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Mark Scheme Notes

Marks are of the following three types:

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.

- 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 (or dep*) 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.

- The symbol √ 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 and B marks are not given for fortuitously "correct" answers or results obtained from incorrect working.

  - Note: B2 or A2 means that the candidate can earn 2 or 0.
    B2/1/0 means that the candidate can earn anything from 0 to 2.

  The marks indicated in the scheme may not be subdivided. If there is genuine doubt whether a candidate has earned a mark, allow the candidate the benefit of the doubt. Unless otherwise indicated, marks once gained cannot subsequently be lost, e.g. wrong working following a correct form of answer is ignored.

- Wrong or missing units in an answer should not lead to the loss of a mark unless the scheme specifically indicates otherwise.

- For a numerical answer, allow the A or B mark if a value is obtained which is correct to 3 s.f., or which would be correct to 3 s.f. if rounded (1 d.p. in the case of an angle). As stated above, an A or B mark is not given if a correct numerical answer arises fortuitously from incorrect working. For Mechanics questions, allow A or B marks for correct answers which arise from taking *g* equal to 9.8 or 9.81 instead of 10.

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The following abbreviations may be used in a mark scheme or used on the scripts:

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 – often written by a 'fortuitous' answer

ISW Ignore Subsequent Working

SOI Seen or implied

SR Special Ruling (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)

Penalties

MR –1 A penalty of MR –1 is deducted from A or B marks when the data of a question or part question are genuinely misread and the object and difficulty of the question remain unaltered. In this case all A and B marks then become "follow through √" marks. MR is not applied when the candidate misreads his own figures – this is regarded as an error in accuracy. An MR –2 penalty may be applied in particular cases if agreed at the coordination meeting.

PA –1 This is deducted from A or B marks in the case of premature approximation. The PA –1 penalty is usually discussed at the meeting.

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	Var(Ps) = $\frac{0.3(1-0.3)}{120}$ (= 0.00175)	**M1**	Attempt correct values in correct formula
	$0.3 \pm z\sqrt{"0.00175"}$	**M1**	must be a z-value, not a prob
	z = 1.645	**B1**	
	CI = 0.231 to 0.369 (3 sf)	**A1**	
	Total:	**4**	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2(i)	(H_1): $\mu \neq 6.4$	**B1**	
	Total:	**1**	
2(ii)	comp 2.43 with a z-value z = 2.576 AND	**M1**	oe valid comparison
	No evidence that μ is not 6.4 or do not reject μ = 6.4	**A1**	Allow "Accept μ = 6.4" Must mention μ, not just "H_0" or "H_1"
	Total:	**2**	
2(iii)	Testing for an increase in μ, or for a decrease in μ, rather than a change	**B1**	Any equiv statement
	Total:	**1**	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3(i)	$\frac{53-52}{6.1\div\sqrt{75}}$ (= 1.420)	**M1**	
	$\frac{51-52}{6.1\div\sqrt{75}}$ (= –1.420)	**M1**	or –"1.420" seen
	Φ("1.420") – Φ("–1.420")	**M1**	
	= 0.844 (3 sfs)	**A1**	
	Total:	**4**	
3(ii)	Need to assume $\bar{X}$ (approx.) normally distributed	**B1**	or X not stated to be normally distributed
	Total:	**1**	

