# General Certificate of Education 

## Mathematics 6360

## MD02 Decision 2

## Mark Scheme

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## Key to mark scheme and abbreviations used in marking

| M | mark is for method |  |  |
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| m or dM | mark is dependent on one or more M marks and is for method |  |  |
| A | mark is dependent on M or m marks and is for accuracy |  |  |
| B | mark is independent of M or m marks and is for method and accuracy |  |  |
| E | mark is for explanation |  |  |
| Vor ft or F | follow through from previous <br> incorrect result | MC | mis-copy |
| CAO | correct answer only | MR | mis-read |
| CSO | correct solution only | RA | required accuracy |
| AWFW | anything which falls within | FW | further work |
| AWRT | anything which rounds to | ISW | ignore subsequent work |
| ACF | any correct form | FIW | from incorrect work |
| AG | answer given | BOD | given benefit of doubt |
| SC | special case | WR | work replaced by candidate |
| OE | or equivalent | FB | formulae book |
| A2,1 | 2 or 1 (or 0 ) accuracy marks | NOS | not on scheme |
| $-x$ EE | deduct $x$ marks for each error | G | graph |
| NMS | no method shown | c | candidate |
| PI | possibly implied | sf | significant figuress) |
| SCA | substantially correct approach | dp | decimal place(s) |

## No Method Shown

Where the question specifically requires a particular method to be used, we must usually see evidence of use of this method for any marks to be awarded. However, there are situations in some units where part marks would be appropriate, particularly when similar techniques are involved. Your Principal Examiner will alert you to these and details will be provided on the mark scheme.

Where the answer can be reasonably obtained without showing working and it is very unlikely that the correct answer can be obtained by using an incorrect method, we must award full marks. However, the obvious penalty to candidates showing no working is that incorrect answers, however close, earn no marks.

Where a question asks the candidate to state or write down a result, no method need be shown for full marks.
Where the permitted calculator has functions which reasonably allow the solution of the question directly, the correct answer without working earns full marks, unless it is given to less than the degree of accuracy accepted in the mark scheme, when it gains no marks.

## Otherwise we require evidence of a correct method for any marks to be awarded.

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