## Aiming for Grade 9 - Spring 2022 student-friendly mark scheme

Please note that this mark scheme is not the one used by examiners for making scripts. It is intended more as a guide to good practice, indicating where marks are given for correct answers. As such, it doesn't show follow-through marks (marks that are awarded despite errors being made) or special cases.

It should also be noted that for many questions, there may be alternative methods of finding correct solutions that are not shown here - they will be covered in the formal mark scheme.

## NOTES ON MARKING PRINCIPLES

Guidance on the use of codes within this mark scheme

M1 - method mark. This mark is generally given for an appropriate method in the context of the question. This mark is given for showing your working and may be awarded even if working is incorrect.

P1 - process mark. This mark is generally given for setting up an appropriate process to find a solution in the context of the question.

A1 - accuracy mark. This mark is generally given for a correct answer following correct working.

B1 - working mark. This mark is usually given when working and the answer cannot easily be separated.

C1 - communication mark. This mark is given for explaining your answer or giving a conclusion in context supported by your working.

Some questions require all working to be shown; in such questions, no marks will be given for an answer with no working (even if it is a correct answer).

## Question 1 (Total 3 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\frac{A B}{\sin 34^{\circ}}=\frac{23.8}{\sin 120^{\circ}}$ | M1 | This mark is given for a method to use the sine rule to find the length $A B$ |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & A B=\frac{23.8}{\sin 120^{\circ}} \times \sin 34^{\circ} \\ & A B=\frac{23.8}{0.866 \ldots} \times 0.559 \ldots \end{aligned}$ | M1 | This mark is given for a method to rearrange to find the length $A B$ |
|  | 15.4 (to 1 decimal place) | A1 | This mark is given for the correct answer only |

Question 2 (Total 4 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1.025^{3}=1.07689 \ldots$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find Louise's initial investment |
|  | $\frac{344065}{1.025^{3}}=320000$ | P1 | This mark is given for a complete process to find Louise's initial investment |
|  | $320000 \times 1.02^{2} \times 1.035$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find the value of Sadiq's investment |
|  | 344580.48 | A1 | This mark is given for the correct answer in the range 344580 to 344581 |

## Question 3 (Total 3 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| (a) | $\frac{27}{300}$ | M1 | This mark is given for a method to find <br> the gradient |
|  | $=-0.09$ | A1 | This mark is given for the correct answer <br> only |
| (b) | For example: <br> the volume of petrol used each km <br> litres / km | C1 | This mark is given for a correct <br> interpretation of the gradient |

Question 4 (Total 1 mark)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
|  | $-12,-7$ | B1 | This mark is given for the correct answer <br> only |

Question 5 (Total 2 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
|  $\pi \times 10 \times 25=250 \pi$ <br>  $\frac{15}{25} \times 10=6$ <br>  $\pi \times 6 \times 15=90 \pi$ <br>  P1This mark is given for a process to find <br> the surface area of the whole cone |  |  |  |
|  | This mark is given for a process to find <br> the radius of the smaller cone |  |  |
|  | This mark is given for a process to find <br> the surface area of the smaller cone |  |  |

## Question 6 (Total 4 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| $(x+4)^{2}-x^{2}=70$ P1 <br>  $8 x+16=70$ <br> $8 x=54$ <br>  This mark is given for a process to set up <br> an equation relating A and B <br>  Area of $\mathbf{B}=(6.75+4)^{2}$ <br> $=116$ (to 3 significant figures $)$ <br> This mark is given for a process to <br> multiply out terms to produce a linear <br> equation  | This mark is given for finding the length <br> of the side of square A |  |  |

Question 7 (Total 4 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| (a) | $\sqrt[3]{10-2 \times 2}=\sqrt[3]{6}=1.817$$\sqrt[3]{10-2 \times 1.817}=1.853$ <br> $\sqrt[3]{10-2 \times 1.853}=1.846$$x_{1}=1.817$ <br> $x_{2}=1.853$ <br> $x_{3}=1.846$ | M1 | This mark is given for a method to <br> substitute $x=2$ in the original equation |
| (b) | $x^{3}=10-2 x$ <br> $x^{3}+2 x-10$ <br> $a=2, b=-10$ | A1 | This mark is given for a method to <br> substitute to find $x_{2}$ and $x_{3}$ <br> answers is given for three correct |

## Question 8 (Total 4 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might expect to see |  |  |  | Mark | Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 0.8 \times 5=4 \\ & 1.6 \times 10=16 \\ & 2.2 \times 10=22 \\ & 1.2 \times 15=18 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find the frequencies |
|  | $4+16+22+18=60$ |  |  |  | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find the number of people in the competition |
|  | $60 \times 0.2=12$ |  |  |  | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find the number of people who qualified for the next round |
|  | $30$ |  |  |  | A1 | This mark is given for a correct answer only |

