Bounds Worksheet

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5 The length of a book is 33.8 cm, correct to one decimal place.

(a) Write down the lower bound of the length of the book.

..... cm

(1)

(b) Write down the upper bound of the length of the book.

..... cm

(1)

(Total for Question 5 is 2 marks)

17 $P = a(c + y)$

$a =$ 8.3 correct to 2 significant figures
$c =$ 2 correct to 1 significant figure
$y =$ 15 correct to the nearest 5

Work out the upper bound for the value of P
Show your working clearly.

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(Total for Question 17 is 3 marks)

17 $P = ef$

$e = 4.8$ correct to 2 significant figures.
$f = 0.26$ correct to 2 significant figures.

(a) Work out the lower bound for the value of P.
Show your working clearly.
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

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(2)

$$Q = \frac{t}{w}$$

$t = 2.73$ correct to 3 significant figures.
$w = 0.04$ correct to 1 significant figure.

(b) Work out the upper bound for the value of Q.
Show your working clearly.
Give your answer correct to 2 significant figures.

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(2)

(Total for Question 17 is 4 marks)

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Areas: Number

Subtopics: Bounds

Paper: Paper-2H / Series: 2019-January / Difficulty: Medium / Question Number: 18

18 $P = \dfrac{a}{m - x}$

$x = 8$ correct to 1 significant figure
$a = 4.6$ correct to 2 significant figures
$m = 20$ correct to the nearest 10

Calculate the lower bound of P.
Show your working clearly.

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(Total for Question 18 is 4 marks)

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Areas: Number

Subtopics: Bounds

Paper: Paper-1HR / Series: 2021-January / Difficulty: Medium / Question Number: 19

19 $k = \dfrac{t}{a - h}$

$t = 14$ correct to 2 significant figures
$a = 7.8$ correct to 2 significant figures
$h = 3.4$ correct to 2 significant figures

Work out the lower bound for the value of k.
Show your working clearly.

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(Total for Question 19 is 3 marks)

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Paper: Paper-2H / Series: 2022-June / Difficulty: Medium / Question Number: 18

18 $X = \dfrac{2a - b}{f}$

$a = 7.5$ correct to 1 decimal place.
$b = 3.42$ correct to 2 decimal places.
$f = 2$ correct to the nearest whole number.

Work out the upper bound of the value of X
Show your working clearly.

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(Total for Question 18 is 3 marks)

14 $T = \frac{p}{r}$

$p = 0.51$ correct to 2 significant figures.
$r = 6.3$ correct to 2 significant figures.

Work out the upper bound for the value of T
Show your working clearly.

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(Total for Question 14 is 2 marks)

20

$$x = \frac{6a}{b - a}$$

$a = 3.46$ correct to 3 significant figures.
$b = 6.3$ correct to 1 decimal place.

Work out the upper bound for the value of x.
Give your answer as a decimal correct to 3 significant figures.
Show your working clearly.

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(Total for Question 20 is 3 marks)

11 The weight of a cat is 4.3 kg correct to 2 significant figures.

(a) Write down the upper bound of the weight of the cat.

..... kg

(1)

(b) Write down the lower bound of the weight of the cat.

..... kg

(1)

$G = e - f$

$e = 17$ correct to the nearest integer
$f = 9.4$ correct to one decimal place

(c) Work out the upper bound for the value of G.

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(2)

(Total for Question 11 is 4 marks)

16 $p = \sqrt{\frac{2e}{f}}$

$e = 6.8$ correct to 1 decimal place.

$f = 0.05$ correct to 1 significant figure.

Work out the upper bound for the value of p.
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.
You must show all your working.

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(Total for Question 16 is 3 marks)

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Areas: Number

Subtopics: Bounds

Paper: Paper-2H / Series: 2024-June / Difficulty: Medium / Question Number: 19

19 $G = \dfrac{c}{2f - 3h}$

$c = 8$ correct to the nearest whole number
$f = 6.62$ correct to 2 decimal places
$h = 1.2$ correct to 1 decimal place

Work out the lower bound for the value of G
Give your answer correct to 3 decimal places.
Show your working clearly.

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(Total for Question 19 is 3 marks)

22 $D = \dfrac{x}{y}$

$x = 99.7$ correct to 1 decimal place.
$y = 67$ correct to 2 significant figures.

Work out an upper bound for D.

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(Total for Question 22 is 3 marks)

17 A train travelled along a track in 110 minutes, correct to the nearest 5 minutes.

Jake finds out that the track is 270 km long.
He assumes that the track has been measured correct to the nearest 10 km.

(a) Could the average speed of the train have been greater than 160 km/h?
You must show how you get your answer.

(4)

Jake's assumption was wrong.
The track was measured correct to the nearest 5 km.

(b) Explain how this could affect your decision in part (a).

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(1)

(Total for Question 17 is 5 marks)

18 A high speed train travels a distance of 487 km in 3 hours.

The distance is measured correct to the nearest kilometre.
The time is measured correct to the nearest minute.

By considering bounds, work out the average speed, in km/minute, of the train to a suitable degree of accuracy.
You must show all your working and give a reason for your answer.

.....km/minute

(Total for Question 18 is 5 marks)

20 $d = \frac{1}{8}c^3$

$c = 10.9$ correct to 3 significant figures.

By considering bounds, work out the value of d to a suitable degree of accuracy.
Give a reason for your answer.

(Total for Question 20 is 4 marks)

12

$$\text{pressure} = \frac{\text{force}}{\text{area}}$$

A box, in the shape of a cuboid, is going to be put on a table.

The whole of one face of the box will be in contact with the table.
The force exerted by the box on the table is always 105 newtons.

