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Direct/inverse proportion

(9 – 1) Topic booklet

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These questions have been collated from previous years GCSE Mathematics papers.

You must have: Ruler graduated in centimetres and millimetres, protractor, pair of compasses, pen, HB pencil, eraser.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*
- Diagrams are NOT accurately drawn, unless otherwise indicated.
- You must **show all your working out.**
- If the question is a **1H** question you are not allowed to use a calculator.
- If the question is a **2H** or a **3H** question, you may use a calculator to help you answer.

Information

- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

Answer ALL questions
Write your answers in the space provided.
You must write down all the stages in your working.



6 A company orders a large number of plates from a factory.

It would take 30 hours to make all the plates using 4 machines.

How many machines are needed to make all the plates in 6 hours?

November 2023 – Paper 3H

(Total for Question 6 is 2 marks)

- 6 At a depth of x metres, the temperature of the water in an ocean is $T^{\circ}\text{C}$.
At depths below 900 metres, T is inversely proportional to x .



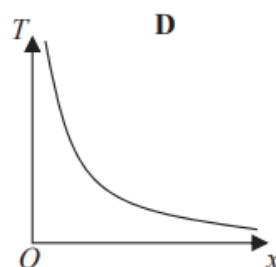
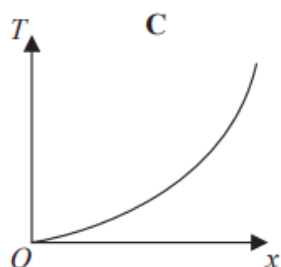
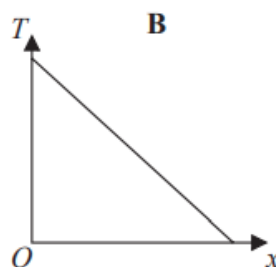
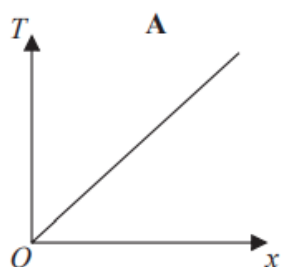
T is given by

$$T = \frac{4500}{x}$$

- (a) Work out the difference in the temperature of the water at a depth of 1200 metres and the temperature of the water at a depth of 2500 metres.

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(3)

Here are four graphs.



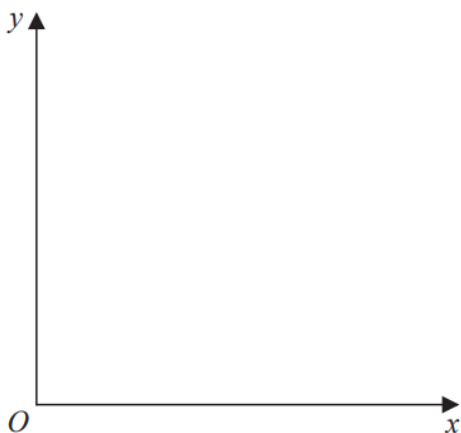
One of the graphs could show that T is inversely proportional to x .

- (b) Write down the letter of this graph.

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8 (a) Using the axes below, sketch a graph to represent the statement

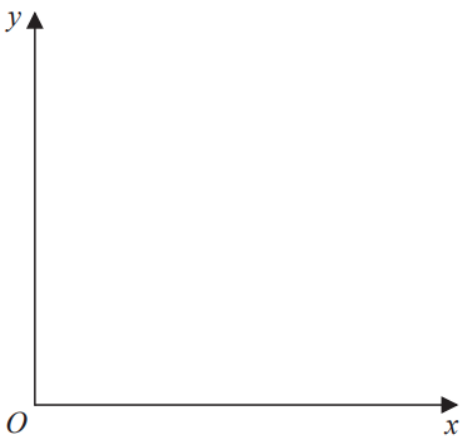
y is directly proportional to x



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(b) Using the axes below, sketch a graph to represent the statement

y is inversely proportional to x



(1)

10 y is inversely proportional to x
When $x = 1.5$, $y = 36$
Find the value of y when $x = 6$

Specimen 2 – Paper 1H

(Total for Question 10 is 3 marks)

12 f is inversely proportional to d^2
 $f = 3.5$ when $d = 8$
(a) Find an equation for f in terms of d .



(b) Find the positive value of d when $f = 10$
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

$d =$
(2)

June 2024 – Paper 2H

(Total for Question 12 is 4 marks)

13 p is inversely proportional to t

Complete the table of values.

t	100	25		2
p	1		5	

13 The table shows a set of values for x and y .

x	1	2	3	4
y	9	$2\frac{1}{4}$	1	$\frac{9}{16}$

y is inversely proportional to the square of x .

(a) Find an equation for y in terms of x .

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(2)

(b) Find the positive value of x when $y = 16$

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(2)

13 d is inversely proportional to c



When $c = 280$, $d = 25$

Find the value of d when $c = 350$

$d = \dots\dots\dots$

Sample 1 – Paper 2H

(Total for Question 13 is 3 marks)

13 y is directly proportional to x .

$y = 24$ when $x = 1.5$

Work out the value of y when $x = 5$

$y = \dots\dots\dots$

June 2023 – Paper 1H

(Total for Question 13 is 3 marks)

14 y is proportional to x^2

$$y = 3 \text{ when } x = 0.5$$

x is inversely proportional to w

$$x = 2 \text{ when } w = 0.2$$

Find the value of y when $w = 2$



$$y = \dots\dots\dots$$

November 2023 – Paper 2H

(Total for Question 14 is 5 marks)

14 y is inversely proportional to x^3

$$y = 44 \text{ when } x = a$$

Show that $y = 5.5$ when $x = 2a$



November 2018 – Paper 3H

(Total for Question 14 is 3 marks)

14 y is inversely proportional to d^2

When $d = 10$, $y = 4$

d is directly proportional to x^2

When $x = 2$, $d = 24$

Find a formula for y in terms of x .

Give your answer in its simplest form.

14 D is directly proportional to the cube of n .



Mary says that when n is doubled, the value of D is multiplied by 6

Mary is wrong.
Explain why.

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(1)

15 A pendulum of length L cm has time period T seconds.
 T is directly proportional to the square root of L .



The length of the pendulum is increased by 40%.

Work out the percentage increase in the time period.

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16 y is directly proportional to $\sqrt[3]{x}$

$$y = 1\frac{1}{6} \text{ when } x = 8$$

Find the value of y when $x = 64$

17 y is directly proportional to the square root of t .

$$y = 15 \text{ when } t = 9$$

t is inversely proportional to the cube of x .

$$t = 8 \text{ when } x = 2$$

Find a formula for y in terms of x .

Give your answer in its simplest form.

- 17** x is directly proportional to the square of y .
 y is directly proportional to the cube of z .

$$z = 2 \text{ when } x = 32$$

Find a formula for x in terms of z .



18 x is proportional to \sqrt{y} where $y > 0$

y is increased by 44%

Work out the percentage increase in x .

.....%

- 20** h is inversely proportional to p
 p is directly proportional to \sqrt{t}

Given that $h = 10$ and $t = 144$ when $p = 6$
find a formula for h in terms of t