## GCE

## Further Mathematics A

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1. Annotations and abbreviations

| Annotation in RM assessor | Meaning |
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| $\checkmark$ and $\boldsymbol{x}$ |  |
| BOD | Benefit of doubt |
| FT | Follow through |
| ISW | Ignore subsequent working |
| M0, M1 | Method mark awarded 0, 1 |
| A0, A1 | Accuracy mark awarded 0, 1 |
| B0, B1 | Independent mark awarded 0, 1 |
| SC | Special case |
| $\wedge$ | Omission sign |
| MR | Misread |
| BP | Blank Page |
| Seen |  |
| Highlighting |  |
| Other abbreviations in mark | Meaning |
| scheme | Mark dependent on a previous mark, indicated by $*$. The * may be omitted if only one previous M mark |
| dep* | Correct answer only |
| cao | Or equivalent |
| oe | Rounded or truncated |
| rot | Seen or implied |
| soi | Without wrong working |
| www | Answer given |
| AG | Anything which rounds to |
| awrt | By Calculator |
| BC | This question included the instruction: In this question you must show detailed reasoning. |
| DR |  |

## 2. Subject-specific Marking Instructions for A Level Mathematics A

a Annotations must be used during your marking. For a response awarded zero (or full) marks a single appropriate annotation (cross, tick, M0 or ${ }^{\wedge}$ ) is sufficient, but not required.

For responses that are not awarded either 0 or full marks, you must make it clear how you have arrived at the mark you have awarded and all responses must have enough annotation for a reviewer to decide if the mark awarded is correct without having to mark it independently.

It is vital that you annotate standardisation scripts fully to show how the marks have been awarded


#### Abstract

Award NR (No Response) if there is nothing written at all in the answer space and no attempt elsewhere in the script - $\quad O R$ if there is a comment which does not in any way relate to the question (e.g. 'can't do', 'don't know') - OR if there is a mark (e.g. a dash, a question mark, a picture) which isn't an attempt at the question.

Note: Award 0 marks only for an attempt that earns no credit (including copying out the question). If a candidate uses the answer space for one question to answer another, for example using the space for 8(b) to answer 8(a), then give benefit of doubt unless it is ambiguous for which part it is intended b An element of professional judgement is required in the marking of any written paper. Remember that the mark scheme is designed to assist in marking incorrect solutions. Correct solutions leading to correct answers are awarded full marks but work must not always be judged on the answer alone, and answers that are given in the question, especially, must be validly obtained; key steps in the working must always be looked at and anything unfamiliar must be investigated thoroughly. Correct but unfamiliar or unexpected methods are often signalled by a correct result following an apparently incorrect method. Such work must be carefully assessed. When a candidate adopts a method which does not correspond to the mark scheme, escalate the question to your Team Leader who will decide on a course of action with the Principal Examiner. If you are in any doubt whatsoever you should contact your Team Leader


The following types of marks are available.

M
A suitable method has been selected and applied in a manner which shows that the method is essentially understood. Method marks are not usually lost for numerical errors, algebraic slips or errors in units. However, it is not usually sufficient for a candidate just to indicate an intention of using some method or just to quote a formula; the formula or idea must be applied to the specific problem in hand, e.g. by substituting the relevant quantities into the formula. In some cases the nature of the errors allowed for the award of an M mark may be specified.
A method mark may usually be implied by a correct answer unless the question includes the DR statement, the command words "Determine" or "Show that", or some other indication that the method must be given explicitly.

A
Accuracy mark, awarded for a correct answer or intermediate step correctly obtained. Accuracy marks cannot be given unless the associated Method mark is earned (or implied). Therefore M0 A1 cannot ever be awarded.

## B

Mark for a correct result or statement independent of Method marks.
Unless otherwise indicated, marks once gained cannot subsequently be lost, e.g. wrong working following a correct form of answer is ignored. Sometimes this is reinforced in the mark scheme by the abbreviation isw. However, this would not apply to a case where a candidate passes through the correct answer as part of a wrong argument

When a part of a question has two or more 'method' steps, the M marks are in principle independent unless the scheme specifically says otherwise; and similarly where there are several B marks allocated. (The notation 'dep*' is used to indicate that a particular mark is dependent on an earlier, asterisked, mark in the scheme.) Of course, in practice it may happen that when a candidate has once gone wrong in a part of a question, the work from there on is worthless so that no more marks can sensibly be given. On the other hand, when two or more steps are successfully run together by the candidate, the earlier marks are implied and full credit must be given.

