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Mathematics Department

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GCSE Mathematics Practice Booklet

**M3**

Topic 1 – Number 1

Multiples and Factors  
Indices, Powers and Roots  
Accuracy and Bounds  
Growth and Decay

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Questions taken from CCEA Past Papers  
Mark Scheme included at the end of this booklet



**Q1**

(a) Calculate the value of  $\frac{2}{0.4^2}$

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ [2]

(b) Calculate the cube of 6

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(c) 

36	1	19	49	10	39	15	31
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From the numbers in the list, write down all the

(i) prime numbers,

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(ii) square numbers.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

**Q2**

A number, expressed as a product of its prime factors, is  $2^2 \times 3 \times 5^2$

(a) What is the number?

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(b) (i) This number is multiplied by 9

Write the new number as a product of its prime factors.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(ii) Is this new number a square number?

You must explain your answer.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

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**Q3**

Write 200 as a product of prime factors, using index notation.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ [3]

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**Q4** (a) (i) Write 30 as a product of prime factors.

Answer 30 = \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(ii) Write 22 as a product of prime factors.

Answer 22 = \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(b) An airport bus leaves the city hall every 30 minutes.  
A shuttle bus leaves the city hall every 22 minutes.  
An airport bus and a shuttle bus both leave the city hall at 8.00 am.  
At what time will an airport bus and a shuttle bus next leave the city hall at the same time?

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ [3]

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**Q5** Find the lowest common multiple (LCM) of 54 and 90

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ [2]

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**Q6** Write 600 as a product of prime factors.  
Express your answer in index notation.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ [3]

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**Q7** (a) Write 200 as a product of its prime factors.

Give your answer in index notation.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ [3]

(b) Hence find the smallest number you can multiply 200 by to make a cube number.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

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**Q8** Amy, Bronagh and Ciara did a Maths test in school.  
The total for the test was 80 marks.

Amy got 50 marks out of 80

Bronagh got 65%

Ciara got  $\frac{3}{5}$  of the 80 marks.

Who got the highest mark?

**You must show all your working.**

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ [4]

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**Q9** The volume of oil in a tank **decreases** by 5% every hour.  
At 11am there are 9000 litres of oil in the tank.  
What will the volume of oil be at 2pm?

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ litres [3]

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**Q10** In a group of golfers there are 37 males and 23 females.  
19 of the males are wearing glasses and 14 of the females are wearing glasses.  
What percentage of the group are wearing glasses?

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ % [3]

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**Q11** A box contains 560 g of cornflakes.  
A box on special offer contains an extra 35% of cornflakes.  
How many grams of cornflakes are in the special offer box?

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ g [3]

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**Q12** (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]

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**Q13**

A tracksuit normally cost £75

(a) In a sale the price was reduced by 15%

Calculate the sale price of the tracksuit.

Answer £ \_\_\_\_\_ [3]

(b) The following week the shop displayed this sign.

**FINAL STOCK CLEARANCE  
A FURTHER 20% OFF ALL SALE PRICES**

Show that the tracksuit now costs £51

[2]

(c) Rhys says, "I am getting 15% off, then 20% off, so I am getting 35% off the £75."

Is he correct?

You must show working to explain your answer.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [2]

**Q14** Eleven pencils each measuring 13 cm, to the nearest cm, in length are placed end to end.

Find the shortest possible total length and longest possible total length of the pencils.

Shortest length \_\_\_\_\_ cm [1]

Longest length \_\_\_\_\_ cm [1]

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**Q15** 16 buckets each hold 8 litres, to the nearest litre.  
Find the largest and smallest total volume of the 16 buckets.  
Explain your reasoning clearly.

[3]

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**Q16** Larry and Jake each measure the length of a different slug. They both say that their slug is 6 cm to the nearest centimetre. Does this mean that both slugs are exactly the same length?

**Explain your answer clearly.**

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**Q17** Yasmin draws a rectangle measuring 2 cm by 4 cm (both to the nearest cm). She says the area must be  $8 \text{ cm}^2$  to the nearest  $\text{cm}^2$ . Explain why she is wrong.

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**Q18**

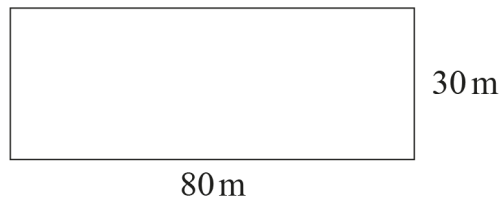
The length of the side of a square is 8.3cm, correct to 1 decimal place.

