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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.
Α	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.
М 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			
	Appropriate key	B1				
	Stem 4, 5, 6, 7	B1	or 7, 6, 5, 4			
	Leaves correct and ordered 0 7 1 2 5 6 0 1 3 4 9 2 5	B1	Must match the order of their stem if present eg if 7, 6, 5, 4 leaves should be 5 2 9 4 3 1 0 6 5 2 1 7 0			
1(a)	Appropriate alignment of leaves	Q1ft	ft their single digit leaves Strand (ii) 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 number	ers which m	nay be working for (b)			
	If not crossed out and replaced, mark the stem-and-leaf on the grid					

Q	Answer Mark Comments			
	(Thursday's median =) 60	B1		
	their 60 × 0.15 or 9 or their 60 × 0.85	M1	oe their 60 must be in the ran	ge [40, 75]
	51	A1ft	ft B0M1 for a correct answer rethe nearest integer	ounded to
		Additional G	Guidance	
	56 \rightarrow 8 or 8.4 or 47.6			B0 M1
1(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

	620 and 1000 chosen	B1	May be implied by correct ans	swer
	37 820 ÷ their 620 or 61	M1	their 620 must be in the range [440, 630]	
2	(75 – their 61) × their 1000 or 14 × 1000	M1 oe their 1000 must be in the range [8:		je [810, 1200]
	14 000 A1 SC3 13 000 from scale misrea			ead of 610
	Additional Guidance			
	14 000 from a scale misread			max M2

3(a)	1 10	B1	
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Q	Answer	Mark	Comments		
	Refers to a large number of trials	B1	Condone eg lots, multiple time repeatedly, a large amount, nu times, loads, many times, any greater than or equal to 30	merous	
	Comments on how to decide if it is fair (or biased) by referring to matching the (theoretical) probability of $\frac{1}{6}$ or working out expected number for each score using their number of trials or	B1	oe Assume their statement is to s unless otherwise stated	how it is fair	
	stating that the frequencies of each result should be (approximately) equal Additional Guidance				
3(b)	Throw it a few times/ several times/ a number of times				
5(6)	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	2 it is biase	ed	2 nd B1	
	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 side is even if it's fair (allow even \rightarrow equal)				
	It should land equally			2 nd B1	
	See which side is the mode			2 nd B0	
	The results should be random if it's fail	r		2 nd B0	

Q		Answer		Mark		(Comments	
	15 women chose A			B1	Award B0B1 if women A : C in ratio 1 : and total at least 24 (6 : 18)		n ratio 1 : 3	
	45 women c	hose C		B1				
	90 women a	nd 70 men		B1ft		eir 15 + 30 + nd 160 – the		
	Total A = 53 and Total C	, Total B = 56 = 51		B1				
	38 men chos	38 men chose A and 6 men chose C		B1ft	tł tł	vo of neir 53 – thei neir 51 – thei neir 70 – 26 -	r 45	their 38
	The correct	table is						
			А	В		С	Total]
		Women	15	30		45	90	
4		Men	38	26		6	70	
		Total	53	56		51	160	
	Additional Guidance							1
		A	В		С	Tot	al	
	Women	15	30		45	90)	B1 B1 B
	Men	23	26		21	70)	B0 B1ft
	Total	38	56		66	16	0	
	Mark the tab	le						
	Blank cell do	bes not equal	0					

Q	Answer	Mark	Commen	ts	
5	$\frac{1}{5} \times 45 \text{ or } 9 \text{ or } \frac{1}{5} \times 2.75 \text{ or } 0.55$ 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		
	$\frac{1}{5} \times 45 \times 2.75 \text{ or } 24.75$ or $\frac{4}{5} \times 45 \times 3.20 \text{ or } 115.2(0)$	M1	Allow $\frac{1}{5} \times 45 \times 3.20$ or 28 and $\frac{4}{5} \times 45 \times 2.75$ or 99	.8(0)	
	139.95	A1	SC3 127.8(0)		
	Additional Guidance				
	9 × (3.20 + 2.75)			M1 M0 M0	
	24.75			M1 M0 M ²	
	115.2(0)			M1 M1 M	

