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# Estimation

(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.**

**4** A cycle race across America is 3069.25 miles in length.

Juan knows his average speed for his previous races is 15.12 miles per hour.  
For the next race across America he will cycle for 8 hours per day.

(a) Estimate how many days Juan will take to complete the race.

.....  
(3)

Juan trains for the race.  
The average speed he can cycle at increases.  
It is now 16.27 miles per hour.

(b) How does this affect your answer to part (a)?

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(1)

June 2018 – Paper 1H

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

5 Sophie drives a distance of 513 kilometres on a motorway in France.  
She pays 0.81 euros for every 10 kilometres she drives.

(a) Work out an estimate for the total amount that Sophie pays.

..... euros  
(3)

(b) Is your answer to part (a) an underestimate or an overestimate?  
Give a reason for your answer.

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(1)

May 2024 – Paper 1H (Total for Question 5 is 4 marks)

**5** A plane travels at a speed of 213 miles per hour.

(a) Work out an estimate for the number of seconds the plane takes to travel 1 mile.

..... seconds  
(3)

(b) Is your answer to part (a) an underestimate or an overestimate?  
Give a reason for your answer.

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(1)

**5** Lara is a skier.



She completed a ski race in 1 minute 54 seconds.

The race was 475 m in length.

Lara assumes that her average speed is the same for each race.

- (a) Using this assumption, work out how long Lara should take to complete a 700 m race.  
Give your answer in minutes and seconds.

..... minutes ..... seconds  
(3)

Lara's average speed actually increases the further she goes.

- (b) How does this affect your answer to part (a)?

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(1)

**8** (a) Work out an estimate for the value of  $\sqrt{63.5 \times 101.7}$

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(2)

$(2.3)^6 = 148$  correct to 3 significant figures.

(b) Find the value of  $(0.23)^6$  correct to 3 significant figures.

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(1)

(c) Find the value of  $5^{-2}$

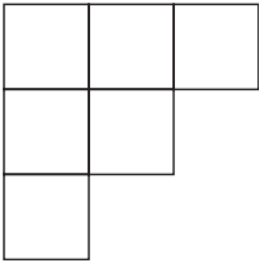
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**8** Work out an estimate for  $\sqrt{4.98 + 2.16 \times 7.35}$

Specimen 2 – Paper 1H

**(Total for Question 8 is 3 marks)**

10 The diagram shows a shape made from 6 identical squares.



The total area of the shape is  $5406\text{ cm}^2$

- (a) Find an estimate for the length of one side of each square.  
Give your answer correct to the nearest whole number.

..... cm  
(3)

- (b) Is your answer to part (a) an underestimate or an overestimate?  
You must give a reason for your answer.

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(1)

**11** One uranium atom has a mass of  $3.95 \times 10^{-22}$  grams.

(a) Work out an estimate for the number of uranium atoms in 1 kg of uranium.

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(3)

(b) Is your answer to (a) an underestimate or an overestimate?  
Give a reason for your answer.

.....  
.....  
(1)

Sample 1 – Paper 1H

**(Total for Question 11 is 4 marks)**

**20** In a village,

if it rains on one day, the probability that it will rain on the next day is 0.8

if it does **not** rain on one day, the probability that it will rain on the next day is 0.6



A weather forecaster says,

“There is a 70% chance that it will rain in the village on Monday.”

Work out an estimate for the probability that it will rain in the village on Wednesday.

You must show all your working.