## 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 5 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
|  | $h=5 \tan 40^{\circ}$ | P 1 | This mark is given for a process to find <br> the height of the triangle |
|  | $=4.195$ | P 1 | This mark is given for finding the height <br> of the triangle |
|  | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find <br> the area of the cross-section of the prism |  |
|  | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find <br> the volume of the cross-section of the <br> prism |  |
|  | A1 | This mark is given for a correct answer <br> only |  |

## Question 2 (Total 4 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
|  | Assume Olivia and Jessica have $(9+1) a$ <br> sweets shared in ratio $9 a: a$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find <br> how many sweets Olivia and Jessica have |
|  | Then Fran and Gary have $20 a$ sweets <br> shared in ratio $2: 3=8 a: 12 a$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find <br> how many sweets Fran and Gary have |
|  | $w: x: y: z$ are in ratio $8 a: 12 a: 9 a: a$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find <br> an unsimplified ratio |
|  | $8: 12: 9: 1$ | A1 | This mark is given for the correct answer <br> only |

## Question 3 (Total 4 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| $\angle D B F=180-100=80$ <br> Opposite angles of a cyclic quadrilateral <br> add up to $180^{\circ}$ <br> $\angle B F D=180-80-40=60$ <br> Angles in a triangle add up to 180 <br> $\angle A B D=60$ <br> Alternate segment theorem <br> M1This mark is given for a method to find <br> the size of $\angle D B F$ |  |  |  |
|  | A1 | This mark is given for a method to find <br> the size of $\angle B F D$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |

Question 4 (Total 5 marks)

| Part | Working an or answer examiner might expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (a) |  | M2 | These marks are given for a method to draw 3 of lines $x=2, y=x+3,2 x+3 y=$ 6 correctly <br> (M1 is given for 2 lines drawn correctly) |
|  |  | M1 | This mark is given for region a region $R$ which satisfies at least 2 of the inequalities $x \leq 2, y \leq x+3$ and $2 x+3 y$ $\geq 6$ |
|  |  | A1 | This mark is given for a fully correct graph |
| (b) | Geoffrey in incorrect; $4<8,4>1$ and $2+4=6$ so $(2,4)$ satisfies all the inequalities | B1 | This mark is given for a valid conclusion with a correct reason given |

## Question 5 (Total 2 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
|  | Let $10 x=7.333 \ldots$ <br> Then $100 x=73.333 \ldots$ <br> $90 x=66$ | M1 | This mark is given for a method to find <br> an equation without a recurring decimal |
|  | $x=\frac{66}{90}=\frac{11}{15}$ | A1 | This mark is given for showing the <br> recurring decimal in as a rational number |

Question 6 (Total 4 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
|  | $(7.2-6.4) \times 10=8$ <br> $(7.6-7.2) \times 50=20$ <br> $(8.0-7.6) \times 100=40$ <br> $(8.2-8.0) \times 60=12$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find at <br> least one frequency |
|  | $\frac{(6.8 \times 8)+(7.4 \times 20)+(7.8 \times 40)+(8.1 \times 12)}{8+20+40+12}$ P1 <br> $=\frac{6116}{80}$ This mark is given for a process to find at <br> all frequencies <br>  7.645 <br> This mark is given for a process to find  <br> an estimate of the mean  |  |  |
|  |  | A1 | This mark is given for the correct answer <br> only |

Question 7 (Total 3 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\frac{6 x^{3}}{\left(9 x^{2}-144\right)} \times \frac{3(x-4)}{2 x^{4}}$ | M1 | This mark is given for a method to invert the fraction and multiply |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{6 x^{3}}{3(x+4) \times 3(x-4)} \times \frac{3(x-4)}{2 x^{4}} \\ & =\frac{6 x^{3}}{(x+4) \times 6 x^{4}} \end{aligned}$ | M1 | This mark is given for a method to simplify the fraction |
|  | $\frac{1}{x(x+4)}$ | A1 | This mark is given for the correct answer only |

## Question 8 (Total 4 marks)

| Part | Working an or answer examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (a) |  | M1 | This mark is given for stating an upper or <br> lower bound for $l$ or $T$ |
|  | $\frac{1}{2}((4+6)+(6+7.2)+(7.2+7.8))$ | M1 | This mark is given for a complete method <br> to find an estimate for the area under the <br> graph |
|  | 19.1 | A1 | This mark is given for a correct answer in <br> the range 19 to 20 |
| (b) | Distance travelled by the object | C1 | This mark is given for a correct statement |

