

## **Exemplar Student answers with examiner comments**

### **About this booklet**

This booklet has been produced to support mathematics teachers delivering the new Functional Skills Mathematics specification (first assessment summer 2019).

The booklet looks at questions from the Retired Set 6 which is available on the web as a practice paper. It shows real student responses to these questions, and how the examining team follow the mark schemes to demonstrate how the students would be awarded marks on these questions.

#### How to use this booklet

Our examining team have selected a student on the pass mark. Following each question, you will find the mark scheme for that question and then the student response with accompanying examiner comments on how the mark scheme has been applied and the marks awarded, and on common errors for this sort of question.



SECTION A	
Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.	
Jai needs to buy 25 lollipops for a party. He sees this offer.	1 Q01A 1 Q01B
	1 Q01B
Lollipops	
selection bag	
now $\frac{1}{3}$ extra free	
Jai knows a normal selection bag contains 18 lollipops.	
He thinks he will have enough lollipops if he buys a selection bag with this offer.	
Is Jai correct?	
Show why you think this.	(3)
12:1-6	
18 ÷ 3 = 6	
6+18=24	
1 bag + 3 = 24	
No, he will not have enough	
lollipops.	
24 16 lipops.	
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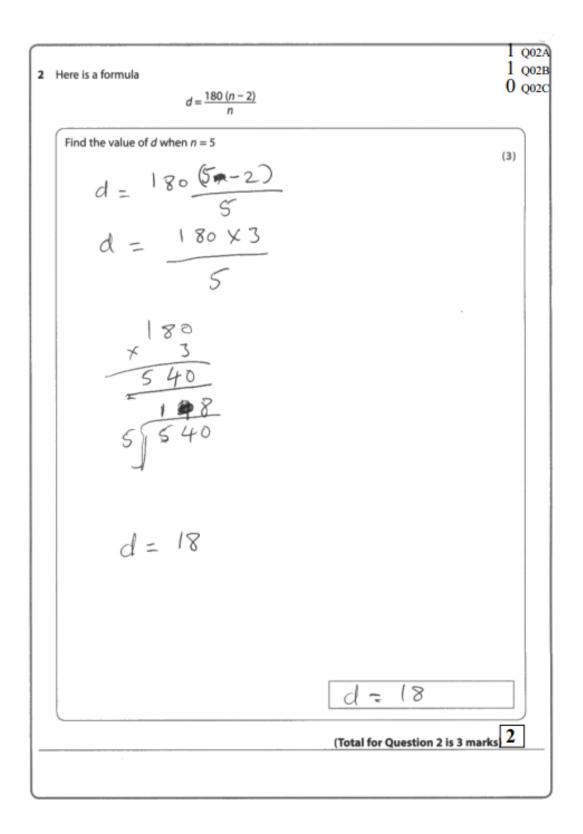
PMAT2/N	06			
Question	Process	Mark	Mark Grid	Evidence
Q1(a)	Begins to work with fraction  Full process to find figures to compare	1 or 2 or	A	$ 1 + \frac{1}{3} \left( = \frac{4}{3} \right) OR $ $ 0.33 \times 18 (=6) Qe OR $ $ 25 - 18 (=7) $ $ 18 \times \frac{4}{3} (=24) OR $ $ 25 + \frac{4}{3} (=18.75) OR $ $ 18 + 6' (=24) OR $ $ 25 - 18 (=7) and 0.33 \times 18 (=6) $
	Valid decision and accurate figure	3	ABC	No AND 24 OR No AND 18.75 OR No AND 7 and 6
	Total marks for question	3		

### **Examiner comments**

#### 1. 3 marks

A fractional increase question. The learner finds 1/3 of 18 and adds this on accurately. All the marks can be awarded. Learners should be encouraged to calculate with fractions and not try to convert to a decimal equivalent. This often leads to 1/3=0.3 and then an incorrect answer.







