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PUBLISHED**Generic Marking Principles**

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptions for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Mathematics-Specific Marking Principles

- 1 Unless a particular method has been specified in the question, full marks may be awarded for any correct method. However, if a calculation is required then no marks will be awarded for a scale drawing.
- 2 Unless specified in the question, non-integer answers may be given as fractions, decimals or in standard form. Ignore superfluous zeros, provided that the degree of accuracy is not affected.
- 3 Allow alternative conventions for notation if used consistently throughout the paper, e.g. commas being used as decimal points.
- 4 Unless otherwise indicated, marks once gained cannot subsequently be lost, e.g. wrong working following a correct form of answer is ignored (isw).
- 5 Where a candidate has misread a number or sign in the question and used that value consistently throughout, provided that number does not alter the difficulty or the method required, award all marks earned and deduct just 1 A or B mark for the misread.
- 6 Recovery within working is allowed, e.g. a notation error in the working where the following line of working makes the candidate's intent clear.

Annotations guidance for centres

Examiners use a system of annotations as a shorthand for communicating their marking decisions to one another. Examiners are trained during the standardisation process on how and when to use annotations. The purpose of annotations is to inform the standardisation and monitoring processes and guide the supervising examiners when they are checking the work of examiners within their team. The meaning of annotations and how they are used is specific to each component and is understood by all examiners who mark the component.

We publish annotations in our mark schemes to help centres understand the annotations they may see on copies of scripts. Note that there may not be a direct correlation between the number of annotations on a script and the mark awarded. Similarly, the use of an annotation may not be an indication of the quality of the response.

The annotations listed below were available to examiners marking this component in this series.

Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
	More information required
	Accuracy mark awarded zero
	Accuracy mark awarded one
	Independent accuracy mark awarded zero
	Independent accuracy mark awarded one
	Independent accuracy mark awarded two
	Benefit of the doubt
	Blank Page
	Incorrect
Dep	Used to indicate DM0 or DM1

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Annotation	Meaning
DM1	Dependent on the previous M1 mark(s)
	Follow through
	Indicate working that is right or wrong
Highlighter	Highlight a key point in the working
	Ignore subsequent work
	Judgement
	Judgement
	Method mark awarded zero
	Method mark awarded one
	Method mark awarded two
	Misread
	Omission or Other solution
Off-page comment	Allows comments to be entered at the bottom of the RM marking window and then displayed when the associated question item is navigated to.
On-page comment	Allows comments to be entered in speech bubbles on the candidate response.
	Judgment made by the PE
	Premature approximation
	Special case
	Indicates that work/page has been seen

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Annotation	Meaning
	Error in number of significant figures
	Correct
	Transcription error
	Correct answer from incorrect working

PUBLISHED**Mark Scheme Notes**

The following notes are intended to aid interpretation of mark schemes in general, but individual mark schemes may include marks awarded for specific reasons outside the scope of these notes.

Types of mark

- 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.
- DM or DB** 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 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.
- FT** 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 or B marks are given for correct work only (not for results obtained from incorrect working) unless follow through is allowed (see abbreviation FT above).
 - For a numerical answer, allow the A or B mark if the answer is correct to 3 significant figures or would be correct to 3 significant figures if rounded (1 decimal place for angles in degrees).
 - The total number of marks available for each question is shown at the bottom of the Marks column.
 - Wrong or missing units in an answer should not result in loss of marks unless the guidance indicates otherwise.
 - Square brackets [] around text or numbers show extra information not needed for the mark to be awarded.

Abbreviations

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
ISW	Ignore Subsequent Working
SOI	Seen Or Implied
SC	Special Case (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)
WWW	Without Wrong Working
AWRT	Answer Which Rounds To