## Question 9 (Total 2 marks)

$\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|c|l|}\hline \text { Part } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Working or answer an examiner might } \\ \text { expect to see }\end{array} & \text { Mark } & \text { Notes } \\ \hline & x^{\frac{6}{n}}=x^{3}, \frac{6}{n}=3 \\ a^{\frac{1}{n}}=7\end{array}\right)$ P1 $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { This mark is given for a method to find } \\ \text { the product of two linear expressions }\end{array}\right\}$

## Question 10 (Total 4 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| (a) | $\frac{30 \times 9}{2}$ | M1 | This mark is given for a method to find <br> the area of a triangle with coordinates <br> $(0,0),(30,0)$ and $(30,9)$ |
|  | 135 | A1 | This mark is given for a correct estimate <br> of the distance the car travelled |
| (b) | underestimate, since the area between the <br> line and the curve is not included | C1 | This mark is given for a valid conclusion <br> and reason given |
| (c) | For example: <br> Julian's method gives average speed in first <br> 60 seconds <br> Julian has not drawn a tangent at time <br> 60 seconds <br> Julian has not worked out the gradient at <br> time 60 seconds | This mark is given for a correct <br> explanation |  |

## Question 11 (Total 4 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & x=k y^{2} \\ & y=c z^{3} \end{aligned}$ | M1 | This mark is given for setting up an equation of proportionality |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & x=k\left(c z^{3}\right)^{2} \\ & x=k c^{2} z^{6} \end{aligned}$ | M1 | This mark is given for setting up an equation of proportionality eliminating $y$ |
|  | When $z=2, x=k c^{2} \times 64$ Constant $k c^{2}=\frac{1}{2}$ | M1 | This mark is given for substituting $z=2$ and $x=32$ to find the value of the constant |
|  | $x=\frac{1}{2} z^{6}$ | A1 | This mark is given for a correct answer only |

Question 12 (Total 5 marks)

| Part | Working an or answer examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| (a) | $5 c+d=c+4 d$ <br> $4 c=3 d$ | P1 | This mark is given for process to isolate <br> terms in $c$ to obtain $4 c=3 d$ |
|  | $3: 4$ | A1 | This mark is given for the correct answer <br> only |
| (b) | $6 x^{2}-7 x y-20 y^{2}=0$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to form a <br> quadratic equation equal to 0 |
|  | $(2 x-5 y)(3 x+4 y)=0$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to <br> factorise the quadratic equation |
|  | $5: 2$ | A1 | This mark is given for the correct answer <br> only |

## Question 13 (Total 4 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
|  | $x^{2}+3 x-3=5 x-4$ | M1 | This mark is given for a method to <br> eliminate $y$ |
|  | $x^{2}-2 x+1=0$ | M1 | This mark is given for a method to <br> rearrange to form a quadratic equation |
|  | $(x-1)(x-1)=0$ <br> $x=1$ | M1 | This mark is given for correctly <br> factorising and solving the quadratic <br> equation |
|  | There is only one value of $x$, so only one <br> point (set of coordinates) in common | C1 | This mark is given for a correct answer <br> only |

## Question 14 (Total 3 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might expect to see |  |  | Mark | Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | M1 | This mark is given for a tangent to the curve drawn at $t=12$ |
|  | For example:$28 \div 30$ |  |  | M1 | This mark is given for a method to find the gradient of the tangent |
|  | 0.933 |  |  | A1 | This mark is given for an answer in the range 0.7 to 1.0 |

Question 15 (Total 4 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Lower bound for $A H=11.25$ M1 <br> Let $a=$ the length of one side of the cube <br> $a^{2}+a^{2}+a^{2}=11.25^{2}$ <br> $3 a^{2}=11.25^{2}$ M1 <br> the lower bound for the length $A H$  |  |  |  |
|  | This mark is given for a method to use <br> $a^{2}+a^{2}+a^{2}$ as the length of the diagonal |  |  |
|  | M1 | This mark is given for a method to write <br> an equation to find the length of a side |  |

