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**MAA**

**EXERCISES [MAA 4.4]**  
**LINEAR REGRESSION**  
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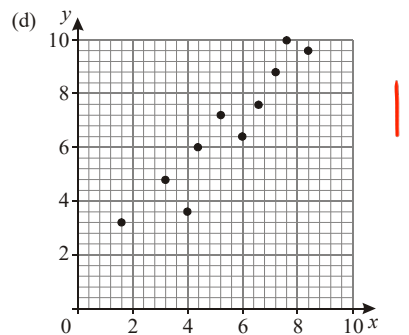
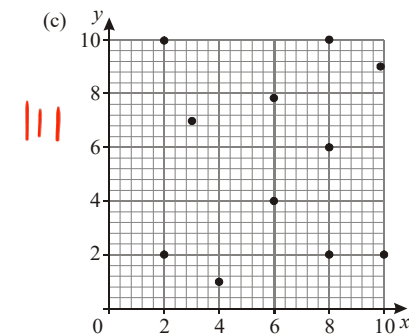
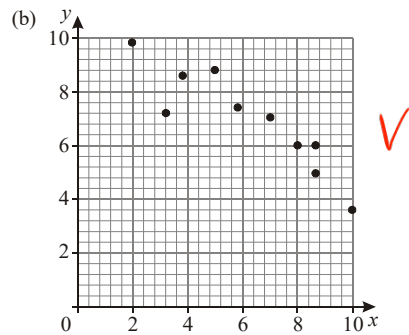
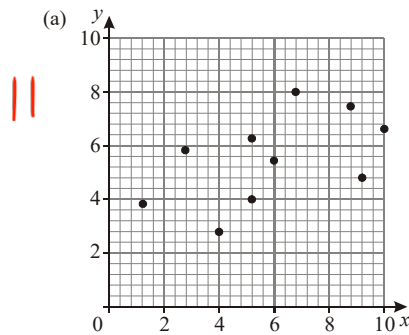
**O. Practice questions**

**1.** [Maximum mark: 4] **[without GDC]**

The following statements describe the correlation between two variables

- I Strong positive linear correlation
- II Weak positive linear correlation
- III No correlation
- IV Weak negative linear correlation
- V Strong negative linear correlation

Which statement **best** represents the relationship between the two variables shown in each of the scatter diagrams below.



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2. [Maximum mark: 17] **[with GDC]**

Consider the following data

$x$	1	2	3	4
$y$	2	3	7	8

(a) Complete the following table

	mean	standard deviation
for the values of $x$	2.5	1.12
for the values of $y$	5	2.55

[4]

(b) Write down the equations of the following lines

$L_1$ : regression line of $y$ on $x$	$y = 2.2x - 0.5$
$L_2$ : regression line of $x$ on $y$	$x = 0.423y + 0.385$

[2]

(c) For the relation between  $x$  and  $y$ ,

(i) write down the correlation coefficient

(ii) state a description of this relation

[3]

(d) Use  $L_1$  to express  $x$  in term of  $y$  in the form  $x = ay + b$ . What do you notice?

[3]

(e) Based on your answer in question (b)

(i) Find an estimation for  $y$  when  $x = 5$ .(ii) Find two estimations for  $x$  when  $y = 4$ , correct to 3 decimal places.

Which one is the most reliable?

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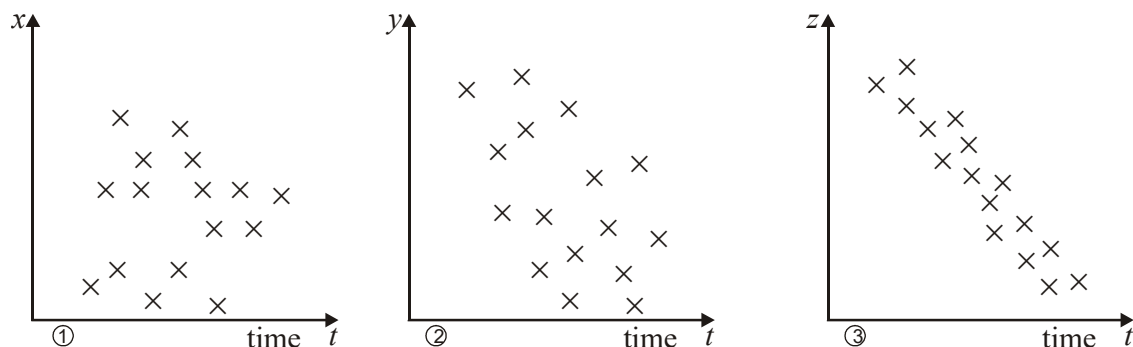
(c.i.)  $r = 0.965$  (c.ii.) Very strong positive correlation.(d.) Not the same as  $x$  on  $y$ .  $x = 0.455y + 0.227$ (e.i.)  $y = 2.2(5) - 0.5 = 10.5$ (e.ii.)  $x = 0.423(4) + 0.385 \approx 2.077$  ① $x = 0.455(4) + 0.227 = 2.047$  ②

