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MATHEMATICS Paper 12 Core MARK SCHEME

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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Maths-Specific Marking Principles		
1	Unless a particular method has been specified in the question, full marks may be awarded for any correct method. However, if a calculation is required then no marks will be awarded for a scale drawing.	
2	Unless specified in the question, answers may be given as fractions, decimals or in standard form. Ignore superfluous zeros, provided that the degree of accuracy is not affected.	
3	Allow alternative conventions for notation if used consistently throughout the paper, e.g. commas being used as decimal points.	
4	Unless otherwise indicated, marks once gained cannot subsequently be lost, e.g. wrong working following a correct form of answer is ignored (isw).	
5	Where a candidate has misread a number in the question and used that value consistently throughout, provided that number does not alter the difficulty or the method required, award all marks earned and deduct just 1 mark for the misread.	
6	Recovery within working is allowed, e.g. a notation error in the working where the following line of working makes the candidate's intent clear.	

Abbreviations

cao	correct answer only
dep	dependent
FT	follow through after error
isw	ignore subsequent working
oe	or equivalent
SC	Special Case
nfww	not from wrong working

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Question	Answer	Marks	Partial Marks
1(a)	2	1	
1(b)	2 correct lines	2	B1 for each
2(a)	Any kite drawn	1	
2(b)	Two correct geometrical properties	2	B1 for 1 correct property
3	2.7[0]	1	
4	108	1	
5(a)	A correct alternative rounding e.g. Tanvi rounded to nearest 10	1	
5(b)	8.678	2	M1 for $\frac{512}{59}$ or $8\frac{40}{59}$ or 8.68 or 8.67 or 8.677
6(a)	12	2	M1 for 1.65–1.53 soi by figs 12 or B1 for a clear subtraction seen of any 2 heights correctly converted to cm
6(b)	1.47 1.71	2	B1 for each or M1 for 1.65–0.18 or 1.53+0.18
7(a)	$\begin{pmatrix} -6\\14 \end{pmatrix}$	1	
7(b)	$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$	1	
8	30 48	2	M1 for $\frac{78}{5+8} \times k$ oe where $k = 1, 5$ or 8
9	Correct net	3	B1 for one correct face drawn B1 for 3 rectangles and 2 triangles drawn in correct places, but not the correct size

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10	1 57899 2 24459 3 1568	2	B1 for two rows correct or for a fully correct unordered stem-and-leaf diagram or for a correct diagram with one leaf incorrect or omitted
11	8 13	3	M2 for $\frac{9 \times 17 - 132}{2}$ or M1 for 9×17
12	3t(3tw-1) final answer	2	B1 for $3(3t^2w - t)$ or for $t(9tw - 3)$
13	156	3	M1 for $96 = \frac{8}{13}x$ M1 for $96 \times 13 = 8x$ or better
14(a)	1 -6	2	B1 for each If 0 scored, SC1 for two terms with a difference of -7
14(b)	36-7n oe final answer	2	B1 for $36 + jn$, $j \neq 0$ or $k - 7n$ or for correct answer shown in working and then spoilt
15	126	2	B1 for 126k as final answer $k \neq 1$ or M1 for $[18 =]2 \times 3 \times 3$ and $[21 =]3 \times 7$ or 2 correct factor trees or 18, 36, 54, and 21, 42, 63, or $2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 7$ or better
16(a)	5.67×10 ⁸	1	
16(b)	3.937×10 ¹	2	M1 for $6.35 \times 10^{-2} \times k$ or $j \times 6.2 \times 10^{2}$ where <i>j</i> and <i>k</i> are another number from the list or B1 for 6.35×10^{-2} and 6.2×10^{2} selected or for figs 3937
17	1.84	2	M1 for $\frac{1.61}{x} = \frac{2.8}{3.2}$ oe
18(a)(i)	x^9 cao	1	
18(a)(ii)	<i>y</i> ¹⁰ cao	1	
18(b)	-4	1	

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Question	Answer	Marks	Partial Marks
19	$\frac{9}{4}$ and $\frac{11}{3}$ oe improper fractions	M1	
	$\frac{99}{12}$ oe improper fraction	A1	
	$8\frac{1}{4}$ cao final answer	A1	dep on 1st A1
	4		If M0 scored, SC1 for $\frac{9}{4}$ or $\frac{11}{3}$ oe improper
			fraction
20	Correctly equating one set of coefficients	M1	or making <i>x</i> or <i>y</i> the subject of one equation correctly
	Correct method to eliminate one variable	M1	or substitution for x or y for <i>their</i> rearranged formula
	x = 2.5	A2	A1 for one correct value If M0 scored, SC1 for 2 values satisfying one
	y = 0.25	of the original equations	
21	34.6 or 34.63 to 34.64	3	M2 for $\frac{1}{4} \times \pi \times 5^2 + \frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 6$ oe
			or M1 for $\frac{1}{4} \times \pi \times 5^2$ oe or $\frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 6$ oe