



## Syllabus

# Cambridge IGCSE™ Mathematics 0580

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## **Important: Changes to this syllabus**

**For information about changes to this syllabus for 2025, 2026 and 2027, go to page 68.**

The latest syllabus is version 3, published May 2024.



# 1 Why choose this syllabus?

## Key benefits

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**Cambridge IGCSE Mathematics** supports learners in building competency, confidence and fluency in their use of techniques and mathematical understanding. Learners develop a feel for quantity, patterns and relationships, as well as developing reasoning, problem-solving and analytical skills in a variety of abstract and real-life contexts.

Cambridge IGCSE Mathematics provides a strong foundation of mathematical knowledge both for candidates studying mathematics at a higher level and those who will require mathematics to support skills in other subjects.

The course is tiered to allow all candidates to achieve and progress in their mathematical studies.

Our approach in Cambridge IGCSE Mathematics encourages learners to be:

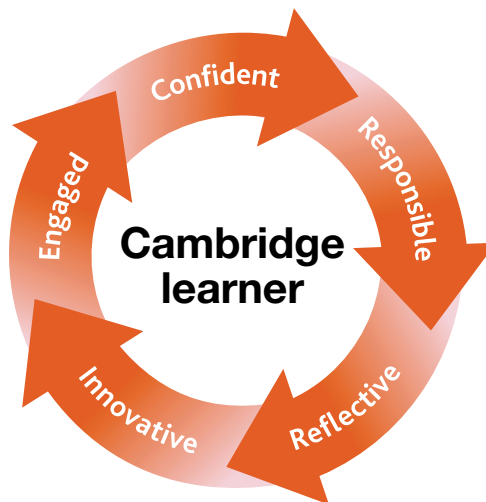
**confident**, in using mathematical language and techniques to ask questions, explore ideas and communicate

**responsible**, by taking ownership of their learning, and applying their mathematical knowledge and skills so that they can reason, problem solve and work collaboratively

**reflective**, by making connections within mathematics and across other subjects, and in evaluating methods and checking solutions

**innovative**, by applying their knowledge and understanding to solve unfamiliar problems creatively, flexibly and efficiently

**engaged**, by the beauty, patterns and structure of mathematics, becoming curious to learn about its many applications in society and the economy.



**School feedback:** 'The strength of Cambridge IGCSE qualifications is internationally recognised and has provided an international pathway for our students to continue their studies around the world.'

**Feedback from:** Gary Tan, Head of Schools and CEO, Raffles International Group of Schools, Indonesia

## International recognition and acceptance

Our expertise in curriculum, teaching and learning, and assessment is the basis for the recognition of our programmes and qualifications around the world. The combination of knowledge and skills in Cambridge IGCSE Mathematics gives learners a solid foundation for further study. Candidates who achieve grades A\* to C are well prepared to follow a wide range of courses including Cambridge International AS & A Level Mathematics.

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## 2 Syllabus overview

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### Aims

The aims describe the purposes of a course based on this syllabus.

The aims are to enable students to:

- develop a positive attitude towards mathematics in a way that encourages enjoyment, establishes confidence and promotes enquiry and further learning
- develop a feel for number and understand the significance of the results obtained
- apply their mathematical knowledge and skills to their own lives and the world around them
- use creativity and resilience to analyse and solve problems
- communicate mathematics clearly
- develop the ability to reason logically, make inferences and draw conclusions
- develop fluency so that they can appreciate the interdependence of, and connections between, different areas of mathematics
- acquire a foundation for further study in mathematics and other subjects.

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## Content overview

All candidates study the following topics:

- 1 Number
- 2 Algebra and graphs
- 3 Coordinate geometry
- 4 Geometry
- 5 Mensuration
- 6 Trigonometry
- 7 Transformations and vectors
- 8 Probability
- 9 Statistics

Cambridge IGCSE Mathematics is tiered to enable effective differentiation for learners. The Core subject content is intended for learners targeting grades C–G, and the Extended subject content is intended for learners targeting grades A\*–C. The Extended subject content contains the Core subject content as well as additional content.

The subject content is organised by topic and is **not** presented in a teaching order. This content structure and the use of tiering allows flexibility for teachers to plan delivery in a way that is appropriate for their learners. Learners are expected to use techniques listed in the content and apply them to solve problems with or without the use of a calculator, as appropriate.



## Assessment overview

All candidates take two components.

Candidates who have studied the Core subject content, or who are expected to achieve a grade D or below, should be entered for Paper 1 and Paper 3. These candidates will be eligible for grades C to G.

Candidates who have studied the Extended subject content, and who are expected to achieve a grade C or above, should be entered for Paper 2 and Paper 4. These candidates will be eligible for grades A\* to E.

Candidates should have a scientific calculator for Paper 3 and Paper 4. Calculators are **not** allowed for Paper 1 and Paper 2.

Please see the *Cambridge Handbook* at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide) for guidance on use of calculators in the examinations.

## Core assessment

Core candidates take Paper 1 and Paper 3. The questions are based on the Core subject content only:

| Paper 1: Non-calculator (Core)            |     | Paper 3: Calculator (Core)            |     |
|---|-----|---------------------------------------|-----|
| 1 hour 30 minutes                         |     | 1 hour 30 minutes                     |     |
| 80 marks                                  | 50% | 80 marks                              | 50% |
| Structured and unstructured questions     |     | Structured and unstructured questions |     |
| Use of a calculator is <b>not</b> allowed |     | A scientific calculator is required   |     |
| Externally assessed                       |     | Externally assessed                   |     |

## Extended assessment

Extended candidates take Paper 2 and Paper 4. The questions are based on the Extended subject content only:

| Paper 2: Non-calculator (Extended)        |     | Paper 4: Calculator (Extended)        |     |
|---|-----|---------------------------------------|-----|
| 2 hours                                   |     | 2 hours                               |     |
| 100 marks                                 | 50% | 100 marks                             | 50% |
| Structured and unstructured questions     |     | Structured and unstructured questions |     |
| Use of a calculator is <b>not</b> allowed |     | A scientific calculator is required   |     |
| Externally assessed                       |     | Externally assessed                   |     |

Information on availability is in the **Before you start** section.

## Assessment objectives

The assessment objectives (AOs) are:

### AO1 Knowledge and understanding of mathematical techniques

Candidates should be able to:

- recall and apply mathematical knowledge and techniques
- carry out routine procedures in mathematical and everyday situations
- understand and use mathematical notation and terminology
- perform calculations with and without a calculator
- organise, process, present and understand information in written form, tables, graphs and diagrams
- estimate, approximate and work to degrees of accuracy appropriate to the context and convert between equivalent numerical forms
- understand and use measurement systems in everyday use
- measure and draw using geometrical instruments to an appropriate degree of accuracy
- recognise and use spatial relationships in two and three dimensions.

### AO2 Analyse, interpret and communicate mathematically

Candidates should be able to:

- analyse a problem and identify a suitable strategy to solve it, including using a combination of processes where appropriate
- make connections between different areas of mathematics
- recognise patterns in a variety of situations and make and justify generalisations
- make logical inferences and draw conclusions from mathematical data or results
- communicate methods and results in a clear and logical form
- interpret information in different forms and change from one form of representation to another.

## Weighting for assessment objectives

The approximate weightings allocated to each of the assessment objectives (AOs) are summarised below.

### Assessment objectives as a percentage of the Core qualification

| Assessment objective                                       | Weighting in IGCSE % |
|--|----------------------|
| AO1 Knowledge and understanding of mathematical techniques | 60–70                |
| AO2 Analyse, interpret and communicate mathematically      | 30–40                |
| Total  | 100                  |

### Assessment objectives as a percentage of the Extended qualification

| Assessment objective                                       | Weighting in IGCSE % |
|--|----------------------|
| AO1 Knowledge and understanding of mathematical techniques | 40–50                |
| AO2 Analyse, interpret and communicate mathematically      | 50–60                |
| Total  | 100                  |

### Assessment objectives as a percentage of each component

| Assessment objective                                       | Weighting in components % |         |         |         |
|--|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|  | Paper 1                   | Paper 2 | Paper 3 | Paper 4 |
| AO1 Knowledge and understanding of mathematical techniques | 60–70                     | 40–50   | 60–70   | 40–50   |
| AO2 Analyse, interpret and communicate mathematically      | 30–40                     | 50–60   | 30–40   | 50–60   |
| Total  | 100                       | 100     | 100     | 100     |

## 3 Subject content

This syllabus gives you the flexibility to design a course that will interest, challenge and engage your learners. Where appropriate you are responsible for selecting resources and examples to support your learners' study. These should be appropriate for the learners' age, cultural background and learning context as well as complying with your school policies and local legal requirements.

Learners should pursue an integrated course that allows them to fully develop their skills and understanding both with and without the use of a calculator.

Candidates study either the Core subject content or the Extended subject content. Candidates aiming for grades A\* to C should study the Extended subject content.

A List of formulas is provided on page 2 of the examination papers for candidates to refer to during the examinations. Please note that not all required formulas are given; the 'Notes and examples' column of the subject content will indicate where a formula is given in the examination papers and when a formula is **not** given, i.e. knowledge of a formula is required.

### Core subject content

#### 1 Number

| C1.1 Types of number  | Notes and examples   |
|---|--|
| Identify and use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• natural numbers</li> <li>• integers (positive, zero and negative)</li> <li>• prime numbers</li> <li>• square numbers</li> <li>• cube numbers</li> <li>• common factors</li> <li>• common multiples</li> <li>• rational and irrational numbers</li> <li>• reciprocals.</li> </ul> | Example tasks include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• convert between numbers and words, e.g. six billion is 6000000000<br/>10007 is ten thousand and seven</li> <li>• express 72 as a product of its prime factors</li> <li>• find the highest common factor (HCF) of two numbers</li> <li>• find the lowest common multiple (LCM) of two numbers.</li> </ul> |

## 1 Number (continued)

### C1.2 Sets

Understand and use set language, notation and Venn diagrams to describe sets.

#### Notes and examples

Venn diagrams are limited to two sets.

The following set notation will be used:

- $n(A)$  Number of elements in set  $A$
- $A'$  Complement of set  $A$
- $\mathcal{E}$  Universal set
- $A \cup B$  Union of  $A$  and  $B$
- $A \cap B$  Intersection of  $A$  and  $B$ .