② is more reliable, because it's the proper line of regression.

**A. Exam style questions (SHORT)****3. [Maximum mark: 7] [without GDC]**

The sketches below represent scatter diagrams for the way in which variables  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  change over time,  $t$ , in a given chemical experiment.

They are labelled ①, ② and ③.

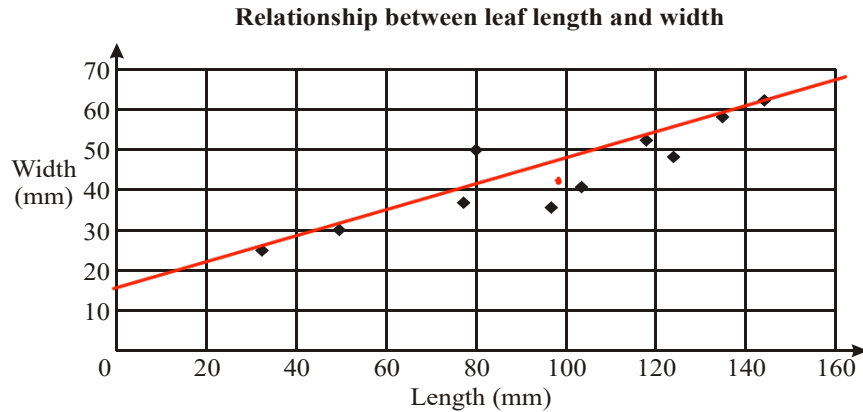


- (a) State which of the diagrams indicate that the pair of variables
- (i) is not correlated. (ii) shows strong linear correlation. [2]
- (b) A student is given a piece of paper with five numbers written on it. She is told that three of these numbers are the product moment correlation coefficients for the three pairs of variables shown above. The five numbers are
- $0.9, -0.85, -0.20, 0.04, 1.60$
- (i) For each sketch above state which of these five numbers is the most appropriate value for the correlation coefficient. [3]
- (ii) For the two remaining numbers, state why you reject them for this experiment. [2]

(a.i) ① (a.ii) ③  
 (b.i) ①  $0.04$ , ②  $-0.20$ , ③  $-0.85$   
 (b.ii) There's no graph showing a strong positive correlation so  $0.9$  is out, and  $r$  can't be  $> 1$  so  $1.6$  is rejected too.

4. [Maximum mark: 4] **[without GDC]**

The length and width of 10 leaves are shown on the scatter diagram below.



- Plot the point  $M(97, 43)$  which represents the mean length and the mean width. [1]
- Draw a suitable line of best fit. [2]
- Write a sentence describing the relationship between leaf length and leaf width for this sample. [1]

Leaf length is strongly, positively correlated with leaf width.

5. [Maximum mark: 5] **[with GDC]**

Ten students were asked for their average grade at the end of their last year of high school and their average grade at the end of their last year at university. The results were put into a table as follows:

Student	High School grade, $x$	University grade, $y$
1	90	3.2
2	75	2.6
3	80	3.0
4	70	1.6
5	95	3.8
6	85	3.1
7	90	3.8
8	70	2.8
9	95	3.0
10	85	3.5
Total	835	30.4

- Find the correlation coefficient  $r$ . [1]
- Describe the correlation between the high school and the university grades. [2]
- Find the equation of the regression line for  $y$  on  $x$ . [2]

