$\mathbf{B} \qquad \frac{1}{4x} = 4x^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{C} \qquad 2x^7 \times \frac{1}{2}x^4 = x^{11}$$

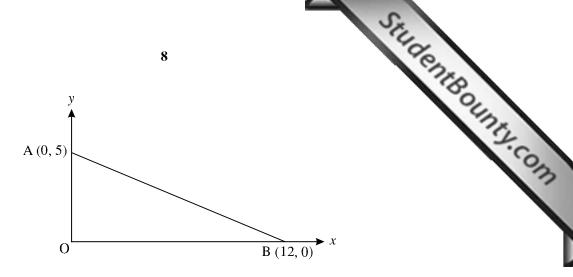
$$\mathbf{D} \qquad \left(\frac{3x^2}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{27x^6}{8}$$

11 Two groups of students do a test. The marks (out of 10) are as follows.

Group A	6	7	7	7	8	8	9	9
Group B	2	3	5	7	8	8	9	10

- **A** The mean mark for Group B is 6.5.
- **B** The range of marks for Group A is 3.
- C The median mark is the same for each Group.
- **D** The marks in Group A have a greater spread than the marks in Group B.

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Three of the following statements about the diagram are true and **one** is false. Which one is **false**?

- The gradient of the line AB is $\frac{5}{12}$. A
- The equation of the line AB may be written as 12y + 5x = 60. В
- \mathbf{C} The point (3, 3.75) lies on the line AB.
- D The length of AB is 13 units.

- Three of the following statements are true and **one** is false. Which one is **false**?
 - A The price of a bicycle has been reduced by 10% to £135. The original price was £150.
 - A salary of £26 000, when increased by 2.5%, becomes £26 650. В
 - A 1 litre tin of paint covers an area of 2.5 m², so a 5 litre tin will cover an area of 12.5 m². \mathbf{C}
 - D x and y are inversely proportional, so when x is doubled then y is doubled.

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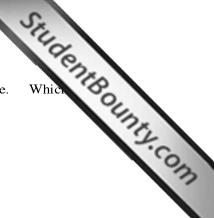
- 14 Which one of the following expressions has the least value?
 - **A** $2\frac{1}{4} + \frac{7}{8}$
 - **B** $4\frac{1}{8} 1\frac{3}{8}$
 - C $1\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{3}{4}$
 - **D** $7\frac{2}{3} \div 2\frac{2}{3}$

- 15 Amber and Gemma are doing work on standard form.
 - Amber claims that $(5 \times 10^6)^2 = 2.5 \times 10^{13}$.
 - Gemma claims that $(4 \times 10^{-8}) \div (8 \times 10^{-4}) = 5 \times 10^{-5}$.

Which one of the following statements is true?

- **A** Amber and Gemma are both correct.
- **B** Amber is correct and Gemma is incorrect.
- **C** Amber is incorrect and Gemma is correct.
- **D** Amber and Gemma are both incorrect.

Three of the following statements are reasonable and one is unreasonable. unreasonable?

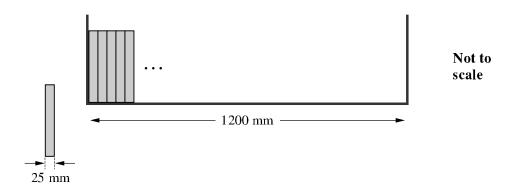


- The amount of water in a half full bath is measured in litres.
- В The thickness of a piece of cardboard is measured in millimetres.
- \mathbf{C} The time in which a car can reach 50 mph from rest is measured in seconds.
- D The weekly rainfall in London is measured in metres.
- 17 Three vectors are given by $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Which one of the following is the **correct** value of $\mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b} - 3\mathbf{c}$?

- $\mathbf{A} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -9 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{B} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -9 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{C} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{D} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$

The length of a shelf is 1200 mm, correct to the nearest 10 mm. Books which are each 25 mm thick, correct to the nearest millimetre, are placed on the shelf as shown.



- The length of the shelf is not greater than 1205 mm.
- В The minimum thickness of a book is 24.5 mm.
- \mathbf{C} 47 books can definitely be placed on the shelf.
- D It may be possible to place 49 books on the shelf.

A
$$4x(y-2) - 3y(x-1) = xy + 3y - 8x$$

B
$$(5x+4)(5x-4) = 25x^2 - 16$$

$$\mathbf{C} \quad (x+3)^2 = x^2 + 9$$

$$\mathbf{D} \quad 2x^3y + 6x^2y^3 = 2x^2y(x+3y^2)$$

Charlie makes a scale drawing of the front of his house using a scale of 1:20.