Example definition of sets:

$$A = \{x: x \text{ is a natural number}\}$$

$$B = \{a, b, c, \dots\}$$

$$C = \{x: a \leq x \leq b\}.$$

### C1.3 Powers and roots

Calculate with the following:

- squares
- square roots
- cubes
- cube roots
- other powers and roots of numbers.

#### Notes and examples

Includes recall of squares and their corresponding roots from 1 to 15, and recall of cubes and their corresponding roots of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10, e.g.:

- Write down the value of  $\sqrt{169}$ .
- Work out  $5^2 \times \sqrt[3]{8}$ .

### C1.4 Fractions, decimals and percentages

1 Use the language and notation of the following in appropriate contexts:

- proper fractions
- improper fractions
- mixed numbers
- decimals
- percentages.

2 Recognise equivalence and convert between these forms.

#### Notes and examples

Candidates are expected to be able to write fractions in their simplest form.

Candidates are **not** expected to use recurring decimal notation.

Candidates are **not** expected to demonstrate the conversion of a recurring decimal to a fraction and vice versa.

### C1.5 Ordering

Order quantities by magnitude and demonstrate familiarity with the symbols  $=$ ,  $\neq$ ,  $>$ ,  $<$ ,  $\geq$  and  $\leq$ .

#### Notes and examples

## 1 Number (continued)

### C1.6 The four operations

Use the four operations for calculations with integers, fractions and decimals, including correct ordering of operations and use of brackets.

#### Notes and examples

Includes:

- negative numbers
- improper fractions
- mixed numbers
- practical situations, e.g. temperature changes.

### C1.7 Indices I

1 Understand and use indices (positive, zero and negative integers).

e.g. find the value of  $7^{-2}$ .

2 Understand and use the rules of indices.

e.g. find the value of  $2^{-3} \times 2^4$ ,  $(2^3)^2$ ,  $2^3 \div 2^4$ .

### C1.8 Standard form

1 Use the standard form  $A \times 10^n$  where  $n$  is a positive or negative integer and  $1 \leq A < 10$ .

2 Convert numbers into and out of standard form.

3 Calculate with values in standard form.

#### Notes and examples

Core candidates are expected to calculate with standard form only on Paper 3.

### C1.9 Estimation

1 Round values to a specified degree of accuracy.

Includes decimal places and significant figures.

2 Make estimates for calculations involving numbers, quantities and measurements.

e.g. write 5764 correct to the nearest thousand.

3 Round answers to a reasonable degree of accuracy in the context of a given problem.

e.g. by writing each number correct to 1 significant

figure, estimate the value of  $\frac{41.3}{9.79 \times 0.765}$ .

### C1.10 Limits of accuracy

Give upper and lower bounds for data rounded to a specified accuracy.

#### Notes and examples

e.g. write down the upper bound of a length measured correct to the nearest metre.

Candidates are **not** expected to find the bounds of the results of calculations which have used data rounded to a specified accuracy.

## 1 Number (continued)

### C1.11 Ratio and proportion

#### Notes and examples

Understand and use ratio and proportion to:

- give ratios in their simplest form
- divide a quantity in a given ratio
- use proportional reasoning and ratios in context.

e.g. 20:30:40 in its simplest form is 2:3:4.

e.g. adapt recipes; use map scales; determine best value.

### C1.12 Rates

#### Notes and examples

1 Use common measures of rate.

e.g. calculate with:

- hourly rates of pay
- exchange rates between currencies
- flow rates
- fuel consumption.

2 Apply other measures of rate.

e.g. calculate with:

- pressure
- density
- population density.

3 Solve problems involving average speed.

Required formulas will be given in the question.

Knowledge of speed/distance/time formula is required.

e.g. A cyclist travels 45 km in 3 hours 45 minutes. What is their average speed?

Notation used will be, e.g. m/s (metres per second), g/cm<sup>3</sup> (grams per cubic centimetre).

### C1.13 Percentages

#### Notes and examples

1 Calculate a given percentage of a quantity.

2 Express one quantity as a percentage of another.

3 Calculate percentage increase or decrease.

4 Calculate with simple and compound interest.

Formulas are **not** given.

Percentage calculations may include:

- deposit
- discount
- profit and loss (as an amount or a percentage)
- earnings
- percentages over 100%.

## 1 Number (continued)

### C1.14 Using a calculator

#### Notes and examples

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 Use a calculator efficiently.                   | e.g. know not to round values within a calculation and to only round the final answer. |
| 2 Enter values appropriately on a calculator.     | e.g. enter 2 hours 30 minutes as 2.5 hours or $2^{\circ} 30' 0''$ .                    |
| 3 Interpret the calculator display appropriately. | e.g. in money 4.8 means \$4.80; in time 3.25 means 3 hours 15 minutes.                 |

### C1.15 Time

#### Notes and examples

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 Calculate with time: seconds (s), minutes (min), hours (h), days, weeks, months, years, including the relationship between units. | 1 year = 365 days.  |
| 2 Calculate times in terms of the 24-hour and 12-hour clock.  | In the 24-hour clock, for example, 3.15 a.m. will be denoted by 03 15 and 3.15 p.m. by 15 15. |
| 3 Read clocks and timetables.   | Includes problems involving time zones, local times and time differences.                     |

### C1.16 Money

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Calculate with money.
- 2 Convert from one currency to another.

### C1.17 Extended content only.

### C1.18 Extended content only.



## 2 Algebra and graphs

### C2.1 Introduction to algebra

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Know that letters can be used to represent generalised numbers.
- 2 Substitute numbers into expressions and formulas.

### C2.2 Algebraic manipulation

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Simplify expressions by collecting like terms.
- 2 Expand products of algebraic expressions.
- 3 Factorise by extracting common factors.

Simplify means give the answer in its simplest form, e.g.  $2a + 3b + 5a - 9b = 7a - 6b$ .

e.g. expand  $3x(2x - 4y)$ .

Includes products of two brackets involving one variable, e.g. expand  $(2x + 1)(x - 4)$ .

Factorise means factorise fully, e.g.  $9x^2 + 15xy = 3x(3x + 5y)$ .

### C2.3 Extended content only.

### C2.4 Indices II

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Understand and use indices (positive, zero and negative).
- 2 Understand and use the rules of indices.

e.g.  $2^x = 32$ . Find the value of  $x$ .

e.g. simplify:

- $(5x^3)^2$
- $12a^5 \div 3a^{-2}$
- $6x^7y^4 \times 5x^{-5}y$ .

Knowledge of logarithms is **not** required.

### C2.5 Equations

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Construct simple expressions, equations and formulas.
- 2 Solve linear equations in one unknown.
- 3 Solve simultaneous linear equations in two unknowns.
- 4 Change the subject of simple formulas.

e.g. write an expression for a number that is 2 more than  $n$ .

Includes constructing linear simultaneous equations.

Examples include:

- $3x + 4 = 10$
- $5 - 2x = 3(x + 7)$ .

e.g. change the subject of formulas where:

- the subject only appears once
- there is **not** a power or root of the subject.

## 2 Algebra and graphs (continued)

### C2.6 Inequalities

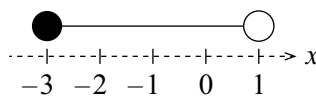
Represent and interpret inequalities, including on a number line.

### Notes and examples

When representing and interpreting inequalities on a number line:

- open circles should be used to represent strict inequalities ( $<$ ,  $>$ )
- closed circles should be used to represent inclusive inequalities ( $\leq$ ,  $\geq$ )

e.g.  $-3 \leq x < 1$



### C2.7 Sequences

- 1 Continue a given number sequence or pattern.
- 2 Recognise patterns in sequences, including the term-to-term rule, and relationships between different sequences.
- 3 Find and use the  $n$ th term of the following sequences:
  - (a) linear
  - (b) simple quadratic
  - (c) simple cubic.

### Notes and examples

e.g. write the next two terms in this sequence:  
1, 3, 6, 10, 15, ... , ...

e.g. find the  $n$ th term of 2, 5, 10, 17

### C2.8 Extended content only.

### C2.9 Graphs in practical situations

- 1 Use and interpret graphs in practical situations including travel graphs and conversion graphs.
- 2 Draw graphs from given data.

### Notes and examples

e.g. interpret the gradient of a straight-line graph as a rate of change.

e.g. draw a distance–time graph to represent a journey.

## 2 Algebra and graphs (continued)

### C2.10 Graphs of functions

### Notes and examples

1 Construct tables of values, and draw, recognise and interpret graphs for functions of the following forms:

- $ax + b$
- $\pm x^2 + ax + b$
- $\frac{a}{x}$  ( $x \neq 0$ )

where  $a$  and  $b$  are integer constants.

2 Solve associated equations graphically, including finding and interpreting roots by graphical methods.

e.g. find the intersection of a line and a curve.

### C2.11 Sketching curves

### Notes and examples

Recognise, sketch and interpret graphs of the following functions:

- (a) linear
- (b) quadratic.

Knowledge of symmetry and roots is required.  
Knowledge of turning points is **not** required.

**C2.12 Extended content only.**

**C2.13 Extended content only.**

### 3 Coordinate geometry

#### C3.1 Coordinates

#### Notes and examples

Use and interpret Cartesian coordinates in two dimensions.

#### C3.2 Drawing linear graphs

#### Notes and examples

Draw straight-line graphs for linear equations.

Equations will be given in the form  $y = mx + c$  (e.g.  $y = -2x + 5$ ), unless a table of values is given.

#### C3.3 Gradient of linear graphs

#### Notes and examples

Find the gradient of a straight line.

From a grid only.

#### C3.4 Extended content only.

#### C3.5 Equations of linear graphs

#### Notes and examples

Interpret and obtain the equation of a straight-line graph in the form  $y = mx + c$ .

Questions may:

- use and request lines in the forms  
 $y = mx + c$   
 $x = k$
- involve finding the equation when the graph is given
- ask for the gradient or  $y$ -intercept of a graph from an equation, e.g. find the gradient and  $y$ -intercept of the graph with the equation  $y = 6x + 3$ .

Candidates are expected to give equations of a line in a fully simplified form.

#### C3.6 Parallel lines

#### Notes and examples

Find the gradient and equation of a straight line parallel to a given line.

e.g. find the equation of the line parallel to  $y = 4x - 1$  that passes through  $(1, -3)$ .

#### C3.7 Extended content only.

## 4 Geometry

### C4.1 Geometrical terms

### Notes and examples

1 Use and interpret the following geometrical terms:

- point
- vertex
- line
- parallel
- perpendicular
- bearing
- right angle
- acute, obtuse and reflex angles
- interior and exterior angles
- similar
- congruent
- scale factor.