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	Method 1		
	4M 0W: $\frac{7}{12} \times \frac{6}{11} \times \frac{5}{10} \times \frac{4}{9} \left[= \frac{840}{11880} \right]$	M1	One identified un-simplified scenario with denominators 12, 11, 10, 9.
	3M 1W: $\frac{7}{12} \times \frac{6}{11} \times \frac{5}{10} \times \frac{5}{9} \times 4 \left[= \frac{4200}{11880} \right]$	B1	Two scenarios correctly evaluated, accept un-simplified, may not be identified.
	2M 2W: $\frac{7}{12} \times \frac{6}{11} \times \frac{5}{10} \times \frac{4}{9} \times 6 \left[= \frac{5040}{11880} \right]$	M1	Sum of 3 correct scenarios, may be identified by un-simplified calculations or exact values.
	$\frac{840}{11880} + \frac{4200}{11880} + \frac{5040}{11880}$		
	[Probability =] $\frac{28}{33}, 0.848$	A1	Accept $0.848 \leq p \leq 0.8485, \frac{10080}{11880}$. If 1 or more M marks not scored, SCB1 for $\frac{28}{33}, 0.848 \leq p \leq 0.8485$ WWW.
	Method 2		
	1M 3W: $\frac{7}{12} \times \frac{5}{11} \times \frac{4}{10} \times \frac{3}{9} \times 4 \left[= \frac{1680}{11880} \right]$	M1	One identified un-simplified scenario with denominators 12, 11, 10, 9.
	0M 4W: $\frac{5}{12} \times \frac{4}{11} \times \frac{3}{10} \times \frac{2}{9} \left[= \frac{120}{11880} \right]$	B1	Two scenarios correctly evaluated, accept un-simplified, may not be identified.
	$1 - \left(\frac{1680}{11880} + \frac{120}{11880} \right)$	M1	1 – sum of 2 correct scenarios, may be identified by un-simplified calculations or exact values.

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	[Probability =] $\frac{28}{33}$, 0.848	A1	Accept $0.848 \leq p \leq 0.8485$, $\frac{10080}{11880}$. If 1 or more M marks not scored, SCB1 for $\frac{28}{33}$, $0.848 \leq p \leq 0.8485$ WWW.
	Method 3		
	4M 0W: ${}^7C_4 [\times {}^5C_0]$ [= 35] 3M 1W: ${}^7C_3 \times {}^5C_1$ [= 175] 2M 2W: ${}^7C_2 \times {}^5C_2$ [= 210] [Total number of selections =] ${}^{12}C_4$ [= 495] $\frac{35+175+210}{495}$	M1	One identified un-simplified scenario, with ${}^7C_x \times {}^5C_y$ with $x + y = 4$.
		B1	Two scenarios correctly evaluated, accept un-simplified, may not be identified.
		M1	Sum of 3 correct scenarios, may be identified by un-simplified calculations or exact values, divided by ${}^{12}C_4$.
	[Probability =] $\frac{28}{33}$, 0.848	A1	Accept $0.848 \leq p \leq 0.8485$, $\frac{420}{495}$. If 1 or more M marks not scored, SCB1 for $\frac{28}{33}$, $0.848 \leq p \leq 0.8485$ WWW.
	Method 4		
	1M 3W: ${}^7C_1 \times {}^5C_3$ [= 70] 0M 4W: $[{}^7C_0 \times] {}^5C_4$ [= 5] [Total number of selections =] ${}^{12}C_4$ [= 495] $1 - \frac{70+5}{495}$	M1	One identified un-simplified scenario, with ${}^7C_x \times {}^5C_y$ with $x + y = 4$.
		B1	Two scenarios correctly evaluated, accept un-simplified, may not be identified.
		M1	1 – (Sum of 2 correct scenarios, may be identified by un-simplified calculations or exact values, divided by ${}^{12}C_4$.

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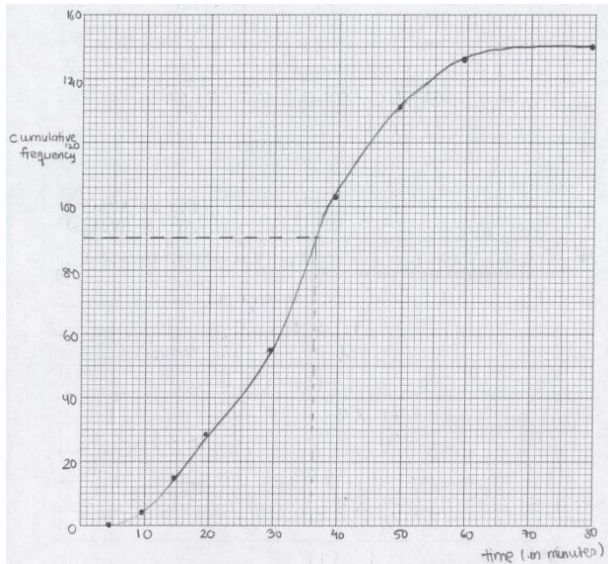
Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	[Probability =] $\frac{28}{33}$, 0.848	A1	Accept $0.848 \leq p \leq 0.8485$, $\frac{420}{495}$. If 1 or more M marks not scored, SCB1 for $\frac{28}{33}$, $0.848 \leq p \leq 0.8485$ WWW.
		(4)	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2(a)	Method 1 Number of ways with Es together – Number of ways with Es together and Ts together		
	$\frac{8!}{3!} - 6!$	B1	$m - 6!$, $m > 720$.
	[= 6720 – 720]	M1	$\frac{8!}{3!} - k!$ for $k = 5, 6$ or 7 .
	= 6000	A1	
	Method 2 Number of ways with Ts not together + Number of ways with 2 Ts together		
	$5! \times \frac{{}^6P_3}{3!} + 5! \times \frac{{}^6P_2}{2!} \times 2$	B1	$5! \times m + 5! \times n$ $m, n > 1$.
	[2400 + 3600]	M1	$q! \times \frac{{}^6P_3}{3!} + q! \times \frac{{}^6P_2}{2!} \times 2$ for $q = 4, 5$ or 6 .
	= 6000	A1	
		(3)	

