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(9 – 1) Topic booklet

Model Answers

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 **1F** question you are not allowed to use a calculator.
- If the question is a **2F** or a **3F** 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 Work out the value of 2^4 $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2$
 $= 16$

June 2017 – Paper 1F

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Work out 3^2 $= 3 \times 3$
 $= 9$

November 2022 – 1F

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

3 Find $\sqrt{1.44}$ $= 1.2$

November 2018 – Paper 3F

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

3 Work out the value of 3^5 $3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$
 $= 243$

May 2018 – Paper 2F

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

3 Here is a list of numbers

4 7 9 25 27 31 64

From the numbers in the list, write down a cube number.

$$= 3 \times 3 \times 3$$

Sample 1 – Paper 2F

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

4 Work out 2.5^2

$$25 \times 25 = 625$$

$$\therefore 2.5^2 = 6.25$$

May 2020 – Paper 3F

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

4 Here is a list of numbers.

$$3^2$$

$$3^3$$

4 6 9 10 15 27 30 40

From the list, write down all the numbers that are powers of 3

$$9$$

$$27$$

June 2019 – Paper 3F

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

4 Find the value of 5^4

$$5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5$$

$$= 625$$

Specimen 2 – Paper 2F

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

4 Work out the cube root of 64

$$\sqrt[3]{64} = 4$$

November 2018 – Paper 2F

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

4 Find the value of $\sqrt{17.64}$ = 4.2 .

November 2019 – Paper 2F

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

5 Write down the value of 7^2 = 7 x 7
= 49 .

November 2021 – Paper 1F

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

5 Work out 2^3 2 x 2 x 2
= 8

November 2018 – Paper 1F

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(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

5 Here is a list of numbers.

3 4 9 18 27 30 36

From the numbers in the list, write down a cube number.

$$3^3 = 27$$

May 2020 – Paper 2F

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

5 Find the value of 6^5

$$6 \times 6 \times 6 \times 6 \times 6$$

$$7776.$$

November 2019 – Paper 2F

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

5 Find $\sqrt{1.69}$

$$= 1.3$$

June 2022 – Paper 3F

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

6 Here is a list of whole numbers from 21 to 30

21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

(a) From the list, write down a square number.

25

(1)

(b) From the list, write down a multiple of 8

24

(1)

November 2021 – Paper 1F

(Total for Question 6 is 2 marks)

8 Here is a list of numbers.

21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

(a) From the numbers in the list, write down a square number.

25

(1)

June 2017 – Paper 2F

(Total for Question 8 is 1 mark)

- 9 Nidah writes down two different prime numbers.

She adds together her two numbers.

Her answer is a square number less than 30

Find two prime numbers that Nidah could have written down.

Sq nos

$$36 - 30 = 6$$

$$49 - 30 = 19$$

$$64 - 30 = 34$$

$$19 = 2 + 17$$

November 2017 – Paper 3F

(Total for Question 9 is 2 marks)

- 11 Work out 4^4

$$= 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4$$

$$= 256$$

(1)

Specimen 1 – Paper 3F

(Total for Question 11 is 1 mark)

15 (a) Write down the value of $\sqrt{64}$

$$= 8$$

(1)

(b) Work out the value of 5^3

$$= 125$$

(1)

June 2019 – Paper 1F

(Total for Question 15 is 2 marks)

22 Write down the value of 2^{-3}

$$\frac{1}{2^3} = \frac{1}{8}$$

(1)

November 2017 – Paper 1F

(Total for Question 22 is 1 mark)