

Mark Scheme

Q1.

Question	Working	Answer	Notes
(i)		200	B1 cao
(ii)		5.6	B1 For 5.6(2...)

(Q16 1MA1/2H/S2, Specimen papers)

Q2.

Question	Working	Answer	Notes
a		200	B1 200 or 2×10^2
b		3	B1 12 and $\frac{1}{4}$ A1 3 cao
c		-2	M1 $81 = 3^4$ or $\frac{1}{81} = 3^{-4}$ A1 cao

(Q15 1MA1/1H/S2, Specimen papers)

Q3.

Paper 1MA1: 1H			
Question	Working	Answer	Notes
(a)		8	B1
(b)		$\frac{25}{4}$ oe	M1 for correct first step A1

(Q10 1MA1/1H/N, Specimen papers)

Q4.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
(a)	$81x^{20}y^{24}$	B2	cao	
		(B1)	for two of 81, x^{20} , y^{24}	
(b)	$x^3+3x^2-10x-24$	M1	for method to find the product of any two linear expressions (3 out of 4 terms correct or 4 correct terms ignoring signs), eg $x^2+2x-3x-6$ or $x^2+2x+4x+8$ or $x^2+4x-3x-12$	Note that, for example $-x-6$ in expansion of $(x+2)(x-3)$ is regarded as 3 correct terms.
		M1	for a complete method to find all terms, at least half of which are correct (fit their first product), eg $x^3+4x^2+2x^2-3x^2+8x-6x-12x-24$	First product must be quadratic with at least 3 terms but need not be simplified or may be simplified incorrectly
		A1	cao	

(Q14 1MA1/3H, Nov 2022)

Q5.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
(a)	$2x^3 + x^2 - 7x - 6$	M1	for a method to find the product of two linear expressions eg 3 correct terms out of 4 terms or 4 terms ignoring signs	Note that (eg) $-x - 6$ in expansion of $(x - 2)(2x + 3)$ is to be regarded as 3 correct terms. First product must be quadratic but need not be simplified or may be simplified incorrectly
		M1	for a complete method to obtain all terms, half of which are correct (ft their first product) eg $2x^3 - x^2 - 6x + 2x^2 - x - 6$	
		A1	cao	
(b)	-5	M1	for beginning to combine indices eg $4+n$ or y^{3+2}	
		A1	cao	
(c)	1.27 and -0.472	M1	for substitution into the formula	Condone one sign error in the substitution Accept -4^2 or $(-4)^2$
		M1	for simplifying to the form $\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{N}}{k}$ eg $\frac{4 \pm \sqrt{76}}{10}$ or 1.27 to 1.28 or -0.48 to -0.47	
		A1	for 1.27 to 1.28 and -0.48 to -0.47	

(Q09 1MA1/3H, Nov 2018)

Q6.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
(a)	$y^2 + 5y$	B1	cao	
(b)	$2(2a - 3)$	B1	cao	
(c)	2.9	M1	for a correct first stage eg. expanding the brackets, $2 \times 5x - 2 \times 4 (= 10x - 8)$ or division of both sides by 2, eg $\frac{2(5x - 4)}{2} = \frac{21}{2}$	
		M1	for isolating terms in x eg $10x = 21 + 8$	
		A1	oe	
(d)	$20e^3f^4$	M1	for any two of $4 \times 5 (=20)$, $e^{2+1} (=e^3)$, $f^{1+3} (=f^4)$ in a product or written as individual terms	Do not award if there is contradiction
		A1	cao	

(Q17 1MA1/3F, Nov 2021)

Q7.

Question	Working	Answer	Mark	Notes
(a)		300	B1	for correct use of indices rules, e.g. sight of 3 from $\sqrt[4]{27 \times 3}$ or sight of 10^2
			B1	for 300, 3×10^2 oe
(b)		$\frac{25}{9}$	M1	shows understanding of notation by working out one step, e.g. reciprocal or cube root (to both numbers).
			A1	oe

(Q15 1MA1/1H/M2, Specimen papers)

Q8.

Paper 1MA1: 2H			
Question	Working	Answer	Notes
(a)		0.4	B1 For 0.4 oe
(b)		0.586	B1 for 3.48207..... or 17.34 or 0.200811... B1 for 0.585 to 0.586

(Q12 1MA1/2H/S1, Specimen papers)

Q9.