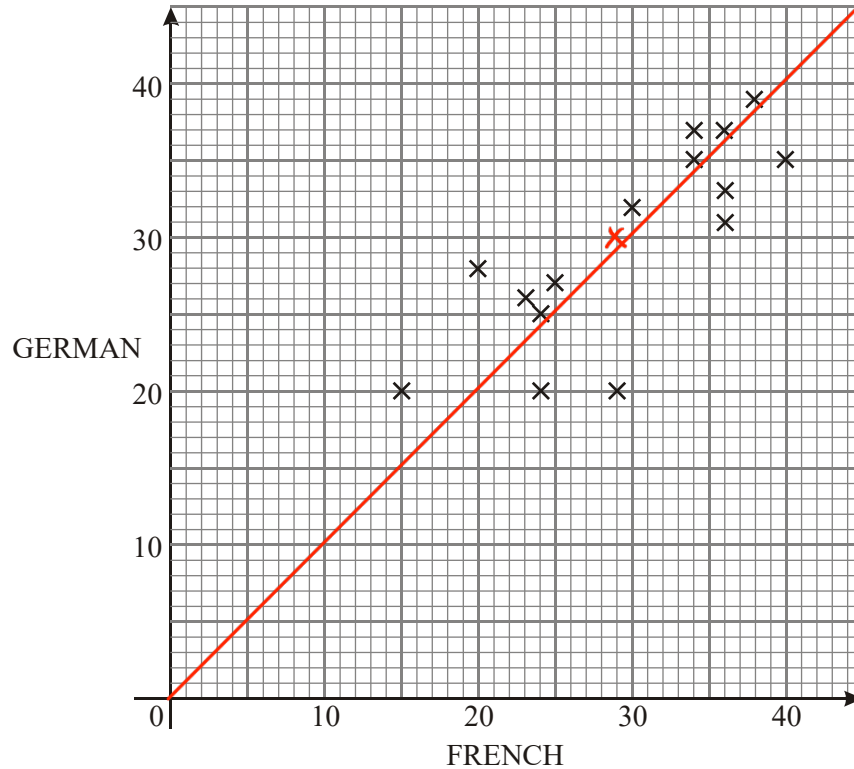
(a)  $r = 0.761$

(b) Strong positive correlation

(c)  $y = 11.2x + 49.6$

6. [Maximum mark: 5] **[without GDC]**

The diagram below shows the marks scored by pupils in a French test and a German test. The mean score on the French test is 29 marks and on the German test is 30 marks.