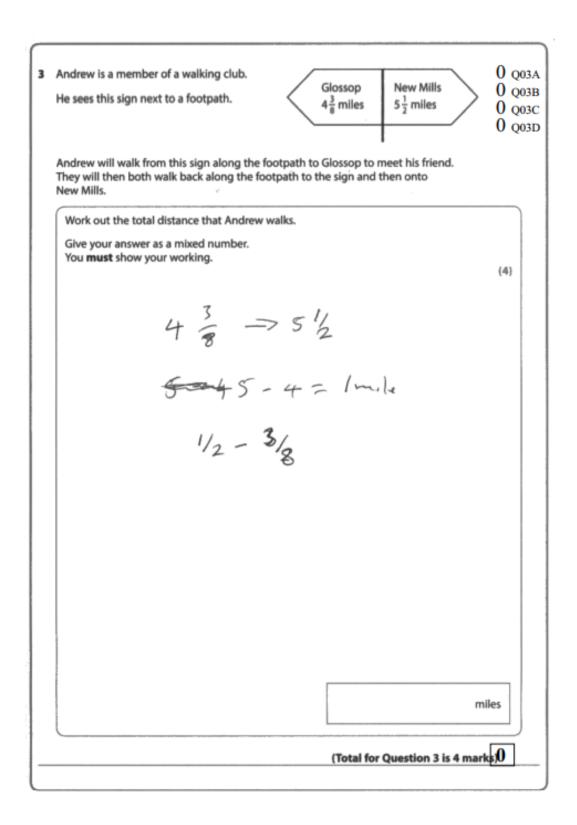
Question	Process	Mark	Mark Grid	Evidence
Q2	Begins to work with formula	1 or	A	e.g. $180 \times (5-2)$ (=540) <b>OR</b> $\frac{180 (5-2)}{5}$
	Full process to work with formula	2 or	AB	(5-2) × 180 ÷ 5 (= 108)
	Accurate figure	3	ABC	108
	Total marks for question	3		

### **Examiner comments**

#### 2. 2 marks

The substitution is correct. The only error here is the inability to divide 540 by 5 accurately. An answer of 18 is given. This cannot be right, if we have more than 500 to begin with, we know when we divide by 5 the answer should be greater than 100. Learners should sense check answers to calculations as they go.







Question	Process	Mark	Mark Grid	Evidence
Q3	Process to multiply fractions  Works with common denominator to add two fractions of different denominators  Full process to add fractions to solve the problem	1 1 1 or	В	e.g. $\frac{3 \times 2}{8} (= \frac{6}{8})$ <b>OR</b> $\frac{3+3}{8} (= \frac{6}{8})$ <b>OR</b> $0.375 \times 2 (=0.75)$ $\frac{6}{8} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{6+4}{8}$ <b>oe</b> e.g. $4\frac{3}{8} + 4\frac{3}{8} + 5\frac{1}{2} (=14\frac{2}{8})$ <b>OR</b> 35. 35. 34. 44. 114. a.m.
	Accurate figure given as a mixed number	2	CD	$\frac{35}{8} + \frac{35}{8} + \frac{44}{8} \left( = \frac{114}{8} \right) \text{ OR}$ $4.375 + 4.375 + 5.5 \left( = 14.25 \right)$ $14\frac{1}{4} \text{ oe}$
	Total marks for question	4		

### **Examiner comments**

#### 3. 0 marks

Instead of adding the distances this learner tries to subtract but at no point do they engage with converting the fraction to a common denominator. Hence no marks can be awarded.



	ins bags of crisps. crisps is either beef f	flavour, prawn fla	vour or cheese fl	avour.	0		
eth is goin	g to take at random a	a bag of crisps fro	om the box.		1 0		
he table sh	able shows each of the probabilities that the flavour will be beef or will be cheese.						
	flavour	beef	prawn	cheese	0		
	probability	0.4	0.189.	0.35			
(a) Work o	out the probability th	1		our crisps.	(2)		
	J 3	5 +	4				



oy complete o	ne two-way table.				(2
19 (7	_ SS (	178 ×	2	7 3	14
2	-25		Favour	ite drink	38
		water	tea	coffee	total
	office	17	63	8	88
Workers	warehouse	10	64	38	112
	total	27	27	46	200
	probability that a aswer as a fraction	in its simples		rks in the offic	e? (:



Question	Process	Mark	Mark Grid	Evidence
Q4(a)	Full process to deal with probability	1 or	A	1 - 0.4 - 0.35 (=0.25)
	Accurate figure	2	AB	0.25 ge
Q4(b)	Begins to complete two-way table	1 or	С	At least two of 17, 127, 38, 63
	Fully correct table	2	CD	All of 17, 127, 38, 63
Q4(c)	Begins to work with combined probability	1 or	Е	$\frac{8}{a}$ where a > 8 <b>OR</b> $\frac{b}{46}$ where b < 46
	Accurate fraction in its simplest form	2	EF	$\frac{4}{23}$
	Total marks for question	6		

	water	tea	coffee	total
office	<u>17</u>	<u>63</u>	8	88
warehouse	10	64	<u>38</u>	112
total	27	<u>127</u>	46	200

### **Examiner comments**

### 4a. 0 marks

There is no clear method shown and the answer although not totally clear is not 0.25 No marks can be awarded.

