## GCE

## Mathematics

Unit 4722: Core Mathematics 2
Advanced Subsidiary GCE

## Mark Scheme for June 2014

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All examiners are instructed that alternative correct answers and unexpected approaches in candidates' scripts must be given marks that fairly reflect the relevant knowledge and skills demonstrated.

Mark schemes should be read in conjunction with the published question papers and the report on the examination.

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## 1. Annotations and abbreviations

| Annotation in scoris | Meaning |
| :--- | :--- |
| BP | Blank Page - this annotation must be used on all blank pages within an answer booklet (structured or <br> unstructured) and on each page of an additional object where there is no candidate response. |
| $\checkmark$ and $\mathbf{x}$ |  |
| BOD | Benefit of doubt |
| FT | Follow through |
| ISW | Ignore subsequent working |
| M0, M1 | Method mark awarded 0, 1 |
| A0, A1 | Accuracy mark awarded 0, 1 |
| B0, B1 | Independent mark awarded 0, 1 |
| SC | Special case |
| $\wedge$ | Omission sign |
| MR | Misread |
| Highlighting |  |
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| Other abbreviations | Meaning |
| in mark scheme | Mark for explaining |
| E1 | Mark for correct units |
| U1 | Mark for a correct feature on a graph |
| G1 | Method mark dependent on a previous mark, indicated by* |
| M1 dep* | Correct answer only |
| cao | Or equivalent |
| oe | Rounded or truncated |
| rot | Seen or implied |
| soi | Without wrong working |
| www |  |
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2. Subject-specific Marking Instructions for GCE Mathematics (OCR) Pure strand

Annotations should be used whenever appropriate during your marking.
The $A, M$ and $B$ annotations must be used on your standardisation scripts for responses that are not awarded either 0 or full marks. It is vital that you annotate standardisation scripts fully to show how the marks have been awarded.

For subsequent marking you must make it clear how you have arrived at the mark you have awarded
An element of professional judgement is required in the marking of any written paper. Remember that the mark scheme is designed to assist in marking incorrect solutions. Correct solutions leading to correct answers are awarded full marks but work must not be judged on the answer alone, and answers that are given in the question, especially, must be validly obtained; key steps in the working must always be looked at and anything unfamiliar must be investigated thoroughly.

Correct but unfamiliar or unexpected methods are often signalled by a correct result following an apparently incorrect method. Such work must be carefully assessed. When a candidate adopts a method which does not correspond to the mark scheme, award marks according to the spirit of the basic scheme; if you are in any doubt whatsoever (especially if several marks or candidates are involved) you should contact your Team Leader.

The following types of marks are available.

## M

A suitable method has been selected and applied in a manner which shows that the method is essentially understood. Method marks are not usually lost for numerical errors, algebraic slips or errors in units. However, it is not usually sufficient for a candidate just to indicate an intention of using some method or just to quote a formula; the formula or idea must be applied to the specific problem in hand, eg by substituting the relevant quantities into the formula. In some cases the nature of the errors allowed for the award of an M mark may be specified.

## A

Accuracy mark, awarded for a correct answer or intermediate step correctly obtained. Accuracy marks cannot be given unless the associated Method mark is earned (or implied). Therefore MO A1 cannot ever be awarded.

B
Mark for a correct result or statement independent of Method marks.

## E

A given result is to be established or a result has to be explained. This usually requires more working or explanation than the establishment of an unknown result.

Unless otherwise indicated, marks once gained cannot subsequently be lost, eg wrong working following a correct form of answer is ignored. Sometimes this is reinforced in the mark scheme by the abbreviation isw. However, this would not apply to a case where a candidate passes through the correct answer as part of a wrong argument.

When a part of a question has two or more 'method' steps, the $M$ marks are in principle independent unless the scheme specifically says otherwise; and similarly where there are several B marks allocated. (The notation 'dep *' is used to indicate that a particular mark is dependent on an earlier, asterisked, mark in the scheme.) Of course, in practice it may happen that when a candidate has once gone wrong in a part of a question, the work from there on is worthless so that no more marks can sensibly be given. On the other hand, when two or more steps are successfully run together by the candidate, the earlier marks are implied and full credit must be given.

