



St. Patrick's High School, Keady
Mathematics Department

GCSE Mathematics Practice Booklet

M2

Topic 4 – Number 2

Working with Money, Percentage, Fractions and Decimals

Questions taken from CCEA Past Papers

Mark Scheme included at the end of this booklet

Q1 3.2 metres of electrical cable and 0.6 metres of copper wire cost a total of £4.07

The electrical cable costs 85p per metre.

How much does the copper wire cost per metre?

Show clearly all your working.

Answer £ _____ per metre [4]

Q2

A company makes 500 rag dolls.

It costs £3.14 to make each rag doll.

25% of the rag dolls are given to a local charity.

Of the rest, four-fifths are sold for the full price of £5

The remainder are then sold at half-price.

How much profit does the company make?

Answer £ _____ [6]

Q3

The price of a coat in a shop is £129

Pat has £100 but he has also a discount card which allows him 20% off the shop price.

Does he have enough money to buy the coat using his discount card?

You must show working to explain your answer.

[3]

Q4

The total cost of 4 kg of pears and 3 kg of bananas is £14.55

Pears cost £2.55 per kg.

Work out the cost of 1 kg of bananas.

Answer £ _____ [4]

Q5 How many cartons of milk costing £1.28 each can be bought for £10?

Show all your working.

Answer _____ [2]

Q6 A smartphone costs £375

Jill pays a deposit of £95 for this smartphone.

She then pays £35 each month.

How many months will it take before she has paid for the smartphone?

Show your working clearly.

Answer _____ months [3]

Q7

Joanne is having a party. She needs forty packets of crisps.
A single packet of crisps costs 30 pence in each of two local stores.
Each store has a special offer on packets of crisps.

Bargain Store 20% off every ten packets	Discount Store buy 3 and get one more free
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Which is better value?

Show your working clearly.

Answer _____ [4]

Q8 Electricity readings from a bill are shown below.

Previous	Present
93449	94969

(a) Calculate the number of units used.

Answer _____ [1]

(b) The cost of each unit is £0.1455
VAT is charged at 5%
Calculate the total electricity bill.

Answer £ _____ [3]

Q9

Tom works 30 hours each week.

He earns £9.50 per hour.

He saves one-fifth of his earnings each week.

He wants to buy a guitar costing £840

How many weeks does it take Tom to save enough to buy the guitar?

You must show all your working.

Answer _____ weeks [5]

Q10 The cost of 43 litres of petrol is £59.77
Work out the cost of one litre of petrol.

Answer £ _____ [2]

Q11 Complete the spaces **(a)**, **(b)**, **(c)** and **(d)** on the electricity bill.

Northern Electricity					
	Meter Reading				
Date	Current units	Previous units	Units used	Price per unit	Total (£)
30 June	43458	42763	(a)	15 pence	(b) £
				VAT @ 5%	(c) £
				Total Charge	(d) £

[5]

Q12 Kelly has the following coins in her purse:

one £1 coin
three 50 pence coins
three 20 pence coins
four 10 pence coins

(a) She buys sweets costing £2.24

How much has she left in her purse after paying for the sweets, using the coins?

Answer £ _____ [2]

(b) Kelly wants to have the **least** number of coins in her purse after receiving her change. How should she pay for her sweets and how many coins will she have left?

Show clearly all your working.

[3]

Q13

A television costs £270 plus VAT.

VAT is charged at 20%.

Calculate the VAT charged.

Answer £ _____ [2]

Q14 A shopkeeper ordered 1200 Easter eggs at a cost price of £2.40 each.
Before Easter he sold some of them, making a profit of 15% on each egg.
After Easter he had 360 eggs left, and he sold them at a reduced price.
What was the lowest price for each remaining egg to make sure he did not make a loss?

Show each step of your working clearly.

Answer £ _____ [5]

Q15

Karen needs a taxi to make a journey of 7.6 miles. She can use TOM'S TAXI or TAXI FOR U.

<p style="text-align: center;">TOM'S TAXI</p> <p style="text-align: center;">First mile (or part) £2.50</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Each extra mile (or part) £1</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">TAXI FOR U</p> <p style="text-align: center;">First mile (or part) £2.80</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Each extra mile (or part) 80p</p>

Which taxi firm should she use and how much cheaper is it?

Show your working clearly.

Answer _____

£ _____ [3]

Q16 Peter earns £14 000 per year.

He gets an increase of 3%.

(a) How much money is this increase per year?

Answer £ _____ [2]

(b) How much money is this increase per month?

Answer £ _____ [1]

Q17

COACH HIRE (day trip)

50 seater coach	£200
40 seater coach	£180

- (a) What is the lowest cost to hire coaches for a group of 198 passengers for the day trip?

