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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.

If a student uses a method which is not explicitly covered by the mark scheme the same principles of marking should be applied. Credit should be given to any valid methods. Examiners should seek advice from their senior examiner if in any doubt.

Μ	Method marks are awarded for a correct method which could lead to a correct answer.
A	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.
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.
M dep	A method mark dependent on a previous method mark being awarded.
B dep	A mark that can only be awarded if a previous independent mark has been awarded.
oe	Or equivalent. Accept answers that are equivalent.
	e.g. accept 0.5 as well as $\frac{1}{2}$
[a, b]	Accept values between a and b inclusive.
[a, b)	Accept values a ≤ value < b
3.14	Accept answers which begin 3.14 e.g. 3.14, 3.142, 3.1416
Q	Marks awarded for quality of written communication
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.

Continental notation

Accept a comma used instead of a decimal point (for example, in measurements or currency), provided that it is clear to the examiner that the candidate intended it to be a decimal point.

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments			
1(a)		B2	B1 one or two correct row Accept any orientation for the			
	Additional Guidance					
	Ignore any variation of symbol size					
	Allow any alignment					
	Mark intention for part circles					

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
	1000 + 2500 + 1500 + 1000		Allow one error or omission if adding totals
	or 5 + $\frac{1}{2}$ + $\frac{1}{2}$ or 6	M1	
	6000	A1	
	$\frac{6000}{8000}$ and Yes		oe Strand (iii)
	or states 6000 is three-quarters of 8000 or		ft M1A0
1(b)	states 2000 is a quarter of 8000 or 8000 ÷ 4 × 3 = 6000 and Yes or		
	their 6000 their 6000 + 2000 _{correctly} evaluated and correct decision or	Q1ft	
	states their 6000 is not three- quarters of 2000 + their 6000		
	or		
	states 2000 is not a quarter of 2000 + their 6000		
	or		
	(their 6000 + 2000) ÷ 4 × 3 correctly evaluated and correct decision		

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments		
2(a) 2(a)	evens unlikely	B1 B1			
3(a)	carIIII10vanIIII4lorryIIII6	B3	 B2 Two rows correct or Frequency/ tally columns swapped but otherwise correct or B1 One row correct or Tallies correct or Frequencies correct 		
July	Additional Guidance				
	Tallies may be in frequency column for				
	Frequencies may be in tally column for				
	Incorrect use of the five bar gate				

	their 6×2 or 12 or their 6×3 or 18	M1		
3(b)	their 12 × 3 or their 18 × 2 or 36 or their 12 × 2	M1dep	M2 for their $6 \times 2 \times 2$	
	24	A1ft	ft part (a) for their 6×4	
	Ad	ditional G	Buidance	
	36 on the answer line (not from wrong	working)		M1 M1 A0
	12 (lorries) seen even if not used			M1

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
	1	ſ	
4(a)	0.076923()	B1	

4(b)	0.077	B1ft	ft any value with at least 4 decimal places
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	$\frac{48}{52}$ or $\frac{12}{13}$ or 0.923	B1ft	oe ft 1 – their decimal (< 1) from	(a) or (b)
4(c)	Additional Guidance			
	Ignore probability words eg likely			
	Correct or ft			

	10 10 20 30	B2	Any order B1 four numbers with total 70, mode 1 or total 70, median or mode 10, media	15
5				
_	If answer line blank, mark the working	but follow	the usual rules for choice	
	10 10 15 35			B1
	10 10 10 40			B1
	10 15 15 30			B1
	10 10 20 40			B1
	10 10 15 15			B0
	10 10 10 10			B0

