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- a borderline case for an overall award of Achieved where professional judgement has been used.

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- 1A and 1E

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3M or higher from either:

- 1M in each question
- 1M in one question and 2M in another

OR a total of

- 2E and 1A
- 1E, 1M and a total of 2u or more from any questions.

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At least 2 t grades and at least 2 r grades across at least 2 questions.

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Assessment Schedule - 2019

L1 Mathematics and Statistics CAT: Apply algebraic procedures in solving problems (91027–A) Day 1

Candidates must show algebraic working.

Be aware that solutions in a multi-part question may be found in any part and awarded credit.

Equivalent answers are accepted.

Once a student has made an error, for any consistent working to provide evidence towards a grade, the procedure must be performed at curriculum level 6.

Evidence

Q Day 1	Expected coverage	Grade (generated by correctly demonstrating the procedures listed in EN4) Requirements are for the student responses to be correct (ignoring numerical errors) unless the statement specifies consistent)
ONE (a)	$= 2 \times 16 + 6 + 5$ $= 32 + 6 + 5$ $= 43$	For award of u: • correct solution (no alternative – numerical errors not allowed).
(b)	Sets up factors: $(10x \ 1)(x \ 9) \ (10x \ 3)(x \ 3)$ $(10x \ 9)(x \ 1)$ $(5x \ 1)(2x \ 9) \ (5x \ 3)(2x \ 3)$ $(5x \ 9)(2x \ 1)$ and / or (10x + 3)(x - 3) = 0 Either $10x + 3 = 0$ or $x - 3 = 0$ 10x = -3 or $x = 3x = -\frac{3}{10} or x = 3$	For award of u: ONE of: • sets up any one pair of the factorised brackets shown (regardless of signs) • writes $10x^2 - 30x + 3x - 9$ or $10x^2 + 3x - 30x - 9$ • both solutions consistent with their factorising. For award of r: • correct factorising gains an r grade regardless of the solutions stated afterwards.
(c)	$6^{2} \times 6^{2x+6} = 6^{x^{2}}$ $6^{2x+8} = 6^{x^{2}}$ $2x+8=x^{2}$ $x^{2}-2x-8=0$ $(x-4)(x+2)=0$ Either $x-4=0$ or $x+2=0$ $x=4 \text{ or } x=-2$	For award of u: ONE of: • writes 36 as 6 ² • simplifies indices on the LHS • consistently generates the quadratic equation from their powers • consistently calculates correct values of x from their quadratic equation. For award of r: • consistently solves their quadratic equation. For award of t: • correct solutions.

(d)(i)	2(8x+3) + 2(6x+2) = 290
	16x + 6 + 12x + 4 = 290
	28x + 10 = 290
	28x = 290 - 10
	28x = 280
	$x = \frac{280}{28}$
	x = 10
	or
	3x-2+2x+1+8x+3-3x+2+6x+2-x+2x-5

For award of u:

ONE of:

- establishing the expression for the perimeter (ignore the omission of the = 290)
- consistent solving of their perimeter equation.

For award of r:

• correct solution showing algebraic procedures.

(d)(ii)
$$(8x+3)(6x+2) - (2x+1)(3x-2) - x(2x-5)$$

$$= 48x^2 + 16x + 18x + 6 - (6x^2 - 4x + 3x - 2) - 2x^2 + 5x$$

$$= 48x^2 + 34x + 6 - 6x^2 + x + 2 - 2x^2 + 5x$$

$$= 40x^2 + 40x + 8$$

$$= 40L - 32$$

+x + 8x + 3 - 2x + 5 + 6x + 2 - 2x - 1 = 290

28x = 290 - 10

28x = 280

x = 10

If the candidate has found the area in (d)(i), this can be used as evidence for (d)(ii)

For award of u:

ONE of:

- establishing the expression for the area
- expansion of two of the pairs of brackets in their area expression
- using x = 10 to state the area as 4408 (or consistent with solution from (d)(i)).

For award of r:

ONE of:

- simplified quadratic
- consistent simplification of expression for the area of the lawn to a quadratic expression which may result from missing the effect of a negative sign in brackets in one expansion
- consistently rewriting the quadratic in terms of *L* and *x*.

For award of t:

• expression for area in terms of L.

