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MARK SCHEME

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Mark Scheme Notes

Marks are of the following three types:

M Method mark, awarded for a valid method applied to the problem. Method marks are not lost for numerical errors, algebraic slips or errors in units. However, it is not usually sufficient for a candidate just to indicate an intention of using some method or just to quote a formula; the formula or idea must be applied to the specific problem in hand, e.g. by substituting the relevant quantities into the formula. Correct application of a formula without the formula being quoted obviously earns the M mark and in some cases an M mark can be implied from a correct answer.

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

B Mark for a correct result or statement independent of method marks.

- When a part of a question has two or more “method” steps, the M marks are generally independent unless the scheme specifically says otherwise; and similarly when there are several B marks allocated. The notation DM or DB (or dep*) is used to indicate that a particular M or B mark is dependent on an earlier M or B (asterisked) mark in the scheme. When two or more steps are run together by the candidate, the earlier marks are implied and full credit is given.
- The symbol ∇ implies that the A or B mark indicated is allowed for work correctly following on from previously incorrect results. Otherwise, A or B marks are given for correct work only. A and B marks are not given for fortuitously “correct” answers or results obtained from incorrect working.
 - Note: B2 or A2 means that the candidate can earn 2 or 0.
B2/1/0 means that the candidate can earn anything from 0 to 2.

The marks indicated in the scheme may not be subdivided. If there is genuine doubt whether a candidate has earned a mark, allow the candidate the benefit of the doubt. Unless otherwise indicated, marks once gained cannot subsequently be lost, e.g. wrong working following a correct form of answer is ignored.

- Wrong or missing units in an answer should not lead to the loss of a mark unless the scheme specifically indicates otherwise.
- For a numerical answer, allow the A or B mark if a value is obtained which is correct to 3 s.f., or which would be correct to 3 s.f. if rounded (1 d.p. in the case of an angle). As stated above, an A or B mark is not given if a correct numerical answer arises fortuitously from incorrect working. For Mechanics questions, allow A or B marks for correct answers which arise from taking g equal to 9.8 or 9.81 instead of 10.

The following abbreviations may be used in a mark scheme or used on the scripts:

AEF/OE	Any Equivalent Form (of answer is equally acceptable) / Or Equivalent
AG	Answer Given on the question paper (so extra checking is needed to ensure that the detailed working leading to the result is valid)
CAO	Correct Answer Only (emphasising that no “follow through” from a previous error is allowed)
CWO	Correct Working Only – often written by a ‘fortuitous’ answer
ISW	Ignore Subsequent Working
SOI	Seen or implied
SR	Special Ruling (detailing the mark to be given for a specific wrong solution, or a case where some standard marking practice is to be varied in the light of a particular circumstance)

Penalties

- MR –1 A penalty of MR –1 is deducted from A or B marks when the data of a question or part question are genuinely misread and the object and difficulty of the question remain unaltered. In this case all A and B marks then become “follow through” marks. MR is not applied when the candidate misreads his own figures – this is regarded as an error in accuracy. An MR –2 penalty may be applied in particular cases if agreed at the coordination meeting.
- PA –1 This is deducted from A or B marks in the case of premature approximation. The PA –1 penalty is usually discussed at the meeting.

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	1.6 -1.5 2.3 1.4 -0.6 -0.9 2.5 1.9 2.4 1.9 2.8 1.0	M1	Subtracting 1760, allow max 2 slips
	Mean = 1.23	A1	
	sd = 1.39	A1	
	Mean of $x = 1761.23$, sd of $x = 1.39$	A1 ^{ft}	ft their coded mean and sd.
			<i>SR B1 correct mean and sd without use of coded process</i>
	Total:		4

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2	$\frac{{}^{12}C_3 \times {}^{28}C_4}{{}^{40}C_7}$	M1	Using combinations with attempt to evaluate 2 terms in num. and 1 in denom.
		M1	Correct numerator or denominator unsimplified
	= 0.242	A1	
	OR		
	$P(\text{GGG}) = \frac{12}{40} \times \frac{11}{39} \times \frac{10}{38} \times \frac{28}{37} \times \frac{27}{36} \times \frac{26}{35} \times \frac{25}{34} \times {}^7C_3$	M1	Multiplying 3 green probs with 4 non-green probs, without replacement
		M1	Multiplying by 7C_3
	= 0.242	A1	
	Total:		3

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	$np = 160 \times 0.1$ (16) $npq = 160 \times 0.1 \times 0.9$ (14.4)	B1	Correct unsimplified np and npq
	$P(> 17) = P\left(z > \frac{17.5 - 16}{\sqrt{14.4}}\right) = P(z > 0.3953)$	M1	Standardising need $\sqrt{\quad}$
		M1	16.5 or 17.5 seen in standardised eqn for continuity correction
	$= 1 - 0.6536$	M1	Correct area from their mean ($1 - \Phi$), final solution
	$= 0.346$	A1	
	Total:		5