2 Use and interpret the vocabulary of:

- triangles
- special quadrilaterals
- polygons
- nets
- simple solids.

Candidates are **not** expected to show that two shapes are congruent.

Includes the following terms:

Triangles:

- equilateral
- isosceles
- scalene
- right-angled.

Quadrilaterals:

- square
- rectangle
- kite
- rhombus
- parallelogram
- trapezium.

Polygons:

- regular and irregular polygons
- pentagon
- hexagon
- octagon
- decagon.

*continued*

## 4 Geometry (continued)

### C4.1 Geometrical terms (continued)

#### Notes and examples

Simple solids:

- cube
- cuboid
- prism
- cylinder
- pyramid
- cone
- sphere (term 'hemisphere' **not** required)
- face
- surface
- edge.

3 Use and interpret the vocabulary of a circle.

Includes the following terms:

- centre
- radius (plural radii)
- diameter
- circumference
- semicircle
- chord
- tangent
- arc
- sector
- segment.

### C4.2 Geometrical constructions

#### Notes and examples

1 Measure and draw lines and angles.

A ruler should be used for all straight edges.

Constructions of perpendicular bisectors and angle bisectors are **not** required.

2 Construct a triangle, given the lengths of all sides, using a ruler and pair of compasses only.

e.g. construct a rhombus by drawing two triangles. Construction arcs must be shown.

3 Draw, use and interpret nets.

Examples include:

- draw nets of cubes, cuboids, prisms and pyramids
- use measurements from nets to calculate volumes and surface areas.

## 4 Geometry (continued)

### C4.3 Scale drawings

- 1 Draw and interpret scale drawings.
- 2 Use and interpret three-figure bearings.

### Notes and examples

A ruler must be used for all straight edges.

Bearings are measured clockwise from north ( $000^\circ$  to  $360^\circ$ ).

e.g. find the bearing of  $A$  from  $B$  if the bearing of  $B$  from  $A$  is  $025^\circ$ .

Includes an understanding of the terms north, east, south and west.

e.g. point  $D$  is due east of point  $C$ .

### C4.4 Similarity

Calculate lengths of similar shapes.

### Notes and examples

### C4.5 Symmetry

Recognise line symmetry and order of rotational symmetry in two dimensions.

### Notes and examples

Includes properties of triangles, quadrilaterals and polygons directly related to their symmetries.

### C4.6 Angles

- 1 Calculate unknown angles and give simple explanations using the following geometrical properties:
  - sum of angles at a point =  $360^\circ$
  - sum of angles at a point on a straight line =  $180^\circ$
  - vertically opposite angles are equal
  - angle sum of a triangle =  $180^\circ$  and angle sum of a quadrilateral =  $360^\circ$ .
- 2 Calculate unknown angles and give geometric explanations for angles formed within parallel lines:
  - corresponding angles are equal
  - alternate angles are equal
  - co-interior angles sum to  $180^\circ$  (supplementary).
- 3 Know and use angle properties of regular polygons.

### Notes and examples

Knowledge of three-letter notation for angles is required, e.g. angle  $ABC$ . Candidates are expected to use the correct geometrical terminology when giving reasons for answers.

Includes exterior and interior angles, and angle sum.

## 4 Geometry (continued)

### C4.7 Circle theorems

### Notes and examples

Calculate unknown angles and give explanations using the following geometrical properties of circles:

- angle in a semicircle =  $90^\circ$
- angle between tangent and radius =  $90^\circ$ .

Candidates will be expected to use the geometrical properties listed in the syllabus when giving reasons for answers.

### C4.8 Extended content only.



## 5 Mensuration

### C5.1 Units of measure

Use metric units of mass, length, area, volume and capacity in practical situations and convert quantities into larger or smaller units.

#### Notes and examples

Units include:

- mm, cm, m, km
- $\text{mm}^2$ ,  $\text{cm}^2$ ,  $\text{m}^2$ ,  $\text{km}^2$
- $\text{mm}^3$ ,  $\text{cm}^3$ ,  $\text{m}^3$
- ml, l
- g, kg.

Conversion between units includes:

- between different units of area, e.g.  $\text{cm}^2 \leftrightarrow \text{m}^2$
- between units of volume and capacity, e.g.  $\text{m}^3 \leftrightarrow \text{litres}$ .

### C5.2 Area and perimeter

Carry out calculations involving the perimeter and area of a rectangle, triangle, parallelogram and trapezium.

#### Notes and examples

Except for area of a triangle, formulas are **not** given.

### C5.3 Circles, arcs and sectors

- 1 Carry out calculations involving the circumference and area of a circle.
- 2 Carry out calculations involving arc length and sector area as fractions of the circumference and area of a circle, where the sector angle is a factor of  $360^\circ$ .

#### Notes and examples

Answers may be asked for in terms of  $\pi$ .  
Formulas are given in the List of formulas.

### C5.4 Surface area and volume

Carry out calculations and solve problems involving the surface area and volume of a:

- cuboid
- prism
- cylinder
- sphere
- pyramid
- cone.

#### Notes and examples

Answers may be asked for in terms of  $\pi$ .  
The following formulas are given in the List of formulas:

- curved surface area of a cylinder
- curved surface area of a cone
- surface area of a sphere
- volume of a prism
- volume of a pyramid
- volume of a cylinder
- volume of a cone
- volume of a sphere.

The term prism refers to any solid with a uniform cross-section, e.g. a cylindrical sector.

## 5 Mensuration (continued)

### C5.5 Compound shapes and parts of shapes

### Notes and examples

1 Carry out calculations and solve problems involving perimeters and areas of:

- compound shapes
- parts of shapes.

Answers may be asked for in terms of  $\pi$ .

2 Carry out calculations and solve problems involving surface areas and volumes of:

- compound solids
- parts of solids.

e.g. find the volume of half of a sphere.

## 6 Trigonometry

### C6.1 Pythagoras' theorem

#### Notes and examples

Know and use Pythagoras' theorem.

### C6.2 Right-angled triangles

1 Know and use the sine, cosine and tangent ratios for acute angles in calculations involving sides and angles of a right-angled triangle.

Angles will be given in degrees and answers should be written in degrees, with decimals correct to one decimal place.

2 Solve problems in two dimensions using Pythagoras' theorem and trigonometry.

Knowledge of bearings may be required.

**C6.3 Extended content only.**

**C6.4 Extended content only.**

**C6.5 Extended content only.**

**C6.6 Extended content only.**

## 7 Transformations and vectors

### C7.1 Transformations

### Notes and examples

Recognise, describe and draw the following transformations:

- 1 Reflection of a shape in a vertical or horizontal line.
- 2 Rotation of a shape about the origin, vertices or midpoints of edges of the shape, through multiples of  $90^\circ$ .
- 3 Enlargement of a shape from a centre by a scale factor.
- 4 Translation of a shape by a vector  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ .

Questions will **not** involve combinations of transformations. A ruler must be used for all straight edges.

Positive and fractional scale factors only.

**C7.2 Extended content only.**

**C7.3 Extended content only.**

**C7.4 Extended content only.**

## 8 Probability

### C8.1 Introduction to probability

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Understand and use the probability scale from 0 to 1.
- 2 Calculate the probability of a single event.
- 3 Understand that the probability of an event not occurring =  $1 -$  the probability of the event occurring.

Probability notation is **not** required.

Probabilities should be given as a fraction, decimal or percentage. Problems may require using information from tables, graphs or Venn diagrams (limited to two sets).

e.g. The probability that a counter is blue is 0.8.  
What is the probability that it is not blue?

### C8.2 Relative and expected frequencies

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Understand relative frequency as an estimate of probability.
- 2 Calculate expected frequencies.

e.g. use results of experiments with a spinner to estimate the probability of a given outcome.

e.g. use probability to estimate an expected value from a population.

Includes understanding what is meant by fair, bias and random.

### C8.3 Probability of combined events

#### Notes and examples

Calculate the probability of combined events using, where appropriate:

- sample space diagrams
- Venn diagrams
- tree diagrams.

Combined events will only be with replacement.

Venn diagrams will be limited to two sets.

In tree diagrams, outcomes will be written at the end of the branches and probabilities by the side of the branches.

### C8.4 Extended content only.

## 9 Statistics

### C9.1 Classifying statistical data

#### Notes and examples

Classify and tabulate statistical data.

e.g. tally tables, two-way tables.

### C9.2 Interpreting statistical data

#### Notes and examples

1 Read, interpret and draw inferences from tables and statistical diagrams.

2 Compare sets of data using tables, graphs and statistical measures.

e.g. compare averages and ranges between two data sets.

3 Appreciate restrictions on drawing conclusions from given data.

### C9.3 Averages and range

#### Notes and examples

Calculate the mean, median, mode and range for individual data and distinguish between the purposes for which these are used.

Data may be in a list or frequency table, but will not be grouped.

### C9.4 Statistical charts and diagrams

#### Notes and examples

Draw and interpret:

(a) bar charts

(b) pie charts

(c) pictograms

(d) stem-and-leaf diagrams

(e) simple frequency distributions.

Includes composite (stacked) and dual (side-by-side) bar charts.

Stem-and-leaf diagrams should have ordered data with a key.

## 9 Statistics (continued)

### C9.5 Scatter diagrams

### Notes and examples

- 1 Draw and interpret scatter diagrams.
- 2 Understand what is meant by positive, negative and zero correlation.
- 3 Draw by eye, interpret and use a straight line of best fit.

Plotted points should be clearly marked, for example as small crosses (x).

A line of best fit:

- should be a single ruled line drawn by inspection
- should extend across the full data set
- does not need to coincide exactly with any of the points but there should be a roughly even distribution of points either side of the line over its entire length.

