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Resource Set 1: Topic 1

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Context

- Additional Assessment Materials are being produced for GCSE, AS and A levels (with the exception of Art and Design).
- The Additional Assessment Materials presented in this booklet are an optional part of the range of evidence teachers may use when deciding on a candidate's grade.
- 2021 Additional Assessment Materials have been drawn from previous examination materials, namely past papers.
- Additional Assessment Materials have come from past papers both published (those materials available publicly) and unpublished (those currently under padlock to our centres) presented in a different format to allow teachers to adapt them for use with candidate.

Purpose

- The purpose of this resource to provide qualification-specific sets/groups of questions covering the knowledge, skills and understanding relevant to this Pearson qualification.
- This document should be used in conjunction with the mapping guidance which will map content and/or skills covered within each set of questions.
- These materials are only intended to support the summer 2021 series.



(i) Show that $x^2 - 8x + 17 > 0$ for all real values of x

(3)

(ii) "If I add 3 to a number and square the sum, the result is greater than the square of the original number."

State, giving a reason, if the above statement is always true, sometimes true or never true.

(2)

(Total for Question 1 is 5 marks)

2.

(i) Use a counter example to show that the following statement is false.

"
$$n^2 - n - 1$$
 is a prime number, for $3 \le n \le 10$." (2)

(ii) Prove that the following statement is always true.

"The difference between the cube and the square of an odd number is even."

For example $5^3 - 5^2 = 100$ is even.

(4)

(Total for Question 2 is 6 marks)

3.

(a) Prove that for all positive values of x and y

$$\sqrt{xy} \leqslant \frac{x+y}{2}$$
 (2)

(b) Prove by counter example that this is not true when x and y are both negative.

(1)

(Total for Question 3 is 3 marks)

4.

. Given $n \in \mathbb{N}$, prove that $n^3 + 2$ is not divisible by 8

(4)

(Total for Question 4 is 4 marks)

5. (a) Prove that for all positive values of a and b

$$\frac{4a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} \geqslant 4 \tag{4}$$

(b) Prove, by counter example, that this is not true for all values of a and b.

(1)

(Total for Question 5 is 5 marks)