The abbreviation ft implies that the A or B mark indicated is allowed for work correctly following on from previously incorrect results. Otherwise, A and B marks are given for correct work only - differences in notation are of course permitted. A (accuracy) marks are not given for answers obtained from incorrect working. When A or B marks are awarded for work at an intermediate stage of a solution, there may be various alternatives that are equally acceptable. In such cases, exactly what is acceptable will be detailed in the mark scheme rationale. If this is not the case please consult your Team Leader.

Sometimes the answer to one part of a question is used in a later part of the same question. In this case, A marks will often be 'follow through'. In such cases you must ensure that you refer back to the answer of the previous part question even if this is not shown within the image zone. You may find it easier to mark follow through questions candidate-by-candidate rather than question-by-question.
f Wrong or missing units in an answer should not lead to the loss of a mark unless the scheme specifically indicates otherwise. Candidates are expected to give numerical answers to an appropriate degree of accuracy, with 3 significant figures often being the norm. Small variations in the degree of accuracy to which an answer is given (e.g. 2 or 4 significant figures where 3 is expected) should not normally be penalised, while answers which are grossly over- or under-specified should normally result in the loss of a mark. The situation regarding any particular cases where the accuracy of the answer may be a marking issue should be detailed in the mark scheme rationale. If in doubt, contact your Team Leader.

Rules for replaced work
If a candidate attempts a question more than once, and indicates which attempt he/she wishes to be marked, then examiners should do as the candidate requests.

If there are two or more attempts at a question which have not been crossed out, examiners should mark what appears to be the last (complete) attempt and ignore the others.

NB Follow these maths-specific instructions rather than those in the assessor handbook.
For a genuine misreading (of numbers or symbols) which is such that the object and the difficulty of the question remain unaltered, mark according to the scheme but following through from the candidate's data. A penalty is then applied; 1 mark is generally appropriate, though this may differ for some units. This is achieved by withholding one A or B mark in the question.

Note that a miscopy of the candidate's own working is not a misread but an accuracy error.

| Question |  | Answer | Marks |  | Guidance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | (i) | $\begin{aligned} \text { area } & =1 / 2 \times 8 \times 10 \times \sin 65^{\circ} \\ & =36.3 \end{aligned}$ | M1 <br> A1 <br> [2] | Attempt area of triangle using $\frac{1}{2} a b \sin \theta$ <br> Obtain 36.3, or better | Must be correct formula, including $\frac{1}{2}$ <br> Allow if evaluated in radian mode (gives 33.1) <br> If using $\frac{1}{2} \times b \times h$, then must be valid use of trig to find $h$ <br> If $>$ 3sf, allow answer rounding to 36.25 with no errors seen |
|  | (ii) | $B D^{2}=8^{2}+10^{2}-2 \times 8 \times 10 \times \cos 65^{\circ}$ $B D=9.82$ | M1 <br> A1 <br> [2] | Attempt use of correct cosine rule <br> Obtain 9.82, or better | Must be correct cosine rule <br> Allow M1 if not square rooted, as long as $B D^{2}$ seen <br> Allow if evaluated in radian mode (gives 15.9) <br> Allow if correct formula is seen but is then evaluated incorrectly - using $\left(8^{2}+10^{2}-2 \times 8 \times 10\right) \times \cos 65^{\circ}$ gives 1.30 <br> Allow any equiv method, as long as valid use of trig <br> If $>3$ sf, allow answer rounding to 9.817 with no errors seen |
|  | (iii) | $\frac{B C}{\sin 65}=\frac{8}{\sin 30}$ $B C=14.5$ | M1 <br> A1 <br> [2] | Attempt use of correct sine rule (or equiv) <br> Obtain 14.5, or better | Must get as far as attempting $B C$, not just quoting correct sine rule <br> Allow any equiv method, as long as valid use of trig including attempt at any angles used <br> If using their $B D$ from part(ii) it must have been a valid attempt (eg M0 for $B D=8 \sin 65, B C={ }^{B D} / /_{\sin 30}=14.5$ ) <br> If $>3$ sf, allow answer rounding to 14.5 with no errors in method seen <br> In multi-step solutions (eg using 9.82) interim values may be slightly inaccurate - allow A1 if answer rounds to 14.5 |