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2(b)	Method 1		
	$E \wedge \wedge \wedge \wedge \wedge \wedge E \quad \frac{7!}{3!} \quad [= 840]$	M1	$\frac{7!}{3!} \times k$, $k = 1, 2, 3$ or 4 seen at least once. Condone $\times 2$.
	$E \wedge \wedge \wedge \wedge \wedge \wedge E \wedge \quad \frac{7!}{3!} \times 2 \quad [= 1680]$	B1	Two identified outcomes correct, accept un-simplified.
	$E \wedge \wedge \wedge \wedge \wedge E \wedge \wedge \quad \frac{7!}{3!} \times 3 \quad [= 2520]$	M1	4 correct scenarios added (values do not need to be correct), may be identified by un-simplified or correct value.
	$E \wedge \wedge \wedge \wedge E \wedge \wedge \wedge \quad \frac{7!}{3!} \times 4 \quad [= 3360]$		
	8400	A1	If 1 or more M mark not scored, SCB1 for 8400 WWW.
	Method 2: Letters between Es arranged as a unit and then arranged with remaining letters		
	$\{E \wedge \wedge \wedge \wedge \wedge \wedge E\} \quad \frac{{}^7P_7 [\times 1!]}{3!} [= 840]$	M1	$\frac{{}^7P_{(8-k)} \times k!}{3!}$, $k = 1, 2, 3$ or 4 seen at least once. Condone $\times 2$.
	$\{E \wedge \wedge \wedge \wedge \wedge E\} \wedge \quad \frac{{}^7P_6 \times 2!}{3!} [= 1680]$	B1	Two identified outcomes correct, accept un-simplified.
	$\{E \wedge \wedge \wedge \wedge \wedge E\} \wedge \wedge \quad \frac{{}^7P_5 \times 3!}{3!} [= 2520]$	M1	4 correct scenarios added (values do not need to be correct), may be identified by un-simplified or correct value.
	$\{E \wedge \wedge \wedge \wedge E\} \wedge \wedge \wedge \quad \frac{{}^7P_4 \times 4!}{3!} [= 3360]$		
	8400	A1	If 1 or more M mark not scored, SCB1 for 8400 WWW.
		(4)	

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Question	Answer									Marks	Guidance
3(a)	time	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-79	B1	At least 4 of cf values 15, 29, 55, 103, 131, 146, 150 seen. Condone omission of 4. May be by data table.
	CF	4	15	29	55	103	131	146	150	B1	Linearly scaled axes correctly labelled cumulative frequency (cf) (from 0 to 150) and time (t) and minutes (min) (from 4.5 to 79.5) with at least 3 values identified on each. Graph uses more than half of grid on both axes. Axes can be reversed.
	UB	9.5	14.5	19.5	29.5	39.5	49.5	59.5	79.5	M1	At least 6 points plotted at upper boundary ± 0.5 , (e.g. allow (9 or 9.5, 4) etc.) on correctly scaled axes.
										A1	All points plotted correctly, curve drawn (within tolerance), joined to (4.5, 0) and not going beyond above 150 vertically. A0 if straight line segments used.
										4	
3(b)	Line drawn for 90 on cf axis to meet graph									M1	OE. Use of graph must be seen. Must be an increasing graph.
	[t =] 37 [minutes]									A1FT	Strict FT. Condone other variable letters.

