

Problem Solving Past Paper Answers GCSE Edexcel – None Calculator

1.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme
(a)	200	M1	for $120 \times 5 \div 3$ oe
		A1	cao
(b)	statement	C1	<p>Statement that each tap fills at the same rate or that the rate does not change over time</p> <p>Examples</p> <p>Acceptable responses:</p> <p>Taps are running at the same speed</p> <p>They (clearly referring to taps) all fill the pool with the same volume of water</p> <p>The amount of water is the same in the same time (again referring to taps)</p> <p>Each tap is doing a fifth of the filling</p> <p>That all taps take equal time to fill the pool</p> <p>All taps produce the same amount of water</p> <p>That the water flow stays at the same rate over the whole time.</p> <p>Non acceptable responses</p> <p>It will take more time because there are less taps</p> <p>The less taps used the longer it takes to fill the pool</p> <p>That 1 tap can take up to 24 mins each</p> <p>3 taps will take longer to fill the pool</p>

2.

(2, -9)	P1	substitutes $x = 0, y = -5$ into $y = x^2 + ax + b$ ($b = -5$) or substitutes $x = 5, y = 0$ into $y = x^2 + ax + b$ ($0 = 25 + 5a + b$) or starts process to find other intercept, eg writes $y = (x - 5)(x - k)$	x-coordinate of 2 with no or incorrect working gets NO marks
	P1	for complete process to find two intercepts, eg. substitutes the second point into $y = x^2 + ax + b$ and solves to find a ($= -4$) and b ($= -5$) or substitutes $x = 0, y = -5$ into $y = (x - 5)(x - k)$ and solves to find k ($= -1$)	
	P1	(dep on P2) for factorising or completing the square of $x^2 + "-4"x + "-5"$ and identifying the x-coordinate of the turning point or for a complete process to find the x-coordinate of the turning point, eg $(5 + "-1")/2$	
	A1	cao	

3.

140	P1	for beginning to solve the problem eg $50 \div 5 \times 8 (=80)$ or $14 : 8 : 5$ oe $14 : 8$ and $8 : 5$ oe (linked)	80 may be seen in the ratio 80 : 50 If 140 clearly identified as houses in working award full marks
	P1	for a full process to solve the problem eg " 80 " $\div 4 \times 7$ or $\frac{50}{5} \times "14"$ or $140 : 80 : 50$	
	A1	cao	

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Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
(a)	Estimated value	P1	for using a rounded value in a correct process eg $3000 \div 15$ or 15×8 or 20×8	Their rounded value must be used in a calculation Rounding may appear after a correct process eg $15.12 \times 8 = 120.96 \approx 100$ followed by eg $3069.25 \div 100$ Accept $3069.25 \div 15.12 \div 8$ oe
		P1	for a full process to find the number of days eg " 3000 " \div " 15 " \div " 10 " ($=20$) or " 3000 " \div " 15 " $\div 8$ ($=25$)	
		A1	for a correct answer following through their rounded values	
(b)	Explanation	C1	eg less days required or it doesn't affect the answer because I would still round 16.27 down to 15 (or up to 20)	Refers to time taken

5.

14:21:42	P1	for 2 out of 3 expressions in one letter eg from $x, x+7, 2x+14$ or see a set of numbers to show interpretation of the relationships, eg 10, 17, 34
	P1	(dep) for sum of their 3 expressions =77 eg $x + x+7+2x+14 =77$ oe or 2 systematic correct trials including addition
	P1	for a correct process to isolate their term in x or $x=14$
	A1	for ratio 14:21:42 oe

6.

22.5	P1	for process to find James' speed eg $50 \div 2.5 (=20)$ or $50 \div 150 (= \frac{1}{3})$
	P1	for process to find James' time for 15 km eg $15 \div "20" (=0.75)$ or $15 \div \frac{1}{3} (=45)$
	P1	for process to find Peter's time for 15 km eg " 45 " $- 5$ ($=40$)
	P1	for process to find Peter's speed eg $15 \div "40"$ or $15 \div \frac{40}{60}$
	A1	oe

7.

Question	Working	Answer	Mark	Notes
		Tea £1.40	P1	for setting up two appropriate equations eg $3t + 2c = 7.80$, $5t + 4c = 14.20$
		Coffee £1.80	M1	for method to eliminate one variable, condone one arithmetic error
			M1	for method to substitute found variable or start again
			A1	Tea £1.4(0) and Coffee £1.8(0) with amounts linked to correct drinks

8.

(a)		120	P1	for $\frac{4 \times 450}{15}$ or $\frac{4}{15} = \frac{x}{450}$ oe
			A1	cao
(b)		$\frac{165}{450}$	P1	5.5 or 6.5 or 165 or $\frac{5 \times 450}{15}$ (=150) and $\frac{6 \times 450}{15}$ (=180)
			A1	for $\frac{165}{450}$ oe

9.

72	P1	for showing the process of 30×60 (=1800) or 20×54 (=1080)
	P1	(dep P1) for showing the complete process e.g. ("1800" – "1080") \div 10
	A1	concluding the answer is 72 (and not 66)

10.

Question	Working	Answer	Mark	Notes
		$\frac{1}{3}$	P1	process to solve the problem e.g. $\frac{3}{10} \times \frac{4}{9} (= \frac{12}{90} = \frac{2}{15})$ OR finds the number of white circles for their chosen number OR for 9 : 21 (or a multiple of 9 : 21)
			P1	second step of the process e.g. $\frac{7}{10} \times \frac{2}{7} (= \frac{14}{70} = \frac{2}{10} = \frac{1}{5})$ OR finds the number of black circles for their chosen number OR for a multiple of 2 : 5 where the ratio parts sum to "21"
			P1	for complete process e.g. " $\frac{2}{15}$ " + " $\frac{1}{5}$ " ($= \frac{4}{30} + \frac{6}{30}$) OR finds the total number of circles for their chosen number OR for 3 ratios that could be used to solve the problem eg 9 : 21 with 4 : 5 with 6 : 15
			A1	for $\frac{1}{3}$ oe