### C9.6 Extended content only.

### C9.7 Extended content only.

## Extended subject content

### 1 Number

| E1.1 Types of number   | Notes and examples  |
|--|---|
| <p>Identify and use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>natural numbers</li> <li>integers (positive, zero and negative)</li> <li>prime numbers</li> <li>square numbers</li> <li>cube numbers</li> <li>common factors</li> <li>common multiples</li> <li>rational and irrational numbers</li> <li>reciprocals.</li> </ul> | <p>Example tasks include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>convert between numbers and words, e.g. six billion is 6000000000<br/>10007 is ten thousand and seven</li> <li>express 72 as a product of its prime factors</li> <li>find the highest common factor (HCF) of two numbers</li> <li>find the lowest common multiple (LCM) of two numbers.</li> </ul>   |
| E1.2 Sets  | Notes and examples  |
| <p>Understand and use set language, notation and Venn diagrams to describe sets and represent relationships between sets.</p>  | <p>Venn diagrams are limited to two or three sets.<br/>The following set notation will be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>n(A)</math> Number of elements in set <math>A</math></li> <li><math>\in</math> "... is an element of ..."</li> <li><math>\notin</math> "... is not an element of ..."</li> <li><math>A'</math> Complement of set <math>A</math></li> <li><math>\emptyset</math> The empty set</li> <li><math>\mathcal{U}</math> Universal set</li> <li><math>A \subseteq B</math> <math>A</math> is a subset of <math>B</math></li> <li><math>A \not\subseteq B</math> <math>A</math> is not a subset of <math>B</math></li> <li><math>A \cup B</math> Union of <math>A</math> and <math>B</math></li> <li><math>A \cap B</math> Intersection of <math>A</math> and <math>B</math>.</li> </ul> <p>Example definition of sets:<br/> <math>A = \{x: x \text{ is a natural number}\}</math><br/> <math>B = \{(x, y): y = mx + c\}</math><br/> <math>C = \{x: a \leq x \leq b\}</math><br/> <math>D = \{a, b, c, \dots\}</math>.</p> |
| E1.3 Powers and roots  | Notes and examples  |
| <p>Calculate with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>squares</li> <li>square roots</li> <li>cubes</li> <li>cube roots</li> <li>other powers and roots of numbers.</li> </ul>  | <p>Includes recall of squares and their corresponding roots from 1 to 15, and recall of cubes and their corresponding roots of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write down the value of <math>\sqrt{169}</math>.</li> <li>Work out <math>5^2 \times \sqrt[3]{8}</math>.</li> </ul>  |



## 1 Number (continued)

### E1.4 Fractions, decimals and percentages

#### Notes and examples

1 Use the language and notation of the following in appropriate contexts:

- proper fractions
- improper fractions
- mixed numbers
- decimals
- percentages.

Candidates are expected to be able to write fractions in their simplest form.

Recurring decimal notation **is** required, e.g.

- $0.1\dot{7} = 0.1777\dots$
- $0.1\dot{2}\dot{3} = 0.1232323\dots$
- $0.\overline{123} = 0.123123\dots$

2 Recognise equivalence and convert between these forms.

Includes converting between recurring decimals and fractions and vice versa, e.g. write  $0.1\dot{7}$  as a fraction.

### E1.5 Ordering

#### Notes and examples

Order quantities by magnitude and demonstrate familiarity with the symbols =, ≠, >, <, ≥ and ≤.

### E1.6 The four operations

#### Notes and examples

Use the four operations for calculations with integers, fractions and decimals, including correct ordering of operations and use of brackets.

Includes:

- negative numbers
- improper fractions
- mixed numbers
- practical situations, e.g. temperature changes.

### E1.7 Indices I

#### Notes and examples

1 Understand and use indices (positive, zero, negative, and fractional).

Examples include:

- $6^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{6}$
- $16^{\frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt[4]{16}$
- find the value of  $7^{-2}$ ,  $81^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $8^{-\frac{2}{3}}$ .

2 Understand and use the rules of indices.

e.g. find the value of  $2^{-3} \times 2^4$ ,  $(2^3)^2$ ,  $2^3 \div 2^4$ .

### E1.8 Standard form

#### Notes and examples

1 Use the standard form  $A \times 10^n$  where  $n$  is a positive or negative integer and  $1 \leq A < 10$ .

2 Convert numbers into and out of standard form.

3 Calculate with values in standard form.

## 1 Number (continued)

### E1.9 Estimation

- 1 Round values to a specified degree of accuracy.
- 2 Make estimates for calculations involving numbers, quantities and measurements.
- 3 Round answers to a reasonable degree of accuracy in the context of a given problem.

### Notes and examples

Includes decimal places and significant figures.  
 e.g. write 5764 correct to the nearest thousand.  
 e.g. by writing each number correct to 1 significant figure, estimate the value of

$$\frac{41.3}{9.79 \times 0.765}$$

### E1.10 Limits of accuracy

- 1 Give upper and lower bounds for data rounded to a specified accuracy.
- 2 Find upper and lower bounds of the results of calculations which have used data rounded to a specified accuracy.

### Notes and examples

e.g. write down the upper bound of a length measured correct to the nearest metre.  
 Example calculations include:

- calculate the upper bound of the perimeter or the area of a rectangle given dimensions measured to the nearest centimetre
- find the lower bound of the speed given rounded values of distance and time.

### E1.11 Ratio and proportion

Understand and use ratio and proportion to:

- give ratios in their simplest form
- divide a quantity in a given ratio
- use proportional reasoning and ratios in context.

### Notes and examples

e.g. 20:30:40 in its simplest form is 2:3:4.

e.g. adapt recipes; use map scales; determine best value.

## 1 Number (continued)

### E1.12 Rates

#### Notes and examples

1 Use common measures of rate.

e.g. calculate with:

- hourly rates of pay
- exchange rates between currencies
- flow rates
- fuel consumption.

2 Apply other measures of rate.

e.g. calculate with:

- pressure
- density
- population density.

Required formulas will be given in the question.

3 Solve problems involving average speed.

Knowledge of speed/distance/time formula is required.

e.g. A cyclist travels 45km in 3 hours 45 minutes. What is their average speed?

Notation used will be, e.g. m/s (metres per second), g/cm<sup>3</sup> (grams per cubic centimetre).

### E1.13 Percentages

#### Notes and examples

1 Calculate a given percentage of a quantity.

2 Express one quantity as a percentage of another.

3 Calculate percentage increase or decrease.

4 Calculate with simple and compound interest.

Problems may include repeated percentage change.

Formulas are **not** given.

5 Calculate using reverse percentages.

e.g. find the cost price given the selling price and the percentage profit.

Percentage calculations may include:

- deposit
- discount
- profit and loss (as an amount or a percentage)
- earnings
- percentages over 100%.

### E1.14 Using a calculator

#### Notes and examples

1 Use a calculator efficiently.

e.g. know not to round values within a calculation and to only round the final answer.

2 Enter values appropriately on a calculator.

e.g. enter 2 hours 30 minutes as 2.5 hours or 2° 30' 0".

3 Interpret the calculator display appropriately.

e.g. in money 4.8 means \$4.80; in time 3.25 means 3 hours 15 minutes.

## 1 Number (continued)

### E1.15 Time

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Calculate with time: seconds (s), minutes (min), hours (h), days, weeks, months, years, including the relationship between units.
- 2 Calculate times in terms of the 24-hour and 12-hour clock.
- 3 Read clocks and timetables.

1 year = 365 days.

In the 24-hour clock, for example, 3.15 a.m. will be denoted by 03 15 and 3.15 p.m. by 15 15.

Includes problems involving time zones, local times and time differences.

### E1.16 Money

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Calculate with money.
- 2 Convert from one currency to another.

### E1.17 Exponential growth and decay

#### Notes and examples

Use exponential growth and decay.

e.g. depreciation, population change.

Knowledge of  $e$  is **not** required.

### E1.18 Surds

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Understand and use surds, including simplifying expressions.
- 2 Rationalise the denominator.

Examples include:

- $\sqrt{20} = 2\sqrt{5}$
- $\sqrt{200} - \sqrt{32} = 6\sqrt{2}$ .

Examples include:

- $\frac{10}{\sqrt{5}} = 2\sqrt{5}$
- $\frac{1}{-1 + \sqrt{3}} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}}{2}$ .

## 2 Algebra and graphs

### E2.1 Introduction to algebra

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Know that letters can be used to represent generalised numbers.
- 2 Substitute numbers into expressions and formulas.

### E2.2 Algebraic manipulation

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Simplify expressions by collecting like terms.
- 2 Expand products of algebraic expressions.
- 3 Factorise by extracting common factors.
- 4 Factorise expressions of the form:
  - $ax + bx + kay + kby$
  - $a^2x^2 - b^2y^2$
  - $a^2 + 2ab + b^2$
  - $ax^2 + bx + c$
  - $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx$ .
- 5 Complete the square for expressions in the form  $ax^2 + bx + c$ .

Simplify means give the answer in its simplest form, e.g.  $2a^2 + 3ab - 1 + 5a^2 - 9ab + 4 = 7a^2 - 6ab + 3$ .

e.g. expand  $3x(2x - 4y)$ ,  $(3x + y)(x - 4y)$ .

Includes products of more than two brackets, e.g. expand  $(x - 2)(x + 3)(2x + 1)$ .

Factorise means factorise fully, e.g.  $9x^2 + 15xy = 3x(3x + 5y)$ .

### E2.3 Algebraic fractions

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Manipulate algebraic fractions.
- 2 Factorise and simplify rational expressions.

Examples include:

- $\frac{x}{3} + \frac{x-4}{2}$
- $\frac{2x}{3} - \frac{3(x-5)}{2}$
- $\frac{3a}{4} \times \frac{9a}{10}$
- $\frac{3a}{4} \div \frac{9a}{10}$
- $\frac{1}{x-2} + \frac{x+1}{x-3}$ .

e.g.  $\frac{x^2 - 2x}{x^2 - 5x + 6}$ .

## 2 Algebra and graphs (continued)

### E2.4 Indices II

### Notes and examples

1 Understand and use indices (positive, zero, negative and fractional).

e.g. solve:

- $32^x = 2$
- $5^{x+1} = 25^x$ .

2 Understand and use the rules of indices.

e.g. simplify:

- $3x^{-4} \times \frac{2}{3}x^{\frac{1}{2}}$
- $\frac{2}{5}x^{\frac{1}{2}} \div 2x^{-2}$
- $\left(\frac{2x^5}{3}\right)^3$ .

Knowledge of logarithms is **not** required.

### E2.5 Equations

### Notes and examples

1 Construct expressions, equations and formulas.

e.g. write an expression for the product of two consecutive even numbers.

Includes constructing simultaneous equations.

2 Solve linear equations in one unknown.

Examples include:

- $3x + 4 = 10$
- $5 - 2x = 3(x + 7)$ .