| Question |  | Answer | Marks | Guidance |  |
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| 3 | (i) | $\begin{aligned} \operatorname{arc} & =12 \times \frac{2 \pi}{3} \\ & \\ & =8 \pi\end{aligned}$ | M1 <br> A1 <br> [2] | Attempt use of $r \theta$ <br> Obtain $8 \pi$ only | Allow M1 if using $\theta \mathrm{as}^{2 / 3}$ <br> M1 implied by sight of 25.1 , or better <br> M0 if $r \theta$ used with $\theta$ in degrees <br> M1 for equiv method using fractions of a circle, with $\theta$ as $120^{\circ}$ <br> Given as final answer - A0 if followed by 25.1 |
|  | (ii) | sector $=\frac{1}{2} \times 12^{2} \times \frac{2 \pi}{3}=48 \pi$ | M1* | Obtain area of sector using $\frac{1}{2} r^{2} \theta$ | Must be correct formula, including $\frac{1}{2}$ <br> Must have $r=12$ <br> Allow M1 if using $\theta$ as ${ }^{2} / 3$ <br> M0 if $\frac{1}{2} r^{2} \theta$ used with $\theta$ in degrees <br> M1 for equiv method using fractions of a circle, with $\theta$ as $120^{\circ}$ <br> M1 implied by sight of 151 or better |
|  |  | triangle $=\frac{1}{2} \times 12^{2} \times \sin \frac{2 \pi}{3}=36 \sqrt{ } 3$ | M1* | Attempt area of triangle using $\frac{1}{2} r^{2} \sin \theta$ | Must be correct formula, including $\frac{1}{2}$ <br> Must have $r=12$ <br> Allow M1 if using $\theta \mathrm{as}^{2} / 3$ <br> Allow even if evaluated in incorrect mode ( 2.63 or 41.8 ) <br> If using $1 / 2 \times b \times h$, then must be valid use of trig to find $b$ and $h$ <br> M1 implied by sight of 62.4 , or better |
|  |  | segment $=48 \pi-36 \sqrt{ } 3$ | M1d* | Correct method to find segment area | Area of sector - area of triangle <br> M0 if using $\theta$ as $^{2} / 3$ <br> Could be exact or decimal values |
|  |  |  | A1 | Obtain either $48 \pi-36 \sqrt{ } 3$ or 88.4 | Allow decimal answer in range [88.44, 88.45] if $>3$ sf |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A1 } \\ & {[5]} \end{aligned}$ | Obtain $48 \pi-36 \sqrt{ } 3$ only | Given as final answer - A0 if followed by 88.4 |



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\hline \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Question} \& Answer \& Marks \& \& Guidance \\
\hline \multirow[t]{6}{*}{5} \& \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\((4 x-1) \log _{10} 2=(5-2 x) \log _{10} 3\)} \& M1* \& Introduce logs throughout and drop power(s) \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Allow no base or base other than 10 as long as consistent, including \(\log _{3}\) on LHS or \(\log _{2}\) on RHS \\
Drop single power if \(\log _{3}\) or \(\log _{2}\) or both powers if any other base
\end{tabular} \\
\hline \& \& \& A1 \& \[
\begin{aligned}
\& \text { Obtain }(4 x-1) \log _{10} 2= \\
\& (5-2 x) \log _{10} 3
\end{aligned}
\] \& Brackets must be seen, or implied by later working Allow no base, or base other than 10 if consistent Any correct linear equation ie \(4 x-1=(5-2 x) \log _{2} 3\) or \((4 x-1) \log _{3} 2=5-2 x\) \\
\hline \& \& \[
x\left(4 \log _{10} 2+2 \log _{10} 3\right)=\underset{\log _{10} 2+5 \log _{10} 3}{ }
\] \& M1* \& Attempt to make \(x\) the subject \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Expand bracket(s) and collect like terms - as far as their \(4 x \log _{10} 2+2 x \log _{10} 3=\log _{10} 2+5 \log _{10} 3\) \\
Expressions could include \(\log _{2} 3\) or \(\log _{3} 2\) Must be working exactly, so M0 if \(\log (\mathrm{s})\) now decimal equivs
\end{tabular} \\
\hline \& \& \& A1 \& Obtain a correct equation in which \(x\) only appears once \& \begin{tabular}{l}
LHS could be \(x\left(4 \log _{10} 2+2 \log _{10} 3\right), x \log _{10} 144\) or even \(\log _{10} 144^{x}\) \\
Expressions could include \(\log _{2} 3\) or \(\log _{3} 2\) \\
RHS may be two terms or single term
\end{tabular} \\
\hline \& \& \(x \log _{10} 144=\log _{10} 486\) \& M1d* \& Attempt correct processes to combine logs \& Use \(b \log a=\log a^{b}\), then \(\log a+\log b=\log a b\) correctly on at least one side of equation (or \(\log a-\log b\) ) Dependent on previous M1 but not the A1 so \(\log _{10} 486\) will get this M1 irrespective of the LHS \\
\hline \& \& \[
x=\frac{\log _{10} 486}{\log _{10} 144}
\] \& A1