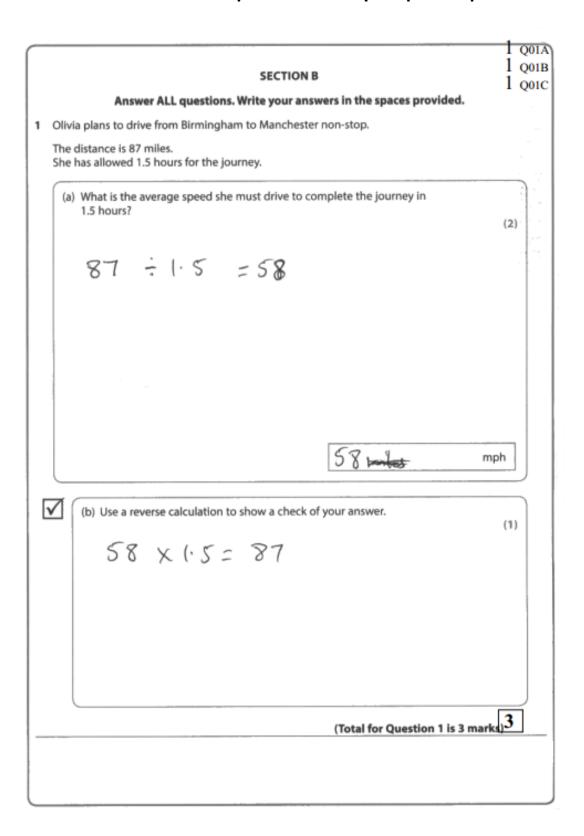
#### 4b. 1 mark

27 is given instead of 127, in this case a little more care/concentration may have led to the correct answer. This is probably an arithmetic error.

### 4c. 1 mark

The leaner correctly selects and uses 8. However, they should have used 46 not 88. So just one mark can be given.







PMAT2/C	PMAT2/C06						
Question	Process	Mark	Mark Grid	Evidence			
Q1(a)	Full process to find speed	1 or	A	87 + 1.5 (= 58)			
	Accurate figure	2	AB	58			
Q1(b)	Valid check by reverse calculation	1	С	e.g. 58 × 1.5 = 87			
	Total marks for question	3					

## **Examiner comments**

### 1a. 2 marks

A fully correct answer testing knowledge of speed, distance and time.

#### 1b. **1 mark**

A clear reverse calculation is shown for the check.



				1 Q02
Brian is a spo	orts reporter.			1 Q02
Team A playe	ed 30 rugby matches.			1 Q02
	ows information about	t the number of tries tea	m A scored in	
	number of tries	number of matches		
	0	3	0	
	1	7	7	
	2	11	22	
	3	9	27	
	total	30	56	
Brian wants t He knows	o compare two teams		,86	tries
He knows team	o compare two teams A had a range of 3 trie B had a range of 4 trie		,86	tries
team team (b) Which t	A had a range of 3 trie	rs s.	,86	tries
team team (b) Which t	A had a range of 3 trie B had a range of 4 trie team is more consister why you think this.	rs s.		(1)



Question	Process	Mark	Mark Grid	Evidence
Q2(a)	Complete process to find mean number of tries for team A	1 or	A	(0 × 3) + (1 × 7) + (2 × 11) + (3 × 9) + 30 (=1.8) <b>OR</b> 56 + 30 (=1.8) Allow one product error for mark A
	Accurate figure	2	AB	1.8(6)
Q2(b)	Selects team A and gives a reason	1	С	e.g. (team) A AND the range is lower for team A
	Total marks for question	3		

### **Examiner comments**

#### 2a. **2 marks**

The table is used to show the products required as working. The last step to find the mean is not shown but the answer is correct so this step can be implied. Both marks can be awarded.

### 2b. 1 mark

A correct statement to compare the ranges and as such compare consistency is seen.



3	The head teacher at a school is organising for some year 7 and some year 8 pupils to go on a school trip. 72 people in total will go on the school trip. There will be 1 adult to every 5 pupils. The ratio of the number of year 7 pupils to the number of year 8 pupils will be 3 : 1	0	Q03A Q03B Q03C Q03D
	How many adults, year 7 pupils and year 8 pupils will go on the trip?	(4)	
	72 total: 72:4 = 18		
	18×3 = 54		
	72:5 = 14.84		
	15 a	dults	
	54 year 7 p	upils	
	₹ year 8 p	upils	
_	(Total for Question 3 is 4 ma	rks) 0	



