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# Inequalities

(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.*

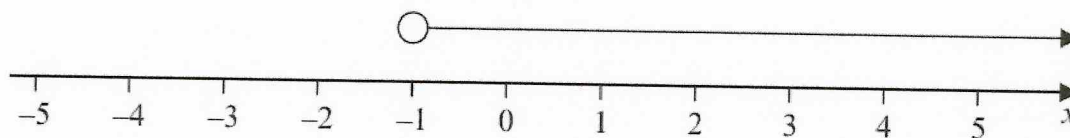
### Advice

- 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.**



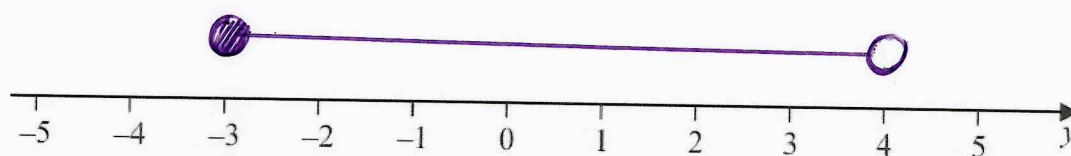
- 1 (a) Write down the inequality shown on this number line.



$$x > -1$$

(1)

- (b) On the number line below, show the inequality  $-3 \leq y < 4$



(2)

1 (a) Solve  $14n > 11n + 6$

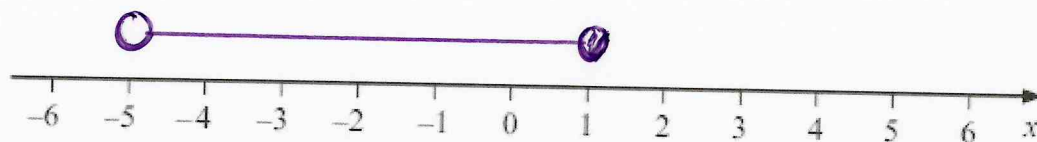
$$\begin{array}{l} -11n \\ \div 3 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} 14n > 11n + 6 \\ 3n > 6 \\ n > 2 \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{l} -11n \\ \div 3 \end{array}$$

$$n > 2$$

(2)

(b) On the number line below, show the set of values of  $x$  for which  $-2 < x + 3 \leq 4$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} -3 & -3 & -3 \end{array}$$



(3)

June 2019 – Paper 2H

(Total for Question 1 is 5 marks)

1 Solve  $\frac{5x}{2} > 7$

$$\begin{array}{l} \times 2 \\ \div 5 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} \frac{5x}{2} > 7 \\ 5x > 14 \\ x > \frac{14}{5} \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{l} \times 2 \\ \div 5 \end{array}$$

$$x > 2.8$$

(2)

November 2020 – Paper 3H

(Total for Question 1 is 2 marks)

1 Solve  $7x - 27 < 8$

$$\begin{array}{l} +27 \\ \div 7 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} 7x - 27 < 8 \\ 7x < 35 \\ x < 5 \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{l} +27 \\ \div 7 \end{array}$$

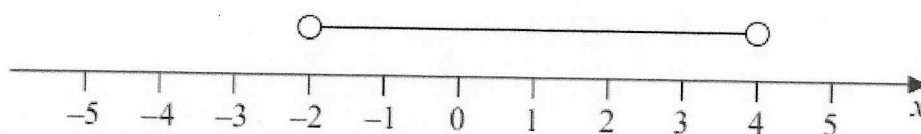
$$x < 5$$

June 2022 – Paper 1H

(Total for Question 1 is 2 marks)

4 Jenna is asked to show the inequality  $-3 < x \leq 4$  on a number line.

Here is her answer.



(a) Write down two mistakes Jenna has made.

1 Plotted -2 instead of -3

2 Circle at 4 should be coloured in.

(2)

(b) Work out the greatest integer that satisfies the inequality

$$\begin{array}{l} +7 \\ \hline 5y - 7 < 16 \\ \hline 5y < 23 \\ \hline \div 5 \\ y < \frac{23}{5} \end{array}$$

$$y < 4.6$$

(2)

4  $-2 \leq n < 5$

$n$  is an integer.