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance								
		2									
3(c)	Mean = $\frac{4 \times 7 + 11 \times 12 + 14 \times 17 + 26 \times 24.5 + 48 \times 34.5 + 28 \times 44.5 + 15 \times 54.5 + 4 \times 69.5}{150}$	B1	At least 6 correct midpoints seen. <table border="1"><tr><td>7</td><td>12</td><td>17</td><td>24.5</td><td>34.5</td><td>44.5</td><td>54.5</td><td>69.5</td></tr></table> May be in calculation, may be with data table in 3(a).	7	12	17	24.5	34.5	44.5	54.5	69.5
		7	12	17	24.5	34.5	44.5	54.5	69.5		
	M1	Correct un-simplified mean formula with <i>their</i> 8 midpoints (not upper bound, lower bound, upper limits, class width, frequency density, frequency or cumulative frequency and must be within class). Condone 1 error on numerator. If correct midpoints seen, accept $\frac{28 + 132 + 238 + 637 + 1656 + 1246 + 817.5 + 278}{150}$ or $\frac{5032.5}{150}$.									
= 33.55, 33.6, $33\frac{11}{20}$	A1	WWW. Accept 33 minutes 33seconds. (Note: $\frac{5032.5}{150}$, $\frac{671}{20}$ scores A0).									
		3	The ‘table’ approach may be used with multiplications and additions implied by appropriate values.								

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4(a)	$\left[\left(\frac{4}{7}\right)^3 \times \frac{3}{7} = \frac{192}{2401}, 0.0800\right]$	B1	0.07996668 to at least 3SF.
		1	
4(b)	$\left(\frac{4}{7}\right)^3 \times \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^2 \times 4$	M1	$\left(\frac{4}{7}\right)^3 \times \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^2 \times k$, $k = 3, 4$ or 5 .
	$= \frac{2304}{16807}, 0.137$	A1	AWRT (0.1370857...).
		2	

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4(c)	<table><tr><td>x</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>$P(X=x)$</td><td>$\frac{15}{35}$</td><td>$\frac{10}{35}$</td><td>$\frac{6}{35}$</td><td>$\frac{3}{35}$</td><td>$\frac{1}{35}$</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>$\frac{3}{7}$</td><td>$\frac{12}{42}, \frac{2}{7}$</td><td>$\frac{36}{210}$</td><td>$\frac{72}{840}$</td><td>$\frac{72}{2520}$</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>0.4286</td><td>0.2857</td><td>0.1714</td><td>0.08714</td><td>0.02857</td></tr></table>						x	1	2	3	4	5	$P(X=x)$	$\frac{15}{35}$	$\frac{10}{35}$	$\frac{6}{35}$	$\frac{3}{35}$	$\frac{1}{35}$		$\frac{3}{7}$	$\frac{12}{42}, \frac{2}{7}$	$\frac{36}{210}$	$\frac{72}{840}$	$\frac{72}{2520}$		0.4286	0.2857	0.1714	0.08714	0.02857	B1	Table with correct x values and at least one correct probability linked to the correct x value. Condone any additional X values if probability stated as 0. (Top row and 1 correct probability)
							x	1	2	3	4	5																				
							$P(X=x)$	$\frac{15}{35}$	$\frac{10}{35}$	$\frac{6}{35}$	$\frac{3}{35}$	$\frac{1}{35}$																				
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B1	Two further correct probabilities correctly linked to correct x values, need not be in table, accept un-simplified. (3 correct probabilities now present).																															
B1	5 correct probabilities linked with correct x values. If decimals are used, condone correct rounding (which will not sum to 1) or one value rounded inaccurately to sum to 1. If B1 max scored, SCB1 for 5 non-zero probabilities (not all $\frac{1}{5}$) summing to 1 placed in a probability distribution table with correct x values.																															
		3																														

