## 2023 national curriculum tests

## Key stage 1

## Mathematics test mark schemes <br> Paper 1: arithmetic Paper 2: reasoning

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## 1. Introduction

The Standards and Testing Agency (STA) is responsible for the development and delivery of statutory tests and assessments. STA is an executive agency of the Department for Education.

The 2023 tests assess the national curriculum. This test has been developed to meet the specification set out in the test framework ${ }^{1}$ for mathematics at key stage 1.

A new test and new mark schemes will be produced each year.
The key stage 1 tests will be marked internally within schools to inform teacher assessment.
Scaled score conversion tables are not included in this document. Conversion tables will be produced as part of the standards maintenance process. Scaled score conversion tables ${ }^{2}$ for the 2023 tests will be published in June 2023.

The mark schemes should be used to mark pupils' responses. The pupil examples are based on responses gathered from the test trialling process. It is important when marking to refer to the general marking principles, the additional guidance and the exemplars section to ensure marking is accurate and consistent.

## 2. Structure of the test

The key stage 1 mathematics test comprises:

- Paper 1: arithmetic (25 marks)
- Paper 2: reasoning (35 marks)

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## 3. Content domain coverage

The 2023 test meets the specification in the test framework. Table 1 sets out the areas of the content domain that are assessed in Papers 1 and 2.

The references below are taken from the test framework. For example, a question with reference 2N6 assesses 'Using place value and number facts to solve problems' and is taken from the Y2 programme of study.

Table 1: Content domain coverage for Paper 1 and Paper 2

| Paper 1: arithmetic |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Question | Content domain <br> reference |
| 1 | $1 \mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{a} / 2 \mathrm{C} 1$ |
| 2 | $2 \mathrm{~N} 1 / 1 \mathrm{~N} 1 \mathrm{~b}$ |
| 3 | $1 \mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{a} / 2 \mathrm{C} 1$ |
| 4 | 2 C 6 |
| 5 | $2 \mathrm{~N} 1 / 1 \mathrm{~N} 1 \mathrm{~b}$ |
| 6 | 2 N 6 |
| 7 | 2 C 6 |
| 8 | 2 C 1 |
| 9 | 2 C 2 b |
| 10 | 2 C 2 b |
| 11 | 2 C 6 |
| 12 | 2 C 6 |
| 13 | 2 C 6 |
| 14 | 2 C 2 b |
| 15 | $2 \mathrm{~F} 1 \mathrm{a} / 1 \mathrm{~F} 1 \mathrm{a}$ |
| 16 | 2 C 2 b |
| 17 | $2 \mathrm{~N} / 2 \mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~b}$ |
| 18 | 2 C 2 b |
| 19 | 1 C 4 |
| 20 | 2 C 3 |
| 21 | 2 F 1 a |
| 22 | 2 F 1 a |
| 23 | 2 C 2 b |
| 24 | 2 C 2 b |
| 25 | 2 C 2 b |


| Paper 2: reasoning |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Question | Content domain reference |
| 1 | 1C1/1N4 |
| 2 | 2N3 |
| 3 | 1M3 |
| 4 | 2C4/2C1 |
| 5 | 2C6 |
| 6 | 2N2a/1N2c |
| 7 | 2S1 |
| 8 | 2G1a/2G2a |
| 9 | 1G1b/2G1b |
| 10 | 2M4b/1M4b |
| 11 | 2N2b |
| 12 | 2N1/2N4 |
| 13 | 1C4/1C2a |
| 14 | 2C1/1C2a/1C1 |
| 15 | 2S1 |
| 16 | 2C8 |
| 17 | 2N4/2C2b/2N3 |
| 18 | 2C4/2N6/2C2b |
| 19 | 2C7/1C2b |
| 20 | 2C1/2N1/2N6 |
| 21 | 2C8/2C7 |
| 22 | 2F1b/2F1a |
| 23 | 2M9 |
| 24 | 1F1a/1C8 |
| 25 | 2C8/2C4 |
| 26 | 2M9/2C4 |
| 27 | 2C8/2C4 |
| 28 | 2P2 |
| 29 | 2 C 4 |
| 30 | 2N6/2C3 |
| 31 | 2C3/2C1 |
| 32 | 2N1/2C6/2N6 |

## 4. Explanation of the mark schemes

Those marking the tests should familiarise themselves with the marking guidance in section 5 of this document before applying the mark schemes.

The practice questions are not marked as they are completed by the pupils together with the test administrator as an introduction to the test.

The marking information for each question is set out in the form of tables (sections 7 and 8).
The 'Qu.' column on the left-hand side of each table provides a quick reference to the question number and part.

The 'Requirement' column may include two types of information:

- a statement of the requirements for the award of each mark, with an indication of whether partial credit can be given for a correct method
- examples of some different types of correct answer

The 'Mark' column indicates the total number of marks available for each question part.
The 'Additional guidance' column indicates alternative acceptable answers, and provides details of specific types of answer that are unacceptable. Other guidance, such as the range of acceptable answers, is provided as necessary.