[6] \& Obtain correct final expression \& Base 10 required in final answer - allow A1 if no base earlier, or if base 10 omitted at times, but A0 if different base seen previously (unless legitimate working to change base seen) Do not isw subsequent incorrect $\log$ work eg $x={ }^{\log 27} / \log 8$ <br>
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| 7 (i) | $\begin{aligned} \mathrm{f}(-2) & =12-22(-2)+9(-2)^{2}-(-2)^{3} \\ & =12+44+36+8 \end{aligned}$ $=100$ | M1 <br> A1 <br> [2] | Attempt $\mathrm{f}(-2)$ or equiv <br> Obtain 100 | M0 for using $x=2$ (even if stated to be $\mathrm{f}(-2)$ ) Allow slips in evaluation as long as intention is clear At least one of the second or fourth terms must be of the correct sign <br> Allow any other valid method to divide by $(x+2)$ as long as remainder is attempted (see guidance in part (iii) for acceptable methods) <br> Do not ISW if subsequently given as -100 <br> If using division, just seeing 100 on bottom line is fine unless subsequently contradicted by eg -100 or ${ }^{100} / x+2$ |
| (ii) | $\mathrm{f}(3)=12-66+81-27=0$ | B1 | Attempt f(3), and show $=0$ | $12-22(3)+9(3)^{2}-(3)^{3}=0$ is enough <br> B0 for just stating $f(3)=0$ <br> If using division must show ' 0 ' on last line or make equiv comment such as 'no remainder' <br> If using coefficient matching must show ' $\mathrm{R}=0$ ' <br> Just writing $\mathrm{f}(x)$ as the product of the linear factor and the correct quadratic factor is not enough evidence - need to show that the expansion would give $\mathrm{f}(x)$ Ignore incorrect terminology eg ' $x=3$ is a factor' or ' $(3-x)$ is a root' |



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| 8 | (a) | $u_{k}=50 \times 0.8^{k-1}$ | B1 | State correct $50 \times 0.8^{k-1}$ | Allow B1 even if it subsequently becomes $40^{k}$ Could be implied by a later (in)equation eg $0.8^{k-1}<$ 0.003 <br> Must be seen correct numerically so stating $a=50, r=$ $0.8, u_{k}=a r^{k-1}$ is not enough |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \times 0.8^{k-1}<0.15 \\ & 0.8^{k-1}<0.003 \\ & \log 0.8^{k-1}<\log 0.003 \end{aligned}$ | M1 | Link to 0.15 , rearrange and introduce logs or equiv | Allow any sign, equality or inequality <br> Allow no, or consistent, $\log$ base on both sides or $\log { }_{0.8}$ on RHS <br> If starting with $\log \left(50 \times 0.8^{k-1}\right)<\log 0.15$ then the LHS must be correctly split to $\log 50+\log 0.8^{k-1}$ for M1 <br> M0 if solving $40^{k-1}<0.15$ <br> Allow M1 if using $50 \times 0.8^{k}$ <br> M0 if using $S_{k}$ |
|  |  | $(k-1) \log 0.8<\log 0.003$ | A1 | Obtain correct linear (in)equation | Could be $(k-1) \log 0.8<\log 0.003,(k-1)<\log _{0.8} 0.003$ or $\log 50+(k-1) \log 0.8<\log 0.15$ <br> Allow no brackets if implied by later work Allow any linking sign, including > |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & k>27.03 \\ & k=28 \end{aligned}$ | A1 | Obtain $k=28$ (equality only) | Must be equality in words or symbols ie $k=28$ or $k$ is 28 , but A0 for $k \geq 28$ or $k$ is at least 28 Allow BOD if inequality sign not correct throughout as long correct final conclusion |
|  |  |  |  |  | Answer only, or trial and improvement, is eligible for the first B1 only <br> Allow $n$ not $k$ throughout |