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4(i)	($\lambda =$) 4.5	**B1**	
	$e^{-4.5}(1 + 4.5 + \frac{4.5^2}{2!})$	**M1**	Allow any λ. Allow one end error
	= 0.174	**A1**	
	Total:	**3**	
4(ii)	Accept reduction in mean no. of missed appts although untrue	**B1**	or Mean is 0.9 (or 4.5) but < 3 missed appts. In context
	Total:	**1**	
4(iii)	$P(X \geqslant 3)$	**M1**	Attempted
	$= 1 - e^{-1}(1 + 1 + \frac{1^2}{2!})$	**M1**	Allow any λ except 4.5 or 0.9, Allow one end error
	= 0.0803 (3 sfs)	**A1**	
	Total:	**3**	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
5(a)(i)	$k = 1$	**B1**	
	Total:	**1**	
5(a)(ii)	f_2: area > 1 (area ≠ 1)	**B1**	oe
	f_3: includes negative values of f_3	**B1**	oe
	Total:	**2**	
5(b)(i)	$6\int_{-a}^{a}(a^2 - x^2)\mathrm{d}x = 1$	**M1**	Integ f(x) = 1, ignore limits
	$6[a^2x - \frac{x^3}{3}]_{-a}^{a} = 1$	**A1**	Correct integral and limits
	$6(2a^3 - \frac{2a^3}{3}) = 1$ $\frac{24a^3}{3} = 1$ or $8a^3 = 1$ $a = 1/2$ **AG**	**A1**	Correctly obtained. No errors seen. (SR Verification scores M1A1 only max 2/3)
	Total:	**3**	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
5(b)(ii)	0	**B1**	
	Total:	**1**	
5(b)(iii)	$6\int_{-0.5}^{0.5}(\frac{x^2}{4}-x^4)\mathrm{d}x$ $(=6\left[\frac{x^3}{12}-\frac{x^5}{5}\right]_{-0.5}^{0.5}=0.05)$ Var = $0.05 - 0^2$	**M1**	attempt int x^2f(x) & correct limits
	= 0.05 oe	**A1**	cao; allow omission of -0^2
	Total:	**2**	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6(i)	Assume cartons are random sample(s)	**B1**	or masses of cartons are independent of each other oe
	E(T) = 816.4 Var(T) = 1570.08	**B1**	Both
	$z = \frac{900-"816.4"}{\sqrt{"1570.08"}}$ (= 2.110)	**M1**	
	1 – Φ(“2.110”)	**M1**	
	= 0.0174 = 1.74% (3 sfs)	**A1**	% only (accept 1.7% if 0.0174 seen)
	Total:	**5**	
6(ii)	P($F - S > 0$) stated or implied	**M1**	P($S - F < 0$)
	62.0 – 78.8 (= –16.8) & $10.0^2 + 12.6^2$ (= 258.76)	**B1**	78.8 – 62.0 (= 16.8) & $12.6^2 + 10.0^2$ (= 258.76)
	$z = \frac{0-("-16.8")}{\sqrt{"258.76"}}$ (= 1.044)	**M1**	$z = \frac{0-"16.8"}{\sqrt{"258.76"}}$ (= –1.044)
	1 – Φ(“1.044”)	**M1**	Φ(“–1.044”) = 1 – Φ(“1.044”)
	(= 1 – 0.8517) = 0.148 (3 sfs)	**A1**	
	Total:	**5**	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
7(i)	Planes arrive at constant mean rate	**B1**	
	Planes arrive at random	**B1**	or Planes arrive independently Must be in context
	Total:	**2**	
7(ii)(a)	($\lambda =$) $5.2 \div 4$	**M1**	
	$e^{-1.3}(\frac{1.3^2}{2} + \frac{1.3^3}{3!})$	**M1**	Allow any λ , allow one end error
	= 0.330 (3 sfs)	**A1**	Accept 0.33
	Total:	**3**	
7(ii)(b)	$1 - e^{-3.467} \times (1 + 3.467 + \frac{3.467^2}{2!} + \frac{3.467^3}{3!})$	**M1**	Allow any λ except 5.2 or 1.3, allow one end error
	= 0.456 (3 sfs)	**A1**	
	Total:	**2**	
7(iii)	N(52, 52) stated or implied	**B1**	
	$\frac{60.5-52}{\sqrt{52}}$ (= 1.179)	**M1**	ft their mean and var. Allow wrong or no cc or no √
	Φ(“1.179”)	**M1**	
	= 0.881 (3 sf)	**A1**	
	Total:	**4**	

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