3 Solve fractional equations with numerical and linear algebraic denominators.

Examples include:

- $\frac{x}{2x+1} = 4$
- $\frac{2}{x+2} + \frac{3}{2x-1} = 1$
- $\frac{x}{x+2} = \frac{3}{x-6}$ .

4 Solve simultaneous linear equations in two unknowns.

5 Solve simultaneous equations, involving one linear and one non-linear.

With powers no higher than two.

6 Solve quadratic equations by factorisation, completing the square and by use of the quadratic formula.

Includes writing a quadratic expression in completed square form.

Candidates may be expected to give solutions in surd form.

The quadratic formula is given in the List of formulas.

7 Change the subject of formulas.

e.g. change the subject of a formula where:

- the subject appears twice
- there is a power or root of the subject.

## 2 Algebra and graphs (continued)

### E2.6 Inequalities

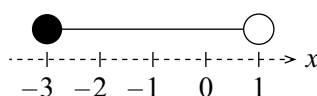
### Notes and examples

1 Represent and interpret inequalities, including on a number line.

When representing and interpreting inequalities on a number line:

- open circles should be used to represent strict inequalities ( $<$ ,  $>$ )
- closed circles should be used to represent inclusive inequalities ( $\leq$ ,  $\geq$ ).

e.g.  $-3 \leq x < 1$



2 Construct, solve and interpret linear inequalities.

Examples include:

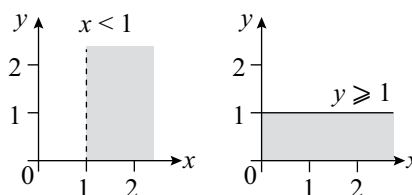
- $3x < 2x + 4$
- $-3 \leq 3x - 2 < 7$ .

3 Represent and interpret linear inequalities in two variables graphically.

The following conventions should be used:

- broken lines should be used to represent strict inequalities ( $<$ ,  $>$ )
- solid lines should be used to represent inclusive inequalities ( $\leq$ ,  $\geq$ )
- shading should be used to represent unwanted regions (unless otherwise directed in the question).

e.g.



4 List inequalities that define a given region.

Linear programming problems are **not** included.

### E2.7 Sequences

### Notes and examples

1 Continue a given number sequence or pattern.

Subscript notation may be used, e.g.  $T_n$  is the  $n$ th term of sequence  $T$ .

2 Recognise patterns in sequences, including the term-to-term rule, and relationships between different sequences.

Includes linear, quadratic, cubic and exponential sequences and simple combinations of these.

3 Find and use the  $n$ th term of sequences.

## 2 Algebra and graphs (continued)

### E2.8 Proportion

Express direct and inverse proportion in algebraic terms and use this form of expression to find unknown quantities.

### Notes and examples

Includes linear, square, square root, cube and cube root proportion.

Knowledge of proportional symbol ( $\propto$ ) is required.

### E2.9 Graphs in practical situations

- 1 Use and interpret graphs in practical situations including travel graphs and conversion graphs.
- 2 Draw graphs from given data.
- 3 Apply the idea of rate of change to simple kinematics involving distance–time and speed–time graphs, acceleration and deceleration.
- 4 Calculate distance travelled as area under a speed–time graph.

### Notes and examples

Includes estimation and interpretation of the gradient of a tangent at a point.

Areas will involve linear sections of the graph only.

### E2.10 Graphs of functions

- 1 Construct tables of values, and draw, recognise and interpret graphs for functions of the following forms:
  - $ax^n$  (includes sums of no more than three of these)
  - $ab^x + c$

where  $n = -2, -1, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 2, 3$ ;  $a$  and  $c$  are rational numbers; and  $b$  is a positive integer.
- 2 Solve associated equations graphically, including finding and interpreting roots by graphical methods.
- 3 Draw and interpret graphs representing exponential growth and decay problems.

### Notes and examples

Examples include:

- $y = x^3 + x - 4$
- $y = 2x + \frac{3}{x^2}$
- $y = \frac{1}{4} \times 2^x$ .

e.g. finding the intersection of a line and a curve.



## 2 Algebra and graphs (continued)

### E2.11 Sketching curves

Recognise, sketch and interpret graphs of the following functions:

- linear
- quadratic
- cubic
- reciprocal
- exponential.

### Notes and examples

Functions will be equivalent to:

- $ax + by = c$
- $y = ax^2 + bx + c$
- $y = ax^3 + b$
- $y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx$
- $y = \frac{a}{x} + b$
- $y = ar^x + b$

where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are rational numbers and  $r$  is a rational, positive number.

Knowledge of turning points, roots and symmetry is required.

Knowledge of vertical and horizontal asymptotes is required.

Finding turning points of quadratics by completing the square is required.

### E2.12 Differentiation

- 1 Estimate gradients of curves by drawing tangents.
- 2 Use the derivatives of functions of the form  $ax^n$ , where  $a$  is a rational constant and  $n$  is a positive integer or zero, and simple sums of not more than three of these.
- 3 Apply differentiation to gradients and stationary points (turning points).
- 4 Discriminate between maxima and minima by any method.

### Notes and examples

$\frac{dy}{dx}$  notation will be expected.

Maximum and minimum points may be identified by:

- an accurate sketch
- use of the second differential
- inspecting the gradient either side of a turning point.

Candidates are **not** expected to identify points of inflection.

## 2 Algebra and graphs (continued)

### E2.13 Functions

### Notes and examples

1 Understand functions, domain and range and use function notation.

Examples include:

- $f(x) = 3x - 5$
- $g(x) = \frac{3(x+4)}{5}$
- $h(x) = 2x^2 + 3$ .

2 Understand and find inverse functions  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

3 Form composite functions as defined by  $gf(x) = g(f(x))$ .

e.g.  $f(x) = \frac{3}{x+2}$  and  $g(x) = (3x+5)^2$ . Find  $fg(x)$ .

Give your answer as a fraction in its simplest form.

Candidates are **not** expected to find the domains and ranges of composite functions.

This topic may include mapping diagrams.

### 3 Coordinate geometry

#### E3.1 Coordinates

#### Notes and examples

Use and interpret Cartesian coordinates in two dimensions.

#### E3.2 Drawing linear graphs

#### Notes and examples

Draw straight-line graphs for linear equations.

Examples include:

- $y = -2x + 5$
- $y = 7 - 4x$
- $3x + 2y = 5$ .

#### E3.3 Gradient of linear graphs

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Find the gradient of a straight line.
- 2 Calculate the gradient of a straight line from the coordinates of two points on it.

#### E3.4 Length and midpoint

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Calculate the length of a line segment.
- 2 Find the coordinates of the midpoint of a line segment.

#### E3.5 Equations of linear graphs

#### Notes and examples

Interpret and obtain the equation of a straight-line graph.

Questions may:

- use and request lines in different forms, e.g.  
 $ax + by = c$   
 $y = mx + c$   
 $x = k$
- involve finding the equation when the graph is given
- ask for the gradient or  $y$ -intercept of a graph from an equation, e.g. find the gradient and  $y$ -intercept of the graph with equation  $5x + 4y = 8$ .

Candidates are expected to give equations of a line in a fully simplified form.

### 3 Coordinate geometry (continued)

#### E3.6 Parallel lines

Find the gradient and equation of a straight line parallel to a given line.

#### Notes and examples

e.g. find the equation of the line parallel to  $y = 4x - 1$  that passes through  $(1, -3)$ .

#### E3.7 Perpendicular lines

Find the gradient and equation of a straight line perpendicular to a given line.

#### Notes and examples

Examples include:

- find the gradient of a line perpendicular to  $2y = 3x + 1$
- find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of the line joining the points  $(-3, 8)$  and  $(9, -2)$ .

## 4 Geometry

### E4.1 Geometrical terms

### Notes and examples

1 Use and interpret the following geometrical terms:

- point
- vertex
- line
- plane
- parallel
- perpendicular
- perpendicular bisector
- bearing
- right angle
- acute, obtuse and reflex angles
- interior and exterior angles
- similar
- congruent
- scale factor.

Candidates are **not** expected to show that two shapes are congruent.

2 Use and interpret the vocabulary of:

- triangles
- special quadrilaterals
- polygons
- nets
- solids.

Includes the following terms.

Triangles:

- equilateral
- isosceles
- scalene
- right-angled.

Quadrilaterals:

- square
- rectangle
- kite
- rhombus
- parallelogram
- trapezium.

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## 4 Geometry (continued)

### E4.1 Geometrical terms (continued)

#### Notes and examples

Polygons:

- regular and irregular polygons
- pentagon
- hexagon
- octagon
- decagon.

Solids:

- cube
- cuboid
- prism
- cylinder
- pyramid
- cone
- sphere
- hemisphere
- frustum
- face
- surface
- edge.

3 Use and interpret the vocabulary of a circle.

Includes the following terms:

- centre
- radius (plural radii)
- diameter
- circumference
- semicircle
- chord
- tangent
- major and minor arc
- sector
- segment.

## 4 Geometry (continued)

### E4.2 Geometrical constructions

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Measure and draw lines and angles.
- 2 Construct a triangle, given the lengths of all sides, using a ruler and pair of compasses only.
- 3 Draw, use and interpret nets.

A ruler should be used for all straight edges. Constructions of perpendicular bisectors and angle bisectors are **not** required.

e.g. construct a rhombus by drawing two triangles. Construction arcs must be shown.

Examples include:

- draw nets of cubes, cuboids, prisms and pyramids
- use measurements from nets to calculate volumes and surface areas.

### E4.3 Scale drawings

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Draw and interpret scale drawings.
- 2 Use and interpret three-figure bearings.

A ruler must be used for all straight edges.

Bearings are measured clockwise from north ( $000^\circ$  to  $360^\circ$ ).

e.g. find the bearing of  $A$  from  $B$  if the bearing of  $B$  from  $A$  is  $025^\circ$ .

Includes an understanding of the terms north, east, south and west.

e.g. point  $D$  is due east of point  $C$ .

### E4.4 Similarity

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Calculate lengths of similar shapes.
- 2 Use the relationships between lengths and areas of similar shapes and lengths, surface areas and volumes of similar solids.
- 3 Solve problems and give simple explanations involving similarity.

Includes use of scale factor, e.g.

$$\frac{\text{Volume of } A}{\text{Volume of } B} = \frac{(\text{Length of } A)^3}{(\text{Length of } B)^3}.$$

Includes showing that two triangles are similar using geometric reasons.