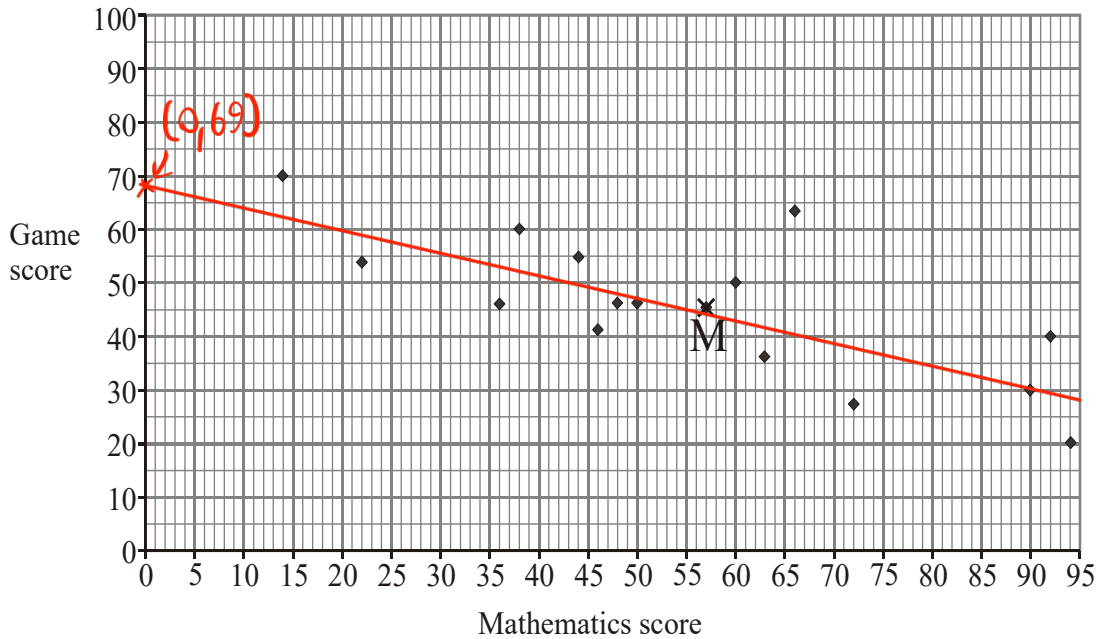


- Describe the relationship between the scores. [1]
- On the graph mark the point M which represents the mean of the distribution. [1]
- Draw a suitable line of best fit. [2]
- Idris scored 32 marks on the French test. Use your graph to estimate the mark Idris scored on the German test. [1]

(a) Positively correlated  
(d) 32

7. [Maximum mark: 5] **[without GDC]**

A group of 15 students was given a test on mathematics. The students then played a computer game. The diagram below shows the scores on the test and the game.



The point M corresponding to the means has coordinates (56.9, 45.9).

- (a) Describe the relationship between the two sets of scores. [1]
- (b) On the diagram draw the straight line of best fit given that it passes through the point (0, 69). [2]

Jane took the tests late and scored 45 at mathematics.

- (c) Using your graph or otherwise, estimate the score Jane expects on the computer game, giving your answer to the nearest whole number. [2]

(a) Positive correlation

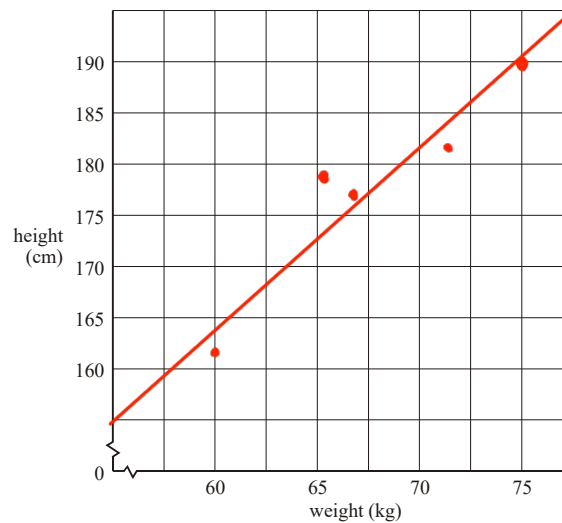
(c) 50

8. [Maximum mark: 8]

The following table gives the heights and weights of five sixteen-year-old boys.

Name	Height	Weight
Blake	182 cm	73 kg
Jorge	173 cm	68 kg
Chin	162 cm	60 kg
Ravi	178 cm	66 kg
Derek	190 cm	75 kg

- (a) Find (i) the mean height; (ii) the mean weight. [2]  
 (b) Plot the above data on the grid below and draw the line of best fit.



- (c) Find the Pearson correlation coefficient  $r$ . [4]  
 [2]

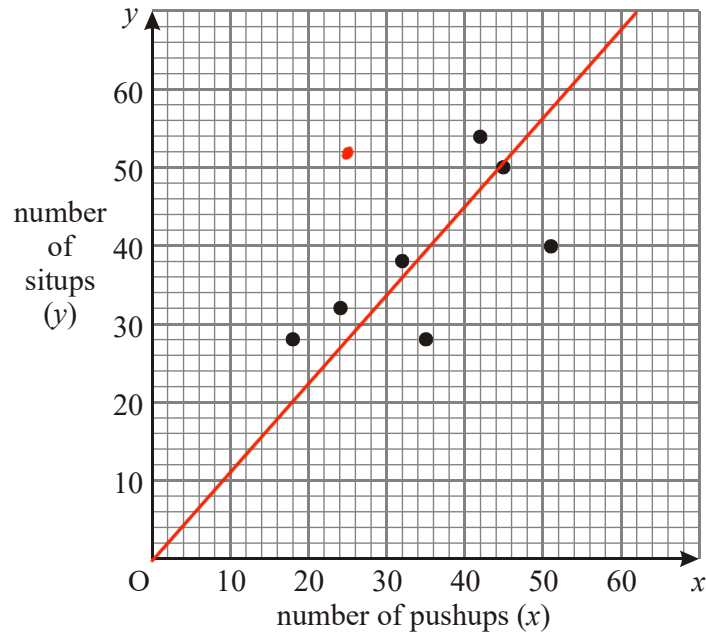
(a.i) 177 cm (a.ii) 68.4 kg  
 (c)  $r = 0.94$