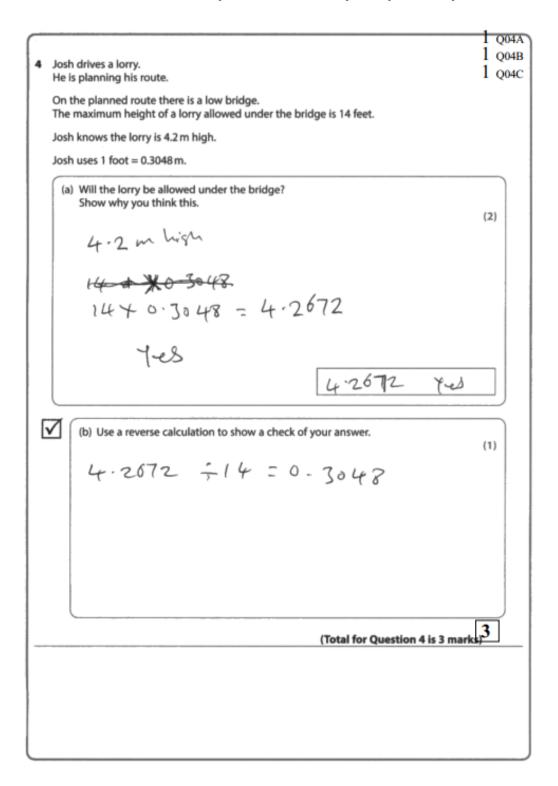
Question	Process	Mark	Mark Grid	Evidence
Q3	Begins to work with ratio	1 or	A	72 + (1 + 5) (=12)
	Develops solution	2 or	AB	5 × '12' ÷ (1 + 3) (=15) gg
	Full process to work with both ratios	3 or	ABC	'15' × 3 (=45) <b>OR</b> 2 from 12 adults, 45 year 7 <b>or</b> 15 year 8 <b>OR</b> All of 12, 45 <b>and</b> 15
	Accurate figures allocated correctly	4	ABCD	12 adults <b>AND</b> 45 year 7 <b>AND</b> 15 year 8
	Total marks for question	4		

## **Examiner comments**

### 3. **0 marks**

This learner does not engage with the 1 adult to 5 pupils' part of the question and so cannot receive any marks.







Question	Process	Mark	Mark Grid	Evidence
Q4(a)	Begins to work with conversion  Valid decision with accurate figures	1 or 2	A	14 × 0.3048 (=4.2672) <b>OR</b> 4.2 ÷ 0.3048 (= <u>13.779</u> )  Yes <b>AND</b> 4.26(7) <b>OR</b> Yes <b>AND</b> 13 <u>(.779</u> )
Q4(b)	Valid check by reverse calculation.	1	С	e.g. $4.26 \div 0.3048 = 14$ or $13.7 \times 0.3048 = 4.2$
	Total marks for question	3		

### **Examiner comments**

### 4a. 2 marks

A correct conversion is given. The answer is accurate, and the decision given.

#### 4b. 1 mark

An accurate reverse calculation, with answer, is given.



5 Yas	mine invests £4000	1 Q05A 1 Q05B
For	the first 2 years she receives annual compound interest of 3% year three she receives annual compound interest of 2.5%	0 Q050 0 Q050
,	the end of year three Yasmine wants to buy a car for £4500	0 Q05E
	e will use all of the investment and interest towards the cost of the car.	
	Work out how much more money Yasmine needs to buy the car.	
	4000 for 2 year	(5)
	1.03 × 4000 = 4,24360	
	as the stand year	
	2.5 × 4000 = 100	
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(Total for Question 5 is 5 marks)



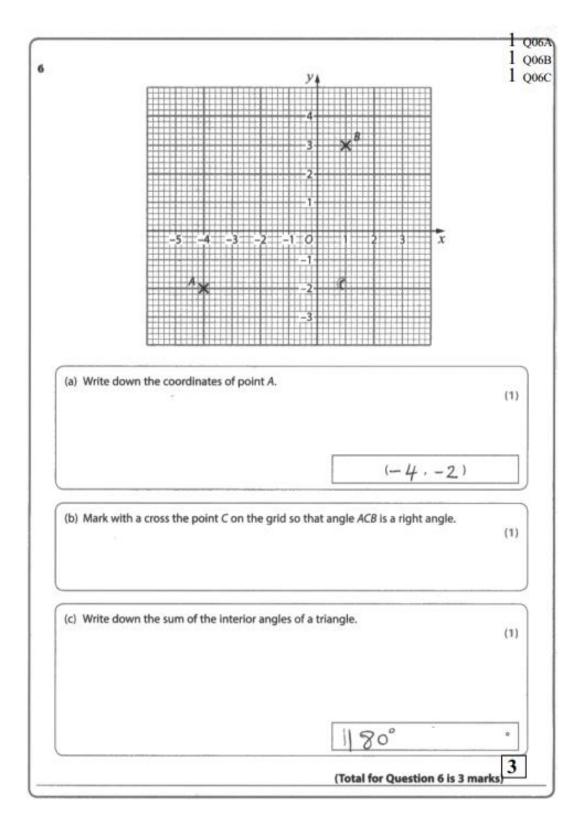
Question	Process	Mark	Mark Grid	Evidence
Q5	Begins to work with compound interest	1 or	A	4000 × 1.03 (= 4120)ge <b>OR</b> 1.03 <sup>2</sup> (= 1.0609)
	Full process to work with compound interest for 2 years	2	AB	4000 × 1.03 <sup>2</sup> (= 4243.6)gg
	Full process to find the value of the investment after 3 years	1 or	С	'4243.6' × 1.025 (=4349.69)ge
	Full process to find the outstanding amount	2 or	CD	4500 - '4349.69' (=150.31)
	Accurate figure	3	CDE	150.31
	Total marks for question	5		

### **Examiner comments**

#### 5. 2 marks

Marks A and B can be awarded for the first line here. It is a full process to work with compound interest for 2 years. The learner then uses 2.5% with 4000 and does not use a compound method, hence no more marks can be awarded. The distinction between simple and compound interest is a level 1/level 2 discriminator.







