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OxfordAQA International GCSE Mathematics (9260)

Information document

For teaching from September 2025 onwards For International GCSE exams in June 2026 onwards

INTRODUCTION

This document details the subject content assessed in the Core tier papers (1C and 2C) for the November 2024 examinations of International GCSE Mathematics specification 9260.

The purpose of this information is to support teaching and revision. It is provided in the context of the November 2024 papers being released for schools to use as a mock examination before the May/June 2025 exam series.

MOCK EXAM PREPARATION

OxfordAQA is providing information on the focus of the content of the recent Core tier papers for International GCSE Maths. The purpose of this information is to support teaching and revision in preparing students ahead of sitting these past papers as internal mock examinations.

The materials may be shared with students and referred to at any point from the date of release. However, we do not advise that students bring these materials into their mock examinations.

WHAT ARE THE KEY PRINCIPLES TO THIS INFORMATION?

- We are providing this detail so that teachers unfamiliar with the OxfordAQA specification can see what subject content was assessed in November 2024 and how that relates to a competitor specification.
- We have made sure this information does not:
 - o directly provide answers to any questions
 - compromise the capability of mock examinations to sufficiently differentiate between student performance.

HOW AND WHEN SHOULD THIS INFORMATION BE USED?

- It can be used as soon as the information is released.
- It can be used flexibly by centres to support student revision and exam preparation. You may choose to allow students to access to this information before their mock examination to focus their revision and mock examination preparation.
- We advise against bringing this information into the mock examination.

INFORMATION

- The information is presented in question order not specification order.
- The format/structure of the two papers are as follows: 80 marks, 1 hour 30 minutes, a mix of question styles, from short, single mark questions to multistep problems assessing the two assessment objectives. The mathematical demand increases as a student progresses through the paper.

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ADVICE

• The following areas of content are suggested as key areas of focus for revision and final preparation, in relation to International GCSE Maths November 2024 Core tier papers.

PAPER 1C - 80 marks, 1 hour 30 minutes

The table shows the major focus of the content of the specimen paper.

For schools currently teaching Pearson Edexcel International GCSE in Mathematics (4MA1) Foundation Tier, any major subject content differences assessed within the paper have been highlighted in the third column:

Question number	Content assessed	Does the content assessed appear in Pearson Edexcel 4MA1 Foundation tier?	Marks
1	G6	Yes	1
2	N12, N13	Yes	2
3	G8	Yes	1
4	A9	A9 is Higher tier content in the Pearson Edexcel specification	1
5	A10	Yes	5
6	N3	Yes	2
7	N2	Yes	3
8	S4	Yes	2
9	G3, G5	Yes	3
10	G12	The eight compass point bearings are not in the Pearson Edexcel specification	5
11	A6, A19	A6 is Higher tier content in the Pearson Edexcel specification	4
12	S10	Yes	4
13	S4, S6, N18	Yes	5
14	N16	Yes	3
15	N10, N11	Yes	4
16	G21	Yes	4
17	G15	Yes	3
18	A21, A22	Yes	4
19	A23	Yes	2
20	N4	Yes	4
21	N15	Solving compound interest problems is Higher tier content in the Pearson Edexcel specification	4

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22	A22, G15	Yes	5
23	S5	Yes	3
24	G13	Yes	3
25	A3	Yes	3

PAPER 2C - 80 marks, 1 hour 30 minutes

The table shows the major focus of the content of the specimen paper.

For schools currently teaching Pearson Edexcel International GCSE in Mathematics (4MA1) Foundation Tier, any major subject content differences assessed within the paper have been highlighted in the third column:

Question number	Content assessed	Does the content assessed appear in Pearson Edexcel 4MA1 Foundation tier?	Marks
1	N2	Yes	1
2	G10	Yes	1
3	S5	Yes	1
4	G6	Yes	1
5	N1	Yes	2
6	N2	Yes	3
7	A4	Yes	2
8	G1	Yes	4
9	A24	Yes	2
10	N7, N12	Yes	2
11	A11	Yes	4
12	S4, S5	Yes	4
13	G3, G4	Yes	5
14	A2, A4	Yes	2
15	S16	Yes	5
16	G16, N16	Yes	3
17	G16	Yes	3
18	N13	Yes	7
19	A17	Yes	4
20	N14, G14	Yes	2
21	N17, N18	Yes	3
22	G19	Yes	4
23	A11	Yes	5
24	A23	Yes	3
25	N8	Yes	4
26	S4, S8	Correlation and lines of best fit are not in the Pearson Edexcel specification	3