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# Prime factors

(9 – 1) Topic booklet

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.**

4 Write down a prime number that is between 20 and 30

June 2019 – Paper 1F

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

7 Steve says,

“There are more prime numbers between 20 and 30  
than there are between 10 and 20”

Is Steve right?

You must show how you get your answer.

November 2017 – Paper 2F

(Total for Question 7 is 2 marks)

**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.

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November 2017 – Paper 3F

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

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**10** Write down two prime numbers that have a sum of 32

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November 2018 – Paper 1F

**(Total for Question 10 is 2 marks)**

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**10 (a)** Write down all the prime numbers between 20 and 30

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(2)

Catherine says,

“2 is the only even prime number.”

(b) Is Catherine right?

You must give a reason for your answer.

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(1)

May 2018 – Paper 2F

**(Total for Question 10 is 3 marks)**

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**16** Find the Highest Common Factor (HCF) of 24 and 60

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Sample 1 – Paper 2F

**(Total for Question 16 is 2 marks)**

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**19** Write 500 as a product of powers of its prime factors.

November 2022 – 1F

**(Total for Question 19 is 3 marks)**

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**20** Find the Lowest Common Multiple (LCM) of 108 and 120

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November 2019 – Paper 1F

**(Total for Question 20 is 3 marks)**

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**21** Work out the lowest common multiple (LCM) of 24 and 56

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June 2022 – Paper 3F

**(Total for Question 21 is 2 marks)**

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**21** (a) Write 84 as a product of its prime factors.

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(2)

(b) Find the lowest common multiple (LCM) of 60 and 84

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(2)

May 2020 – Paper 2F

**(Total for Question 21 is 4 marks)**

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**21 (a)** Find the lowest common multiple (LCM) of 40 and 56

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(2)

$$A = 2^3 \times 3 \times 5 \qquad B = 2^2 \times 3 \times 5^2$$

(b) Write down the highest common factor (HCF) of  $A$  and  $B$ .

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(1)

May 2018 – Paper 2F

**(Total for Question 21 is 3 marks)**

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**21** Find the highest common factor (HCF) of 32, 48 and 72

Specimen 2 – Paper 2F

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**(Total for Question 21 is 2 marks)**

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**22** (a) Find the Highest Common Factor (HCF) of 60 and 84

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(2)

(b) Find the Lowest Common Multiple (LCM) of 24 and 40

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(2)

**22** Express 56 as the product of its prime factors.

June 2017 – Paper 1F

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**(Total for Question 22 is 2 marks)**

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**23** Write 36 as a product of its prime factors.

November 2017 – Paper 1F

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**(Total for Question 23 is 2 marks)**

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**24** Write 124 as a product of its prime factors.

June 2022 – Paper 1F

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**(Total for Question 24 is 2 marks)**

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**24** Find the highest common factor (HCF) of 72 and 90

June 2019 – Paper 1F

**(Total for Question 24 is 2 marks)**

**25** Write 504 as a product of powers of its prime factors.

Specimen 2 – Paper 1F

**(Total for Question 25 is 3 marks)**