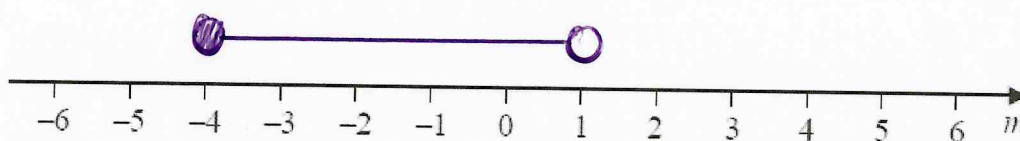


(a) Write down the greatest possible value of  $n$ .

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(1)

(b) On the number line below, show the inequality  $-4 \leq m < 1$



(2)

(c) Solve  $\frac{2}{5}g - 4 < 6$

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 & \frac{2}{5}g - 4 < 6 & \\
 +4 & & +4 \\
 \hline
 & \frac{2}{5}g < 10 & \\
 \times 5 & & \times 5 \\
 \hline
 & 2g < 50 & \\
 \div 2 & & \div 2 \\
 \hline
 & g < 25 & 
 \end{array}$$

$g < 25$

(3)



9 (a) Solve  $6x + 4 > x + 17$

$$\begin{array}{l|l} -x & 5x + 4 > 17 \\ -4 & 5x > 13 \\ \div 5 & x > \frac{13}{5} \end{array}$$



$$x > 2.6$$

(2)

(b)  $n$  is an integer with  $-5 < 2n \leq 6$   
Write down all the values of  $n$

$$-25 < n \leq 3$$

$$-2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3$$

(2)

Sample 1 – Paper 3H

(Total for Question 9 is 4 marks)

11  $x$  and  $y$  are integers such that

$$\begin{array}{l} 3 < x < 8 \\ 4 < y < 10 \\ \text{and } x + y = 14 \end{array}$$

Find all the possible values of  $x$ .

$$\begin{array}{l} x = 4, 5, 6, 7 \\ y = 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x + y = 14 \\ 5 + 9 = 14 \\ 6 + 8 = 14 \\ 7 + 7 = 14 \end{array}$$

$$x = 5, 6, 7,$$

November 2022 – Paper 3H

(Total for Question 11 is 2 marks)

18 Solve

$$(1-x)^2 < \frac{9}{25}$$



$$(1-x)(1-x) < \sqrt{\frac{9}{25}}$$

$$1-x < \pm \frac{3}{5}$$

$$1-x < \frac{3}{5}$$

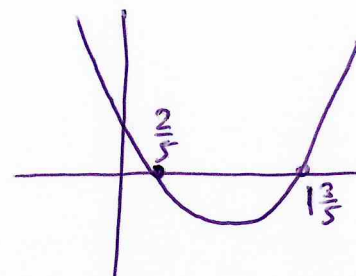
$$1-x < -\frac{3}{5}$$

$$1-\frac{3}{5} < x$$

$$1+\frac{3}{5} < x$$

$$\boxed{\frac{2}{5} < x}$$

$$\boxed{1\frac{3}{5} < x}$$



$$\frac{2}{5} < x < 1\frac{3}{5}$$

(3)

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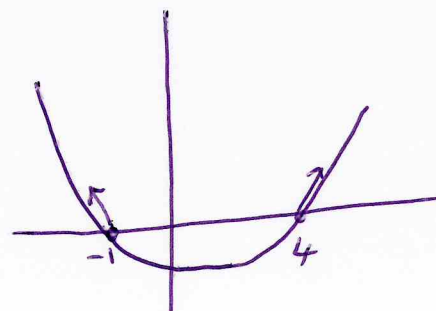
(Total for Question 18 is 3 marks)

19 Solve  $x^2 > 3x + 4$

$$x^2 - 3x - 4 > 0$$

$$(x-4)(x+1) > 0$$

$$x > 4 \quad x > -1$$



$$x < -1 \text{ or } x > 4$$

Sample 1 – Paper 1H

(Total for Question 19 is 3 marks)



19 Solve  $22 < \frac{m^2 + 7}{4} < 32$

Show all your working.



$$\begin{array}{l} \times 4 \\ -7 \\ \sqrt{\phantom{x}} \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} 22 < \frac{m^2 + 7}{4} < 32 \\ 88 < m^2 + 7 < 128 \\ 81 < m^2 < 121 \\ \pm 9 < m^2 < \pm 11 \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{l} \times 4 \\ -7 \\ \sqrt{\phantom{x}} \end{array}$$

$$-11 < m < -9$$

and

$$9 < m < 11$$

20  $n$  is an integer such that  $3n + 2 \leq 14$  and  $\frac{6n}{n^2 + 5} > 1$