Paper 1MA1: 1H			
Question	Working	Answer	Notes
		25	B1 cao

(Q11 1MA1/1H/S1, Specimen papers)

Q10.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
(a)	22	B1	cao	
(b)	8	B1	cao	
(c)	$7 \times (2 + 3) = 35$	B1	for correct placement of brackets	Allow alternative correct statements, eg $[7 \times (2 + 3)] = 35$

(Q05 1MA1/1F, Nov 2018)

Q11.

Question	Working	Answer	Mark	Notes
(a)		3^7	M1 A1 cao	for a first step using a rule of indices, e.g. $3^5 \times 3^4 = 3^{5+4} (= 3^9)$ or $3^5 + 3^2 = 3^{5-2}$ $(= 3^3)$ or $3^4 + 3^2 = 3^{4-2} (= 3^2)$
(b)		1	B1	cao
(c)		$\frac{1}{9}$	B1	for $\frac{1}{9}$ (or 0.11...)

(Q20 1MA1/1F/M3, Specimen papers)

Q12.

Question	Working	Answer	Mark	Notes
(a)		3^7	M1 A1	for a first step using a rule of indices, e.g. $3^5 \times 3^4 = 3^{5+4} (= 3^9)$ or $3^5 \div 3^2 = 3^{5-2} (= 3^3)$ or $3^4 \div 3^2 = 3^{4-2} (= 3^2)$ cao
(b)		1	B1	cao
(c)		$\frac{1}{9}$	B1	for $\frac{1}{9}$ (or 0.11...)

(Q01 1MA1/1H/M3, Specimen papers)

Q13.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
	9	M1 A1	for a correct first step, using the laws of indices to simplify eg 3^2 or $3^{7+(-2)}$ or 3^{7-3} or 3^{-2-3} OR for using exact values, eg. $2187 \times \frac{1}{9} (= 243)$ or $2187 \div 27 (= 81)$ or $\frac{1}{27 \times 9} (= \frac{1}{243})$ cao	

(Q20 1MA1/1F, Nov 2018)

Q14.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
	16	M1 M1 M1 A1	for working with square root or with reciprocal in $\left(5\frac{4}{9}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ eg $\left(\frac{9}{49}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ or $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{49}{9}}}$ or $\frac{1}{\left(\frac{49}{9}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ or $\left(\frac{7}{3}\right)^{-1}$ or $\frac{3}{7}$ for a full method to simplify the numerator eg $\frac{3}{7} \times \frac{14}{3} (= 2)$ for showing $\div 2^{-3}$ as $\times 8$, eg $\frac{3}{7} \times \frac{14}{3} \times 8$ or for $2^1 \div 2^{-3} (= 2^4)$ or for correctly reducing the expression to a single calculation. eg $\frac{336}{21}$ or $\frac{112}{7}$ or $2 + \frac{1}{8}$ cao	May be seen at any time during the calculation Award 0 marks for a correct answer with no supportive working

(Q18 1MA1/1H, June 2022)

Q15.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
	2^6	M1 A1	for the start of a method of simplification, eg $2^{-5+8} (= 2^3)$ or $2^{-5 \times 2} (= 2^{-10})$ or $2^{8 \times 2} (= 2^{16})$ cao SC B1 for answer of 64 or 8^2 or 4^3 if M0 scored.	

(Q03 1MA1/1H, Nov 2022)

Q16.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
	$\frac{16}{81}$	M1 A1	for showing the cube root of 8 = 2 and the cube root of 27 = 3 or an intention to find the cube root and raise to power 4 eg $\sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{8}{27}\right)^4}$ or $\left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{8}{27}}\right)^4$ or $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4$	
		A1	cao	

(Q17 1MA1/1H, Nov 2022)

Q17.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
(a)	4^{-2}	B1	for 4^{-2}	Accept $n = -2$
(b)	5	M1 M1 A1	for $8^{\frac{5}{3}} = (\sqrt[3]{8})^5$ or 2^5 or $\sqrt[3]{8^5}$ or $\sqrt[3]{32768}$ or $9^{\frac{3}{2}} = (\sqrt{9})^3$ or 3^3 or $\sqrt{9^3}$ or $\sqrt{729}$ for correctly evaluating $8^{\frac{5}{3}}$ or $9^{\frac{3}{2}}$, eg 32 or 27 seen	
		A1	cao	

(Q14 1MA1/1H, June 2023)