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4(d)	$\left[E(X) = \frac{1 \times 15 + 2 \times 10 + 3 \times 6 + 4 \times 3 + 5 \times 1}{35} \right]$ $\frac{15 + 20 + 18 + 12 + 5}{35} (= 2)$	M1	Accept un-simplified expression. May be calculated in variance. FT <i>their</i> table with 5 or 6 probabilities summing to 1, $0 < p < 1$. FT acceptable at the partially evaluated stage
	$[\text{Var}(X) =] \frac{15 \times 1 + 10 \times 2^2 + 6 \times 3^2 + 3 \times 4^2 + 1 \times 5^2}{35} - 2^2$ Or $\frac{15 \times 1 + 10 \times 4 + 6 \times 9 + 3 \times 16 + 1 \times 25}{35} - 2^2$	M1	Appropriate variance formula using their $(E(X))^2$ value. FT <i>their</i> table with 4 or more probabilities ($0 < p < 1$) which need not sum to 1 or with an expression no more evaluated than shown in bold FT acceptable at the bold partially evaluated stage with <i>their</i> probabilities.
	$= 1.2, \frac{6}{5}, 1\frac{1}{5}$	A1	If 1 or more M mark not scored, SCB1 for $1.2, \frac{6}{5}, 1\frac{1}{5}$ WWW.
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5(a)		B1	Fully correct labelled tree diagram for skills branches clearly labelled 'pass' 'fail' for each intersection (no additional branches).
		B1	All correct probabilities on the required 12 branches in correct positions, ignore additional branches. If B0B0 scored, SCB1 for 1 fully correct set of branches, no additional branches.
		2	
5(b)	$0.7 \times 0.8 \times 0.2 = 0.112$	B1	AG. If probabilities not in correct order, clear identification must be included.
		1	

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
5(c)	Method 1		In all methods, un-simplified calculations may be implied by correct values linked to correct branches on tree diagram including identification of branches e.g. P(PFP).
	$0.7 \times 0.2 + 0.7 \times 0.8 \times 0.2 + 0.7 \times 0.8 \times 0.8 \times 0.2$ $+ 0.3 \times 0.6 \times 0.2 + 0.3 \times 0.6 \times 0.8 \times 0.2 + 0.3 \times 0.6 \times 0.8 \times 0.8 \times 0.2$ Or $0.7 \times (0.2 + 0.8 \times 0.2 + 0.8 \times 0.8 \times 0.2)$ $+ 0.3 \times 0.6 \times (0.2 + 0.8 \times 0.2 + 0.8 \times 0.8 \times 0.2)$ $[= 0.14 + 0.112 + 0.0896 + 0.036 + 0.0288 + 0.02304 = 0.42944]$	M1	At least 4 appropriate un-simplified probabilities added, FT their tree diagram. Condone $0.3 \times 0.6 = 0.18$.
		A1	At least 5 correct terms added, no inappropriate probabilities added.
	$= 0.429, \frac{1342}{3125}$	A1	$0.429 \leq p < 0.4295$.
	Method 2 $1 - P(\text{does not qualify})$		
	$1 - (0.7 \times 0.8^3 + 0.3 \times 0.6 \times 0.8^3 + 0.3 \times 0.4)$ $[1 - (0.3584 + 0.09216 + 0.12) = 0.42944]$	M1	1 – at least 2 appropriate un-simplified probabilities, FT their tree diagram.
		A1	1 – (at least 2 correct terms, no inappropriate probabilities subtracted).
	$= 0.429, \frac{1342}{3125}$	A1	$0.429 \leq p < 0.4295$.
	Method 3 $1 - P(\text{FF}) - P(\text{PFFF})$		
	$1 - ((0.3 \times 0.4) + (1 - (0.3 \times 0.4)) \times 0.8^3)$ $[1 - (0.12 + 0.45056)]$	M1	1 – (at least 2 appropriate un-simplified probabilities, FT their tree diagram).
		A1	1 – (2 correct terms, no inappropriate probabilities subtracted).