Q Day 1	Expected coverage	Grade (generated by correctly demonstrating the procedures listed in EN4) Requirements are for the student responses to be correct (ignoring numerical errors) unless the statement specifies consistent)
TWO (a)(i)	$w - r = pq^2$ $\frac{w - r}{q^2} = p$	For award of u: • expression for p.
(ii)	$fk^{2} - 16gk^{2} = 4d^{2} + 9c^{2}$ $k^{2}(f - 16g) = 4d^{2} + 9c^{2}$	 For award of u: one valid step leading to both terms involving k² being on one side of the equals sign. For award of r:
	$k^{2} = \frac{4d^{2} + 9c^{2}}{f - 16g}$ $k = \sqrt{\frac{4d^{2} + 9c^{2}}{f - 16g}}$	 one valid step leading to both terms involving k² being on one side of the equals sign and
	or equivalent.	ONE of: • factorising of k^2 terms • consistent expression for k .
		For award of t: • expression for k (\pm not required in front of radical sign).
(b)	$= \frac{3x(x+3)}{(x+3)(x-3)}$ $= \frac{3x}{x-3}$	For award of u: ONE of: • factorising of numerator or denominator • consistently simplified from their factorisation
	x-3	For the award of r: • simplification of expression $(x \neq 3 \text{ not required}).$
(c)	$= \frac{3(8x-1)+4(3x-5)}{12}$ $= \frac{24x-3+12x-20}{12}$	For award of u: ONE of: • correct arrangement for numerator (does not need to be simplified) • consistent simplification of numerator.
	$= \frac{36x - 23}{12}$ or equivalent.	For award of r: • correct expression with denominator.

(d) Area of rectangle =
$$2y(3y - 1)$$

Area of triangle = $\frac{1}{2}(2y - 2)(5y + 9)$
= $(y - 1)(5y + 9)$

$$2y(3y - 1) = \frac{1}{2}(2y - 2)(5y + 9)$$

$$6y^2 - 2y = (y - 1)(5y + 9)$$

$$6y^2 - 2y = 5y^2 + 4y - 9$$

$$6y^2 - 2y - 5y^2 - 4y + 9 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 6y + 9 = 0$$

$$(y - 3)(y - 3) = 0$$

$$y = 3$$

For award of u:

ONE of:

- forms equation for both areas
- area of triangle in expanded and simplified form or

expands both triangle and rectangle quadratic expressions ($\frac{1}{2}$ may still be stated with triangle expression) without forming equation

- consistently simplifies their equation to a quadratic equation
- consistent factorisation of their quadratic equation into two brackets
- consistent solving of their factorised quadratic equation.

For award of r:

• consistent solution(s) from their quadratic equation.

For award of t:

• correct value of y found.

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THREE (a)	$\frac{20}{N} + 7 = 2$ $\frac{20}{N} = -5$ $N = -4$	For award of u: • Form and solve linear equation.
(b)	30 - 12x - 20 + 12x > 5x + 20 $10 > 5x + 20$ $10 - 20 > 5x$ $-10 > 5x$ $-2 > x$ Accept $x < -2$	For award of u: ONE of: expansion of all brackets consistently solved from inequality containing one incorrect expansion solution given as an equality. For award of r: inequality solved (accept x < -2 or -2 > x).
(c)	$(x+12)(x+2) = (x+4)(x+4)$ $x^{2} + 2x + 12x + 24 = x^{2} + 4x + 4x + 16$ $14x + 24 = 8x + 16$ $14x - 8x = 16 - 24$ $6x = -8$ $x = \frac{-8}{6} \qquad x = \frac{-4}{3}$	For award of u: ONE of: • expansion and arrangement of both sides (ignore any denominator) • consistent solution • consistent simplification of both sides. For award of r: • correct solution (or equivalent).
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(e) Finding the gradient between the two stated points:

Gradient =
$$\frac{-21}{-14}$$
 or $\frac{21}{14} = \frac{-3}{-2}$ or $\frac{3}{2}$

$$y = \frac{-3}{-2}x + c$$
 or $y = \frac{3}{2}x + c$

Tests using one of the coordinates given:

e.g.
$$2(11) = 3(9) + 5$$
 X
 $-2(11) = -3(9) + 5$ \checkmark
 $p = -3$
 $q = -2$

or

Simultaneous Equations:

$$-10q = -5p + 5$$
$$11q = 9p + 5$$

$$55p - 110q = 55$$
$$-90p + 110q = 50$$

$$p = -3$$
$$q = -2$$

For award of u:

ONE of:

• finding gradient

or

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Evidence

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ONE (a)	$\frac{60}{m} + 12 = 14$ $\frac{60}{m} = 2$ $m = 30$	For award of u: • form and solve linear equation.
(b)	12 - 24y + 24y - 8 < 4y + 16 $4 < 4y + 16$ $4 - 16 < 4y$ $-12 < 4y$ $-3 < y$ Accept $y > -3$	For award of u: ONE of: • expansion of all brackets • consistently solved from inequality containing one incorrect expansion • solution given as an equality. For award of r: • inequality solved (accept y > - 3 or - 3 < y).
(c)	$(y+8)(y+3) = (y+6)(y+2)$ $y^{2} + 3y + 8y + 24 = y^{2} + 2y + 6y + 12$ $11y + 24 = 8y + 12$ $11y - 8y = 12 - 24$ $3y = -12$ $y = -4$	For award of u: ONE of: • expansion and arrangement of both sides (ignore any denominator) • consistent solution • consistent simplification of both sides. For award of r: • correct solution (or equivalent).

(d)	$7x - 15 = 10 + 12x - 6x^2$
	$6x^2 - 5x - 25 = 0$ $(2x - 5)(3x + 5) = 0$
	(2x-5)(3x+5) = 0

Either
$$2x - 5 = 0$$
 or $3x + 5 = 0$

$$2x = 5$$
 or $3x = -5$
 $x = \frac{5}{2}$ or $x = -\frac{5}{3}$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}$$
 or $x = -$

or equivalent.

For award of u:

ONE of:

- equation formed by equating the two graphs and simplifying to a quadratic equation
- consistent factorisation of their quadratic equation.

For award of r:

ONE of:

- consistent solutions to the simplified quadratic equation
- factorisation of correct quadratic.

For award of t:

• correct solutions.

(e) Finding the gradient between the two stated points:

Gradient =
$$\frac{5}{-4}$$
 or $\frac{-5}{4}$

$$y = \frac{-5}{4}x + c$$
 or $y = \frac{5}{-4}x + c$

Tests using one of the coordinates given:

e.g.
$$-4(-3) = 5(3) + 3 X$$

$$4(-3) = -5(3) + 3\sqrt{}$$

$$g = -5$$
$$h = 4$$

or

Simultaneous Equations:

$$-3h = 3g + 3$$
$$-8h = 7g + 3$$

$$-21h - 21g = 21$$

$$-24h - 21g = 9$$

$$g = -5$$
$$h = 4$$

For award of u:

ONE of:

• finding gradient

or

- forms both equations
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For award of r:

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or

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For award of t:

• correct solutions for both g and h.

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TWO (a)	$= 3 \times 16 + 10 + 2$ $= 48 + 10 + 2$ $= 60$	For award of u: • correct solution (no alternative – numerical errors not allowed).
(b)	Sets up factors: $(15y \ 1)(y \ 4)$ $(15y \ 2)(y \ 2)$ $(15y \ 4)(y \ 1)$ $(5y \ 1)(3y \ 4)$ $(5y \ 2)(3y \ 2)$ $(5y \ 4)(3y \ 1)$ and / or (3y-2)(5y+2)=0 Either $3y-2=0$ or $5y+2=0$ 3y=2 or $5y=-2y=\frac{2}{3} or y=-\frac{2}{5}$	For award of u: ONE of: • sets up any one pair of the factorised brackets shown (regardless of signs) • writes $15y^2 + 6y - 10y - 4$ or $15y^2 - 10y + 6y - 4$ • both solutions consistent with their factorising. For award of r: • correct factorising gains an r grade regardless of the solutions stated afterwards.
(c)	$5^{2} \times 5^{2y+13} = 5^{y^{2}}$ $5^{2y+15} = 5^{y^{2}}$ $2y+15 = y^{2}$ $y^{2}-2y-15 = 0$ $(y-5)(y+3) = 0$ Either $y-5=0$ or $y+3=0$ $y=5$ or $y=-3$	For award of u: ONE of: writes 25 as 5 ² simplifies indices on the LHS consistently generates the quadratic equation from their powers consistently calculates correct values of x from their quadratic equation. For award of r: consistently solves their quadratic equation. For award of t: correct solutions.