Q18.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
(a)(i)	1	B1	cao	
(ii)	$\frac{1}{25}$	B1	oe	
(b)	2^6	M1 A1	for a correct first step using a rule of indices, eg $2^{2^2+4} (= 2^8)$ or $2^{2^2-3} (= 2^1)$ or $2^{4-3} (= 2^1)$ or for $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2$ or 64	
		A1	for 2^6	Accept $n = 6$

(Q19 1MA1/1F, Nov 2023)

Q19.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
	17	M1	for $27^{\frac{2}{3}} = (\sqrt[3]{27})^2$ or 3^2 or $\sqrt[3]{27^2}$ or $\sqrt[3]{729}$ or $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-3} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3}$ or 2^3	
		M1	for a full method eg $3^{2 \times 3}$ or $2^{3 \times 3}$ or for correctly evaluating $27^{\frac{2}{3}}$ or $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-3}$ eg 9 or 8 seen	
		A1	cao	

(Q14 1MA1/1H, Nov 2023)

Q20.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
	1	B1	cao	

(Q18 1MA1/1F, June 2024)

Q21.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
	$5\frac{5}{6}$	P1	for $2^x = 2^{n-\frac{1}{3}}$ or $2^y = 2^{\frac{5}{2}}$ or $x = n - \frac{1}{3}$ oe or $y = \frac{5}{2}$ oe or for $(2^{x+y}) = \frac{2^n}{\sqrt[3]{2}} \times (\sqrt{2})^5$	
		P1	for $2^{x+y} = 2^{n-\frac{1}{3}+\frac{5}{2}}$ or $x+y = n - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{5}{2}$ oe or $\frac{11}{2} = n - \frac{1}{3}$ oe	
		A1	oe eg $\frac{35}{6}$	

(Q20 1MA1/1H, June 2024)

Q22.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
(a)	10	M1	for $25^{\frac{1}{3}} = 5$ or $8^{\frac{1}{3}} = 2$	Accept $25^{\frac{1}{3}} = -5$ for M1 only
		A1	cao	
(b)	$\frac{1}{8}$	M1	for $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{32}}\right)^3$ or $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3$ or $\sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{32^3}}$ or $\sqrt[5]{\frac{1}{32768}}$	
		A1	for $\frac{1}{8}$ oe SCB1 for answer of 8 if M0 scored	

(Q10 1MA1/1H, Nov 2024)

Q23.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
(a)	$14x^5y^6$	B2 (B1)	cao for correct simplification of two terms ax^5y^6 or $14x^b y^6$ or $14x^5 y^c$ where $a \neq 14$, $b \neq 5$, $c \neq 6$	Where a, x^b, y^c can be made up of two products Condone inclusion of multiplication signs for B1
(b)	m^{-6}	B1	for m^{-6} or $\frac{1}{m^6}$	

(Q25 1MA1/3F, Nov 2024)

Q24.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
	$\frac{3}{4}$ oe	P1 P1 A1	for a first step to converting to a common base with one correct conversion, eg. $9^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 3^{-1}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$ or $27^{\frac{1}{4}} = 3^{\frac{3}{4}}$ oe (dep) for $3^{-1} = 3^{\frac{3}{4}} + 3^{x+1}$ oe cao	$9^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 3^{-1}$ (or $\frac{1}{3}$) oe or $27^{\frac{1}{4}} = 3^{\frac{3}{4}}$ oe seen alone gets the P1

(Q19 1MA1/1H, Nov 2019)

Q25.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
(a)	$\frac{8}{27}$	M1 A1	for showing the 4th root of 16 as 2 and the 4th root of 81 as 3 or $\frac{8}{n}$ ($n \neq 27$) or $\frac{n}{27}$ ($n \neq 8$) or an intention to find the 4th root and cube, eg. $\sqrt[4]{\left(\frac{16}{81}\right)^3}$ or $\left(\sqrt[4]{\frac{16}{81}}\right)^3$ oe	
(b)	0	M1 A1	for writing $\frac{1}{9} = 3^{-2}$, $9\sqrt{3} = 3^{2.5}$, $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = 3^{-0.5}$ as powers of 3, with at least 2 correct or for working out $\frac{1}{9} \times 9\sqrt{3} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = 1$	
		A1	cao	

(Q14 1MA1/1H, Nov 2018)