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4(i)	LQ = 0.7495 Med = 0.7507 UQ = 0.7517	M1	Attempt to find all 3 quartiles can be implied, Condone LQ=0.7496, Med=0.7506, UQ=0.7515
	<p style="text-align: center;">Wt kg</p>	B1	Correct median line in box using their scale
		A1	Correct quartiles in box
		B1	Correct end whiskers(not dots or boxes), lines not through box,
		B1	Correct uniform scale from at least 0.7473 to 0.7532, and label (wt) kg oe can be seen in title or scale
	Total:		5

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4(ii)	Normal	B1	
	Symmetrical/peaks in middle or tails off quickly	B1	Need symm + another reason
	Total:	2	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
5(i)	${}^{12}C_1 + {}^{12}C_3 + {}^{12}C_5 + {}^{12}C_7 + {}^{12}C_9 + {}^{12}C_{11}$	M1	Summing at least 4 ${}^{12}C_x$ combinations with $x =$ odd numbers
		A1	Correct unsimplified answer (can be implied by final answer)
	= 2048	A1	Correct answer
	Total:	3	
5(ii)	$7! \times {}^8P_4$	B1	7! seen alone or multiplied only (cupcakes ordered)
		M1	multiplying by 8P_4 o.e (placing brownies)
	= 8467200	A1	correct answer
	Total:	3	
5(iii)	$9! / (6! \times 2!)$	B1	9! oe seen alone or as numerator
		M1	dividing by at least one of 6!,2! (removing repeated shortbread or gingerbread biscuits) ignore 4! if present
	= 252	A1	correct answer
	Total:	3	

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance												
6(i)	$P(2) = P(0,2) = 2/10 \times 4/6$	M1	Mult 2 probs seen (or complete listing of all options)												
	$= 2/15$	AG	Correct answer legit obtained												
	Total:	2													
6(ii)	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <tr> <td>x</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>$P(X=x)$</td> <td>2/30</td> <td>5/30</td> <td>4/30</td> <td>13/30</td> <td>6/30</td> </tr> </table>	x	0	1	2	3	5	$P(X=x)$	2/30	5/30	4/30	13/30	6/30	B1	Correct values for x in table. Any additional values must have $P(x)=0$ stated
	x	0	1	2	3	5									
	$P(X=x)$	2/30	5/30	4/30	13/30	6/30									
		B1	One correct prob other than $P(2)$ or $P(3)$												
	B1	Correct $P(3)$													
	B1	All correct													
	Total:	4													
6(iii)	$P(A1 \text{Sum } 3) = \frac{P(A1 \cap \text{Sum } 3)}{P(\text{Sum } 3)} = \frac{5/10 \times 4/6}{13/30}$	M1	Attempt at $P(A1 \cap \text{Sum } 3)$ as num or denom of a fraction, can be by counting												
		M1	Their $P(3)$ from (ii) as num or denom of a fraction												
	$= 10/13(0.769)$	A1													
	Total:	3													

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
7(a)(i)	$0.674 = \frac{8.8 - \mu}{\sigma} \Rightarrow 0.674\sigma = 8.8 - \mu$	B1	±0.674 seen
	$-0.935 = \frac{7.7 - \mu}{\sigma} \Rightarrow -0.935\sigma = 7.7 - \mu$	B1	±0.935 seen (condone ±0.934)
		M1	An eqn with a z-value, μ and σ allow sq rt, sq cc
		M1	sensible attempt to eliminate μ or σ by substitution or subtraction
	$\sigma = 0.684$ $\mu = 8.34$	A1	correct answers (from -0.935)
	Total:	5	
7(a)(ii)	$P(< 8.2) = P\left(z < \frac{8.2 - 7.9}{0.44}\right)$	M1	Standardising no cc no sq rt no sq
		M1	Correct area ie Φ , final solution
	$= P(z < 0.6818) = 0.7524$	A1	Correct prob rounding to 0.752
	$P(3) = {}^5C_3 (0.7524)^3 (0.2476)^2$	M1	Binomial 5C_x powers summing to 5, any p , $\Sigma p = 1$
	$= 0.261$	A1	
	Total:	5	

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
7(b)	$P(< 1.5\mu) = P\left(z < \frac{1.5\mu - \mu}{\mu}\right) = P(z < 0.5)$	*M1	standardising with μ and σ (σ may be replaced by μ)
		DM1	just one variable
	= 0.692	A1	
	Total:	3	