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments		
	$1080 \div 4$ or $\frac{90}{360}$ seen or implied	M1	oe $\frac{1}{4}$ or 25% eg 1080 – 2 × ($\frac{1080}{360}$ × 135) of 1080 – 2 × 405	r	
	270	A1			
6(a)	Additional Guidance				
	Answer $\frac{270}{1080}$	M1 A0			
	Beware of 270 from 135 + 135 or 360 – 90			MO	
	Answer only of 270 (people)			M1 A1	
	Answer only of 270°			M0 A0	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments				
L							
	Alternative method 1 Comparing pro	portions					
	$\frac{135}{360} (\times 100) \text{ or } \frac{405}{1080} (\times 100) \text{ or } \frac{3}{8}$ or $(1 - \frac{1}{4}) \div 2$ or 0.375 or $(100 - 25) \div 2$ or 37.5% or $\frac{250}{800} (\times 100)$ or $\frac{5}{16}$ or 0.3125 or 31.25%	M1	oe				
	$\frac{6}{16} \text{ and } \frac{5}{16} \text{ or } \frac{3}{8} \text{ and } \frac{2.5}{8}$ or 0.375 and 0.3125 or 37.5% and 31.25%	A1	Values must be correct and comparable oe M1A1 $\frac{8}{3}$ and $\frac{8}{2.5}$ oe or [2.6, 2.7] and 3.2 or [266, 267]% and 320%				
6(b)	Leeds and $\frac{6}{16}$ and $\frac{5}{16}$ or $\frac{3}{8}$ and $\frac{2.5}{8}$ or 0.375 and 0.3125 or 37.5% and 31.25% or $\frac{16}{6}$ and $\frac{16}{5}$ or $\frac{8}{3}$ and $\frac{8}{2.5}$ or [2.6, 2.7] and 3.2 or [266, 267]% and 320%	A1	oe				
	Alternative method 2 Working out Br	adford and	gle				
	$\frac{250}{800}$ (× 100) or $\frac{5}{16}$ or 0.3125 or 31.25%	M1	ое				
	[112, 113]	A1					
	Leeds and [112, 113] (and 135)	A1					

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Q	Answer	Mark	Comment	8			
	Alternative method 3 Working out Leeds if population 800						
	$\frac{135}{360} (\times 100) \text{ or } \frac{405}{1080} (\times 100) \text{ or } \frac{3}{8}$ or $(1 - \frac{1}{4}) \div 2$ or 0.375 or $(100 - 25) \div 2$ or 37.5%	M1	oe				
	300	A1					
	Leeds and 300 (and 250)	A1					
	Alternative method 4 Working out Br	radford if p	oopulation 1080				
6(b)	$\frac{250}{800} (\times 100) \text{ or } \frac{5}{16}$ or 0.3125 or 31.25%	M1	oe				
cont	[337, 338]	A1					
	Leeds and [337, 338] and 405	A1					
	Ad	ditional C	Guidance				
	Only one of the reciprocal proportions eg $\frac{360}{135}$ or $\frac{800}{250}$			MO			
	Accept an embedded proportion for M1 eg 1080 ÷ 360 × 135			M1			
	Accept $\frac{405}{1080}$ as evidence of 405 for the final A in Alt 4						

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments	
L				
	Any two of			
	7 × 2 or 14			
	or			
	9 × 3 or 27	M1		
	or			
	10 × 4 or 40			
	or			
7	6 × 5 or 30			
	111	A1		
	Ad	Guidance		
	Further working loses the A mark eg			
	14 + 27 + 40 + 30 = 111 111 ÷ 32, Answer 3.47		M1 A0	
	Products seen by table but replaced b	method	MO	

	Alternative method 1					
	7.8 + 7.3 + 4.2 + 8.1 + 7.1 or 34.5	M1	Allow one error or omission			
	their 34.5 ÷ 5 or 6.9 M1dep Condone 7.8 + 7.3 + 4.2 + 8. without brackets or 28.82 for					
8	(Amy's mean is) 6.9 and Beth A1					
	Alternative method 2					
	7.8 + 7.3 + 4.2 + 8.1 + 7.1 or 34.5 M1 Allow one error or omission					
	7(.2) × 5 or 35 or 36					
	34.5 and 35 or 36 and Beth A1					
	Additional Guidance					
	If an incorrect difference between the r ignore it and treat it as further work	es or totals is worked out then				
	6.9 and no decision or 6.9 and Amy		M2 A0			

	Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
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9(a) Los Angeles B1

9(b)	560	D 2	B1	1040 or 480 chosen
9(0)	500	DZ	SC1	Answer of 220 or 140

	620 and 1000 chosen B1 May be implied by correct and			swer	
9(c)	37 820 ÷ their 620 or 61	M1	their 620 must be in the range [440, 630]		
	(75 – their 61) × their 1000 or 14 × 1000	M1	oe their 1000 must be in the range [810, 1200]		
	14 000	ead of 610			
	Ad				
	14 000 from a scale misread			max M2	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments			
	1					
	Appropriate key	B1				
	Stem 4, 5, 6, 7	B1	or 7, 6, 5, 4			
	Leaves correct and ordered	Must match the order of their stem if present eg if 7, 6, 5, 4 leaves should be				
	07 1256 B1 52 01349 6521 25 70					
	Appropriate alignment of leaves Q1ft ft their single digit leaves					
10(a)	Logical organised working so row lengths show the distribution					
	Additional Guidance					
	 For the Q mark: Leaves may be unordered and/or incorrect (but need at least 11) Leaves must be single digit Lengths of rows need to correspond to <i>their</i> number of leaves ie row with most leaves should be longest etc 					
	The Q mark is independent so B0B0B0Q1ft is possible					
	Ignore lines/ commas between numbers which may be working for (b)					
	If not crossed out and replaced, mark the stem-and-leaf on the grid					