### E4.5 Symmetry

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Recognise line symmetry and order of rotational symmetry in two dimensions.
- 2 Recognise symmetry properties of prisms, cylinders, pyramids and cones.

Includes properties of triangles, quadrilaterals and polygons directly related to their symmetries.

e.g. identify planes and axes of symmetry.

## 4 Geometry (continued)

### E4.6 Angles

### Notes and examples

- Calculate unknown angles and give simple explanations using the following geometrical properties:
  - sum of angles at a point =  $360^\circ$
  - sum of angles at a point on a straight line =  $180^\circ$
  - vertically opposite angles are equal
  - angle sum of a triangle =  $180^\circ$  and angle sum of a quadrilateral =  $360^\circ$ .
- Calculate unknown angles and give geometric explanations for angles formed within parallel lines:
  - corresponding angles are equal
  - alternate angles are equal
  - co-interior angles sum to  $180^\circ$  (supplementary).
- Know and use angle properties of regular and irregular polygons.

Knowledge of 3-letter notation for angles is required, e.g. angle  $ABC$ . Candidates are expected to use the correct geometrical terminology when giving reasons for answers.

Includes exterior and interior angles, and angle sum.

### E4.7 Circle theorems I

### Notes and examples

Calculate unknown angles and give explanations using the following geometrical properties of circles:

- angle in a semicircle =  $90^\circ$
- angle between tangent and radius =  $90^\circ$
- angle at the centre is twice the angle at the circumference
- angles in the same segment are equal
- opposite angles of a cyclic quadrilateral sum to  $180^\circ$  (supplementary)
- alternate segment theorem.

Candidates are expected to use the geometrical properties listed in the syllabus when giving reasons for answers.

### E4.8 Circle theorems II

### Notes and examples

Use the following symmetry properties of circles:

- equal chords are equidistant from the centre
- the perpendicular bisector of a chord passes through the centre
- tangents from an external point are equal in length.

Candidates are expected to use the geometrical properties listed in the syllabus when giving reasons for answers.



## 5 Mensuration

### E5.1 Units of measure

Use metric units of mass, length, area, volume and capacity in practical situations and convert quantities into larger or smaller units.

### Notes and examples

Units include:

- mm, cm, m, km
- $\text{mm}^2$ ,  $\text{cm}^2$ ,  $\text{m}^2$ ,  $\text{km}^2$
- $\text{mm}^3$ ,  $\text{cm}^3$ ,  $\text{m}^3$
- ml, l
- g, kg.

Conversion between units includes:

- between different units of area, e.g.  $\text{cm}^2 \leftrightarrow \text{m}^2$
- between units of volume and capacity, e.g.  $\text{m}^3 \leftrightarrow \text{litres}$ .

### E5.2 Area and perimeter

Carry out calculations involving the perimeter and area of a rectangle, triangle, parallelogram and trapezium.

### Notes and examples

Except for the area of a triangle, formulas are **not** given.

### E5.3 Circles, arcs and sectors

- 1 Carry out calculations involving the circumference and area of a circle.
- 2 Carry out calculations involving arc length and sector area as fractions of the circumference and area of a circle.

### Notes and examples

Answers may be asked for in terms of  $\pi$ .  
Formulas are given in the List of formulas.  
Includes minor and major sectors.

### E5.4 Surface area and volume

Carry out calculations and solve problems involving the surface area and volume of a:

- cuboid
- prism
- cylinder
- sphere
- pyramid
- cone.

### Notes and examples

Answers may be asked for in terms of  $\pi$ .  
The following formulas are given in the List of formulas:

- curved surface area of a cylinder
- curved surface area of a cone
- surface area of a sphere
- volume of a prism
- volume of a pyramid
- volume of a cylinder
- volume of a cone
- volume of a sphere.

The term prism refers to any solid with a uniform cross-section, e.g. a cylindrical sector.

## 5 Mensuration (continued)

### E5.5 Compound shapes and parts of shapes

### Notes and examples

1 Carry out calculations and solve problems involving perimeters and areas of:

- compound shapes
- parts of shapes.

Answers may be asked for in terms of  $\pi$ .

2 Carry out calculations and solve problems involving surface areas and volumes of:

- compound solids
- parts of solids.

e.g. find the surface area and volume of a frustum.

## 6 Trigonometry

### E6.1 Pythagoras' theorem

#### Notes and examples

Know and use Pythagoras' theorem.

### E6.2 Right-angled triangles

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Know and use the sine, cosine and tangent ratios for acute angles in calculations involving sides and angles of a right-angled triangle.
- 2 Solve problems in two dimensions using Pythagoras' theorem and trigonometry.
- 3 Know that the perpendicular distance from a point to a line is the shortest distance to the line.
- 4 Carry out calculations involving angles of elevation and depression.

Angles will be given in degrees and answers should be written in degrees, with decimals correct to one decimal place.

Knowledge of bearings may be required.

### E6.3 Exact trigonometric values

#### Notes and examples

Know the exact values of:

- 1  $\sin x$  and  $\cos x$  for  $x = 0^\circ, 30^\circ, 45^\circ, 60^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$ .
- 2  $\tan x$  for  $x = 0^\circ, 30^\circ, 45^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$ .

### E6.4 Trigonometric functions

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Recognise, sketch and interpret the following graphs for  $0^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$ :
  - $y = \sin x$
  - $y = \cos x$
  - $y = \tan x$ .
- 2 Solve trigonometric equations involving  $\sin x$ ,  $\cos x$  or  $\tan x$ , for  $0^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$ .

e.g. solve:

- $\sin x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$  for  $0^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$
- $2 \cos x + 1 = 0$  for  $0^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$ .

## 6 Trigonometry (continued)

### E6.5 Non-right-angled triangles

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Use the sine and cosine rules in calculations involving lengths and angles for any triangle.
- 2 Use the formula  
area of triangle =  $\frac{1}{2}ab \sin C$ .

Includes problems involving obtuse angles and the ambiguous case.

The sine and cosine rules and the formula for area of a triangle are given in the List of formulas.

### E6.6 Pythagoras' theorem and trigonometry in 3D

#### Notes and examples

Carry out calculations and solve problems in three dimensions using Pythagoras' theorem and trigonometry, including calculating the angle between a line and a plane.

## 7 Transformations and vectors

### E7.1 Transformations

Recognise, describe and draw the following transformations:

- 1 Reflection of a shape in a straight line.
- 2 Rotation of a shape about a centre through multiples of  $90^\circ$ .
- 3 Enlargement of a shape from a centre by a scale factor.
- 4 Translation of a shape by a vector  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ .

### Notes and examples

Questions may involve combinations of transformations. A ruler must be used for all straight edges.

Positive, fractional and negative scale factors may be used.

### E7.2 Vectors in two dimensions

- 1 Describe a translation using a vector represented by  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  or  $\mathbf{a}$ .
- 2 Add and subtract vectors.
- 3 Multiply a vector by a scalar.

### Notes and examples

Vectors will be printed as  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  or  $\mathbf{a}$ .

### E7.3 Magnitude of a vector

Calculate the magnitude of a vector  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  as  $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ .

### Notes and examples

The magnitudes of vectors will be denoted by modulus signs, e.g.

- $|\mathbf{a}|$  is the magnitude of  $\mathbf{a}$
- $|\overrightarrow{AB}|$  is the magnitude of  $\overrightarrow{AB}$ .

### E7.4 Vector geometry

- 1 Represent vectors by directed line segments.
- 2 Use position vectors.
- 3 Use the sum and difference of two or more vectors to express given vectors in terms of two coplanar vectors.
- 4 Use vectors to reason and to solve geometric problems.

### Notes and examples

Examples include:

- show that vectors are parallel
- show that 3 points are collinear
- solve vector problems involving ratio and similarity.

## 8 Probability

### E8.1 Introduction to probability

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Understand and use the probability scale from 0 to 1.
- 2 Understand and use probability notation.
- 3 Calculate the probability of a single event.
- 4 Understand that the probability of an event not occurring =  $1 -$  the probability of the event occurring.

$P(A)$  is the probability of  $A$   
 $P(A')$  is the probability of not  $A$

Probabilities should be given as a fraction, decimal or percentage.  
 Problems may require using information from tables, graphs or Venn diagrams.

e.g.  $P(B) = 0.8$ , find  $P(B')$

### E8.2 Relative and expected frequencies

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Understand relative frequency as an estimate of probability.
- 2 Calculate expected frequencies.

e.g. use results of experiments with a spinner to estimate the probability of a given outcome.

e.g. use probability to estimate an expected value from a population.

Includes understanding what is meant by fair, bias and random.

### E8.3 Probability of combined events

#### Notes and examples

Calculate the probability of combined events using, where appropriate:

- sample space diagrams
- Venn diagrams
- tree diagrams.

Combined events could be with or without replacement.

The notation  $P(A \cap B)$  and  $P(A \cup B)$  may be used in the context of Venn diagrams.

On tree diagrams outcomes will be written at the end of branches and probabilities by the side of the branches.

### E8.4 Conditional probability

#### Notes and examples

Calculate conditional probability using Venn diagrams, tree diagrams and tables.

Knowledge of notation,  $P(A|B)$ , and formulas relating to conditional probability is **not** required.

## 9 Statistics

### E9.1 Classifying statistical data

#### Notes and examples

Classify and tabulate statistical data.

e.g. tally tables, two-way tables.

### E9.2 Interpreting statistical data

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Read, interpret and draw inferences from tables and statistical diagrams.
- 2 Compare sets of data using tables, graphs and statistical measures.
- 3 Appreciate restrictions on drawing conclusions from given data.

e.g. compare averages and measures of spread between two data sets.

### E9.3 Averages and measures of spread

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Calculate the mean, median, mode, quartiles, range and interquartile range for individual data and distinguish between the purposes for which these are used.
- 2 Calculate an estimate of the mean for grouped discrete or grouped continuous data.
- 3 Identify the modal class from a grouped frequency distribution.

### E9.4 Statistical charts and diagrams

#### Notes and examples

Draw and interpret:

- (a) bar charts
- (b) pie charts
- (c) pictograms
- (d) stem-and-leaf diagrams
- (e) simple frequency distributions.

Includes composite (stacked) and dual (side-by-side) bar charts.

Stem-and-leaf diagrams should have ordered data with a key.

## 9 Statistics (continued)

### E9.5 Scatter diagrams

- 1 Draw and interpret scatter diagrams.
- 2 Understand what is meant by positive, negative and zero correlation.
- 3 Draw by eye, interpret and use a straight line of best fit.