## Question 9 (Total 5 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| (a) | $B C^{2}=8^{2}+11^{2}-\left(2 \times 8 \times 11 \times \cos 72^{\circ}\right)$ | M1 | This mark is given for a method to use <br> the cosine rule to find the length $B C$ |
|  | $B C=\sqrt{ }(64+121-54.38 \ldots)$ | M1 | This mark is given for a method to use <br> the correct order of operations |
|  | 11.4 | A1 | This mark is given for an answer in the <br> range 11.4 to 11.5 |
| (b) | $0.5 \times \sin 72^{\circ} \times 8 \times 11$ | M1 | This mark is given for a method to use <br> area $=\frac{1}{2} a b$ sin $C$ to find the area |
|  | 41.8 | A1 | This mark is given for an answer in the <br> range 41.5 to 41.9 |

Question 10 (Total 5 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| (a) | $x$-coordinate $=6 \times \frac{3}{2}=9$ | M1 | This mark is given for a method to find <br> the $x$-coordinate or the $y$-coordinate of $R$ |
|  | $(9,7.5)$ | A1 | This mark is given for the correct answer <br> only |
| (b) | $3 \div 6=0.5$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find <br> the gradient of the line $\mathbf{L}$ |
|  | $-\frac{1}{0.5}=-2$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find <br> the gradient of the perpendicular to $\mathbf{L}$ |
|  | $y=-2 x+3$ | This mark is given for the correct answer <br> only |  |

## Question 11 (Total 2 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
|  | Enlargement, scale factor -1.5 | B1 | This mark is given for a correct <br> transformation and scale factor stated |
|  | Centre of enlargement $(1,1)$ | B1 | This mark is given for a correct centre of <br> enlargement stated |

Question 12 (Total 1 mark)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
|  | All inequalities should start with zero | C1 | This mark is given for an error correctly <br> identified |

## Question 13 (Total 4 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{RR}=0.7 \times 0.8=0.56 \\ & \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{NR}=0.7 \times 0.2=0.14 \\ & \mathrm{NR}-\mathrm{R}=0.3 \times 0.6=0.18 \\ & \mathrm{NR}-\mathrm{NR}=0.3 \times 0.4=0.12 \end{aligned}$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find the correct probability for two consecutive days $\text { ( } \mathrm{R}=\text { rain, } \mathrm{NR}=\text { not rain } \text { ) }$ |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 0.56 \times 0.8=0.448 \\ & 0.14 \times 0.6=0.084 \\ & 0.18 \times 0.8=0.144 \\ & 0.12 \times 0.6=0.072 \end{aligned}$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find the correct probability for rain on Wednesday |
|  | $0.448+0.084+0.144+0.072$ | P1 | This mark is given for a complete process to find the probability of rain on Wednesday |
|  | 0.748 | A1 | This mark is given for the correct answer only |

## Question 14 (Total 4 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (a) | $\begin{aligned} & 37,143, \\ & (360+37)=397,(360+143)=503 \end{aligned}$ | M1 | This mark is given for any two angles found in the ranges 35 to 40,140 to 145 , 395 to 400 and 500 to 505 |
|  |  | A1 | This mark is given for all four angles found in the ranges 35 to 40,140 to 145 , 395 to 400 and 500 to 505 |
| (b) | $y=-\sin x^{\circ}$ | B1 | This mark is given for the correct equation (or any equivalent) |
| (c) |  | A1 | This mark is given for a graph translated by 2 in the positive $x$-direction |

## Question 15 (Total 4 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (a) |  | C2 | These marks are given for a fully correct graph (a curve reflected in the $y$-axis passing through points $(0,0),(1,2),(2,1)$, $(3,0)$ and $(4,2)$ ) <br> ( C 1 is given for a curve reflected in the $y$-axis or a curve passing through four of the five points) |
| (b) | $y=5+2(x-3)-(x-3)^{2}$ | C2 | These marks are given for a fully correct equation <br> ( C 1 is given for an equation of the form $y=5+2(x-a)-(x-a)^{2}, a \neq 3$ |