- The scale can be written 5 cm: 1 m.
- The lounge window is 1.2 m high so it will be 6 cm high on the scale drawing.
- On the scale drawing the width of the garage door is 10 cm so the actual width of the garage door \mathbf{C}
- The front door has an area of 2.5 m² so it will have an area of 12.5 cm² on the scale drawing. D

A

The solution of $5 - x \le 1$ is $x \ge 4$. \mathbf{C}

The solution of 2(3x - 4) - 5 > 0 is $x < \frac{13}{6}$. D

The solution of 2x - 1 > 9 is x > 5.

Three of the following statements are true and **one** is false. Which one is **false**?

 $\cos 120^\circ = -\frac{1}{2}$ \mathbf{A}

В There are exactly two values of θ in the interval $0^{\circ} \le \theta \le 360^{\circ}$ for which $\tan \theta = 1$.

 \mathbf{C} For any value of θ , $0 \le \sin \theta \le 1$.

D In the interval $0^{\circ} \le \theta \le 180^{\circ}$, $\cos \theta$ decreases as θ increases.

A Given
$$x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$$
 then either $x - 2 = 0$ or $x - 3 = 0$.

B Given
$$x^2 + x - 6 = 0$$
 then either $x - 2 = 0$ or $x + 3 = 0$.

C Given
$$x^2 - 10x - 24 = 0$$
 then either $x - 6 = 0$ or $x + 4 = 0$.

D Given
$$x^2 + 2x - 24 = 0$$
 then either $x + 6 = 0$ or $x - 4 = 0$.

Next week Amy and Jack will each make exactly one visit to the skating arena. Their visits, which are independent, are equally likely to be on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

- The probability that Amy's visit is not on Monday is $\frac{4}{5}$.
- The probability that Jack's visit is on Tuesday or Wednesday is $\frac{2}{5}$. В
- The probability that Amy and Jack both visit on Thursday is $\frac{1}{25}$. \mathbf{C}
- The probability that at least one of their visits is on Friday is $\frac{8}{25}$. D

A
$$\frac{12 \pm \sqrt{228}}{14}$$

B
$$\frac{-12 \pm \sqrt{228}}{14}$$

$$\mathbf{C} \qquad \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{345}}{14}$$

Which **one** of the following is the **correct** solution of the equation
$$7x^2 - 3 - 12x = 0$$
?

A $\frac{12 \pm \sqrt{228}}{14}$ B $\frac{-12 \pm \sqrt{228}}{14}$ C $\frac{3 \pm \sqrt{345}}{14}$ D $\frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{345}}{14}$

The running cost of Avtar's car is n pence for every mile he drives. In a year he drives m miles.

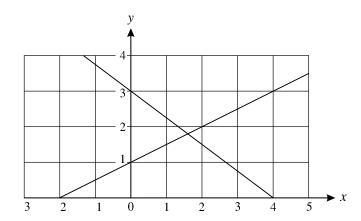
Which one of the following expressions is the correct running cost (in pounds) for the year?

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{mn}{100}$$

$$C = \frac{100m}{n}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{n}{100m}$$

The graph below shows two straight lines.



Which one of the following pairs of simultaneous equations can be solved using this graph?

A
$$y = x + 1 \text{ and } 4x + 3y = 9$$

B
$$2y = x + 2$$
 and $3x + 4y = 12$

C
$$2y = x + 2$$
 and $4x + 3y = 9$

D
$$y = x + 1$$
 and $3x + 4y = 12$

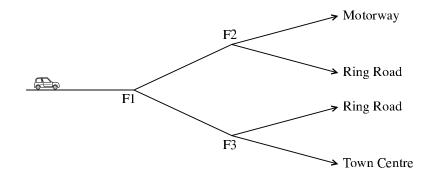
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28 You are given the vectors $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$, $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{c} = 4\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j}$.

Three of the following statements are true and **one** is false. Which one is **false**?

- **A** The modulus of vector **a** is 13.
- **B** The angle between vectors **b** and **i** is 76° , correct to the nearest degree.
- **C** The vectors **a** and **c** have the same direction.
- **D** 2b + c = 2(3i + j)

29 Rachel is driving her car on the road network shown.



She has lost her way and at each fork (labelled F1, F2 and F3) she goes either left or right. The probability that she goes left at F1 is 0.8. If she goes left at F1 then the probability that she heads for the motorway at F2 is 0.7. If she goes right at F1 then the probability that she heads for the town centre at F3 is 0.4.