9. [Maximum mark: 6] **[with GDC]**

Eight students in Mr. O'Neil's Physical Education class did pushups and situps. Their results are shown in the following table.

Student	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
number of pushups ( $x$ )	24	18	32	51	35	42	45	25
number of situps ( $y$ )	32	28	38	40	30	52	48	52

The graph below shows the results for the first seven students.



- (a) Plot the results for the eighth student on the graph. [1]
- (b) Find the equation of the regression line. [2]
- (c) Find  $\bar{x}$  and  $\bar{y}$ , and draw a line of best fit on the graph. [4]
- (d) A student can do 60 pushups. How many situps can the student be expected to do? [1]

(b)  $y = 0.370x + 27.3$

(c)  $\bar{x} = 34.4, \bar{y} = 40$

(d) 68



10. [Maximum mark: 4] **[with GDC]**

Ten students were given two tests, one on Mathematics and one on English.

The table shows the results of the tests for each of the ten students.

Student	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Mathematics ( $x$ )	8.6	13.4	12.8	9.3	1.3	9.4	13.1	4.9	13.5	9.6
English ( $y$ )	33	51	30	48	12	23	46	18	36	50

(a) Find correct to two decimal places, the correlation coefficient ( $r$ ). [2]

(b) Use your result from part (a) to comment on the statement:

*'Those who do well in Mathematics also do well in English.'*

[2]

(a)  $r = 0.711$

(b) Fairly true

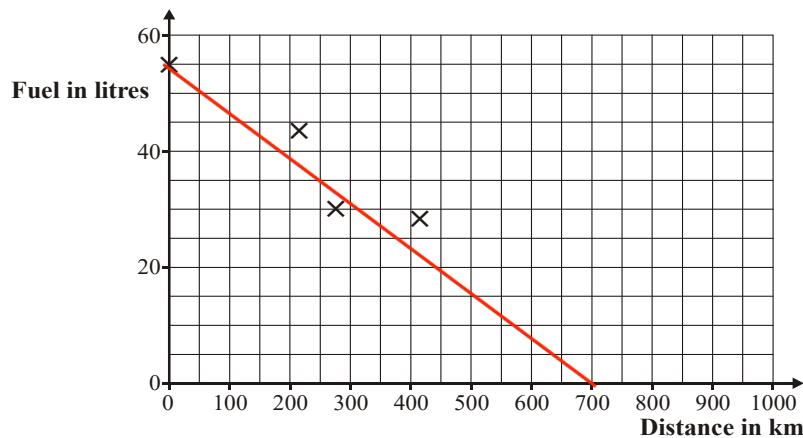
11. [Maximum mark: 6] **[without GDC]**

The following table gives the amount of fuel in a car's fuel tank, and the number of kilometres travelled after filling the tank.

Distance travelled (km)	0	220	276	500	680	850
Amount of fuel in tank (litres)	55	43	30	24	10	6

(a) On the scatter diagram below, plot the remaining points.

[2]



The mean distance travelled is 421 km ( $\bar{x}$ ), and the mean amount of fuel in the tank is 28 litres ( $\bar{y}$ ). This point is plotted on the scatter diagram.

(b) Sketch the line of best fit.

[3]

(c) A car travelled 350km. Use your line above to estimate the amount of fuel left in the tank.