Answer £ _____ [2]

- (b) What is the lowest cost to hire coaches for a group of 378 passengers for the day trip?

Answer £ _____ [3]

Q18 Harry has saved £15 each week for seven weeks.
He wants to buy a bike costing £285
How much would he need to save each week for the next eight weeks to pay for the bike in full?

Answer £ _____ [4]

Q19 (a) What percentage is £35.25 of £47?

Answer _____ % [2]

(b) John bought a new phone for £44 plus 17.5% VAT.

Mark bought a similar phone in a different shop.

Mark paid £50.31 including VAT at 17.5%

Whose phone was more expensive and by how much?

Show all your working.

Answer _____ by £ _____ [3]

Q20

Julie needs to buy 20 oranges for school hockey matches.

A single orange costs 40 pence in each of two local stores.

Each store has a special offer on oranges.

**Superfruit
20% off
when you buy
5 oranges
or more**

**Fruit Store
get 4 for
the price
of 3**

Which is better value?

Show your working clearly.

Answer _____ [4]

Q21

Northern Gas

Standing charge is 9.71 pence per day

Gas costs 4.27 pence per unit

Colin's gas meter was read on 1st September. The reading was

1	4	3	7	9
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The meter was read again on 1st December. The reading was

2	2	1	9	9
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(a) Complete the box to show the number of units used.

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[1]

(b) Calculate the total gas bill that Colin will have to pay for the 91 days from 1st September, after VAT is charged at 5% on the total.

Answer £ _____ [4]

Q22

Membership fees at a tennis club are calculated as follows:

A registration fee of £12 plus £3 per week

Full membership is for 52 weeks.

How much does full membership cost in total?

Answer £ _____ [2]

Q23

Sean earns £8 per hour for eight hours work during the week and double time for four hours work at the weekend.

Jane earns £9 per hour for six hours work during the week and time and a half for six hours work at the weekend.

Who earns more and how much more?

Answer _____ earns £ _____ more [5]

Q24

Brian hired some equipment.

There was a fixed charge of £45 plus a hire fee of £13.50 per day.

He paid £274.50 in total.

How many days did he hire the equipment for?

Answer _____ [3]

Q25

The price of a photocopier is reduced in a sale.

COOL COPY
was £489
now 15% off

How much does it cost now?

Answer £ _____ [3]

Q26

Dean bought a new car.

He had to pay £220 plus 20% VAT per month for 3 years.

The mileage allowed before any charge was 30 000 miles for the 3 years.

Each additional mile was charged at 8p per mile.

After 3 years Dean had driven 37 200 miles.

How much did Dean pay in total for the 3-year period?

Answer £ _____ [5]

Q27

John has a telephone with the following costs.

Line rental: £18.99 per month

Call charge: 5.8p per minute

Last month John made calls lasting 385 minutes.

Work out his telephone bill for last month.

Answer £ _____ [3]

Q28

The total population of Great Britain and Ireland is 70 million.

Information about this population is given in the table.

England	54.9 million
Northern Ireland	1.9 million
Republic of Ireland	4.6 million
Scotland	5.5 million
Wales	

(a) What is the population of Wales?

Answer _____ million [2]

(b) Sue thinks the population of Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland makes up more than 10% of the total population of Great Britain and Ireland.

Do you agree?

Explain your answer.

Answer _____ because _____
_____ [2]

Q29

The temperature in some cities is shown in the table below.

Riga	-3°C
Helsinki	-11°C
Toronto	-6°C
Moscow	-8°C
Stockholm	-1°C

(a) List the temperatures in **ascending** order.

Answer _____, _____, _____, _____, _____ [2]

(b) How much warmer is Moscow than Helsinki?

Answer _____ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ [1]

(c) What is the difference in temperature between Helsinki and Stockholm?

Answer _____ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ [1]

Q30

The average monthly temperatures in Colorado during the ski season are shown below.

December	January	February	March	April
-14°C	-15°C	-13°C	-9°C	-5°C

(a) Which month was warmest?

Answer _____ [1]

(b) What was the difference in temperature between the warmest and coldest months?

Answer _____ °C [1]

Q31

The temperatures in six cities were

Aberdeen	Belfast	Cork	Dublin	Edinburgh	Helsinki
-5°C	-1°C	2°C	1°C	0°C	-8°C

(a) What was the difference in temperature between Belfast and Helsinki?

Answer _____ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ [1]

(b) What was the difference in temperature between Cork and Helsinki?

Answer _____ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ [1]

(c) The temperature in Oslo was 2° colder than Aberdeen. What was the temperature in Oslo?