The abbreviation FT implies that the A or B mark indicated is allowed for work correctly following on from previously incorrect results. Otherwise, A and B marks are given for correct work only - differences in notation are of course permitted. A (accuracy) marks are not given for answers obtained from incorrect working. When A or B marks are awarded for work at an intermediate stage of a solution, there may be various alternatives that are equally acceptable. In such cases, what is acceptable will be detailed in the mark scheme. If this is not the case please, escalate the question to your Team Leader who will decide on a course of action with the Principal Examiner.
Sometimes the answer to one part of a question is used in a later part of the same question. In this case, A marks will often be 'follow through'. In such cases you must ensure that you refer back to the answer of the previous part question even if this is not shown within the image zone. You may find it easier to mark follow through questions candidate-by-candidate rather than question-by-question.
$f \quad$ We are usually quite flexible about the accuracy to which the final answer is expressed; over-specification is usually only penalised where the scheme explicitly says so.

- When a value is given in the paper only accept an answer correct to at least as many significant figures as the given value.
- When a value is not given in the paper accept any answer that agrees with the correct value to $\mathbf{3}$ s.f. unless a different level of accuracy has been asked for in the question, or the mark scheme specifies an acceptable range.
NB for Specification B (MEI) the rubric is not specific about the level of accuracy required, so this statement reads "2 s.f".

Follow through should be used so that only one mark in any question is lost for each distinct accuracy error.
Candidates using a value of 9.80 , 9.81 or 10 for $g$ should usually be penalised for any final accuracy marks which do not agree to the value found with 9.8 which is given in the rubric.

If a calculator is used, some answers may be obtained with little or no working visible. Allow full marks for correct answers, provided that there is nothing in the wording of the question specifying that analytical methods are required such as the bold "In this question you must show detailed reasoning", or the command words "Show" or "Determine". Where an answer is wrong but there is some evidence of method, allow appropriate method marks. Wrong answers with no supporting method score zero. If in doubt, consult your Team Leader. Rules for replaced work and multiple attempts:

- If one attempt is clearly indicated as the one to mark, or only one is left uncrossed out, then mark that attempt and ignore the others.
- If more than one attempt is left not crossed out, then mark the last attempt unless it only repeats part of the first attempt or is substantially less complete.
- if a candidate crosses out all of their attempts, the assessor should attempt to mark the crossed out answer(s) as above and award marks appropriately.

For a genuine misreading (of numbers or symbols) which is such that the object and the difficulty of the question remain unaltered, mark according to the scheme but following through from the candidate's data. A penalty is then applied; 1 mark is generally appropriate, though this may differ for some units. This is achieved by withholding one A or B mark in the question. Marks designated as cao may be awarded as long as there are no other errors. If a candidate corrects the misread in a later part, do not continue to follow through. Note that a miscopy of the candidate's own working is not a misread but an accuracy error.

If in any case the scheme operates with considerable unfairness consult your Team Leader.

| Question |  |  | Answer |  | Mark |
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| $\mathbf{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | (a) | (i) | (a sub-division of) $\mathrm{K}_{3,3}$ is not a subgraph since there are only 5 <br> vertices with degree $\geq 3$ <br> $\left(\right.$ a sub-division of) $\mathrm{K}_{5}$ is not a subgraph since there are only 3 vertices <br> with degree $(\geq) 4$ <br> Hence graph is planar | B1 | B1 |


