
GCSE Mathematics

Pythagoras' Theorem

Mark Scheme - GCSE Maths Practice

M = method mark, A = accuracy mark (dependent on the preceding M mark), B = independent mark.

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Edexcel-style questions

Q1 Grade 5 Edexcel style

Total: 3

Part	Mark scheme	Marks
(a)	$6^2 + 8^2 = 100$	M1
(a)	$x = \sqrt{100}$	M1
(a)	$x = 10 \text{ cm}$	A1

Q2 Grade 5 Edexcel style

Total: 3

Part	Mark scheme	Marks
(a)	$13^2 - 5^2 = 144$	M1
(a)	$x = \sqrt{144}$	M1
(a)	$x = 12 \text{ cm}$	A1

Q3 Grade 6 Edexcel style

Total: 3

Part	Mark scheme	Marks
(a)	$9^2 + 12^2 = 81 + 144 = 225$	M1
(a)	$15^2 = 225$	M1
(a)	since $9^2 + 12^2 = 15^2$, the triangle IS right-angled	A1

Q4 Grade 6 Edexcel style

Total: 3

Part	Mark scheme	Marks
(a)	$13^2 - 5^2 = 144$	M1
(a)	$h = \sqrt{144}$	M1
(a)	$h = 12 \text{ m}$	A1

Q5 Grade 7 Edexcel style

Total: 2

Part	Mark scheme	Marks
(a)	$\text{height}^2 = 13^2 - 5^2 = 144$, so $\text{height} = \sqrt{144} = 12 \text{ cm}$	M1
(a)	$\text{area} = \frac{1}{2} \times 10 \times 12 = 60 \text{ cm}^2$	A1

AQA-style questions

Q6 Grade 5 AQA style**Total: 3**

Part	Mark scheme	Marks
(a)	$5^2 + 12^2 = 169$	M1
(a)	$x = \sqrt{169}$	M1
(a)	$x = 13 \text{ cm}$	A1

Q7 Grade 6 AQA style**Total: 3**

Part	Mark scheme	Marks
(a)	$17^2 - 8^2 = 225$	M1
(a)	$x = \sqrt{225}$	M1
(a)	$x = 15 \text{ cm}$	A1

Q8 Grade 6 AQA style**Total: 3**

Part	Mark scheme	Marks
(a)	$7^2 + 8^2 = 49 + 64 = 113$	M1
(a)	$12^2 = 144$	M1
(a)	since $113 \neq 144$, the triangle is NOT right-angled	A1

Q9 Grade 6 AQA style**Total: 3**

Part	Mark scheme	Marks
(a)	$7^2 + 24^2 = 625$	M1
(a)	$d = \sqrt{625}$	M1
(a)	$d = 25 \text{ m}$	A1

Q10 Grade 7 AQA style**Total: 3**

Part	Mark scheme	Marks
(a)	initial height = $\sqrt{10^2 - 6^2} = \sqrt{64} = 8 \text{ m}$	M1
(a)	new height = $\sqrt{10^2 - 8^2} = \sqrt{36} = 6 \text{ m}$	M1
(a)	the ladder slides down by $8 - 6 = 2 \text{ m}$	A1

OCR-style questions

Q11 Grade 5 OCR style

Total: 3

Part	Mark scheme	Marks
(a)	$9^2 + 12^2 = 225$	M1
(a)	$x = \sqrt{225}$	M1
(a)	$x = 15 \text{ cm}$	A1

Q12 Grade 5 OCR style

Total: 3

Part	Mark scheme	Marks
(a)	$10^2 - 6^2 = 64$	M1
(a)	$x = \sqrt{64}$	M1
(a)	$x = 8 \text{ cm}$	A1

Q13 Grade 6 OCR style

Total: 3

Part	Mark scheme	Marks
(a)	$10^2 + 24^2 = 100 + 576 = 676$	M1
(a)	$26^2 = 676$	M1
(a)	since $10^2 + 24^2 = 26^2$, the triangle IS right-angled	A1

Q14 Grade 6 OCR style

Total: 3

Part	Mark scheme	Marks
(a)	horizontal distance = $7 - 1 = 6$, vertical distance = $10 - 2 = 8$	M1
(a)	distance = $\sqrt{6^2 + 8^2} = \sqrt{100}$	M1
(a)	distance = 10 units	A1

Q15 Grade 7 OCR style

Total: 3

Part	Mark scheme	Marks
(a)	$AB = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{25} = 5$, $BC = \sqrt{4^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{25} = 5$, $AC = \sqrt{7^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{50}$	M1
(a)	$AB^2 + BC^2 = 25 + 25 = 50$, and $AC^2 = 50$	M1
(a)	since $AB^2 + BC^2 = AC^2$, the triangle DOES have a right angle at B	A1

Teachably-style questions

Q16 Grade 5 Teachably style

Total: 3

Part	Mark scheme	Marks
(a)	$7^2 + 24^2 = 625$	M1
(a)	$x = \sqrt{625}$	M1
(a)	$x = 25 \text{ cm}$	A1

Q17 Grade 6 Teachably style

Total: 3

Part	Mark scheme	Marks
(a)	$25^2 - 20^2 = 225$	M1
(a)	$x = \sqrt{225}$	M1
(a)	$x = 15 \text{ cm}$	A1

Q18 Grade 6 Teachably style

Total: 3

Part	Mark scheme	Marks
(a)	$6^2 + 7^2 = 36 + 49 = 85$	M1
(a)	$9^2 = 81$	M1
(a)	since $85 \neq 81$, the triangle is NOT right-angled	A1

Q19 Grade 7 Teachably style

Total: 3

Part	Mark scheme	Marks
(a)	$6^2 + 6^2 = 72$	M1
(a)	$d = \sqrt{72} = \sqrt{36 \times 2}$	M1
(a)	$d = 6\sqrt{2} \text{ cm}$	A1

Q20 Grade 7 Teachably style

Total: 2

Part	Mark scheme	Marks
(a)	$h^2 = (\sqrt{8})^2 + (\sqrt{28})^2 = 8 + 28 = 36$	M1
(a)	$h = \sqrt{36} = 6 \text{ cm}$	A1

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