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5(c)	$= 0.429, \frac{1342}{3125}$	A1	$0.429 \leq p < 0.4295$.
	Method 4 P(Passes Theory) $\times$ P(Passes Skills)		
	$(1 - (0.4 \times 0.3)) \times (1 - 0.8^3)$	M1	At least 2 appropriate un-simplified probabilities multiplied, FT their tree diagram.
	$[0.88 \times 0.488 = 0.42944]$	A1	Two correct probabilities multiplied, no additional terms.
	$= 0.429, \frac{1342}{3125}$	A1	$0.429 \leq p < 0.4295$. Correct answer implies multiplication.
		(3)	
5(d)	$\frac{0.7 \times 0.2 + 0.7 \times 0.8 \times 0.2 + 0.7 \times 0.8 \times 0.8 \times 0.2}{\text{their } 0.42944}$	B1	$0.7 \times 0.2 + 0.7 \times 0.8 \times 0.2 + 0.7 \times 0.8 \times 0.8 \times 0.2$ or their (c) – 0.08784 seen as a numerator.
	$\left[= \frac{0.3416}{0.42944} \right]$	M1	their (c) or correct in denominator (must be a probability).
	$= \frac{35}{44}, 0.795$	A1	Accept $0.795 \leq p \leq 0.79553$.
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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6(a)	$P([P(X < 2.32) =]P\left(Z < \frac{2.32 - 2.4[0]}{0.18}\right)$ $[= P(Z < -0.444)]$	M1	2.32, 2.40 and 0.18 substituted appropriately into $\pm$ standardisation formula, allow σ^2 or $\sqrt{\sigma}$, condone continuity correction ± 0.005 .
	$= 1 - 0.6714$	M1	Appropriate area Φ , from final process. Must be a probability. (Expect final answer < 0.5).
	$= 0.3286$	A1	$0.3283 < z \leq 0.329$. If one or both M marks not awarded, SCB1 for $0.3283 < z \leq 0.329$.
	[Expected Number = $0.3286 \times 400 = 131.44$] so 131	B1 FT	Strict FT <i>their</i> at least 4-DP probability $\times 400$ (check with calculator). One integer answer, expect 131 or 132. No indication of ‘approximation’, e.g. $\approx, \cong$, about, 3SF.
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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6(b)	$\frac{1.26 - \mu}{\sigma} = 0.842$ $\frac{1.08 - \mu}{\sigma} = -0.253$	B1	$0.841 < z_1 < 0.843$ or $-0.843 < z_1 < -0.841$ seen.
		B1	$0.252 < z_2 < 0.254$ or $-0.254 < z_2 < -0.252$ seen.
		M1	Use of the $\pm$ standardisation formula once with μ , σ and 1.26 or 1.08 equated to a z value (not 0.8, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.7881, 0.2119, 0.5793, 0.4207, 0.6554, 0.3446, 0.7257, 0.2743) not σ^2 , not $\sqrt{\sigma}$, no continuity correction.
	Solve for μ and σ	M1	Solve two equations in μ and σ with an attempt at the elimination method, substitution method or other appropriate approach to obtain values for both μ and σ .
	$\mu = 1.12$ and $\sigma = 0.164$	A1	AWRT $\mu = 1.12$ and $\sigma = 0.164$. There must be consistency with signs in the solution, e.g. $\sigma = \frac{0.18}{-1.095} = 0.16348$ is not acceptable, A0 .
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6(c)	Method 1		
	$[P(X > 5) = P(6, 7, 8)]$ ${}^8C_8 0.8^8 + {}^8C_7 0.8^7 0.2 + {}^8C_6 0.8^6 0.2^2$ $(= 0.16778 + 0.33554 + 0.29360)$	M1	One term of the form ${}^8C_x (p)^x (1-p)^{8-x}$ $0 < p < 1, x \neq 0$ or 8. Note $\sum_{x=6}^8 {}^8C_x (p)^x (1-p)^{8-x}$ implies M1. With $0 < p < 1, x \neq 0$ or 8, condone p not substituted if stated clearly, e.g. $p = \frac{3}{5}$.
		A1	Correct un-simplified expression. Allow 8 for 8C_7. Note $\sum_{x=6}^8 {}^8C_x \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^x \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{8-x}$ implies M1A1. Condone p not substituted if $p = \frac{4}{5}$ clearly stated.
	$= 0.797$	B1	$0.7965 < p \leq 0.797$.

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6(c)	Method 2		
	$[P(X > 5) = 1 - P(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)]$ $1 - \{0.2^8 + {}^8C_1 0.8^1 0.2^7 + {}^8C_2 0.8^2 0.2^6 + {}^8C_3 0.8^3 0.2^5 + {}^8C_4 0.8^4 0.2^4 + {}^8C_5 0.8^5 0.2^3\}$	M1	One term of the form ${}^8C_x (p)^x (1-p)^{8-x}$. $0 < p < 1, x \neq 0$ or 8. Note: $1 - \sum_{x=0}^5 {}^8C_x (p)^x (1-p)^{8-x}$ implies M1. With $0 < p < 1, x \neq 0$ or 10, condone p not substituted if stated clearly, e.g. $p = \frac{3}{5}$.
		A1	Correct un-simplified expression. Note: $1 - \sum_{x=0}^5 {}^8C_x \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^x \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{8-x}$ implies M1A1. Condone p not substituted if $p = \frac{4}{5}$ stated clearly.
	= 0.797	B1	$0.7965 < p \leq 0.797$.
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