## Question 16 (Total 4 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
|  | $\overrightarrow{D B}=\frac{3}{5} O B$ | P 1 | This mark is given for a process to find a <br> relationship involving $\overrightarrow{D B}$ |
|  | $\overrightarrow{D B}=\frac{3}{5}(\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{b})$ | P 1 | This mark is given for a process to find a <br> vector expression for $\overrightarrow{D B}$ |
|  | $\overrightarrow{B E}=\frac{1}{5} \overrightarrow{B C}=\frac{1}{5}(-\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{a}+3 \mathbf{b})$ | P 1 | This mark is given for a process to find a <br> vector expression for $\overrightarrow{B E}$ |
|  | $\overrightarrow{D E}=\overrightarrow{D B}+\overrightarrow{B E}=\frac{2}{5} \mathbf{a}+\mathbf{b}$ | A 1 | This mark is given for a correct answer <br> only |

## Question 17 (Total 3 marks)

| Part | Working an or answer examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
|  | Population in $2017=4000$ <br> Population in $2018=4000 k$ <br> Population in $2019=4000 k^{2}=3160$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to use <br> the formula for the population |
|  | $k^{2}=\frac{3160}{4000}, k=\sqrt{\frac{3160}{4000}}$ | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find $k$ |
| 0.95 | A1 | This mark is given for a correct answer <br> only |  |

## Question 18 (Total 5 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| $l+l-w=11-3$ P 1 <br> $l+l+w=20-4$ <br> $l+l-w=8$ <br> $l+l+w=16$ <br> $4 l=24$ so $l=6$ and $w=4$ <br> This mark is given for a process to set up <br> and equation for the width of the pattern  <br>  P1 <br> $(3+6,4+4)$ P 1 <br> This mark is given for a process to set up  <br> and equation for the height of the pattern  This mark is given for a process to find <br> the length and width of the rectangles <br> used in the pattern |  |  |  |
|  | P 1 | This mark is given for a process to find <br> the coordinates of $C$ |  |

Question 19 (Total 1 mark)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
|  | $98^{91}$ | A1 | This mark is given for a correct answer <br> only |

Question 20 (Total 4 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Area $A B C D E F=6 \times \frac{1}{2} \times x \times x \times \sin 60$ | P1 | This mark is given for a start to the process to find the area of $A B C D E F$ |
|  | $=\frac{6 \sqrt{ } 3}{4} x^{2}=\frac{3 \sqrt{ } 3}{2} x^{2}$ | P1 | This mark is given for a full process to find the area of $A B C D E F$ |
|  |  | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find the area of FGHIJK |
|  | The shaded region of the diagram is $\frac{3 \sqrt{ } 3}{2} p^{2} x^{2}-\frac{3 \sqrt{ } 3}{2} x^{2}=\frac{3 \sqrt{ } 3}{2}\left(p^{2}-1\right) x^{2}$ | C1 | This mark is given for fully correct algebra to show the result required |

## Question 21 (Total 2 marks)

| Part | Working or answer an examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
|  | $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n}$ | M1 | This mark is given for a finding the <br> probability that Pat throws $n$ heads or $n$ <br> tails |
|  | A1 | This mark is given for the correct answer <br> only |  |

## Question 22 (Total 4 marks)

| Part | Working an or answer examiner might <br> expect to see | Mark | Notes |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | For triangle $A B D$, <br> area $=\frac{1}{2} \times A B \times A D \times \sin x$ <br> For triangle $A D C$, <br> area $=\frac{1}{2} \times A D \times A C \times \sin x$ | M 1 | This mark is given for a method to use <br> area $=\frac{1}{2} a b \sin C$ to find the areas of $A B D$ <br> and $A D C$ |
|  | For triangle $A B D$, area $=\frac{1}{2} \times h \times B D$ |  |  |
| For triangle $A D C$, area $=\frac{1}{2} \times h \times D C$ | M 1 | This mark is given for a method to find <br> another expression for the areas of $A B D$ <br> and $A D C$ |  |
|  | $\frac{0.5 \times A B \times A D \times \sin x}{0.5 \times A D \times A C \times \sin x}=\frac{0.5 \times h \times B D}{0.5 \times h \times D C}$ | M 1 | This mark is given for a method to find <br> the ratio of the areas of the triangles |
|  | $\frac{\mathrm{C} 1}{A B}=\frac{B D}{D C}$ thus $\frac{A B}{B D}=\frac{A C}{D C}$ | This mark is given for a full method to <br> arrive at the given answer |  |