6(a) 90, 200, 355, 400	B1	Must be in part (a)
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Q	Answer	Mark	Comments			
	Plotted at UCBs (±½ square)	M1	Plotted at 30, 50, 65, 80, 100 Allow one error or omission Increasing non-linear function			
	Heights correct (±½ square)	M1	50, ft their 90, their 200, their 355, their 40 Allow one error or omission Increasing non-linear function			
6(b)	Smooth curve or polygon through points (±½ square)	A1ft	ft M0 M1 or M1 M0 and all five of their points within class boundaries Increasing non-linear function			
	Additional Guidance					
	Condone any attempt to join the graph to the axis before the first point					
	If only bars drawn, may gain the heigh	M0 M1 A0				
	If bars and cumulative frequency graph graph					
	Plotted within class boundaries eg usir	Plotted within class boundaries eg using midpoints and joined				

	7.6 × 5 or 38	M1	Five numbers 6.5, <i>x</i> , <i>y</i> , <i>z</i> , 9.9		
	their 38 – 6.5 – 9.9 or 21.6	M1dep	where $x + y + z = 21.6$ implies	M1 M1dep	
	their 21.6 ÷ 3 or 7.2				
	or	M1			
	7.4 × 3 or 22.2				
	7.2 and Beth				
7	or	A1			
	21.6 and 22.2 and Beth				
	Additional Guidance				
	If an incorrect difference between the r ignore it and treat it as further work	nean scor	ores or totals is worked out then M3 A0		
	7.2 and no decision or 7.2 and Amy c	hosen			
	21.6 seen			M1 M1dep	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments				
	0.25 or 0.75 seen or 123 M1 oe Allow 123.75 or 124 from <i>n</i> + 1 = 163						
	41	A1	Allow 41.25 or 41 from <i>n</i> + 1 = 165				
8(a)) Additional Guidance						
	Recognition that upper quartile represe	rter may be on diagram					
	0.25 × 164 = 41, more than 72 = 40	M1 A0					

	Alternative method 1			
8(b)	$190 - \frac{164}{2}$ or 108 or 190 - their 41 × 2	M1	oe ft their answer to (a) but not 82	
0(13)	216	A1ft	ft $2 \times (190 - \text{their } 41 \times 2)$ only but not 82	
	Alternative method 2			
	190 × 2 or 380	M1		
	216	A1		

PMT

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments		
	0.74 or 74 seen	M1	Must be used if a calculation shown		
	0.000 001 216	A1	oe May be implied by correct star	ndard form	
			Strand (i)		
			ft any ordinary answer seen, c converted to standard form	orrectly	
			SC2 7.1428 × 10 ⁻⁷		
	1.2() × 10 ⁻⁶	Q1ft	SC2 6.66×10^{-7}		
	1.2() × 10	QIII	SC1 0.000 000 71428 oe or 0.000 000 666 oe		
			SC1 1.134 × 10 ^{−6}		
			SC1 1.566 \times 10 ⁻⁶		
			SC1 2.34 $\times 10^{-7}$		
9	Additional Guidance				
	0.74 or 74 seen but the student goes on to use 1.74, 1.26 or 0.26			MO	
	For the Q mark the standard form must be the final answer				
	To award the Q1ft must see the ordinary number before the conversion to standard form except for common incorrect values awarded SC marks				
	7.1428×10^{-7} is from a misread of dec	decrease as increase		SC2	
	6.66×10^{-7} is from $9 \times 10^{-7} \times 0.74$			SC2	
	1.134×10^{-6} is from $9 \times 10^{-7} \times 1.26$			SC1	
	1.566×10^{-6} is from $9 \times 10^{-7} \times 1.74$			SC1	
	2.34 $\times 10^{-7}$ is from 9 $\times 10^{-7} \times 0.26$			SC1	
	Allow truncation or rounding to 2sf or better for any of the special cases				

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
	Alternative method 1		
	502 + 398 - (340 + 260) or 900 - 600 or 300 or $\frac{75}{1500} \text{ or } \frac{1500}{75} \text{ or } \frac{1}{20} \text{ or } 20 \text{ or } 0.05$	M1	oe
	$\frac{\text{their } 300}{1500} \times 75 \text{ or their } 300 \div 20$	M1dep	oe
	15	A1	
	Alternative method 2		
10	$\frac{502+398}{1500} \times 75 \text{ or } \frac{900}{1500} \times 75 \text{ or } 45$ or $\frac{340+260}{1500} \times 75 \text{ or } \frac{600}{1500} \times 75 \text{ or } 30$ or $\frac{502}{1500} \times 75$ or $\frac{398}{1500} \times 75$ or $\frac{340}{1500} \times 75$ or $\frac{260}{1500} \times 75$ or 25(.1) or 19.9 or 20 or 17 or 13	M1	oe
	$\frac{502+398}{1500} \times 75 \text{ or } \frac{900}{1500} \times 75 \text{ and}$ $\frac{340+260}{1500} \times 75 \text{ or } \frac{600}{1500} \times 75$ or 45 and 30 or 45 and 30 or $\frac{502}{1500} \times 75$ and $\frac{398}{1500} \times 75$ and $\frac{340}{1500} \times 75$ and $\frac{260}{1500} \times 75$ or 25(.1) and 19.9 or 20 and 17 and 13	M1dep	oe 45 : 30 is M2
	15	A1	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments		
Question 10 continues on the next page					

