

EXAMPLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

ESAT Mock Examination

Mathematics 1

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Instructions

- Time allowed: **15 minutes**.
- There are **10 multiple-choice questions**. Each is worth 1 mark.
- There is no negative marking. Answer every question, even if you have to guess.
- Calculators are not permitted.
- Record your answers on the separate answer sheet. Only the answer sheet is marked.
- Formulae are not provided. The ESAT does not supply a formula sheet.

Note: the real ESAT is sat on screen at a Pearson test centre. This paper trains the mathematics and the pacing, not the on-screen interface.

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Question 1

A winch unwinds 0.75 km of uniform steel cable of linear density 12 g cm^{-1} . Find its mass.

- A. 900 kg
- B. 90 kg
- C. 625 kg
- D. 9 kg
- E. 90000 kg
- F. 9000 kg
- G. 0.9 kg
- H. 0.09 kg

Question 2

A ski tow climbs a uniform slope in a straight line. The cable rises 1.5 m for every 2 m of horizontal distance. Find the height gained along 20 m of cable.

- A. 15 m
- B. 12 m
- C. 6 m
- D. 16 m
- E. 8 m

Question 3

240 g of alloy occupies 30 cm^3 , each to the nearest ten. Find the greatest density.

- A. 9.4 g cm^{-3}
- B. 9.8 g cm^{-3}
- C. 8 g cm^{-3}
- D. 10 g cm^{-3}
- E. 7 g cm^{-3}
- F. 9.6 g cm^{-3}
- G. 12 g cm^{-3}
- H. 12.5 g cm^{-3}

Question 4

A start-up's cash balance C , in thousands of pounds, at the end of month x is modelled by $C = (x - 1)(x - 5)$, valid for months 0 to 6. Treating x as continuous, what is the lowest balance predicted?

- A. $-\$3000$
- B. $\$0$
- C. $-\$9000$
- D. $\$5000$
- E. $-\$4000$
- F. $\$1000$
- G. $-\$14000$
- H. $\$3000$

Question 5

Decrease 80 by 15%.

- A. 92
- B. 68
- C. 65
- D. 94.12
- E. 12

Question 6

A circular ornamental garden has a diameter of 36 m, with a sundial at its centre. A wedge-shaped vegetable patch has its point at the sundial and reaches out to the garden's edge, and it covers $54\pi \text{ m}^2$ of the ground. Rabbit fencing is fitted along the curved edge of the patch and nowhere else. What length of the garden's boundary is left unfenced?

- A. $33\pi \text{ m}$
- B. $36\pi \text{ m}$
- C. $60\pi \text{ m}$
- D. $42\pi \text{ m}$
- E. $69\pi \text{ m}$
- F. $30\pi \text{ m}$
- G. $15\pi \text{ m}$
- H. $6\pi \text{ m}$

Question 7

A camera's light meter plots the correct exposure time t , in milliseconds, against the aperture area A , in mm^2 . The plotted curve is a hyperbola in the first quadrant, falling steeply and approaching both axes without ever meeting them. One recorded setting has $A = 8$ and $t = 45$. What exposure time does the curve give when $A = 12$?

- A. 41 ms
- B. 22.5 ms
- C. 20 ms
- D. 101.25 ms
- E. 90 ms
- F. 3.75 ms
- G. 67.5 ms
- H. 30 ms

Question 8

A battery is $\frac{3}{4}$ charged. Using 0.35 of its capacity leaves what percentage?

- A. 40%
- B. 110%
- C. 48.75%
- D. 60%
- E. 74.65%
- F. 71.5%
- G. 65%
- H. 26.25%

Question 9

A vineyard's yield falls by 20% each year while a disease goes untreated. Three harvests after it appeared the yield is 2560 kg. How large was the last healthy harvest?

- A. 6400 kg
- B. 4480 kg
- C. 3200 kg
- D. 4096 kg
- E. 5120 kg
- F. 4000 kg
- G. 6250 kg
- H. 5000 kg

Question 10

A courier walks 4 blocks east and 2 north. How many routes are possible?

- A. 8
- B. 360
- C. 30
- D. 6
- E. 64
- F. 15
- G. 720
- H. 10

END OF PAPER

Questions 11 to 27 are in the full paper

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