- **A** The probability that Rachel drives towards the motorway is 0.56.
- **B** The probability that Rachel drives towards the town centre is 0.08.
- **C** The probability that Rachel drives towards the ring road is 0.24.
- **D** The probability that Rachel took the same direction at both the forks she comes to is 0.64.

Student Bounty Com 30 Which one of the following is the correct solution of this pair of simultaneous equations?

$$-2x + y = 4$$

$$2x + y = -8$$

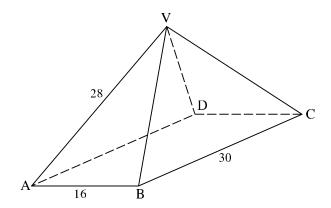
A
$$x = -3, y = -2$$

B
$$x = 3, y = 2$$

C
$$x = 1, y = 6$$

D
$$x = -1, y = -6$$

The diagram shows a pyramid with vertex V and a rectangular base ABCD. AB = 16, BC = 30 and VA = VB = VC = VD = 28.



$$\mathbf{A} \qquad \mathbf{AC} = 34$$

- В Angle $BCA = 28^{\circ}$, correct to the nearest degree.
- \mathbf{C} The height of V above the base is 22.2, correct to 1 decimal place.
- D Angle AVC = 105° , correct to the nearest degree.

- 32 Three of the following statements are true and one is false. Which one is false?
 - **A** 3x + 4y = 8 may be rearranged to give $y = -\frac{3x}{4} + 2$.
 - **B** $x = \sqrt{\frac{2E}{k}}$ may be rearranged to give $E = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$.
 - C $T = ar^{n-1}$ may be rearranged to give $r = \sqrt[n]{\frac{T}{a}} + 1$.
 - $\mathbf{D} \qquad \frac{h}{H} = \frac{r}{R} \text{ may be rearranged to give } H = \frac{hR}{r}.$

В If the diameter of a circle is 5 cm, then the circumference is 10π cm.

If the volume of a cube is $1000 \,\mathrm{cm}^3$, then the area of a face is $100 \,\mathrm{cm}^2$. \mathbf{C}

Student Bounty.com If the volume of a cylinder is 800 cm³ and the area of its cross-section is 50 cm², then the height D

Which **one** of the following is a **correct** simplification of $\frac{3x-4}{5} - \frac{4x-7}{2}$?

