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# Error intervals

(9 – 1) Topic booklet

## Higher

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.**

2 The length,  $L$  cm, of a line is measured as 13 cm correct to the nearest centimetre.

Complete the following statement to show the range of possible values of  $L$



.....  $\leq L <$  .....

Specimen 1 – Paper 3H

**(Total for Question 2 is 2 marks)**

4 Jim rounds a number,  $x$ , to one decimal place.  
The result is 7.2



Write down the error interval for  $x$ .

Specimen 2 – Paper 3H

**(Total for Question 4 is 2 marks)**

5 Jess rounds a number,  $x$ , to one decimal place.  
The result is 9.8



Write down the error interval for  $x$ .

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(2)

November 2017 – Paper 3H

**(Total for Question 5 is 2 marks)**

6 Sally used her calculator to work out the value of a number  $y$ .



The answer on her calculator display began

8.3

Complete the error interval for  $y$ .

.....  $\leq y <$  .....

June 2019 – Paper 2H

**(Total for Question 6 is 2 marks)**

7 A number,  $n$ , is rounded to 2 decimal places.



The result is 4.76

Using inequalities, write down the error interval for  $n$ .

.....  $\leq n <$  .....

June 2017 – Paper 2H

**(Total for Question 7 is 2 marks)**

8 A number  $x$  is written correct to 2 significant figures.



The result is 1.9

Complete the error interval for  $x$ .

.....  $\leq x <$  .....

November 2023 – Paper 2H

**(Total for Question 8 is 2 marks)**

9 A number  $N$  is rounded to 2 significant figures. The result is 7.3

(a) Write down the least possible value of  $N$ .



(1)

Leila says,

“The value of  $N$  cannot be greater than 7.349 because 7.350 would round up to 7.4”

(b) Is Leila correct?  
You must give a reason for your answer.

(1)

June 2024 – Paper 2H

**(Total for Question 9 is 2 marks)**

9 Martin truncates the number  $N$  to 1 digit.  
The result is 7



Write down the error interval for  $N$ .

November 2018 – Paper 2H

**(Total for Question 9 is 2 marks)**

11 Freya writes down the value of  $x$ , correct to 1 decimal place.

She writes  $x = 6.4$

Complete the error interval for  $x$ .



.....  $\leq x <$  .....

November 2021 – Paper 3H

**(Total for Question 11 is 2 marks)**

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12 Martin used his calculator to work out the value of a number  $P$ .

He wrote down the first two digits of the answer on his calculator.



He wrote down 1.2

Complete the error interval for  $P$ .

.....  $\leq P <$  .....

November 2022 – Paper 3H

**(Total for Question 12 is 2 marks)**

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