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| 9 | (i) | $0.5 \times 2.5 \times(1+2(-3+2 \sqrt{6.5})+3)$ | M1* | Attempt $y$-values at $x=0,2.5,5$ only | M0 if additional $y$-values found, unless not used $y_{1}$ can be exact or decimal ( 2.1 or better) Allow M1 for using incorrect function as long as still clearly $y$-values that are intended to be the original function eg $-3+2 \sqrt{ } x+4 \quad($ from $\sqrt{ }(x+4)=\sqrt{ } x+\sqrt{ } 4)$ |
|  |  | $=10.2$ | M1d* | Attempt correct trapezium rule, inc $h=2.5$ | Fully correct structure reqd, including placing of $y$-values The 'big brackets' must be seen, or implied by later working <br> Could be implied by stating general rule in terms of $y_{0}$ etc, as long as these have been attempted elsewhere and clearly labelled <br> Using $x$-values is M0 <br> Can give M1, even if error in evaluating $y$-values as long correct intention is clear |
|  |  |  | A1 | Obtain 10.2, or better | Allow answers in the range $[10.24,10.25]$ if $>3$ sf A0 if exact surd value given as final answer <br> Answer only is $0 / 3$ <br> Using 2 separate trapezia can get full marks Using anything other than 2 strips of width 2.5 is M0 Using the trapezium rule on result of an integration attempt is $0 / 3$ |
|  |  |  | [3] |  |  |
|  | (ii) | $(5 \times 3)-10.2=4.8$ | M1 | Attempt area of rectangle - their (i) | As long as $0<$ their (i) $<15$ |
|  |  |  | A1FT [2] | Obtain 4.8, or better | Allow for exact surd value as well <br> Allow answers in range [4.75, 4.80] if $>2$ sf |


| Questi | Answer | Marks |  | Guidance |
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| (iii) | $x=\frac{1}{4}\left(y^{2}+6 y-7\right)$ | M1 | Attempt to write as $x=\mathrm{f}(y)$ | Must be correct order of operations, but allow slip with inverse operations eg $+/-$, and omitting to square the $\frac{1}{2}$ Allow $y^{2}+9$ from an attempt to square $y+3$, even if $(y+3)^{2}$ is not seen explicitly first Allow maximum of 1 error |
|  |  | A1 | Obtain $x=\frac{1}{4}\left(y^{2}+6 y-7\right)$ aef | Allow A1 as soon as any correct equation seen in format $x=\mathrm{f}(y)$, eg $x=\frac{1}{4}(y+3)^{2}-4$ or $x=\frac{1}{4}\left(y^{2}+6 y+9\right)-4$, and isw subsequent error |
|  | $\text { area }=\left[\frac{1}{12} y^{3}+\frac{3}{4} y^{2}-\frac{7}{4} y\right]_{1}$ | M1* | Attempt integration of $\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{y})$ | Expand bracket and increase in power by 1 for at least two terms (allow if constant term disappears) Independent of rearrangement attempt so M0M1 is possible <br> Can gain M1 if their $\mathrm{f}(y)$ has only two terms, as long as both increase in power by 1 <br> Allow M1 for $k(y+3)^{3}$, any numerical $k$, as the integral of $(y+3)^{2}$ or M1 for $k\left(\frac{1}{2}(y+3)\right)^{3}$ from $\left(\frac{1}{2}(y+3)\right)^{2}$ oe if their power is other than 2 |
|  |  | A1 | Obtain $\frac{1}{12} y^{3}+\frac{3}{4} y^{2}-\frac{7}{4} y$ aef | $\text { Or } \frac{1}{12}(y+3)^{3}-4 y$ <br> A0 if constant term becomes $-\frac{7}{4} x$ not $-\frac{7}{4} y$ |
|  |  | B1 | State or imply limits are $y=1,3$ | Stated, or just used as limits in definite integral <br> Allow B1 even if limits used incorrectly (eg wrong order, or addition) <br> Allow B1 even if constant term is $-\frac{7}{4} x$ (or their $c x$ ) |