Question 16 (Total 8 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (a) | $\text { If } \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{red})=\frac{7}{10} \text { then } \frac{n}{n+8}=\frac{7}{10}$ | M1 | This mark is given for a method to set up an equation in terms of $n$ |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 10 n=7(n+8) \\ & 10 n=7 n+56 \\ & n=\frac{56}{3} \end{aligned}$ | M1 | This mark is given for a process to find a value for $n$ |
|  | $n$ is not a whole number, therefore P (red) cannot be $\frac{7}{10}$ | C1 | This mark is given for a valid conclusion supported by correct working |
| (b) | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{P}(1 \text { st red sweet })=\frac{n}{n+8} \\ & \mathrm{P}(2 \text { nd red sweet })=\frac{n-1}{n+7} \end{aligned}$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to work out the probabilities of the first sweet being red and the second sweet being red |
|  | $\frac{n}{n+8} \times \frac{n-1}{n+7}=\frac{3}{5}$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to form an appropriate equation |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 5\left(n^{2}-n\right)=3\left(n^{2}+15 n+56\right) \\ & 2 n^{2}-50 n-168=0 \\ & n^{2}-25 n-84=0 \end{aligned}$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find a quadratic equation to be solved |
|  | $(n-28)(n+3)=0$ | P1 | This mark is given for factorising a quadratic equation (or quadratic formula may be used) |
|  | $n=28$ | A1 | This mark is given for the correct answer only |

Question 17 (Total 3 marks)

| Part | Working an or answer examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| $\sqrt[3]{125}: \sqrt[3]{27}$ <br> $=5: 3$ P1 <br> $(5 \times 1):(3 \times 2)$ <br> $=5: 6$ This mark is given for a process to find <br> the ratio of the radius of sphere A to the <br> radius of sphere $\mathbf{B}$ <br> $5^{2}: 6^{2}$ <br> $=25: 36$ P1 <br> This mark is given for a process to find <br> the ratio of the radius of sphere $\mathbf{B}$ to the <br> radius of sphere $\mathbf{C}$  | This mark is given for the correct answer <br> in the form $\frac{a+\sqrt{3}}{b}$ |  |  |

## Question 18 (Total 5 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $\frac{10-0}{0--20}=\frac{1}{2}$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find the <br> gradient of the tangent to $\mathbf{C}$ |
| gradient of normal to tangent $=-2$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to use <br> $-\frac{1}{m}$ to find the gradient of the normal to <br> the tangent to $\mathbf{C}$ |  |
|  | equation of tangent is $y=\frac{1}{2} x+10$ |  |  |
| equation of radius of $\mathbf{C}$ is $y=-2 x$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find <br> equations for the tangent to $\mathbf{C}$ and the <br> radius of $\mathbf{C}$ |  |
|  | When $\frac{1}{2} x+10=-2 x, x=-4$ and $y=8$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find the <br> $x$ and $y$-coordinates of the point where the <br> tangent meets $\mathbf{C}$ |
|  | A1 | This mark is given for a correct equation <br> of $\mathbf{C}$ only |  |
| $x^{2}+y^{2}=80$ |  |  |  |

Question 19 (Total 4 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $h_{1}=K \times 1200+20=1040$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find an equation for $h_{1}$ |
|  | $K=\frac{1040-20}{1200}=0.85$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find the value of $K$ |
|  | At $0917, h_{2}=0.85 \times 1040+20=904$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find the value of $h_{2}$ at 0917 |
|  | At $0918, h_{3}=0.85 \times 904+20=788.4$ | A1 | This mark is given for a process to find the value of $h_{3}$ at 0918 |

Question 20 (Total 4 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Angle $B C D=\frac{180}{(3+1)}=45$ <br> Opposite angles of a cyclic quadrilateral <br> add up to 180 | M 1 | This mark is given for a method to find <br> the size of angle $B C D$ with a reason |  |
|  | Angle $B D A=180-20-(180-45)=25$ <br> Angles in a triangle add up to 180 | M1 | This mark is given for a method to find <br> the size of angle BDA |
|  | Angle $S B A=B D A=25$ | A1 | This mark is given for the correct answer <br> only |
|  | Alternate segment theorem | C 1 | This mark is given for a correct reason |

Question 21 (Total 4 marks)

| Part | Working an or answer examiner might expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 51.95 \leq l \leq 52.05 \\ & 1.445 \leq T \leq 1.455 \end{aligned}$ | B1 | This mark is given for stating an upper or lower bound for $l$ or $T$ |
|  | $g=\frac{4 \pi^{2} l}{T^{2}}$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to rearrange the formula to give $g$ as the subject |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { upper bound }=\frac{4 \pi^{2} \times 52.05}{1.445^{2}} \\ & \text { lower bound }=\frac{4 \pi^{2} \times 51.95}{1.455^{2}} \end{aligned}$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find an upper or lower bound for $g$ |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { upper bound }=984.11 \ldots \\ & \text { lower bound }=968.76 \ldots \end{aligned}$ | A1 | This mark is given for two correct answers (rounded or truncated to 2 decimal places) |


