

GCSE
MATHEMATICS (8300)
HIGHER
Number

Total number of marks: 33 per optional item

Instructions:

- This test was designed so that the first 5 questions are assessed without calculator.

Q5

Write 36 as a product of prime factors.

Give your answer in index form.

$$\hookrightarrow 2^2 \times 3^2$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 36 \\
 \swarrow \searrow \\
 18 \quad 2 \\
 \swarrow \searrow \\
 9 \quad 2 \\
 \swarrow \searrow \\
 3 \quad 3
 \end{array}$$

(Total 3 marks)

Q7

 $\frac{3}{5}$ of a number is 162

Work out the number.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{3}{5}x &= 162 \\
 x &= \underline{\underline{270}}
 \end{aligned}$$

(Total 2 marks)

Q8

Work out the value of $(3^{12} \div 3^5) \div (3^2 \times 3)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{3^{12}}{3^5} &= 3^7 \rightarrow 3^7 \div (3^2 \times 3) && \text{(Total 3 marks)} \\
 &\Rightarrow 3^7 \div (3^3) \\
 &\Rightarrow 3^{7-3} = 3^4 = \underline{\underline{81}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Q16

Circle the number that is closest to the value of 29^3

27 000

90

2700

9000

(Total 1 mark)

$$30^3 = 30 \times 30 \times 30 = 27000$$

Q5

Work out

$$8\frac{1}{2} \div 2\frac{2}{3}$$



$$\frac{17}{2} \div \frac{8}{3} = \frac{17}{2} \times \frac{3}{8} = \frac{51}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\frac{3}{16}$$

Give your answer as a mixed number.

(Total 4 marks)

Q6

To the nearest pound, Jon has £9

To the nearest 50p, Ellie has £6.50

$$9.49 + 6.74 = 16.23$$

Work out the maximum possible total amount of money.

Answer £ 16.23

(Total 3 marks)

Q22

Show that $(5\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{12})^2$ simplifies to an integer.

(Total 3 marks)

$$(5\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{12})(5\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{12})$$

$$75 - 5\sqrt{36} - 5\sqrt{36} + 12$$

$$\Rightarrow 87 - 10\sqrt{36}$$

$$\Rightarrow 87 - 10(6) = 87 - 60 = \underline{\underline{27}}$$

Q15a

Meal Deal

Choose one sandwich, one drink and one snack

There are

7 different sandwiches

5 different drinks

and

3 different snacks.

(a) How many different Meal Deal combinations are there?

(Total 2 marks)

$$7 \times 5 \times 3 = 105 \text{ different meal deal combinations}$$

Q11

Work out

cube root of 512 : reciprocal of 0.4

Give your answer in the form $n : 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[3]{512} &= \frac{1}{0.4} && \rightarrow \frac{1}{\frac{4}{10}} = \frac{10}{4} \\ \Rightarrow 8 &= \frac{10}{4} \\ \Rightarrow 3.2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Answer 3.2 : 1

(Total 3 marks)

Q15

When you earn money you pay income tax.

The amount you pay depends on how much you earn that year.

You pay

0% on the first £12 500 you earn minimum tax for those in the 20% bracket = 20% of 37500 = £ 7500

20% on the next £37 500 you earn min. salary for those in the 40% bracket = 40% of 112500 = £ 45 000

40% on the next £112 500 you earn.

One year, Kim paid £9260 income tax. ∴ we know she falls under the 20% bracket

Work out how much she earned that year.

(Total 4 marks)

$$20\% \times \text{Kim's salary} = 9260$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Kim's salary} = \underline{\underline{£46,300}}$$

Q6

Show that 268 can be written as the sum of a power of 3 and a square number.

(Total 2 marks)

$$\begin{aligned} 268 &= 3^5(243) + 5^2(25) \\ &= \boxed{3^5 + 5^2} \end{aligned}$$

Q27

Prove algebraically that $2.\dot{7}\dot{5}$ converts to the fraction $\frac{124}{45}$

(Total 3 marks)

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 2.7555555 \\ 10x &= 27.55555 \\ 100x &= 275.5555 \end{aligned}$$

$$100x - 10x \Rightarrow 100x = 275.555$$

$$10x = 27.555$$

$$\Rightarrow 90x = 248$$

$$x = \frac{248}{90} \div 2$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{124}{45}$$