[1]

(c) 25 Liters

**B. Exam style questions (LONG)**

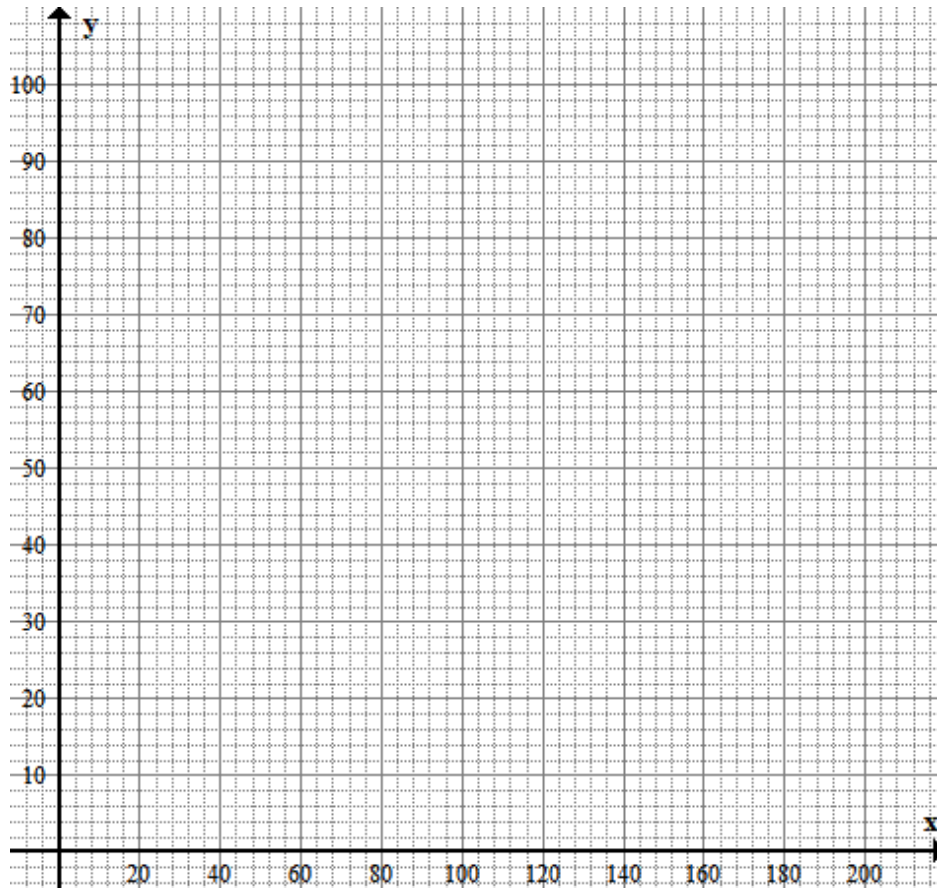
12. [Maximum mark: 12] *[with GDC]*

The heights and weights of 10 students selected at random are shown below.

Student	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Height x cm	155	161	173	150	182	165	170	185	175	145
Weight y kg	50	75	80	46	81	79	64	92	74	108

(a) Plot this information on a scatter graph.

[4]



(b) Calculate the mean height and the mean weight

[2]

(c) (i) Find the equation of the line of best fit.

(ii) Draw the line of best fit on your graph.

[3]

(d) Use your line to estimate

(i) the weight of a student of height 190 cm;

(ii) the height of a student of weight 72 kg.

[2]

(e) It is decided to remove the data for student number 10 from all calculations.

Explain **briefly** what effect this will have on the line of best fit.

[1]

[illegible]

13. [Maximum mark: 10] **[with GDC]**

It is decided to take a random sample of 10 students to see if there is any linear relationship between height and shoe size. The results are given in the table below.

Height (cm) ( $x$ )	Shoe size ( $y$ )
175	8
160	9
180	8
155	7
178	10
159	8
166	9
185	11
189	10
173	9

- (a) Write down the equation of the regression line of shoe size ( $y$ ) on height ( $x$ ), giving your answer in the form  $y = mx + c$ . [2]
- (b) State an interpretation for the coefficient  $m$  of the regression line in (a). [2]
- (c) A student is 162 cm in height
- (i) Use your equation in part (a) to predict the shoe size of the student.
- (ii) Is this an interpolation or extrapolation? Explain. [3]
- (d) Write down the correlation coefficient. [1]
- (e) Describe the correlation between height and shoe size. [2]

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Age ( $x$ )	32	40	21	45	24	19	17	21	27	54	33	37	23	45	18
Time (in h) ( $y$ )	10	12	8	15	7	8	6	9	11	16	10	13	9	17	5