Work out the lower bound for the area of the square.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{cm}^2$  [2]

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- Q19** A rectangle has been recorded as having a length of 80 m, correct to the nearest 10 m, and a width of 30 m, correct to the nearest m.



Jane says the area could be  $2400 \text{ m}^2$

Steve says the area could be  $1875 \text{ m}^2$

Paula says the area could be  $2212.5 \text{ m}^2$

Which of the three is definitely not correct and what mistake has been made?

**Explain your reasoning clearly.**

[2]



**Q20** Marie gets a basic monthly salary of £560 plus a commission of 22% of her sales that month.  
In April her total salary was £3299  
Work out her sales in April.

Answer £ \_\_\_\_\_ [3]

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**Q21** A bed has a sale price of £257.40  
This is a saving of 22% on the original price.  
What was the original price of the bed?

Answer £ \_\_\_\_\_ [3]

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**Q22**

Gillian sold her formal dress online for £130.50  
This was one-eighth more than the cost price of the dress.  
What was the cost price?

Answer £ \_\_\_\_\_ [3]

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**Q23**

Over a year a car decreased in value from £12 500 to £10 500  
Calculate the percentage decrease.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ % [3]

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**Q24** A special offer shampoo bottle contains 20% extra.

It contains 900 ml of shampoo.

How much shampoo was in the original bottle?

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ ml [3]

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**Q25** The temperature in a desert fell to  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$  during a twelve hour period.

This represented an 80% decrease.

Calculate the temperature at the beginning of the twelve hour period.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  [3]

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**Q26** The population of a town in 2014 was 80 058

This was a 65% increase on its population in 1994

What was the population in 1994?

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ [3]

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**Q27**

Peter, Jack and Colin share a flat. They pay the rent monthly.

Peter pays 30% of the monthly rent.

Jack pays  $\frac{3}{8}$  of the monthly rent.

Colin pays £520 of the monthly rent.

Calculate the total monthly rent for the flat.

Answer £ \_\_\_\_\_ [5]

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**Q28**

A restaurant bill, including 15% service charge, was £98.90  
How much was the service charge?

Answer £ \_\_\_\_\_ [3]

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**Q29**

James can throw a javelin 49 metres.

His target is to throw it 4% further each year.

If he stays on target, how many years will it be before he can throw the javelin 55 metres?

You must show working to justify your answer.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_ years [4]

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**Q30**

After a 7.5% pay rise Mr Jones' salary was £29 455

What was his salary before the pay rise?

Answer £ \_\_\_\_\_ [3]

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1. (a) Sight of 0.16 MA1  
12.5 A1
- (b) 216 A1
- (c) (i) 19, 31 and no others A1  
(ii) 36, 1, 49 and no others A1
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2. (a) 300 A1
- (b) (i)  $2^2 \times 3^3 \times 5^2$  A1  
(ii) No because not all the prime factors are squared or alternative A1  
No because 2700 is not a square number
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3.  $200 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 5 \times 5$  M1 A1  
 $2^3 \times 5^2$  A1
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4. (a) (i)  $30 = 5 \times 3 \times 2$  A1
- (ii)  $22 = 11 \times 2$  A1
- (b) using LCM of 30 and 22 M1  
 $11 \times 5 \times 3 \times 2 = 330$  minutes = 5.5 hours A1  
 1.30pm A1
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5.  $54 = 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$  and  $90 = 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 5$  MA1  
 270 A1
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6. 
$$\begin{array}{r|l} 2 & 600 \\ \hline 2 & 300 \\ \hline 2 & 150 \\ \hline 3 & 75 \\ \hline 5 & 25 \\ \hline & 5 \end{array} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{array}{r|l} 5 & 600 \\ \hline 5 & 120 \\ \hline 3 & 24 \\ \hline 2 & 8 \\ \hline 2 & 4 \\ \hline & 2 \end{array}$$

600 or similar

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  600
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2    300
     /  \
    3    100
       /  \
      2    50
         /  \
        2    25
           /  \
          5    5
  