### Notes and examples

Plotted points should be clearly marked, for example as small crosses (x).

A line of best fit:

- should be a single ruled line drawn by inspection
- should extend across the full data set
- does not need to coincide exactly with any of the points but there should be a roughly even distribution of points either side of the line over its entire length.

### E9.6 Cumulative frequency diagrams

- 1 Draw and interpret cumulative frequency tables and diagrams.
- 2 Estimate and interpret the median, percentiles, quartiles and interquartile range from cumulative frequency diagrams.

### Notes and examples

Plotted points on a cumulative frequency diagram should be clearly marked, for example as small crosses (x), and be joined with a smooth curve.

### E9.7 Histograms

- 1 Draw and interpret histograms.
- 2 Calculate with frequency density.

### Notes and examples

On histograms, the vertical axis is labelled 'Frequency density'.

Frequency density is defined as

$\text{frequency density} = \text{frequency} \div \text{class width}$ .



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## 4 Details of the assessment

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All candidates take **two** components.

Candidates who have studied the Core subject content, or who are expected to achieve a grade D or below, should be entered for Paper 1 and Paper 3. These candidates will be eligible for grades C to G.

Candidates who have studied the Extended subject content and who are expected to achieve a grade C or above should be entered for Paper 2 and Paper 4. These candidates will be eligible for grades A\* to E.

All papers assess AO1 Knowledge and understanding of mathematical techniques and AO2 Analyse, interpret and communicate mathematically.

All papers consist of structured and unstructured questions. Structured questions contain parts, e.g. (a), (b), (c)(i), etc., and unstructured questions do not.

Questions may assess more than one topic from the subject content.

For all papers, candidates write their answers on the question paper. They must show all necessary working in the spaces provided.

### Additional materials for exams

For both Core and Extended papers, candidates should have the following geometrical instruments:

- a pair of compasses
- a protractor
- a ruler.

Tracing paper may be used as an additional material for all four papers. Candidates cannot bring their own tracing paper but may request it during the examination.

Candidates should have a scientific calculator for Papers 3 and 4; one with trigonometric functions is strongly recommended. Algebraic or graphical calculators are **not** permitted. Please see the *Cambridge Handbook* at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide) for guidance on use of calculators in the examinations. Calculators are **not** allowed for Paper 1 and Paper 2.

The Additional materials list for exams is updated before each series. You can view the list for the relevant series and year on our website in the Phase 4 – Before the exams section of the *Cambridge Exams Officer's Guide* at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide)

## Core assessment

### Paper 1 Non-calculator (Core)

Written paper, 1 hour 30 minutes, 80 marks

Use of a calculator is **not** allowed.

Candidates answer **all** questions.

This paper consists of questions based on the Core subject content, except for C1.14 Using a calculator.

This paper will be weighted at 50% of the total qualification.

This is a compulsory component for Core candidates.

This written paper is an externally set assessment, marked by Cambridge.

### Paper 3 Calculator (Core)

Written paper, 1 hour 30 minutes, 80 marks

A scientific calculator is required.

Candidates answer **all** questions.

This paper consists of questions based on the Core subject content.

Candidates should give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, or 1 decimal place for angles in degrees, unless a different level of accuracy is specified in the question.

To earn accuracy marks, candidates should avoid rounding figures until they have their final answer. Where candidates need to use a final answer in later parts of the question, they should use the value of the final answer **before** it was rounded.

Candidates should use the value of  $\pi$  from their calculator or the value of 3.142.

This paper will be weighted at 50% of the total qualification.

This is a compulsory component for Core candidates.

This written paper is an externally set assessment, marked by Cambridge.

## Extended assessment

### Paper 2 Non-calculator (Extended)

Written paper, 2 hours, 100 marks

Use of a calculator is **not** allowed.

Candidates answer **all** questions.

This paper consists of questions based on the Extended subject content, except for E1.14 Using a calculator.

This paper will be weighted at 50% of the total qualification.

This is a compulsory component for Extended candidates.

This written paper is an externally set assessment, marked by Cambridge.

### Paper 4 Calculator (Extended)

Written paper, 2 hours, 100 marks

A scientific calculator is required.

Candidates answer **all** questions.

This paper consists of questions based on the Extended subject content.

Candidates should give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, or 1 decimal place for angles in degrees, unless a different level of accuracy is specified in the question.

To earn accuracy marks, candidates should avoid rounding figures until they have their final answer. Where candidates need to use a final answer in later parts of the question, they should use the value of the final answer **before** it was rounded.

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This paper will be weighted at 50% of the total qualification.

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## List of formulas – Core (Paper 1 and Paper 3)

This list of formulas will be included on page 2 of Paper 1 and Paper 3.

Area,  $A$ , of triangle, base  $b$ , height  $h$ .  $A = \frac{1}{2}bh$

Area,  $A$ , of circle of radius  $r$ .  $A = \pi r^2$

Circumference,  $C$ , of circle of radius  $r$ .  $C = 2\pi r$

Curved surface area,  $A$ , of cylinder of radius  $r$ , height  $h$ .  $A = 2\pi rh$

Curved surface area,  $A$ , of cone of radius  $r$ , sloping edge  $l$ .  $A = \pi rl$

Surface area,  $A$ , of sphere of radius  $r$ .  $A = 4\pi r^2$

Volume,  $V$ , of prism, cross-sectional area  $A$ , length  $l$ .  $V = Al$

Volume,  $V$ , of pyramid, base area  $A$ , height  $h$ .  $V = \frac{1}{3}Ah$

Volume,  $V$ , of cylinder of radius  $r$ , height  $h$ .  $V = \pi r^2 h$

Volume,  $V$ , of cone of radius  $r$ , height  $h$ .  $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$

Volume,  $V$ , of sphere of radius  $r$ .  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

## List of formulas – Extended (Paper 2 and Paper 4)

This list of formulas will be included on page 2 of Paper 2 and Paper 4.

Area,  $A$ , of triangle, base  $b$ , height  $h$ .  $A = \frac{1}{2}bh$

Area,  $A$ , of circle of radius  $r$ .  $A = \pi r^2$

Circumference,  $C$ , of circle of radius  $r$ .  $C = 2\pi r$

Curved surface area,  $A$ , of cylinder of radius  $r$ , height  $h$ .  $A = 2\pi rh$

Curved surface area,  $A$ , of cone of radius  $r$ , sloping edge  $l$ .  $A = \pi rl$

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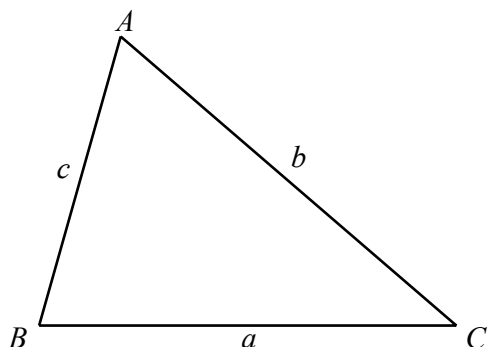
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Volume,  $V$ , of cone of radius  $r$ , height  $h$ .  $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$

Volume,  $V$ , of sphere of radius  $r$ .  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

For the equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ , where  $a \neq 0$   $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

For the triangle shown,



$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin C$$

## Mathematical conventions

Mathematics is a universal language where there are some similarities and differences around the world. The guidance below outlines the conventions used in Cambridge examinations and we encourage candidates to follow these conventions.

### Working with graphs

- A **plot** of a graph should have points clearly marked, for example as small crosses ( $\times$ ), and **must**:
  - be drawn on graph or squared paper
  - cover a given range of values by calculating the coordinates of points and connecting them appropriately (where values are given, it will include enough points to determine a curve; where a table of values is not provided, the candidate must decide on the appropriate number of points required to determine the curve)
  - have each point plotted to an accuracy of within half of the smallest square on the grid.
- A **sketch** of a graph does not have to be accurate or to scale, nor does it need to be on graph or squared paper, but it **must**:
  - be drawn freehand
  - show the most important features, e.g.  $x$ -intercepts,  $y$ -intercepts, turning points, symmetry, with coordinates or values marked on the axes, where appropriate
  - have labelled axes, e.g. with  $x$  and  $y$
  - interact with the axes appropriately, e.g. by intersecting or by tending towards
  - fall within the correct quadrants
  - show the correct long-term behaviour.
- Graphs should extend as far as possible across any given grid, within any constraints of the domain.
- Where graphs of functions are:
  - linear, they should be ruled
  - non-linear, the points should be joined with a smooth curve.
- A tangent to a curve should touch the curve at the required point and be in contact with the curve for the minimum possible distance. It should not cross the curve at the point where it is a tangent.
- Values should be read off a graph to an accuracy of within half of the smallest square on the grid.

### Communicating mathematically

- If candidates are asked to show their working, they cannot gain full marks without clearly communicating their method, even if their final answer is correct.
- A numerical answer should not be given as a combination of fractions and decimals, e.g.  $\frac{1}{0.2}$  is **not** acceptable.

## Accuracy

- Answers are expected to be given in their simplest form unless the question states otherwise.
- Where a question asks for 'exact values' the answer may need to be given in terms of  $\pi$  or in surd form, depending on the question.
- Where answers are not exact values, they should be given to three significant figures unless a different accuracy is defined in the question.
- Answers that are exact to four or five significant figures should **not** be rounded unless the question states otherwise.
- In order to obtain an answer correct to an appropriate degree of accuracy, a higher degree of accuracy will often be needed within the working.
- If a question asks to prove or show a given answer to a specified degree of accuracy, candidates must show full working, intermediate answers and the final answer to at least one degree of accuracy more than that asked for.

## Command words

Command words and their meanings help candidates know what is expected from them in the exams. The table below includes command words used in the assessment for this syllabus. The use of the command word will relate to the subject context.

| Command word       | What it means   |
|--------------------|---|
| <b>Calculate</b>   | work out from given facts, figures or information   |
| <b>Construct</b>   | make an accurate drawing  |
| <b>Determine</b>   | establish with certainty  |
| <b>Describe</b>    | state the points of a topic / give characteristics and main features  |
| <b>Explain</b>     | set out purposes or reasons / make the relationships between things clear / say why and/or how and support with relevant evidence |
| <b>Give</b>        | produce an answer from a given source or recall/memory  |
| <b>Plot</b>        | mark point(s) on a graph  |
| <b>Show (that)</b> | provide structured evidence that leads to a given result  |
| <b>Sketch</b>      | make a simple freehand drawing showing the key features   |
| <b>State</b>       | express in clear terms  |
| <b>Work out</b>    | calculate from given facts, figures or information with or without the use of a calculator  |
| <b>Write</b>       | give an answer in a specific form   |
| <b>Write down</b>  | give an answer without significant working  |



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## 5 What else you need to know

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This section is an overview of other information you need to know about this syllabus. It will help to share the administrative information with your exams officer so they know when you will need their support. Find more information about our administrative processes at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide)

### Before you start

#### Previous study

We recommend that learners starting this course should have studied a mathematics curriculum such as the Cambridge Lower Secondary programme or equivalent national educational framework.