Question	Process	Mark	Mark Grid	Evidence
Q6(a)	Accurate coordinates	1	A	(-4, -2)
Q6(b)	Plot a point to form a right angle	1	В	Point at (-4, 3) <b>or</b> (1, -2)
Q6(c)	Accurate value	1	С	180
	Total marks for question	3		

# **Examiner comments**

### 6a. **1 mark**

Correct coordinates given.

#### 6b. 1 mark

The letter C is within tolerance of the required point. The use of 'x' when plotting points is better and should be encouraged.

### 6c. **1 mark**

Correct answer stated.



year 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 Quantity of tweets 452 325 744 1022 712 750 Quantity of tweets 452 325 744 1022 712 750 Quantity of tweets.  325, 452, 712, 744, 750, 1022 712 744, 750, 1022 712 744, 750, 1022 712 744, 750, 1022 712 744, 750, 1022 712 744, 750, 1022 712 744, 750, 1022 712 744, 750, 1022 712 750 712	Carlos records the number	er of tweets	his compar	ny posts eve	ery year on	social med	1 Q0
(a) Find the median number of tweets. $325$ , $452$ , $712$ , $744$ , $75^{\circ}$ , $1022$ $712$ $+799$ $1456$ $\div 2$ $728$ In 2019, 6% of the tweets were about job vacancies.  (b) How many of the tweets in 2019 were about job vacancies? $750$ $6 \times 700$ $50$ $100$	year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 Q
325, $452$ , $712$ , $744$ , $750$ , $1022$ $712$ $+799$ $1456$ $-2$ $728$ In 2019, 6% of the tweets were about job vacancies.  (b) How many of the tweets in 2019 were about job vacancies? $50$ $5$ $5$ $5$ $5$ $5$ $5$ $5$ $5$ $5$ $5$	number of tweets	452	325	744	1022	712	750
(b) How many of the tweets in 2019 were about job vacancies?  (2)  (3)  (4)  (4)	325,	452	., 7	12,7	44,	750,	
(b) How many of the tweets in 2019 were about job vacancies? $ \begin{array}{c} 750 \\ 6 \\ 100 \end{array} $ $ \begin{array}{c} 45 \end{array} $	1,456	, ÷	2		72	8	
750 6 × 7.050 45	n 2019, 6% of the tweets	were abou	t job vacan	cies.			
	750 6 × 70 5	50					(2)
(Total for Question 7 is 4 marks)					45		
				(To	tal for Qu	estion 7 is	4 marks 4



Question	Process	Mark	Mark Grid	Evidence
Q7(a)	Full process to find the median	1 or	A	(712 + 744) ÷ 2 (=728)
	Accurate figure	2	AB	728
Q7(b)	Full process to find 6%	1 or	С	e.g. '750' × 6 ÷ 100 (=45) ge
	Accurate figure	2	CD	45
	Total marks for question	4		

### **Examiner comments**

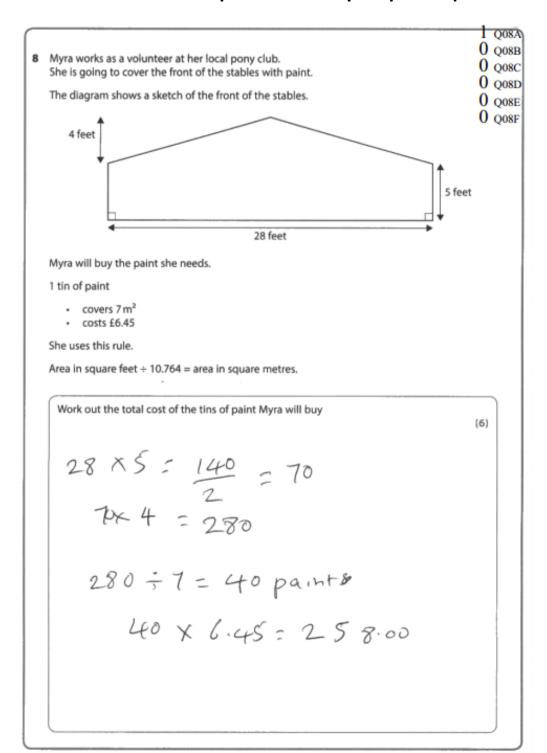
### 7a. 2 marks

The median is found accurately with working shown.