(d)(i)
$$2(10y+5) + 2(5y+1) = 192$$

$$20y+10+10y+2=192$$

$$30y+12=192$$

$$30y=180$$

$$y = \frac{180}{30}$$

$$y = 6$$
or
$$8y+8+4y+1+6y+5+2y-1+2y-3+3y+2$$

$$+4y+y=192$$

$$30y+12=192$$

$$30y+12=192$$

$$30y=192-12$$

$$30y=180$$

$$y = \frac{180}{30}$$

$$y = 6$$

For award of u:

ONE of:

- establishing the expression for the perimeter (ignore the omission of the = 192)
- consistent solving of their perimeter equation.

For award of r:

• correct solution showing algebraic procedures.

(d)(ii)
$$(10y+5)(5y+1) - (3y+2)(2y-3) - y \times 4y$$

$$= 50y^2 + 10y + 25y + 5 - (6y^2 - 9y + 4y - 6) - 4y^2$$

$$= 50y^2 + 35y + 5 - 6y^2 + 5y + 6 - 4y^2$$

$$= 40y^2 + 40y + 11$$

$$= 40T - 29$$

If the candidate has found the area in (d)(i) this can be used as evidence for (d)(ii)

For award of u:

ONE of:

- establishing the expression for the area
- expansion of two of the pairs of brackets in their area expression
- using y = 6 to state the area as 1691 (or consistent with solution from (d)(i)).

For award of r:

ONE of:

- simplified quadratic
- consistent simplification of expression for the area of the lawn to a quadratic expression which may result from missing the effect of a negative sign in brackets in one expansion
- \bullet consistently rewriting the quadratic in terms of T and y.

For award of t:

• expression for area in terms of T.

Q Day 2	Expected Coverage	Grade (generated by correctly demonstrating the procedures listed in EN4) Requirements are for the student responses to be correct (ignoring numerical errors) unless the statement specifies consistent)
THREE (a)(i)	$g + 2f = de^2$ $\frac{g + 2f}{e^2} = d$	For award of u: • expression for d.
(ii)	$jz^{2} - 25wz^{2} = 5y^{2} + 16x^{2}$ $z^{2}(j - 25w) = 5y^{2} + 16x^{2}$	 For award of u: one valid step leading to both terms involving z² being on one side of the equals sign. For award of r: one valid step leading to both terms involving z² being on one
	$z^{2} = \frac{5y^{2} + 16x^{2}}{j - 25w}$ $z = \sqrt{\frac{5y^{2} + 16x^{2}}{j - 25w}}$ or equivalent.	 one valid step reading to both terms involving 2 being on one side of the equals sign and ONE of: factorising of z² terms consistent expression for z.
		For award of t: • expression for z (± not required in front of radical sign).
(b)	$= \frac{5y(y-5)}{(y+5)(y-5)}$ $= \frac{5y}{y+5}$	For award of u: ONE of: • factorising of numerator or denominator • consistently simplified from their factorisation.
		For award of r: • simplification of expression $(y \neq -5 \text{ not required}).$
(c)	$= \frac{4(10y-2)+5(4y-5)}{20}$ $= \frac{40y-8+20y-25}{20}$	For award of u: ONE of: • correct arrangement for numerator (does not need to be simplified) • consistent simplification of numerator.
	$=\frac{60y - 33}{20}$	For award of r: • correct expression with denominator.
	or equivalent.	

(d) Area of rectangle = w(5w - 14)Area of triangle = $\frac{1}{2}(4w - 4)(3w - 8)$ = (2w - 2)(3w - 8) $w(5w - 14) = \frac{1}{2}(4w - 4)(3w - 8)$ $5w^2 - 14w = (2w - 2)(3w - 8)$ $5w^2 - 14w = 6w^2 - 22w + 16$ $6w^2 - 22w + 16 - 5w^2 + 14w = 0$ $w^2 - 8w + 16 = 0$

(w-4)(w-4)=0

w = 4

For award of u:

ONE of:

- forms equation for both areas
- area of triangle in expanded and simplified form or

expands both triangle and rectangle quadratic expressions (½ may still be stated with triangle expression) without forming equation

- consistently simplifies their equation to a quadratic equation
- consistent factorisation of their quadratic equation into two brackets
- consistent solving of their factorised quadratic equation.

For award of r:

• consistent solution(s) from their quadratic equation.

For award of t:

• correct value of w found.