#### Guided learning hours

We design Cambridge IGCSE syllabuses to require about 130 guided learning hours for each subject. This is for guidance only. The number of hours a learner needs to achieve the qualification may vary according to each school and the learners' previous experience of the subject.

#### Availability and timetables

All Cambridge schools are allocated to one of six administrative zones. Each zone has a specific timetable.

You can view the timetable for your administrative zone at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/timetables](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/timetables)

You can enter candidates in the June and November exam series. If your school is in India, you can also enter your candidates in the March exam series.

Check you are using the syllabus for the year the candidate is taking the exam.

Private candidates can enter for this syllabus. For more information, please refer to the *Cambridge Guide to Making Entries*.

#### Combining with other syllabuses

Candidates can take this syllabus alongside other Cambridge International syllabuses in a single exam series. The only exceptions are:

- Cambridge IGCSE (9–1) Mathematics (0980)
- Cambridge IGCSE International Mathematics (0607)
- Cambridge O Level Mathematics (4024)
- syllabuses with the same title at the same level.

Cambridge IGCSE, Cambridge IGCSE (9–1) and Cambridge O Level syllabuses are at the same level.

#### Group awards: Cambridge ICE

Cambridge ICE (International Certificate of Education) is a group award for Cambridge IGCSE. It allows schools to offer a broad and balanced curriculum by recognising the achievements of learners who pass exams in a range of different subjects.

Learn more about Cambridge ICE at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/cambridgeice](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/cambridgeice)

## Making entries

Exams officers are responsible for submitting entries to Cambridge International. We encourage them to work closely with you to make sure they enter the right number of candidates for the right combination of syllabus components. Entry option codes and instructions for submitting entries are in the *Cambridge Guide to Making Entries*. Your exams officer has a copy of this guide.

## Exam administration

To keep our exams secure, we produce question papers for different areas of the world, known as administrative zones. We allocate all Cambridge schools to an administrative zone determined by their location. Each zone has a specific timetable. Some of our syllabuses offer candidates different assessment options. An entry option code is used to identify the components the candidate will take relevant to the administrative zone and the available assessment options.

## Support for exams officers

We know how important exams officers are to the successful running of exams. We provide them with the support they need to make your entries on time. Your exams officer will find this support, and guidance for all other phases of the Cambridge Exams Cycle, at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide)

## Retakes

Candidates can retake the whole qualification as many times as they want to. Information on retake entries is at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/retakes](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/retakes)

## Language

This syllabus and the related assessment materials are available in English only.

## Accessibility and equality

### Syllabus and assessment design

Cambridge International works to avoid direct or indirect discrimination. We develop and design syllabuses and assessment materials to maximise inclusivity for candidates of all national, cultural or social backgrounds and candidates with protected characteristics; these protected characteristics include special educational needs and disability, religion and belief, and characteristics related to gender and identity. In addition, the language and layout used are designed to make our materials as accessible as possible. This gives all candidates the fairest possible opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding and helps to minimise the requirement to make reasonable adjustments during the assessment process.

### Access arrangements

Access arrangements (including modified papers) are the principal way in which Cambridge International complies with our duty, as guided by the UK Equality Act (2010), to make 'reasonable adjustments' for candidates with special educational needs (SEN), disability, illness or injury. Where a candidate would otherwise be at a substantial disadvantage in comparison to a candidate with no SEN, disability, illness or injury, we may be able to agree pre-examination access arrangements. These arrangements help a candidate by minimising accessibility barriers and maximising their opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding in an assessment.

**Important:**

- Requested access arrangements should be based on evidence of the candidate's barrier to assessment and should also reflect their normal way of working at school; this is in line with the *Cambridge Handbook* [www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide)
- For Cambridge International to approve an access arrangement, we will need to agree that it constitutes a reasonable adjustment, involves reasonable cost and timeframe and does not affect the security and integrity of the assessment.
- Availability of access arrangements should be checked by centres at the start of the course. Details of our standard access arrangements and modified question papers are available in the *Cambridge Handbook* [www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide)
- Please contact us at the start of the course to find out if we are able to approve an arrangement that is not included in the list of standard access arrangements.
- Candidates who cannot access parts of the assessment may be able to receive an award based on the parts they have completed.

## After the exam

### Grading and reporting

Grades A\*, A, B, C, D, E, F or G indicate the standard a candidate achieved at Cambridge IGCSE.

A\* is the highest and G is the lowest. 'Ungraded' means that the candidate's performance did not meet the standard required for grade G. 'Ungraded' is reported on the statement of results but not on the certificate.

In specific circumstances your candidates may see one of the following letters on their statement of results:

- Q (PENDING)
- X (NO RESULT).

These letters do not appear on the certificate.

On the statement of results and certificates, Cambridge IGCSE is shown as INTERNATIONAL GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (IGCSE).

## How students and teachers can use the grades

Assessment at Cambridge IGCSE has two purposes:

- 1 to measure learning and achievement

The assessment confirms achievement and performance in relation to the knowledge, understanding and skills specified in the syllabus, to the levels described in the grade descriptions.

- 2 to show likely future success

The outcomes help predict which students are well prepared for a particular course or career and/or which students are more likely to be successful.

The outcomes help students choose the most suitable course or career.

## Grade descriptions

Grade descriptions are provided to give an indication of the standards of achievement candidates awarded particular grades are likely to show. Weakness in one aspect of the examination may be balanced by a better performance in some other aspect.

Grade descriptions for Cambridge IGCSE Mathematics will be published after the first assessment of the syllabus in 2025.

## Changes to this syllabus for 2025, 2026 and 2027

This syllabus is version 3, published May 2024.

**You must read the whole syllabus before planning your teaching programme.**

### Changes to version 3 of the syllabus, published May 2024.

- Changes to syllabus content**
- Alignment of text on pages 41–56 has been adjusted.
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### Changes to version 2 of the syllabus, published February 2024.

- Changes to syllabus content**
- The term prism has been clarified in C5.4 and E5.4 in the notes and guidance.
  - Drawing graphs in E2.11 has been clarified to define the expectations for reciprocal and exponential graphs.
  - Guidance has been updated to include the term random in C8.2.2 and E8.2.2
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### Changes to version 1 of the syllabus, published September 2022.

- Changes to syllabus content**
- The wording of the learning outcomes has been updated and additional notes and examples included, to clarify the depth of teaching.
  - The subject content has been refreshed and updated, with some topics and learning outcomes added and some removed. Significant changes to content have been summarised below.
  - No new topics have been added to the Core subject content.
  - Content removed from the Core subject content:
    - adding and subtracting vectors
    - multiplying a vector by a scalar
    - data collection (it is expected that data collection will be part of a course based on this syllabus, although it will not be assessed in an examination).
  - Content added to the Core subject content:
    - inequalities
    - recall of certain squares, cubes and roots

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**Changes to syllabus content  
(continued)**

- Content removed from the Extended subject content:
    - proper subsets
    - linear programming
    - congruence criteria (knowledge of congruence itself is still in the syllabus)
    - data collection (it is expected that data collection will be part of a course based on this syllabus, although it will not be assessed in an examination)
    - box-and-whisker plots
  - Content added to the Extended subject content:
    - recall of certain squares, cubes and roots
    - surds
    - graphs of functions in the form  $ax^n$  now include values of  $n$  of  $-\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$
    - domain and range
    - exact trigonometric values
  - Other content has been clarified within topics; you are advised to read the subject content in the syllabus carefully for details.
  - The teaching time has not changed.
  - The Details of the assessment section includes:
    - the List of formulas that is provided in the examinations
    - mathematical conventions.
  - The wording of the learner attributes has been updated to improve the clarity of wording.
  - The wording of the aims has been updated to improve the clarity of wording but the meaning is the same.
  - The wording of the assessment objectives (AOs) has been updated. There are no changes to the knowledge and skills being assessed for each AO.
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### Changes to assessment (including changes to specimen papers)

- A non-calculator assessment has been introduced at each tier to build candidates' confidence in working mathematically without a calculator.
- The examination papers have been rebalanced to provide improved accessibility and a better candidate experience. The marks, durations and weightings are the same for both papers in a tier.
- All examination papers will:
  - include the List of formulas on page 2
  - include a mixture of structured and unstructured questions
  - have questions that are the same standard as in the existing assessment.
- Changes to Paper 1 (Core)
  - this is now a non-calculator paper, calculators are **not** allowed in the exam
  - number of marks increased to 80 marks
  - duration has changed to 1 hour 30 minutes
  - weighting has changed to 50%
- Changes to Paper 2 (Extended)
  - this is now a non-calculator paper, calculators are **not** allowed in the exam
  - number of marks increased to 100 marks
  - duration has changed to 2 hours
  - weighting has changed to 50%
- Changes to Paper 3 (Core)
  - number of marks decreased to 80 marks
  - duration has changed to 1 hour 30 minutes
  - weighting has changed to 50%
- Calculators are still allowed in Paper 3.
- Changes to Paper 4 (Extended)
  - number of marks decreased to 100 marks
  - duration has changed to 2 hours
  - weighting has changed to 50%
- Calculators are still allowed in Paper 4.
- The specimen assessment materials have been updated to reflect the changes to the assessment.

In addition to reading the syllabus, you should refer to the updated specimen assessment materials. The specimen papers will help your students become familiar with exam requirements and command words in questions. The specimen mark schemes show how students should answer questions to meet the assessment objectives.

Any textbooks endorsed to support the syllabus for examination from 2025 are suitable for use with this syllabus.



**School feedback:** ‘While studying Cambridge IGCSE and Cambridge International A Levels, students broaden their horizons through a global perspective and develop a lasting passion for learning.’

**Feedback from:** Zhai Xiaoning, Deputy Principal, The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China

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