Q26.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
(a)	x^{15}	B1	cao	
(b)	$40 - 10x$	M1 A1	for method to expand one bracket or collect like terms, eg $4 \times x + 4 \times 3 (= 4x + 12)$ or $7 \times 4 - 7 \times 2x (= 28 - 14x)$ or $4 \times x - 7 \times 2x (= 4x - 14x)$ and $4 \times 3 + 7 \times 4 (= 12 + 28)$ oe	
(c)	$3x^2(5x + y)$	M1 A1	for $3(5x^3 + x^2y)$ or $x(15x^2 + 3xy)$ or $3x(5x^2 + xy)$ or $x^2(15x + 3y)$ or $3x^2(ax + by)$ cao	Where $a \geq 1$ and $b \geq 1$

(Q21 1MA1/2F, June 2022)

Q27.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
(a)	m^6	B1	cao	
(b)	x^{13}	B1	cao	
(c)	$4p^3 + 12p^2$	B2 (B1)	for $4p^3 + 12p^2$ for expanding the bracket to get $p^3 + 3p^2$ or $4p^3$ or $12p^2$)	

(Q01 1MA1/3H, June 2023)

Q28.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
	16	M1 A1	for simplifying using a correct rule of indices as a first step eg $4^{9-6} (= 4^3 \text{ oe})$ or $4^{-6-1} (= 4^{-7} \text{ oe})$ or $4^{9-1} (= 4^8 \text{ oe})$ or $\frac{4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4}{4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4}$ or 4^2 cao	

(Q29 1MA1/1F, June 2023)

Q29.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
	$3x^7y^2$	M1	for full evaluation of numerator or denominator with at least 2 of 3 terms correct in a product, eg $36x^{10}y^6$ or $12x^3y^4$ or full evaluation of $\frac{6x^5y^3}{3x^2y^7}$ or $\frac{6x^5y^3}{4xy^{-3}}$ with at least 2 of 3 terms correct in a product, eg $2x^3y^{-4}$ or $1.5x^4y^6$	
		M1	for correct evaluation of numerator and denominator, eg $36x^{10}y^6$ and $12x^3y^4$ or for full evaluation of numerator and denominator with no more than one error and a final answer of the form ax^by^c with two of a , b and c correct or for correct evaluation of $\frac{6x^5y^3}{3x^2y^7}$ and $\frac{6x^5y^3}{4xy^{-3}}$ eg $2x^3y^{-4}$ and $1.5x^4y^6$ or for full evaluation of $\frac{6x^5y^3}{3x^2y^7}$ and $\frac{6x^5y^3}{4xy^{-3}}$ with no more than one error and a final answer of the form ax^by^c with two of a , b and c correct	
		A1	for $3x^7y^2$ oe	Accept $a = 3$, $b = 7$, $c = 2$

(Q11 1MA1/1H, June 2023)

Q30.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
(a)	n^3	B1	cao	
(b)	cd^3	M1	for partial simplification, eg c or d^3	May be seen as simplification in original fraction
		A1	for cd^3	Accept c^1d^3
(c)	$x > \frac{14}{5}$	M1	for $5x > 14$ or $5x = 14$ or critical value, $\frac{14}{5}$ oe	Must see carried out correctly, ie at least $5x > 7 \times 2$ not just intention seen.
		A1	$x > \frac{14}{5}$ or $x > 2\frac{4}{5}$ or $x > 2.8$	Allow other signs for this mark.

(Q01 1MA1/3H, Nov 2020)

Q31.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
(a)	10^{60}	M1	for a correct first step using one of the rules of indices, eg. $10^{150} \times 10^{90} = 10^{240}$ or $10^{360} \div 10^{150} = 10^{210}$ or $10^{360} + 10^{90} = 10^{270}$ or $\sqrt{10^{360}} = 10^{180}$ or $\sqrt{10^{150}} = 10^{75}$ or $\sqrt{10^{90}} = 10^{45}$	
		M1	for correct use of rules of indices leading as far as $\sqrt{10^{120}}$ or $\frac{10^{180}}{10^{120}}$	
		A1	cao	
(b)	reason	C1	for correct reasoning Acceptable examples eg should do 50×2 (not 50^2) because $(12^{50})^2 = 12^{100}$ because when you have a power inside and outside the bracket you times them because $(a^b)^c = a^{bc}$ (not a^{b^c}) Not acceptable examples because you need to multiply everything in the brackets by 2 because he should have squared 12 as well you add the powers instead of timesing	

(Q09 1MA1/3H, June 2022)

Q32.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
	2^6	M1	for the start of a method of simplification, eg $2^{-5+8} (= 2^3)$ or $2^{-5 \times 2} (= 2^{-10})$ or $2^{8 \times 2} (= 2^{16})$	
		A1	cao SC B1 for answer of 64 or 8^2 or 4^3 if M0 scored.	