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M1 A1

$2^3 \times 3 \times 5^2$

MA1

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7. (a) Correct method used M1  
 $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 5 \times 5$  A1  
 $2^3 \times 5^2$  A1  
 (b) 5 (gives 1000) A1
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8. **Alternative**
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|------------------------------|----------------------------|----|----------------------------|------------------------------|----|
| Bronagh                      | $\frac{65}{100} \times 80$ | C1 | Amy                        | $\frac{50}{80} \times 100\%$ | C1 |
| Ciara                        | $80 \div 5 \times 3$       | C1 | Ciara                      | $\frac{3}{5} \times 100\%$   | C1 |
| 52 and 48 marks both correct | C1                         |    | 62.5% and 60% both correct | C1                           |    |
| Bronagh                      | C1                         |    | Bronagh                    | C1                           |    |
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9. 8550 MA1  
 8122.5 MA1  
 7716.375 (accept 7716) or (7716.38) or (7716.4) MA1
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10.  $\frac{33}{60}$  MA1  
 $\frac{33}{60} \times 100 = 55\%$  M1 A1
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11.	$560 \times \frac{35}{100}$	M1
	196	A1
	756	MA1

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12.	(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 $\text{£}51.70 - \text{£}50.31 = \text{£}1.39$	MA1

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13.	(a) 15% of 75 = 11.25	MA1
	75 - 11.25	MA1
	63.75	A1
	(b) 20% of 63.75 = 12.75	MA1
	63.75 - 12.75 = 51	A1
	(c) 35% of 75 = 26.25 or 75 - 26.25 = 48.75	MA1
	No, not equal to 51	A1

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14.      Shortest      137.5      A1  
             Longest      148.5      A1
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15.      Clear explanation of bounds between 7.5 and 8.5      C1  
             Smallest volume =  $16 \times 7.5 = 120$  litres      C1  
             Largest volume =  $16 \times 8.5 = 136$  litres      C1
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16.      Since they are measured to the nearest cm then they could measure anything  
             from 5.5 cm to 6.5 cm and so they are not necessarily the same length.  
             (or similar explanation)      C2
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17.      Could be  $1.5 \times 3.5 = 5.25$   
             **or** could be  $2.5 \times 4.5 = 11.25$   
             **or** suitable values given, not rounding to 8      M1 A1
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18. 8.25 as lower bound MA1

$8.25 \times 8.25 = 68.0625$  (no further rounding) MA1

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19. Max area =  $85 \times 30.5 = 2592.5$  } MA1  
Min area =  $75 \times 29.5 = 2212.5$  }

Steve not correct as outside range MA1

**Alternative solution**

Jane  $80 \times 30 = 2400$  is acceptable

Paula  $75 \times 29.5 = 2212.5$  is acceptable MA1

Steve  $75 \times 25 = 1875$  is not acceptable as lower bound for width  
is 29.5 not 25 MA1

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20.  $3299 - 560 = 2739$  C1

$2739 = 22\%$  C1

12450 C1

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21.  $78\% = 257.40$  MA1  
 $257.40 \div 0.78 = 330$  M1 A1

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22.  $9/8 = \text{£}130.50$  **or**  $112.5\% = \text{£}130.50$  MA1  
 $130.50/9 (\times 8)$  **or**  $130.50/112.5 (\times 100)$  MA1  
**or**  $14.50$  **or**  $1.16$   
 $= \text{£}116$  A1

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23.  $12500 - 10500 = 2000$  MA1  
 $\frac{2000}{12500} \times 100$  MA1  
 $16\%$  A1

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24.  $900 \text{ ml} = 120\%$  MA1  
 $\frac{900}{120} \times 100 = 750$  MA1 A1

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25.  $20\% = 10^\circ\text{C}$  MA1  
 $1\% = 0.5^\circ\text{C}$  A1  
 $100\% = 50^\circ\text{C}$  A1

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26.  $165\% = 80058$  MA1  
 $1\% = \frac{80058}{165} = 485.2$  MA1  
 $100\% = 48520$  A1
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27. Peter + Jack = 67.5% (or 27/40) (or 0.675) MA1  
Colin = 32.5% (or 13/40) (or 0.325) A1  
 $32.5\% = \text{£}520$  M1  
 $1\% = \text{£}16$  MA1  
 $100\% = \text{£}1600$  MA1
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28.  $115\% = \text{£}98.90$  MA1  
 $1\% = \text{£}0.86$  (or  $100\% = \text{£}86$ ) MA1  
 $15\% = \text{£}12.90$  ( $\text{£}98.90 - \text{£}86$ ) MA1
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29.  $49 \times 1.04 = 50.96$  MA1  
 $49 \times 1.04^2 = 52.998\dots$  or equivalent method MA1  
 $49 \times 1.04^3 = 55.118\dots$  or equivalent method MA1  
3 A1
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30.

$$107.5\% = 29455$$

$$(100\%) = 29455 \div 107.5 \times 100$$

$$= \text{£}27400$$

MA1

MA1

A1

**Alternative Solution**

$$(100\%) = 29455 \div 1.075$$

$$= \text{£}27400$$

M1 A1

A1

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