|  |  |  |  | Edexcel averages: scores of candidates who achieved grade: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Qn | Skill tested | $\begin{gathered} \text { Max } \\ \text { score } \end{gathered}$ | Mean | ALL | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| 1 | Volume cuboids and other right prisms (including cylinders) | 5 | 36 | 1.81 | 4.73 | 4.09 | 3.02 | 2.01 | 1.14 | 0.55 |
| 2 | Multiplicative relationship between two quantities | 4 | 29 | 1.17 | 3.10 | 2.17 | 1.98 | 1.44 | 1.00 | 0.68 |
| 3 | Circle theorems | 4 | 29 | 1.15 | 3.51 | 2.99 | 2.12 | 1.30 | 0.55 | 0.16 |
| 4 | Solve linear inequalities | 5 | 28 | 1.40 | 4.04 | 3.81 | 2.50 | 1.39 | 0.68 | 0.36 |
| 5 | Recurring decimals and their corresponding fractions | 2 | 26 | 0.51 | 1.55 | 1.30 | 0.92 | 0.60 | 0.26 | 0.08 |
| 6 | Histograms with equal and unequal class intervals | 4 | 23 | 0.93 | 3.13 | 2.43 | 1.70 | 0.96 | 0.49 | 0.11 |
| 7 | Simplify and manipulate algebraic expressions and fractions | 3 | 23 | 0.69 | 2.55 | 1.91 | 1.43 | 0.83 | 0.54 | 0.16 |
| 8 | Distance-time graphs, velocity-time graphs | 4 | 22 | 0.87 | 3.50 | 2.55 | 1.93 | 1.03 | 0.53 | 0.16 |
| 9 | Roots and powers | 2 | 21 | 0.41 | 1.66 | 1.23 | 0.72 | 0.43 | 0.25 | 0.16 |
| 10 | Distance-time graphs, velocity-time graphs | 4 | 19 | 0.75 | 3.30 | 2.49 | 1.36 | 0.67 | 0.21 | 0.06 |
| 11 | Solve problems involving direct and inverse proportion | 4 | 18 | 0.70 | 3.04 | 1.97 | 1.33 | 0.92 | 0.48 | 0.14 |
| 12 | Multiplicative relationship between two quantities | 5 | 15 | 0.75 | 2.41 | 1.41 | 1.09 | 0.85 | 0.57 | 0.28 |
| 13 | Translate situations or procedures into algebraic expressions, formulae or equations | 4 | 15 | 0.59 | 3.61 | 2.34 | 1.23 | 0.48 | 0.25 | 0.06 |
| 14 | Gradient at a point on a curve as the instantaneous rate of change | 3 | 14 | 0.43 | 2.51 | 1.54 | 0.98 | 0.46 | 0.12 | 0.04 |
| 15 | Limits of accuracy; bounds | 4 | 14 | 0.54 | 2.52 | 1.16 | 0.77 | 0.48 | 0.35 | 0.17 |
| 16 | Vectors | 4 | 13 | 0.51 | 3.62 | 2.43 | 1.13 | 0.36 | 0.06 | 0.01 |
| 17 | Growth and decay, compound interest | 3 | 11 | 0.33 | 2.72 | 1.44 | 0.52 | 0.21 | 0.09 | 0.03 |
| 18 | Translate situations or procedures into algebraic expressions, formulae or equations | 5 | 9 | 0.46 | 4.21 | 2.03 | 0.97 | 0.21 | 0.05 | 0.00 |
| 19 | Primes, factors, multiples | 1 | 8 | 0.08 | 0.46 | 0.21 | 0.12 | 0.05 | 0.03 | 0.02 |
| 20 | Mensuration and calculation | 4 | 3 | 0.10 | 1.47 | 0.34 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 21 | Probabilities of an exhaustive set of outcomes | 2 | 2 | 0.03 | 0.38 | 0.09 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 22 | Sine and cosine rule | 4 | 1 | 0.03 | 0.54 | 0.13 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  |  | 80 | 18 | 14.24 | 58.56 | 40.06 | 25.94 | 14.72 | 7.65 | 3.23 |

Students who were awarded a Grade 9 averaged 58 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.