- [illegible]

	sugar	milk	eggs	rolls	tea bags	coffee	potatoes	flour
1992 price	\$ 1.44	\$ 0.80	\$ 2.16	\$ 1.80	\$ 0.92	\$ 3.16	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.12
2002 price	\$ 2.20	\$ 1.04	\$ 2.64	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.32	\$ 2.28	\$ 1.92	\$ 1.44

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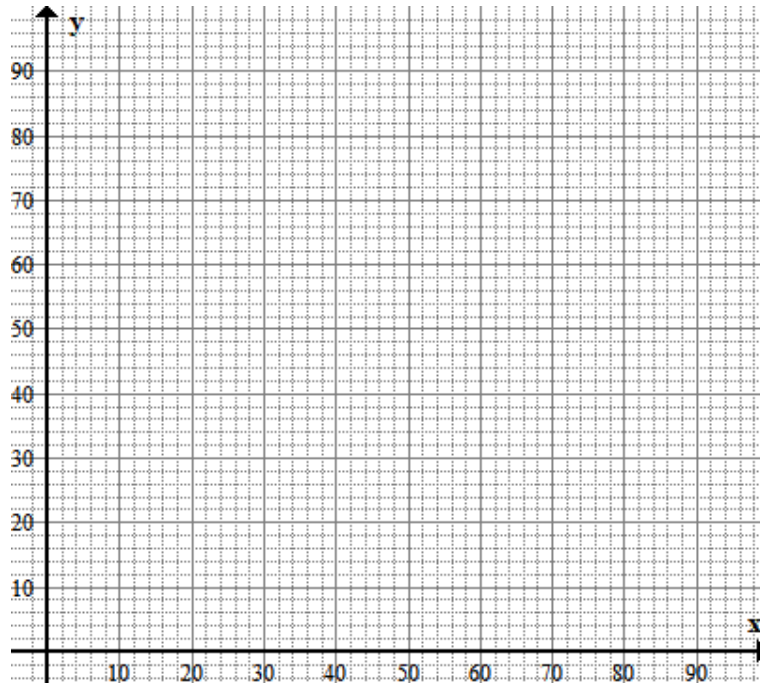
16. [Maximum mark: 12] **[with GDC]**

The following are the results of a survey of the scores of 10 people on both a mathematics ( $x$ ) and a science ( $y$ ) aptitude test:

Student	Mathematics ( $x$ )	Science ( $y$ )
1	90	85
2	38	60
3	58	78
4	85	70
5	73	65
6	82	71
7	56	80
8	73	90
9	95	96
10	80	85

(a) Plot this information on a scatter graph.

[4]



(b) Find and plot the point  $M(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  on the graph.

[2]

(c) Find the equation of the regression line of  $y$  on  $x$  in the form  $y = ax + b$ .

[2]

(d) Graph this line on the above graph.

[2]

(e) Given that a student receives an 88 on the mathematics test, what would you expect this student's science score to be? Show how you arrived at your result.

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17. [Maximum mark: 10]

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Student	Mathematics ( $x$ )	Science ( $y$ )
1	90	85
2	38	60
3	58	78
4	90	70
5	73	65
6	90	71
7	56	80
8	73	90
9	95	96
10	80	85

- (a) Find the equation of the regression line of  $y$  on  $x$ . [2]
- (b) Find the equation of the regression line of  $x$  on  $y$ . [2]
- (c) Find the **Pearson** correlation coefficient  $r$ . [2]
- (d) Describe the relation between the scores in Mathematics and Science. [2]

The table below shows the data for  $x$  in increasing order and the corresponding ranks.

Mathematics ( $x$ )	Science ( $y$ )	Rank $x$	Rank $y$
38	60	1	1
56	80	2	6
58	78	3	5
73	65	<b>4.5</b>	2
73	90	<b>4.5</b>	9
80	85	6	<b>7.5</b>
90	70	<b>8</b>	3
90	71	<b>8</b>	4
90	85	<b>8</b>	<b>7.5</b>
95	96	10	10

- (d) The correlation coefficient between the ranks is known as **Spearman** rank correlation coefficient  $r_s$ . Find its value. [2]

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