Answer _____ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ [1]

Q32

Look at the numbers below

0.31	0.301	0.303	0.103
0.1003	0.3003	0.33	0.11

(a) Which is the smallest number?

Answer _____ [1]

(b) Which of the numbers is nearest in size to $\frac{1}{9}$?

Answer _____ [1]

(c) How many of the numbers are bigger than 30%?

Answer _____ [1]

Q33

To divide any number by 28 you can first divide by 7 and then by 4

Use this idea to divide 504 by 56

Do not use a calculator.

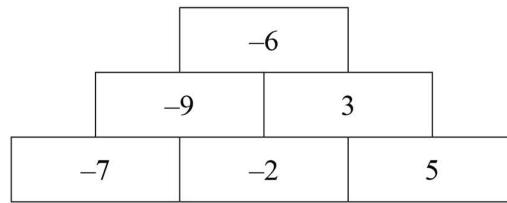
Show all your working.

Answer _____ [2]

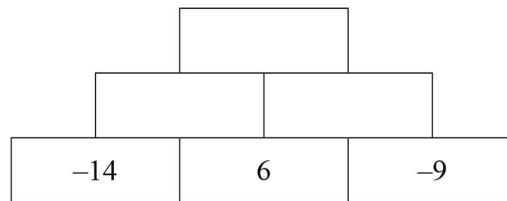
Q34

(a) Here is an example of a mathematical pyramid.

To find the number in each box you **add** the two numbers in the boxes beneath it.

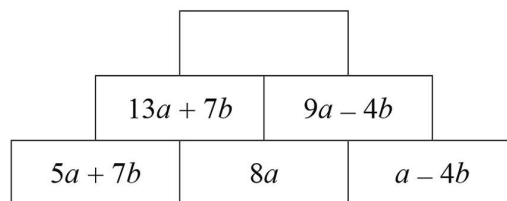


(i) Complete the following pyramid in the same way.



[2]

(ii) Here is an algebraic pyramid. Complete the top box of this pyramid.

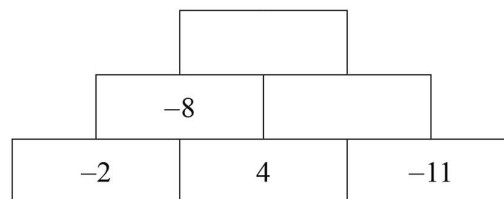


[2]

(b) Here is a different type of pyramid.

To find the number in each box you **multiply** the two numbers in the boxes beneath it.

Complete the pyramid.



[2]