### 7b. **2 marks**

750 is extracted from the table and the calculation to find 6% of this value is performed accurately. Both marks can be awarded.





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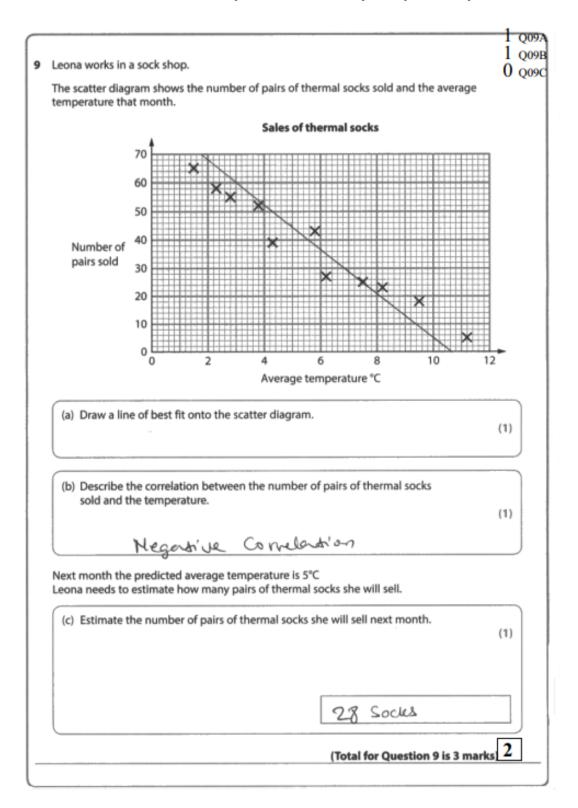
Question	Process	Mark	Mark Grid	Evidence
Q8	Begins to work with area	1 or	A	e.g. 28 × 5 (=140) <b>OR</b> (28 × 4) ÷ 2 (=56)
	Complete process to find the area of the front of the stable before or after conversion.	2	AB	e.g. ('140' + '56') (=196) (square feet)
	Converts an area from square feet to square meters	1	С	e.g. '196' ÷ 10.764 (= <u>18.208</u> ) (square <u>metres</u> )
	Process to work with number of tins	1 or	D	'18.208' + 7 (=2.6litres) <b>OR</b> {area in sq metres} + 7 <b>OR</b> 7 × 3 (=21) <b>and</b> '18.208'
	Process to calculate the cost using the exact number of tins or accurate figure using an unrounded number of tins	2 or	DE	'3' × 6.45 (=19.35) '3' must come from rounding up their number of tins <b>OR</b> e.g. '2.6' × 6.45 = 16.77
	Accurate figure (to 2dp)	3	DEF	19.35
	Total marks for question	6		

### **Examiner comments**

#### 8. 1 mark

The first calculation 28 x 5 is 'beginning to work with area', so the A mark can be awarded. The learner then does not calculate the area correctly. There is a need for learners to know how to work out the area of a triangle without being given a formula. There is no attempt to use the given rule. The division by 7 is not on a metric area and so is not worthy of any marks. On the mark scheme the use of '3' x 6.45 means that the 3 must come from a correct process. 40 is used here instead of 3 and is not from a correct process so no more marks can be awarded.

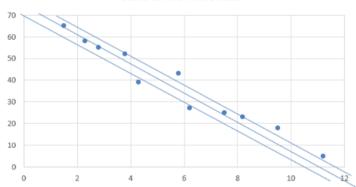






Question	Process	Mark	Mark Grid	Evidence
Q9(a)	Draws a line of best fit	1	A	line of best fit drawn
Q9(b)	Describes correlation	1	В	Negative correlation <b>OR</b> e.g. the higher the temperature the fewer thermal socks sold
Q9(c)	Estimates value	1	С	[35,45] (range to be finalised after typeset)
	Total marks for question	3		

#### sales of thermal socks



### **Examiner comments**

### 9a. **1 mark**

This line is within the tolerance allowed.

