

Safety rules on a campsite require Sarah to set up her barbecue at least 4 m from her tent. She decides to measure this distance using her stride length. Sarah knows that her stride length is 0.8 m, rounded to the nearest 0.1 m.

Find the minimum number of strides Sarah will need to take to **guarantee** that her barbecue is asafe distance from her tent.

_____ [3]

A sack of coffee weighs 25 kg, correct to the nearest kg.
 The coffee is used to fill bags that hold 500 g, correct to the nearest 10 g.

Work out the largest number of bags that could be filled from the sack of coffee.

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_____ [4]

3. A lift can safely take a total weight of 600 kg, correct to the nearest 10 kg.

Can you be certain that eight people, each of weight 75 kg correct to the nearest kg, can safely travel in the lift?

Show how you decide.

[3]

 The distance from the Earth to the Moon varies as they move in their orbits. The largest distance is 406 700 km correct to the nearest 100 km. The smallest distance is 356 400 km correct to the nearest 100 km.

Calculate the largest possible difference between these two measurements.

_____ km [3]

5(a). A town has a population of 120 000, correct to the nearest ten thousand, and an area of 54 km², correct to the nearest whole number.

Write down the upper bound of the population.

(b). Calculate the upper bound of the population density.

_____ people / km²[3]

_____ [1]

The mass of a sack of rice is 20 kg, correct to the nearest kilogram.
 Salma uses this rice to fill small bags with 500 g of rice, correct to the nearest 10 grams.

Write down the maximum possible mass of rice in a small bag.

_____ g [1]

7. The length, *L*, of a steel rod is 8.3 m, correct to 1 decimal place.

Complete the error interval for length *L*.

_____≤*L* <_____[2]

8. Sunil makes 7.5 litres of soup, correct to the nearest 0.5 litre.
He serves the soup in 300 ml portions, correct to the nearest 10 ml.
24 people order this soup.

Does Sunil definitely have enough soup to serve the 24 people? Show how you decide.

[4]

9. A log is 18 m long, correct to the nearest metre.

It is to be cut into fence posts which must be 80 cm long, correct to the nearest 10 centimetres.

What is the largest number of fence posts that can possibly be cut from this log?

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Question		Answer/Indicative conte	nt Marks	Part marks and guidance	
1		6 Total	3	B1 for 0.75 m M1 for $\frac{4}{their'0.75'}$ Or $5 \times 0.75 = 3.75$	
2		51	4	B3 for 51.5151 rot OR B1 for use of 25.5 (kg) or 25500 (g) B1 for use of 0.495 (kg) or 495 (g) <u>their 25500</u> M1 for <u>their 495</u> Examiner's Comments Candidates found this question difficult. Though the majority knew to divide the sack weight by the bag weight, invariably they chose an incorrect bound for one or both values. It was disappointing to see 25.5 kg so often written as 2550 g. Where candidates were unsure which bounds to use, the answer space was often filled with multiple attempts. Even when the correct bounds were used, candidates sometimes failed to round their answer down.	Leading to their answer Leading to their answer For M mark allow any sack weight bag weight $\frac{2500}{500}$
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4			50400 nfww	3	M2 for using 406750 and 356350 Or B1 for 406750 or 356350 Examiner's Comments Most candidates realised that the answer came from subtracting the lower bound of the smallest distance from the upper bound of the largest distance. Some incorrectly gave the upper bound of the largest distance as 406 749. A number misunderstood the implication of the given accuracy and used incorrect upper and/or lower bounds or simply subtracted the two given values.	For M2 or B1 condone use of 406749[.9]
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	b		2336[.448] or 2340 or 2336.45 or 2337	3	Many candidates struggled on this question. A number to an inappropriate accuracy was given, such as 120 005 or 120 000.5 or	condone 124 999[.9] isw after correct answer seen <i>their</i> '53.5' can be in range 52 to 55

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6	505 or 504.9	1	Examiner's Comments Some candidates identified the upper bound correctly as 505. Common incorrect answers included 510, 550, 504, 504.9 and 500.5.	
	Total	1		
7	8.25 8.35	2	B1 for either or for both correct but reversed Examiner's Comments Most candidates appreciated the level of accuracy needed. The lower limit was usually correctly given, although the upper limit was sometimes in error. Some candidates, in an attempt to exclude 8.35, offered answers such as 8.349 or 8.34.	
	Total	2		

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Question	Answer/Indicative content	Marks	Part marks and guidance		
Question 8 1	Answer/Indicative content No, with correct calculation leading to 23.77 to 23.8 identified or with 7.32 compared with 7.25 oe or 302 compared with 305 oe	Marks 4 1 A01.3b 2 A03.1d 1 A03.3	B1 for 7250 or 7.25 seen B1 for 305 or 0.305 seenIgnore upper bound Ignore lower boundM1 for their 7.25 * their 0.305 with units and at least one or for their 0.305 * 24 oe * 24 oeTheir 7.25 in range 7 to 8, their 0.305 in range 0.29 to 0.31 or equivs. Ignore other divisions or products M0 for 7500 * 300 or 7.5 * 0.3Examiner's Comment Most candidates recognised this as a bounds question,		
			but only a minority went on to earn all four marks. Many had problems deciding the bounds for the soup and values such as 7.45 and 7.55 were frequently seen. There was more success with the portion size, largely because it was an integer and only to the nearest 10, although 290 and 310 were common errors. Those that attempted a division of the bounds usually earned the M1 for a calculation involving at least one bound. If they had the correct bounds they were more likely to earn all four marks. Those that multiplied 24 with the upper bound of the portion size did not fare as well, as they often omitted the required comparison.		

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9 24 4 B3 for 24.7 or 24.6[6] condone 18.49 or 1849 in this question B1 for 18.5 or 1850 B1 for 0.75 or 75 M1 for their1850 + their1850 + their75 ce soi by 24.7 or 24.6[6] 1750 ≤ their75 ≤ 90 allow work in metres e.g. use of 1.75,1.85, .7, .9 Examiner's Comments Both correct boundaries were not often given by candidates. Sometimes all four boundaries were given and not always the correct values were chosen for the calculation. Most responses did use the correct division for the calculation but the numbers chosen were not the most appropriate for the problem.	
Total 4	