1. $3.2 \times 0.85 = \text{£}2.72$ MA1
 $\text{£}4.07 - 2.72 = \text{£}1.35$ MA1
 $1.35 \div 0.6$ MA1
 $= \text{£}2.25$ per metre A1
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2. $\text{£}3.14 \times 500 = \text{£}1570$ MA1
 $500 \div 4 = 125$
 $500 - 125 = 375$ MA1
 $375 \div 5 \times 4 = 300$
 $\text{£}5 \times 300 = \text{£}1500$ MA1
 $\text{£}2.50 \times 75 = \text{£}187.50$ MA1
 $1500 + 187.50 - 1570$ MA1
 $\text{£}117.50$ A1
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3. $20\% = \text{£}25.80$ MA1
 $129 - 25.80 = 103.20$ **or** $100 + 25.80 = 125.80$ MA1
No, as discounted price is more than $\text{£}100$ A1
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4. $2.55 \times 4 = \text{£}10.20$ MA1
 $(14.55 - 10.20) = 4.35$ MA1
 $4.35 \div 3 = \text{£}1.45$ M1, A1
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5. $10 \div 1.28 = 7.8125$ and chooses 7 MA1 A1
or alternative method $7 \times 1.28 = 8.96$ $8 \times 1.28 = 10.24$ MA1
Chooses 7 A1
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6. $375 - 95 = 280$ still to pay C1
 $\text{£}280$ at $\text{£}35$ per month
So $280 \div 35 = 8$ months C1, A1
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7. Bargain $\text{£}12.00 - \text{£}2.40 = \text{£}9.60$ or Discount $\text{£}9.00$ C2
Discount $\text{£}9.00$ or Bargain $\text{£}9.60$ C1
Discount is better C1
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8. (a) 1520 units MA1
(b) $1520 \times 0.1455 = \text{£}221.16$ MA1
 $5\% = \text{£}11.05(8)$ MA1
Total bill = $\text{£}232.21(8)$ MA1
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9. $\text{£}9.50 \times 30 = 285$ C1
 $285 \div 5 = 57$ C1
 $840 \div 57 = 14.737$ C1, C1
15 C1
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10. $59.77 \div 43$ M1
1.39 A1
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11. (a) 695 MA1
(b) 695×15 or 10425 M1
104.25 A1
(c) 5.21 MA1
(d) 109.46 MA1
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12. (a) $\pounds 3.50 - \pounds 2.24 = \pounds 1.26$ M1 A1
- (b) Pays with 3 50s, 2 20s and 4 10s C1
Receives a 5p coin and a 1p coin C1
Smallest number of coins left is 4 C1
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13. 20% of $\pounds 270$ M1
- $\pounds 54$ A1
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14. Cost price = $1200 \times 2.40 = \pounds 2880$ C1
- Selling price = $\pounds 2.76$ C1
- $840 \times 2.76 = \pounds 2318.40$ C1
- $2880 - 2318.40 = \pounds 561.60$ C1
- $561.60/360 = \pounds 1.56$ C1
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15. £9.50 or £8.40 MA1
Taxi For U + second calculation correct A1
£1.10 MA1
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16. (a) $14000 \times 3/100 = 420$ M1 A1
(b) 35 A1
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17. (a) $4 \times 200 = 800$ M1 A1
(b) $6 \times 200 + 2 \times 180 = 1560$ M1 A1 A1
Allow A1 for 1580 seen
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18. $7 \times 15 = 105$ MA1
 $285 - 105 = 180$ MA1
 $180/8 = 22.50$ M1 A1
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19. (a) $\frac{35.25}{47} \times 100$ MA1
 $= 75\%$ A1
- (b) John's phone $\frac{17.5}{100} \times 44$ MA1
 $= £7.70$
- John's phone cost £51.70 MA1
- John's phone is dearer by $£51.70 - £50.31 = £1.39$ MA1
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20. Superfruit $£8.00 - £1.60 = £6.40$ or Fruit Store $£6.00$ C2
 Fruit Store $£6.00$ or Superfruit $£6.40$ C1
 Fruit Store is better C1
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21. (a) 7820 A1
- (b) $7820 \times 4.27 = £333.914$ (333.91) MA1
 $91 \times 9.71 = £8.8361$ (8.84) MA1
 $342.7501 \times 0.05 = £17.137505$ (17.14) MA1
 $£359.89$ A1
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22. $12 + 3 \times 52$ M1
 168 A1
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23. $8 \times 8 + 8 \times 4 \times 2 = 128$ C1 C1
 $9 \times 6 + 9 \times 6 \times 1.5 = 135$ C1 C1
Jane by £7 C1
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24. $£274.50 - £45 = £229.50$ MA1
 $£229.50 \div £13.50$ MA1
17 A1
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25. 15% of £489 = £73.35 MA1
 $£489 - £73.35$ MA1
£415.65 A1
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26.	$36 \times \text{£}220 = \text{£}7920$	MA1
	$7920 + 1584 = 9504$	MA1
	$7200 \times 8\text{p} = 57600\text{p} = 576$	MA1
	$9504 + 576$	MA1
	$= \text{£}10080$	A1

alternative solution

	$20\% \text{ of } 220 = 44$	
	$220 + 44 = 264$	MA1
	$264 \times 3 \times 12 = 9504$	MA1
	$7200 \times 8\text{p} = 57600\text{p} = \text{£}576$	MA1
	$9504 + 576$	MA1
	$\text{£}10080$	A1

27.	385×5.8	M1
	2233p or $\text{£}22.33$	A1
	$22.33 + 18.99 = 41.32$	A1

28. (a) $(54.9 + 1.9 + 4.6 + 5.5 =) 66.9$ MA1
 $(70 - 66.9 =) 3.1$ MA1
- Alternative**
- $70 - (54.9 + 1.9 + 4.6 + 5.5) = 3.1$ MA1, MA1
- (b) 10% of 70 = 7 A1
No and $(1.9 + 4.6 =) 6.5 < 7$ A1
- Alternative**
- $\frac{6.5}{70} \times 100 = 9.29\%$ A1
No $9.29 < 10$ A1
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29. (a) -11, -8, -6, -3, -1 MA2
allow [1] for descending order
- (b) 3 (°C) A1
- (c) 10 (°C) accept -10 (°C) A1
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30. (a) April A1
- (b) 10 A1
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31. (a) $(\pm)7$ A1
(b) $(\pm)10$ A1
(c) -7 A1
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32. (a) 0.1003 A1
(b) 0.11 A1
(c) 5 A1
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33. $504 \div 8 = 63$ C1
 $63 \div 7 = 9$ C1
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34. (a) (i) $-8, -3$ A1
 -11 A1
(ii) $22a + 3b$ A1 A1
(b) -44 A1
 352 A1
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