	Alternative method 3					
	$(\text{Adult} =)\frac{2}{5} \text{ and } (\text{Child} =)\frac{3}{5}$	M1				
	75 ÷ 5	M1dep				
10 cont	15	A1				
10 cont	Additional Guidance					
	Working out how many more males than females are in the sample may score up to M2 as a misread (42 males, 33 females – difference of 9)					
	45 and 30 seen (or correct method for b	M2				
	25(.1) and 19.9 or 20 and 17 and 13	M2				

	Alternative method 1			
	0.9 × 30 or 27 or 1.5 × 10 or 15 or 0.6 × 30 or 18	M1		
	0.9 × 30 + 1.5 × 10 + 0.6 × 30 (= 60)	A1	Must show full method	
	Alternative method 2			
11(a)	(Square =) 0.25 × 10 or 2.5 or (Small square =) 0.05 × 2 or 0.1	M1		
	0.25 × 10 × 24 (= 60) or 0.05 × 2 × 600 (= 60)	A1	Must show full method	
	Additional Guidance			
	Only 27 + 15 + 18 = 60			M1 A0
	Addition may be implied by vertical column and total			

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments	
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	Midpoints seen or implied 15, 35, 55	B1	Must be seen or used in part Condone one error	(b)
11(b)	their 27 x 15 or 405 or their 15 x 35 or 525 or their 18 x 55 or 990 or 1920 (their 405 + their 525 + their 990) \div 60 or their 1920 \div 60	M1 M1dep	ft their frequencies from (a) ar midpoints Condone bracket error	nd their
	32	A1		
	Additional Guidance			
	Consistent use of UCBs for midpoints can score both method marks eg $(27 \times 30 + 15 \times 40 + 18 \times 70) \div 60$			B0 M1 M1 A0
	NB Reference to the median or working for the median $27 + 3 \div 15 \times 10 = 32$			B0 M0 M0 A0

11(0)	$\frac{12}{\text{their 18}} \text{ or } \frac{\text{their 18} - 12}{\text{their 18}}$	M1	oe ft their 18 from (a)
11(c)	50	A1	SC1 13(.33) Accept [50, 51.67]

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
	10 9 <i>n n</i> -1		1.1
	$\frac{10}{100} \text{ and } \frac{9}{99} \text{ or } \frac{n}{100} \times \frac{n-1}{99}$	M1	oe 0.1 and 0.0909 or $\frac{1}{10}$ and $\frac{1}{11}$
	$\frac{90}{9900}$ or $\frac{1}{110}$ or 0.009	A1	oe
12(a)	Additional Guidance		
	$\frac{10}{100} + \frac{9}{99} = \frac{21}{110}$		M1 A0
	Ignore any incorrect cancelling or char	nge of form	n once correct answer seen

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
	Alternative method 1		
	$\frac{12}{100} \times \frac{88}{99} \text{ or } \frac{88}{100} \times \frac{12}{99}$ or $\frac{1056}{9900}$ or $\frac{8}{75}$ or 0.1066	M1	oe
	$\frac{12}{100} \times \frac{88}{99} + \frac{88}{100} \times \frac{12}{99}$	M1dep	oe
	$\frac{2112}{9900}$ or $\frac{16}{75}$ or 0.213	A1	oe
	Alternative method 2		
12(b)	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	M1	oe
	$\frac{12}{100} \times \frac{78}{99} + \frac{12}{100} \times \frac{10}{99} + \frac{78}{100} \times \frac{12}{99} + \frac{10}{100} \times \frac{12}{99}$	M1dep	ое
	$\frac{2112}{9900}$ or $\frac{16}{75}$ or 0.213	A1	oe