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments		
		1			
	(Thursday's median =) 60	B1			
	their 60 × 0.15 or 9 or their 60 × 0.85	M1	oe their 60 must be in the range [40, 75]		
	51	A1ft	ft B0M1 for a correct answer r the nearest integer	ounded to	
	Ac	ditional G	Suidance		
	56 \rightarrow 8 or 8.4 or 47.6			B0 M1	
10(b)	\rightarrow answer 48			A1ft	
	58 \rightarrow 9 or 8.7 or 49.3			B0 M1	
	\rightarrow answer 49			A1ft	
	59 \rightarrow 9 or 8.85 or 50.15			B0 M1	
	\rightarrow answer 50			A1ft	
	60.5 \rightarrow 9 or 9.075 or 51.425			B0 M1	
	\rightarrow answer 51			A1ft	
	61 \rightarrow 9 or 9.15 or 51.85			B0 M1	
	\rightarrow answer 52			A1ft	

11(a)	$\frac{1}{10}$	B1	
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Q	Answer	Mark	Comments				
	1	1					
	Refers to a large number of trials	ers to a large number of trials B1 B1 Condone eg lots, multiple time repeatedly, a large amount, nu times, loads, many times, any greater than or equal to 30					
	Comments on how to decide if it is fair (or biased) by referring to						
	matching the (theoretical) probability of $\frac{1}{6}$	oe					
	or						
	working out expected number for each score using their number of trials	B1	Assume their statement is to s unless otherwise stated	show it is fair			
	or						
	stating that the frequencies of each result should be (approximately) equal						
	Additional Guidance						
11(b)	Throw it a few times/ several times/ a number of times						
	Number of trials < 30						
	It should land on each side $\frac{1}{6}$ of the time						
	A fair dice has a 1 in 6 chance of landing on each side						
	It should land on each side once out of 6 throws						
	If it lands on one side 4 times out of 12 it is biased						
	If fair, it will land equally on each side						
	If it lands on one side more than the others it's biased						
	The probability of it landing on each sid	2 nd B1					
	It should land equally						
	See which side is the mode			2 nd B0			
	The results should be random if it's fair	r		2 nd B0			

Q		Answer		Mark		(Comments	
	1			1				
	15 women chose A			B1	-	Award B0B1 if women A : C in ratio 1 : 3 and total at least 24 (6 : 18)		
	45 women chose C			B1				
	90 women and 70 men			B1ft		eir 15 + 30 + nd 160 – the		
	Total A = 53, Total B = 56 and Total C = 51			B1				
	38 men chose A and 6 men chose C		B1ft	ft two of their 53 – their 15 their 51 – their 45 their 70 – 26 – their 6 or – their 38		their 38		
	The correct table is							
			А	В		С	Total	
12		Women	15	30		45	90	_
		Men	38	26		6	70	
		Total	53	56		51	160	
	Additional Guidance							
		А	В		С	Tot	al	
	Women	15	30		45	90)	B1 B1 B1
	Men	23	26		21	70)	B0 B1ft
	Total	38	56		66	16	0	
	Mark the table	9						
	Blank cell doe	es not equal ()					

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments	
		1		
	$\frac{1}{5} \times 45 \text{ or } 9 \text{ or } \frac{1}{5} \times 2.75 \text{ or } 0.55$ or $\frac{4}{5} \text{ seen}$	M1	oe	
	45 – their 9 or $\frac{4}{5} \times 45$ or 36 or $\frac{4}{5} \times 3.20$ or 2.56	M1dep	oe	
13	$\frac{1}{5} \times 45 \times 2.75$ or 24.75		Allow $\frac{1}{5} \times 45 \times 3.20$ or 28.8(0))
	or	M1	and	
	$\frac{4}{5} \times 45 \times 3.20$ or 115.2(0)		$\frac{4}{5}$ × 45 × 2.75 or 99	
	139.95	A1	SC3 127.8(0)	
	Ad			
	9 × (3.20 + 2.75)			M1 M0 M0
	24.75			M1 M0 M1
	115.2(0)			M1 M1 M1