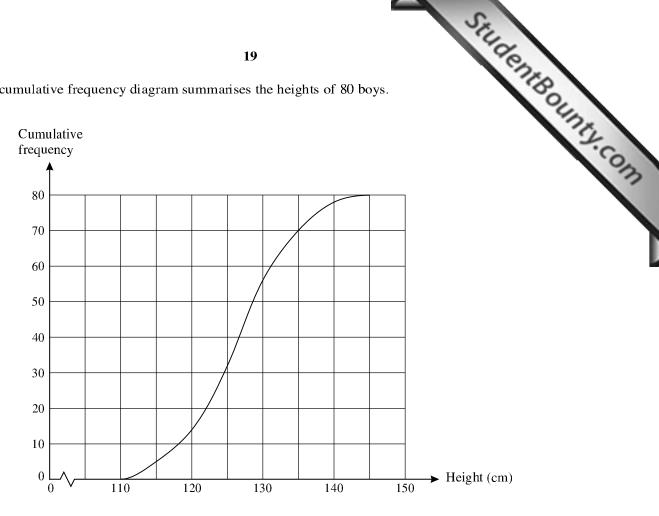
A
$$\frac{-14x - 15}{10}$$

B
$$\frac{-14x + 27}{10}$$

$$\mathbf{C} \qquad \frac{-14x + 31}{10}$$

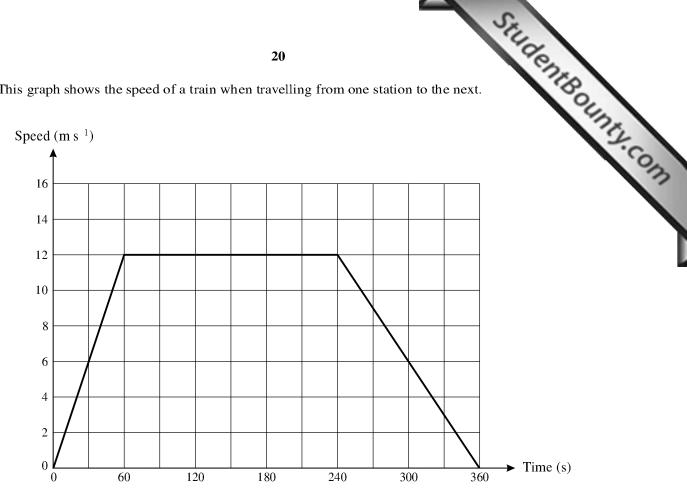
D
$$\frac{-14x - 43}{10}$$

35 This cumulative frequency diagram summarises the heights of 80 boys.



- Approximately 13 boys are less than 120 cm tall.
- В Approximately 55 boys are more than 130 cm tall.
- \mathbf{C} The median height is approximately 127 cm.
- D The interquartile range is approximately 10 cm.

This graph shows the speed of a train when travelling from one station to the next.



Three of the following statements are true and **one** is false. Which one is **false**?

The speed is constant for half the journey time.

The acceleration after 40 seconds is $8 \,\mathrm{m \, s}^{-2}$. В

 \mathbf{C} The distance covered is 3.24 km.

D The speed after 15 seconds is the same as the speed after 330 seconds.

37 Here are three statements about sequences.

- The nth term of the sequence 8, 14, 20, 26, 32, ... is of the form an + b where a and b are constants.
- The *n*th term of the sequence 2, 5, 10, 17, 26, ... is of the form $n^2 + 1$.
- 6, 18, 54, 162, 486, ... is an exponential sequence.

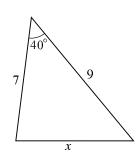
How many of these three statements are true?

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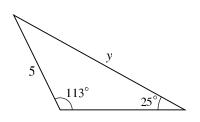
В 1 \mathbf{C} 2

D 3 38 Liam and Tom are solving problems in trigonometry.

Liam's problem



Tom's problem



Not to scale

- Liam claims that x = 5.8 correct to 1 decimal place.
- Tom claims that y = 7.9, correct to 1 decimal place.

Which **one** of the following statements is **true**?

- A Liam and Tom are both correct.
- **B** Liam is correct and Tom is incorrect.
- C Liam is incorrect and Tom is correct.
- **D** Liam and Tom are both incorrect.



- 39 Starting with a positive number, x, do the following.
 - add 5 to it
 - square the result
 - subtract 9
 - subtract twice the original number
 - take the positive square root.

Which one of the following statements is true?

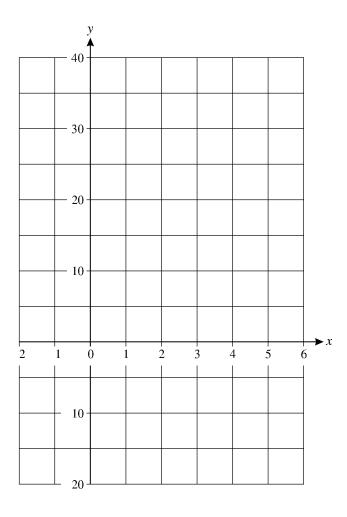
- **A** The answer will always be greater than x.
- **B** The answer will always be equal to x.
- C The answer will always be less than x.
- **D** The relationship between the answer and x varies depending on the value of x which is chosen to start with.

40 The table below shows points on the graph of $y = 2x^3 - 11x^2 + 12x + 5$.

х	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
у	-20	5	8	1	-4	5	40

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In order to answer this question you should draw the graph on the grid below.



Three of the following statements are true and **one** is false. Which one is **false**?

A The equation $2x^3 - 11x^2 + 12x + 5 = 0$ has two positive roots and one negative root.

B The equation $2x^3 - 11x^2 + 12x + 5 = 22$ has only one root.

C There are two points on the curve $y = 2x^3 - 11x^2 + 12x + 5$ at which the gradient is zero.

D The curve $y = 2x^3 - 11x^2 + 12x + 5$ has negative gradient at x = -0.5.





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There were just over 600 entries for this session; this represents a slight decrease in entries. The mean mark was 23.6. The lowest mark on this paper was 8. One candidate achieved full marks, 4 each scored 39, 38 and 36 with 11 scoring 36.

In this paper there were 26 questions in which at least one candidate offered no response; there were a number of questions where 3 or 4 candidates did not give a response. Given that there is no penalty for an incorrect response this is surprising.

In all questions each of the distracting answers was selected by at least one candidate.

In 10 questions the correct response was chosen by a minority of candidates and in 5 further questions an incorrect response was chosen by a majority of candidates; this is much higher than usual.