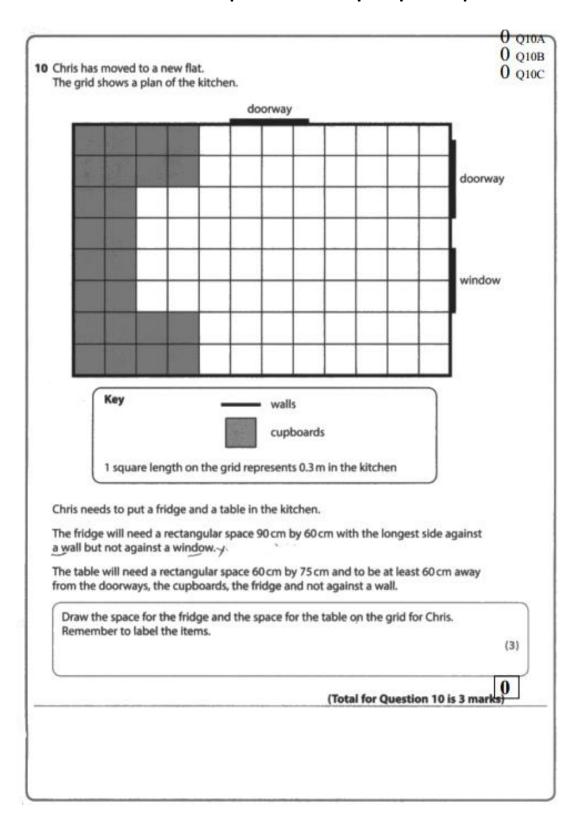
#### 9b. 1 mark

Negative is enough for this mark as it describes the correlation.

### 9c. **0 marks**

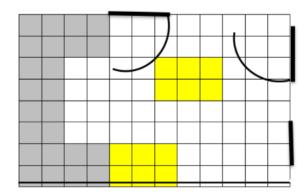
28 is not correct, it is too low.







Question	Process	Mark	Mark Grid	Evidence
Q10	Begins to work with scale	1 or	A	e.g. Draws a rectangle 2 squares by 3 squares <b>OR</b> 2 squares by 2.5 squares
	Correct position and space for fridge or table	2 or	AB	Either rectangle with all correct     2 squares by 3 squares, longest side against a wall, not covering the door or the window OR     2 squares by 2.5 squares, at least 2 squares from all other items and not against the wall
	Correct position and space for fridge and table labelled	3	ABC	Both rectangles fully correct and labelled.  2 squares by 3 squares, longest side against a wall, not covering the door or the window AND  2 squares by 2.5 squares, at least 2 squares from all other items and not against the wall
	Total marks for question	3		



Note table in the middle should be 2 squares by 2.5 squares.

### **Examiner comments**

#### 10. 0 marks

No attempt at this question is seen. The use of scale drawings is often set and practice at drawing different lengths using scale may help learners develop the skills required for this type of question.



11 Nigel is the secretary of a football club.

1 Q11A 1 0118

He pays three match officials each week.

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He has this information for the payments he made for the last 5 weeks.

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Week	1	2	3	4	5
Payment made (£)	62.94	47.12	92.37	74.80	81.45

The table shows the match fees and expenses the officials will receive in week 6

official	fee	expenses
referee	£36	46 miles at 30p per mile
assistant 1	£27	14 miles at 30p per mile
assistant 2	£27	23 miles at 30p per mile

The total payment for each official is made up of a match fee and expenses. Nigel pays 67% of the total payments for these three match officials.

Nigel thinks the payment he makes in week 6 is more than the median payment he made for the previous 5 weeks.

Is Nigel correct? Show why you think this. (5) median for 5 weres 47.12, 62.94, 74.80, 81.45, 92.37 median = 74.80. 36 + 1020 1380 = 49.80 27 + 6.90 33.90







Question	Process	Mark	Mark Grid	Evidence
Q11	Process to find median value	1	A	Selects or indicates 74.80
	Begins to work with expenses or match fees	1 or	В	e.g. $(46 \times 0.3) + (23 \times 0.3) + (14 \times 0.3) (=24.9)$ <b>OR</b> $(46 \times 0.3) + 36 (=49.8)$ <b>or</b> $(14 \times 0.3) + 27 (=31.2)$ <b>or</b> $(23 \times 0.3) + 27 (=33.9)$ <b>OR</b> $36 + 27 + 27 (=90)$
	Complete process to find total payment of fees and expenses for all 3 officials	2	ВС	(46 × 0.3) + (23 × 0.3) + (14 × 0.3) + '90' (=114.9) <b>OR</b> '49.8' + '31.2' + '33.9' (=114.9)
	Process to find 67% of total expenses or any relevant cost	1 or	D	e.g. 0.67 × '114.9' (=76.983) ge
	Valid decision with accurate figures	2	DE	Yes <b>AND</b> 74.8 <b>and</b> 76.98(3)
	Total marks for question			

### **Examiner comments**

#### 11. 3 marks

This is the three linked question. We are required to set (at least) one question on each level 2 paper that uses all the three areas of the specification. This is usually a 5 or 6 mark question.

Mark A is awarded for the median.