(Q21 1MA1/1F, Nov 2022)

Q33.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
(a)	m^6	B1	cao	
(b)	x^{13}	B1	cao	
(c)	$4p^3 + 12p^2$	B2	for $4p^3 + 12p^2$	
		(B1	for expanding the bracket to get $p^3 + 3p^2$ or $4p^3$ or $12p^2$)	

(Q20 1MA1/3F, June 2023)

Q34.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
	49, 2	P1 A1	for setting up $6 + n = 3$ oe or $7^n = a$ oe or one correct answer cao	Accept the figures written as a complete statement eg $(49x^6)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

(Q12 1MA1/3H, Nov 2021)

Q35.

Question	Working	Answer	Mark	Notes
		1.45	P1 P1 A1 P1 A2	for converting to a common base with at least one correct conversion, eg. $(16 =) 2^4$ or $(8 =) 2^3$ (dep) for correct use of index laws to derive an equation, eg. $4 \times \frac{1}{5} + x = 3 \times \frac{3}{4}$ oe for 1.45 oe (accept $2^{1.45}$) OR for a process to find the value of 2^x , eg. $8^{\frac{3}{4}} \div 16^{\frac{1}{8}} = 2.73\dots$ for 1.45 oe (accept $2^{1.45}$)

(Q18 1MA1/2H, June 2017)

Q36.

Question	Working	Answer	Mark	Notes
		625	2	M1 for 3^{4n} or 5^4 or $(3^{-n})^{-4}$ or 0.2^{-4} A1 625

(Q14 1MA1/2H/M1, Specimen papers)

Q37.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
(a)	1	B1	cao	
(b)	3	B1	cao	
(c)	$\frac{1}{16}$	B1	oe	
(d)	3	B1	cao	

(Q09 1MA1/1H, Nov 2021)

Q38.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
(a)	c^3	B1	cao	
(b)	d^{12}	B1	cao	

(Q20 1MA1/2F, Nov 2021)

Q39.

Question	Working	Answer	Mark	Notes
(a)		10	B1	accept ± 10
(b)		25	M1	for $(\sqrt[3]{125})^2$ or $\sqrt[3]{125} = 5$ or $125^2 = 15625$ or $\sqrt[3]{125^2}$
			A1	cao

(Q10 1MA1/1H, Nov 2017)

Q40.

Question	Working	Answer	Mark	Notes
(a)		6	B1	cao
(b)		5	B1	cao
(c)		Shown	M1	for writing 100^a or 1000^b as a power of 10 ($=10^{2a}$ or 10^{3b}) or 10^{2a+3b} or $100 = 10^2$ and $1000 = 10^3$
			C1	for complete chain of reasoning leading to conclusion

(Q21 1MA1/2F, Nov 2017)

Q41.

Question	Working	Answer	Mark	Notes
		$\frac{1}{16}$	1	cao

(Q10 1MA1/1H/M1, Specimen papers)

Q42.

Question	Working	Answer	Mark	Notes
(a)		$\frac{1}{9}$	M1 A1	for showing a method using either reciprocal or square root e.g. $\frac{1}{n}$ or 9 seen cao Accept $\pm\frac{1}{9}$ or 0.1 recurring
(b)		$\frac{16}{25}$	M1 A1	for showing cube root of 64 as 4 and the cube root of 125 as 5 or $\frac{16}{n}$ ($n \neq 25$) or $\frac{n}{25}$ ($n \neq 16$) or an intention to find the cube root and square. cao Accept 0.64

(Q12 1MA1/1H, June 2017)

Q43.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
	243	B1	cao	

(Q03 1MA1/2F, June 2018)

Q44.

Question	Answer	Mark	Mark scheme	Additional guidance
(a)	6	B1	cao	Accept ± 6
(b)	1	B1	cao	
(c)	$\frac{1}{9}$	M1 A1	for evidence of working with a cube root eg $\sqrt[3]{27}$ or $\sqrt[3]{729}$ OR evidence of working with a reciprocal eg $\frac{1}{27^{2/3}}$ or $\left(\frac{1}{27}\right)^{2/3}$ cao	

(Q09 1MA1/1H, June 2018)