Q4 (Conversion of metric units)

A significant minority chose the conversion of cm per second to km per hour as being incorrect.

Q10 (powers in algebraic terms)

$$\frac{1}{4x} = 4x^{-1}$$
 was deemed to be incorrect by only 33% while $\left(\frac{3x^2}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{27x^6}{8}$ was chosen to be

incorrect by 38%.

Q12 (Coordinate geometry of the straight line)

Only 41% decided that response A was the incorrect one. The absolute value here is correct but the gradient is negative. Alternative responses were evenly spread.

Q18 (Arithmetic; approximations)

The response that 47 books can definitely be placed on the shelf is incorrect was chosen by 31% while 46% chose the response that 49 books might fit as incorrect.

Q22 (Trigonometrical ratios)

Only 36% thought that, for all values of θ , $0 \le \sin \theta \le 1$, while 41% thought that there were not exactly 2 values in $0 \le \theta \le 360$ for which tan $\theta = 1$. (Whether they thought that there were fewer or more, of course, we do not know!)

Q25 (Solution of quadratic equation by formula)

34% rearranged the equation so that it was in the "standard" format, applied the formula and obtained the response A. 40%, however, applied the formula with the coefficients a = 7, b = -3 and c = -12.

Q26 (Construction of expression from words)

Only 46% decided that the correct thing to do was to divide by 100 to turn pence into pounds. 39% chose to multiply.

Q27 (Construction of equations of lines from graph)

Only 44% chose the correct response; the rest were equally spread.

Q28 (Vectors)

The majority of candidates accepted that the modulus of the vector was 13 rather than $\sqrt{13}$. Responses B and C were equally popular

Q31 (3-D trigonometry)

Student Bounty.com Only 36% gave the response D. This may be because candidates who failed to work 3-D pythagoras or a trigonometrical ratio in a 3-D context correctly thought that they had already found an incorrect answer.

Q32 (Rearrangement of formulae)

Only a minority chose the correct response; the remaining choices were equally spread.

Q36 (Constant acceleration speed time graph)

Misunderstanding of the scales of the axes possibly led only 34% to say that the value given for the acceleration was wrong, while 43% incorrectly chose the distance as the incorrect answer.

Q37 (Algebraic sequences)

This question included all three of the sequences that are expected to be known by candidates. The three statements gave a correct example of each and all three were correct (response D, chosen by only 27%). 44% decided that only 2 of the statements were correct, though we do not know which one was thought to be wrong.

Q38 (Trigonometry; sine and cosine rules)

Just under half the candidates chose the correct response; other responses were equally spread.

Q40 (Algebra; graphical solution of cubic equation)

Only 38% were able to confirm that the gradient of the curve was negative at x = -0.5. The other responses were equally spread between B and C with a few choosing A.

As in previous sessions I offer a summary of questions and topics with the approximate percentage of candidates giving the correct responses.

Question Topic

91 – 100%	5 16	Arithmetic; conversion graph Arithmetic; appropriate units
81 – 90%	1 11 30	Arithmetic; order of operations Data handling; average and range of small sets of data Algebra; solution of simultaneous equations
71 - 80%	3 7 13 15 17 24 29 39	Arithmetic; ratios, fractions, percentages Data handling; mode, pie chart, simple probability Arithmetic; percentage increase and decrease Arithmetic; standard form Vectors Probability; independent events Probability; dependent events Algebra; following a list of instructions
61 - 70%	6 8 19 20 23 33	Arithmetic; approximations and rounding Algebra; substitution Algebraic manipulation Arithmetic; scale factors Algebra; solution of quadratic equations by factorisation Arithmetic; mensuration

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51 - 60%	2 9 14 21 34	Handling data; cumulative frequency Arithmetic; factors, multiples Algebra; solution of linear equations Arithmetic; addition and subtraction of fractions Algebra; inequalities Algebra; Addition of algebraic fractions
41 - 50%	4 12 26 27 32 38	Arithmetic; Conversion of metric units Coordinate geometry of the straight line Algebra; construction of expression from words Coordinate geometry; equations of straight lines from graph Algebra; rearrangement of formulae Trigonometry; sine and cosine rules
31 - 40%	10 18 22 25 31 36 40	Algebra; powers Arithmetic; approximations Trigonometrical ratios Algebra; solution of quadratic equation by formula Trigonometry; 3 dimensions Algebra; constant acceleration speed time graph Algebra; graphical solution of cubic equation
21 - 30%	28 37	Vectors Algebra; sequences

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