| 1 | (c) | (i) |  | B1 <br> [1] | Graph with AB and CF contracted (and labelled using this notation) |
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| 1 | (c) | (ii) | Only non-adjacent vertices are D and G $\operatorname{deg}(\mathrm{D})+\operatorname{deg}(\mathrm{G})=3+3=6$ <br> $n=5$ vertices <br> and 6 is greater than 5 <br> Hence result | $\begin{aligned} & \text { M1 } \\ & \text { A1 } \\ & {[2]} \end{aligned}$ | D and G have degree sum $=6$ <br> Showing that degree sum is $>5$ (compare with 5 ) $6 \geq 5$ or $6>5$, or equivalent, or in words |
| 2 | (a) | (i) |  R  S T <br> Row min for A     <br> K $(7,3)$ $(2,6)$ $(5,3)$ 2 <br> L $(1,5)$ $(8,2)$ $(2,5)$ 1 <br> M $(3,2)$ $(1,5)$ $(4,6)$ 1 <br>      <br> Play-safe strategy for Annie is K | B1 <br> B1 <br> [2] | May reduce every $a$ value by a constant and/or every $b$ value by a constant, but not e.g. reducing rows and not calculating differences, $a-b$ <br> Row minima 2, 1, 1 (o.e.) seen, on table or written <br> But not just stating row maximin $=2$ <br> K identified as play-safe |
| 2 | (a) | (ii) |  | M1 <br> A1 <br> [2] | May reduce every $a$ value by a constant and/or every $b$ value by a constant, but not e.g. reducing rows and not calculating differences, $a-b$ <br> Col minina 2, 2,3 (o.e.) seen, on table or written <br> Col maximin $=3$ <br> 'max' or 'largest' |





| Question |  |  | Answer | Mark | Guidance |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 5 |  |  |  |  | For reference: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | AB | AC | AD | AE | BC | BD | BE | CD | CE | DE |
|  |  |  |  |  | 300 | 500 | 900 | 700 | 200 | 600 | 400 | 500 | - | 100 |
| 5 | (a) |  |  | M1 <br> A1 <br> [2] | Any spanning tree for the 5 vertices <br> May list arcs included rather than drawing tree, oe $1000 \text { (cao) }$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | (b) | (i) | Lower bound for TSP <br> Deleting A: $\mathrm{MST}=700$ <br> $700+300+500=1500$ <br> Deleting B: MST $=1100$ <br> $1100+200+300=1600$ <br> Deleting C: $\mathrm{MST}=800$ <br> $800+200+500=1500$ <br> Deleting D: MST $=900$ <br> Deleting E: $\mathrm{MST}=1000$ <br> $1000+100+400=1500$ <br> Best lower bound $=£ 1600$ | M1 <br> A1 <br> A1 <br> B1 <br> [4] | Weight of any one of these reduced MST's seen A correct calculation of 'MST + two least weight arcs from deleted vertex’ <br> Their best (greatest) lower bound (with all 5 totals given) 1600 (cao) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 |  | (ii) | Nearest neighbour method $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{E}-\mathrm{A}=1800$ $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{E}-\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{B}=1800$ $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{E}-\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{C}=1800$ $\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{E}-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{D}=2100$ $\mathrm{E}-\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{E}=1800$ <br> Best upper bound $=£ 1800$ | M1 <br> A1 <br> A1 <br> B1 <br> [4] | Nearest neighbour (even if not closed, but visiting all 5 vertices) for at least one starting point, or implied from a correct total <br> At least three correct totals <br> Their best (least) upper bound (with all 5 totals given) 1800 (cao) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 |  | (iii) | $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{E}-\mathrm{A}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { M1 } \\ \text { A1FT } \\ \\ {[2]} \end{gathered}$ | First three vertices correct, for any starting point and direction Correct cycle, or in reverse, with any starting point Or FT cycle seen in answer to (b)(ii) if $\mathrm{UB} \neq 1800$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | (c) |  | Need to pave a route from the shop to the first field | $\begin{aligned} & \text { B1 } \\ & {[1]} \end{aligned}$ | Connect to shop, fields are not points, or other valid reason |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | (d) | (i) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A }-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{E}-\mathrm{D}(\text { or } \mathrm{A}-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{E}-\mathrm{D})<900 \\ & \text { so cost of } \mathrm{CE}<£ 300 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { M1 } \\ & \text { A1 } \\ & {[2]} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Shortest route including CE, or implied from cost www 300 (or 299.99, 299, 290) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | (d) | (ii) | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{MST}=\mathrm{CE}+\mathrm{ED}+\mathrm{CB}+\mathrm{BA} \quad(\mathrm{CE} \text { replaces BE) } \\ & £ 600+\text { cost of } \mathrm{CE}<£ 900 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { M1 } \\ \text { A1FT } \\ {[2]} \end{gathered}$ | MST including CE, or implied from cost www 900 (or $899.99,899,890$ ), follow through their 300 from (d)(i) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |




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