|  |  |  |  | Edexcel averages: scores of candidates who achieved grade: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Qn | Skill tested | $\begin{gathered} \text { Max } \\ \text { score } \end{gathered}$ | Mean score \% | ALL | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| 1 | Pythagoras's Theorem and Trigonometry | 3 | 36 | 1.08 | 2.88 | 2.62 | 2.11 | 1.35 | 0.51 | 0.09 |
| 2 | Growth and decay, compound interest | 4 | 35 | 1.41 | 3.74 | 3.38 | 2.64 | 1.97 | 1.29 | 0.51 |
| 3 | Gradient at a point on a curve as the instantaneous rate of change | 3 | 25 | 0.76 | 2.43 | 1.90 | 1.35 | 0.82 | 0.39 | 0.18 |
| 4 | Roots, intercepts, turning points of quadratic functions | 1 | 25 | 0.25 | 0.95 | 0.81 | 0.49 | 0.23 | 0.09 | 0.01 |
| 5 | Surface area and volume of spheres, pyramids, cones and composite solids | 4 | 25 | 1.00 | 3.15 | 1.94 | 1.54 | 1.10 | 0.72 | 0.35 |
| 6 | Translate situations or procedures into algebraic expressions, formulae or equations | 4 | 24 | 0.94 | 3.61 | 2.69 | 1.74 | 0.92 | 0.38 | 0.13 |
| 7 | Approximate solutions to equations using iteration | 4 | 24 | 0.94 | 3.29 | 2.45 | 1.82 | 1.31 | 0.71 | 0.28 |
| 8 | Histograms with equal and unequal class intervals | 4 | 23 | 0.93 | 3.36 | 2.76 | 2.00 | 1.21 | 0.65 | 0.18 |
| 9 | Area of a triangle using the angle formula | 5 | 22 | 1.11 | 4.56 | 3.56 | 2.49 | 1.43 | 0.71 | 0.12 |
| 10 | Gradients and intercepts of linear functions | 5 | 21 | 1.06 | 4.44 | 3.41 | 2.18 | 1.31 | 0.57 | 0.26 |
| 11 | Transformations | 2 | 20 | 0.40 | 1.58 | 1.07 | 0.76 | 0.37 | 0.17 | 0.06 |
| 12 | Cumulative frequency graphs | 1 | 19 | 0.19 | 0.59 | 0.53 | 0.36 | 0.24 | 0.16 | 0.09 |
| 13 | Conditional probability | 4 | 18 | 0.73 | 3.30 | 2.13 | 1.45 | 0.91 | 0.40 | 0.19 |
| 14 | Translations and reflections of a function | 4 | 13 | 0.53 | 3.25 | 2.16 | 1.28 | 0.47 | 0.15 | 0.03 |
| 15 | Translations and reflections of a function | 4 | 13 | 0.52 | 2.55 | 1.60 | 0.88 | 0.41 | 0.19 | 0.08 |
| 16 | Conditional probability | 8 | 13 | 1.03 | 6.33 | 3.80 | 1.55 | 0.69 | 0.28 | 0.07 |
| 17 | Relationships between lengths, areas and volumes in similar figures | 3 | 13 | 0.38 | 2.49 | 1.19 | 0.83 | 0.32 | 0.20 | 0.04 |
| 18 | Equation of a circle | 5 | 12 | 0.60 | 3.35 | 1.64 | 1.03 | 0.53 | 0.20 | 0.06 |
| 19 | Growth and decay, compound interest | 4 | 12 | 0.46 | 3.28 | 1.90 | 0.60 | 0.23 | 0.09 | 0.01 |
| 20 | Circle theorems | 4 | 11 | 0.43 | 2.63 | 1.64 | 0.92 | 0.52 | 0.12 | 0.02 |
|  | Limits of accuracy; bounds | 4 | 10 | 0.38 | 2.43 | 1.43 | 0.78 | 0.35 | 0.15 | 0.03 |
|  |  | 80 | 19 | 15.13 | 64.19 | 44.61 | 28.80 | 16.69 | 8.13 | 2.79 |

Students who were awarded a Grade 9 averaged 64 marks on this set of questions in the November 2020 and 2021 examinations. That said, there weren't very many of them in these cohorts.

## Aiming for 9 - Set 2 (Spring 2022)

## Suggested grade boundaries

|  | Max | $\mathbf{9}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1 H}$ | 80 | 56 | 39 | 24 | 14 | 7 | 3 |
| $\mathbf{2 H}$ | 80 | 54 | 37 | 23 | 12 | 6 | 2 |
| $\mathbf{3 H}$ | 80 | 49 | 33 | 20 | 11 | 5 | 2 |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 4 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 9}$ | $\mathbf{6 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 8}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ |

Grade boundaries are based on the average performance data for students answering these questions who gained grades 4-9 in the November 2020 \& 2021 GCSE Mathematics examinations at Higher tier.

Students did not answer these questions as 90 -minute tests, of course; so there is some scope for adjustment. These boundaries are for guidance only.