The box is 5 m by 4 m by 3 m.

The greatest pressure exerted by the box on the table is P newtons/m^2
The least pressure exerted by the box on the table is Q newtons/m^2

Work out the value of $P - Q$

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(Total for Question 12 is 3 marks)

19 The diagram shows rectangle $ABCD$ with rectangle $EFGH$ cut out to form the shaded region.

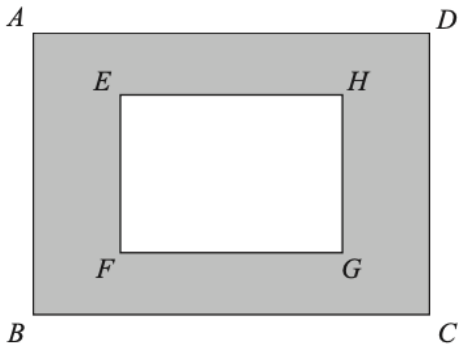


Diagram **NOT** accurately drawn

$AD = 8.3$ cm correct to one decimal place
$DC = 7.2$ cm correct to one decimal place
$EH = 6.2$ cm correct to one decimal place
$HG = 5.3$ cm correct to one decimal place

Work out the upper bound of the area of the shaded region.
Show your working clearly.

..... cm^2

(Total for Question 19 is 3 marks)

13 Here is a triangle XYZ.

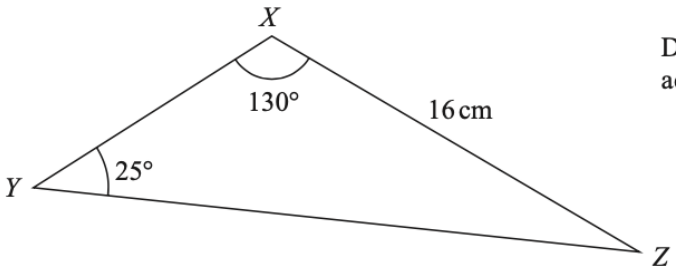


Diagram **NOT** accurately drawn

The length XZ and the angles YXZ and XYZ are each given correct to 2 significant figures.

Calculate the upper bound for the length YZ.
Give your answer correct to one decimal place.
Show your working clearly.

..... cm

(Total for Question 13 is 3 marks)

19 Aviv goes on a cycle journey.

For the cycle journey

average speed = 19 km/h correct to the nearest whole number

time = 1.5 hours correct to one decimal place

Work out the upper bound for the distance Aviv travels.
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

..... km

(Total for Question 19 is 3 marks)

22 Ebony makes some bracelets to sell.

The materials to make all the bracelets cost £190, correct to the nearest £5
Ebony sells all the bracelets for a total of £875, correct to the nearest £5

The total time taken to make and sell all these bracelets was 72 hours, correct to the nearest hour.

Ebony uses this method to calculate her hourly rate of pay

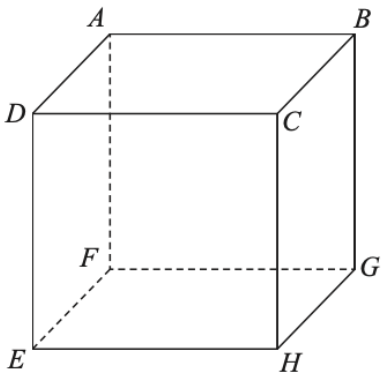
$$\text{Hourly rate of pay} = \frac{\text{total selling price} - \text{total cost of materials}}{\text{total time taken}}$$

The minimum hourly rate of pay for someone of Ebony's age is £8.20

By considering bounds, determine if Ebony's hourly rate of pay was definitely more than £8.20
You must show all your working.

(Total for Question 22 is 4 marks)

18 The diagram shows a cube.



$AH = 11.3$ cm correct to the nearest mm.

Calculate the lower bound for the length of an edge of the cube.
You must show all your working.

..... cm

(Total for Question 18 is 4 marks)

22 The diagram shows triangle ABC

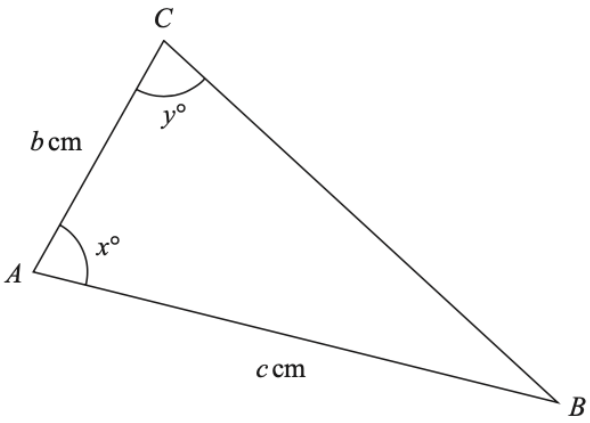


Diagram **NOT** accurately drawn

$c = 11.5$ correct to one decimal place
$x = 80$ correct to the nearest whole number
$y = 75$ correct to the nearest whole number

Calculate the upper bound for the value of b
Show your working clearly.
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

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(Total for Question 22 is 4 marks)

18 Kaidan and Sonja went on two different car journeys.

For Kaidan's journey
distance = 80 km correct to the nearest 5 km
time = 2.7 hours correct to 1 decimal place

For Sonja's journey
distance = 33 km correct to 2 significant figures
time = 1 hour correct to the nearest 0.1 hour

Kaidan says,
"My average speed could have been greater than Sonja's average speed."

By considering bounds, show that Kaidan is correct.
Show your working clearly.

(Total for Question 18 is 4 marks)