| Question | Answer | Marks | Guidance |  |
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|  | $=\frac{15}{4}-\left(-\frac{11}{12}\right)$ | M1d* | Attempt correct use of limits | Correct order and subtraction |
|  |  |  |  | Allow M1 (BOD) if $y$ limits used in $-\frac{7}{4} x$ (or their $c x$ ), but |
|  |  |  |  | M0 if $x=0,5$ used Minimum of two terms in $y$ |
|  |  |  |  | Only term allowed in $x$ is their $c$ becoming $c x$ Allow processing errors eg $\left(\frac{1}{12} \times 3\right)^{3}$ for $\frac{1}{12} \times 3^{3}$ |
|  |  |  |  | Answer is given so M0 if $\frac{14}{3}$ appears with no evidence of use of limits |
|  |  |  |  | Minimum working required is $\frac{15}{4}+\frac{11}{12}$ <br> Allow M1 if using decimals ( 0.92 or better for $\frac{11}{2}$ ) |
|  |  |  |  | M0 if using lower limit as $y=0$, even if $y=3$ is also used Limits must be from attempt at $y$-values, so M0 if using 0 and 5 |
|  | $=\frac{14}{3} \quad \mathbf{A G}$ | A1 | Obtain $\frac{14}{3}$ | Must come from exact working ie fractions or recurring decimals - correct notation required so A0 for $0.9166 \ldots$ A0 if $-\frac{7}{4} x$ seen in solution |
|  |  |  |  | SR for candidates who find the exact area by first integrating onto the $x$-axis: <br> B4 obtain area between curve and $x$-axis as $10^{1 / 3}$ B1 subtract from 15 to obtain $14 / 3$ And, if seen in the solution, M1A1 for $x=\mathrm{f}(y)$ as above |
|  |  | [7] |  |  |

## APPENDIX 1

## Guidance for marking C2

## Accuracy

Allow answers to 3 sf or better, unless an integer is specified or clearly required.
Answers to 2 sf are penalised, unless stated otherwise in the mark scheme.
3sf is sometimes explicitly specified in a question - this is telling candidates that a decimal is required rather than an exact answer eg in logs, and more than 3sf should not be penalised unless stated in mark scheme.
If more than 3 sf is given, allow the marks for an answer that falls within the guidance given in the mark scheme, with no obvious errors

## Extra solutions

Candidates will usually be penalised if an extra, incorrect, solution is given. However, in trigonometry questions only look at solutions in the given range and ignore any others, correct or incorrect.

## Solving equations

With simultaneous equations, the method mark is given for eliminating one variable. Any valid method is allowed ie balancing or substitution for two linear equations, substitution only if at least one is non-linear.

## Solving quadratic equations

Factorising - candidates must get as far as factorising into two brackets which, on expansion, would give the correct coefficient of $x^{2}$ and at least one of the other two coefficients. This method is only credited if it is possible to factorise the quadratic - if the roots are surds then candidates are expected to use either the quadratic formula or complete the square.
Completing the square - candidates must get as far as $(x+p)= \pm \sqrt{ }$, with reasonable attempts at $p$ and $q$.
Using the formula - candidates need to substitute values into the formula, with some attempt at evaluation (eg calculating 4ac). The correct formula must be seen, either algebraic or numerical. If the algebraic formula is quoted then candidates are allowed to make one slip when substituting their values. The division line must extend under the entire numerator (seen or implied by later working). Condone not dividing by $2 a$ as long as it has been seen earlier.

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