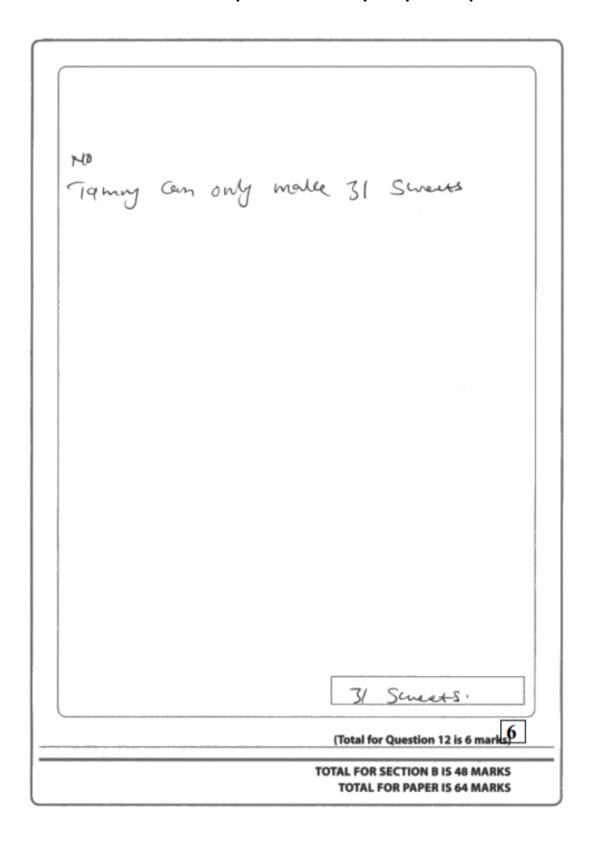
Marks B and C are awarded for working with all the officials and their total fees.

There is no attempt to work with the 67% given in the question and so no more marks can be awarded.



		4	Q1				
2 Tammy wants to make o	hocolate sweets.		Q1				
The sweets will be solid		Q1 Q1					
Each sweet will have a r	Each sweet will have a radius of 2 cm.						
	Tammy will melt chocolate blocks to make the sweets. Each chocolate block is a cuboid 19 cm by 14 cm by 0.75 cm.						
She has this formula							
	Volume of a sphere = $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$						
	where r = radius						
	$\pi = 3.14$						
Tammy wants to make 4 She thinks 7 blocks of ch	5 sweets. ocolate are enough to make 45 sweets.						
(1.7			)				
Is Tammy correct? Show why you think the	nis.						
		(6)					
1 400	Radius = 20m						
chacolate	abord = 49 x 14 X 0.75						
Charles	=199.5						
volume of	a sphere = 3 Thrs						
r <sup>3</sup> = 2 <sup>3</sup> = 8							
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TX 8x	= 25136						
4	× 2 € 176 = 33.5 \$ 15						
1 3	x 25-136= 33.5\$ 15						
199.5	*7 = 2 1.396.5						
,	1.396.5 - 25-45						
	= 76.03						







Question	Process	Mark	Mark Grid	Evidence
Q12	Begins to work with formula	1 or	A	e.g. 4 ÷ 3 × 3.14 (= <u>4.18</u> ) <b>OR</b> 2 <sup>3</sup> (=8)
	Full process to work with formula	2	AB	4 ÷ 3 × 3.14 × 2³ (=33.493) ge
	Full process to find volume of chocolate block	1	С	19 × 14 × 0.75 (=199.5)
	Process to find volume required	1 or	D	'33.493' × 45 (=1507.2) <b>OR</b> '199.5' × 7 (= 1396.5)
	Full process to find figures to compare	2 or	DE	'1507.2' + '199.5' (= <u>7.55</u> ) <b>OR</b> '33.493' × 45 (=1507.2) <b>and</b> '199.5' × 7 (= 1396.5) <b>OR</b> '1396.5' + 45 (= <u>31.03</u> )
	Valid decision with accurate figures	3	DEF	No <b>AND</b> 7.5( <u>5</u> ) <b>OR</b> No <b>AND</b> 1507(.2) <b>and</b> 1396(.5) <b>OR</b> No <b>AND</b> 33( <u>.49</u> ) <b>and</b> 31(.03) Nb May state 8 blocks required award mark if 7.55 is seen in working
	Total marks for question			

### **Examiner comments**

#### 12. 6 marks

The volume of the cuboid is calculated first. This allows the C mark to be awarded. The formula is then used in stages and all the stages together are a full process so marks A and B can be awarded.

The volume of the cuboid is then used with 7 and 45 to work out how much chocolate is available per sphere. There are now two figures which can be compared. Accuracy to 33 and 31 is the requirement here. The decision is given on the next page as no.

The sentence after is not quite the correct interpretation but as this is not a requirement of the question it has been condoned.

It is also worth noting that  $199.5 \times 7$  is 1396.5 and the figure written is 1.396.5, we do often see a decimal point used instead of a comma and as long as this is consistent and non-contradictory we accept this notation.

Total marks learner has achieved for the whole paper is 37 marks. The threshold pass mark for this retired set was 36 marks.