Find all the possible values of  $n$ .

$$3n + 2 \leq 14$$

$$3n \leq 12$$

$$n \leq 4$$

$$\frac{6n}{n^2 + 5} > 1$$

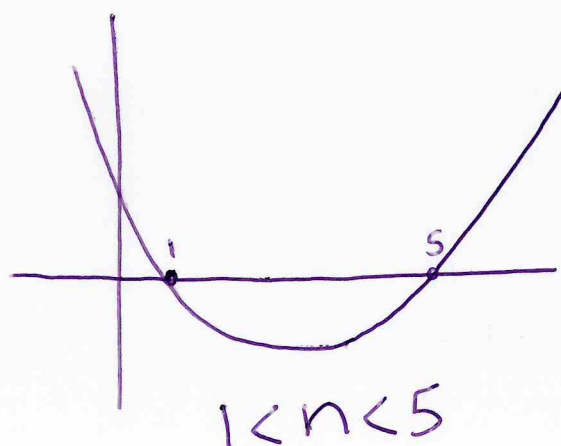
$$6n > n^2 + 5$$

$$0 > n^2 - 6n + 5$$

$$0 > (n - 5)(n - 1)$$

$$\boxed{5 > n}$$

$$\boxed{1 > n}$$



For both  
inequalities

$$1 < n \leq 4$$

2, 3, 4

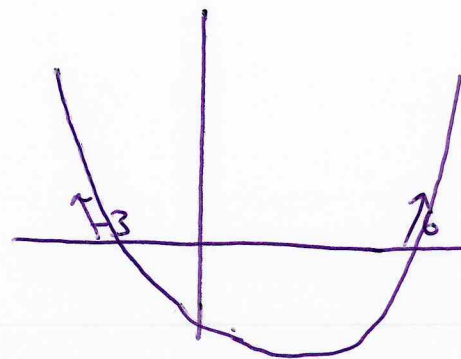
21 Solve the inequality  $x^2 > 3(x + 6)$

$$x^2 > 3x + 18$$

$$x^2 - 3x - 18 > 0$$

$$(x-6)(x+3) > 0$$

$$\underline{x > 6} \quad \underline{x > -3}$$



$$x < -3 \quad x > 6$$

Specimen 2 – Paper 1H

(Total for Question 21 is 4 marks)

24 Find the set of possible values of  $x$  for which

$$4x^2 - 25 < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 12 - 5x - 3x^2 > 0$$

You must show all your working.

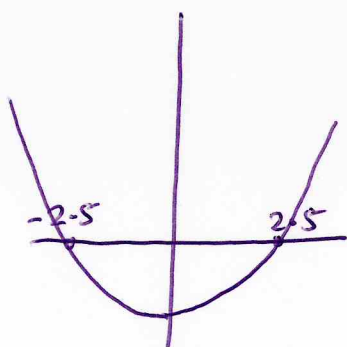
$$4x^2 - 25 < 0$$

$$4x^2 < 25$$

$$x^2 < \frac{25}{4}$$

$$x < \pm \sqrt{\frac{25}{4}}$$

$$x < \pm \frac{5}{2}$$



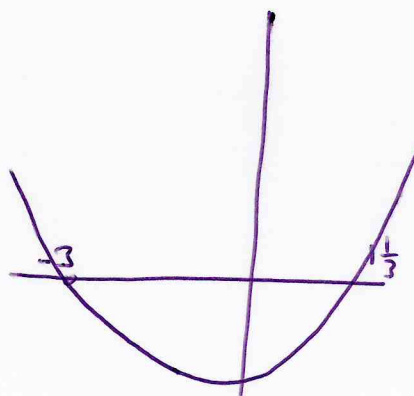
$$-2.5 < x < 2.5$$

$$12 - 5x - 3x^2 > 0$$

$$3x^2 + 5x - 12 < 0$$

$$(3x - 4)(x + 3) < 0$$

$$x < \frac{4}{3} \quad x < -3$$



$$-3 < x < \frac{4}{3}$$

$$-2.5 < x < \frac{4}{3}$$