## 5. General marking guidance

### 5.1 Applying the mark schemes

To ensure consistency of marking, the most frequent procedural queries are listed in Table 2, along with the action you should take. Unless otherwise specified in the mark scheme, you should apply these guidelines in all cases.

Example responses are also included in section 9 for the two working mark questions and one other question in Paper 2: reasoning. These should act as your guide when you are marking these questions.

### 5.2 General marking principles

Table 2: General marking principles

| Possible issues when marking |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1.The answer does not <br> closely match any of <br> the examples in the <br> mark scheme. | Those marking the test will use their judgement to <br> decide whether the answer corresponds with details <br> in the 'Requirement' column of the mark scheme. <br> Refer also to the 'Additional guidance' column and to <br> the examples of responses where appropriate. |  |
| 2.The pupil has answered in <br> a non-standard way. | Pupils may provide evidence in any form as long as <br> its meaning can be understood. Diagrams, symbols <br> or words are acceptable ways to present an answer. |  |
| 3.The answer is correct, <br> but the wrong working <br> is shown. | Always award the mark for a final response that <br> is correct. |  |
| 4.No answer is provided in <br> the expected place, but <br> the correct answer is <br> given elsewhere. | Where a word or number response is expected, <br> a pupil may meet the requirement by annotating <br> a graph or labelling a diagram elsewhere in <br> the question. |  |
| 5.The correct answer has <br> been crossed (or rubbed) <br> out and not replaced. | You should not award any marks for crossed out <br> answers or working. |  |
| 6.The answer in the answer <br> box is wrong, but the <br> correct answer is shown <br> in the working. | Give precedence to the response provided in the <br> answer box over any other workings. However, in a <br> 2-mark question, one mark may still be awarded for <br> evidence of a complete, correct method or a partial <br> step, as indicated in the 'Requirement' column. |  |

## Possible issues when marking

7. More than one answer is given.

If all provided answers are correct (or a range of answers is given, all of which are correct), a mark will be awarded unless the mark scheme states otherwise. If both correct and incorrect responses are given, no mark will be awarded unless the mark scheme states otherwise.
8. There appears to be a misread of numbers that affects the pupil's working.

A misread occurs when a pupil misreads a number given in the question and consistently uses a different number that does not alter the original intention or
difficulty of the question. For example, if 43 is misread as 48 , both numbers may be regarded as comparable in difficulty. However, if 43 is misread as 40 or 45 , the misread number may be regarded as making the question easier, depending on the question. For example, $26+40$ is easier than $26+48$. The misread of a number will affect the award of marks.

No marks are awarded if there is more than one misread in a question or if the mathematics is simplified by the misread.

For 1-mark questions: no mark is awarded for one or more misreads.

For 2-mark questions that have a method mark: one mark is awarded if the correct method is correctly implemented with the misread number, provided this does not simplify the mathematics.
9. The answer is numerically equivalent to the answer in the mark scheme.

Answers should be given as single values in their simplest form unless the mark scheme states otherwise, for example, for $\square=12-5$, the answer $4+3$ will not be accepted. Where alternative expressions are acceptable, these will be indicated in the additional guidance column.
10. The pupil reverses a digit in their answer.

A reversed digit is acceptable if it is clearly recognisable as the digit intended. For example, a reversed 2 must clearly show the characteristics of a 2 rather than a 5.

As a further example, where the answer is 61 and the response 21 is given, then this should be awarded the mark.

You should make a decision based upon your knowledge of the pupil's writing.

| Possible issues when marking |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 11. The pupil transposes digits <br> in their answer. | A pupil transposes digits by reversing their order, <br> for example, 83 instead of 38. |  |
| For questions where no working is shown, an answer |  |  |
| with transposed digits should not be awarded the |  |  |
| mark. For example, a response of 16 or 12 when the |  |  |
| answer is 61 should not be marked as correct. |  |  |$|$| A transcription error can occur when the pupil |
| :--- | :--- |
| miscopies the correct answer from the end of their |
| working into the answer box. |
| Give precedence to the answer given in the answer |
| box over any other workings. There may be cases |
| where the incorrect answer is a transcription error, |
| the answer correctly, but |
| then copied the wrong |
| answer into the answer box. |
| in which case you may check the pupil's intention |
| and decide whether to award the mark(s). |

## 6. Internal moderation procedures

We recommend those who are involved in marking the key stage 1 tests undertake moderation activity to ensure marking is consistent across their school.

## 7. Mark schemes for Paper 1: arithmetic

Equivalent answers are not acceptable, for example, $10+4$ instead of 14 . When marking the arithmetic questions, refer specifically to general marking principles $9,10,11$ and 12. No misreads are allowed for 1-mark questions.

| Qu. | Requirement | Mark | Additional guidance |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| P | 6 | none | Practice question |
| 1 | 9 | 1 m |  |
| 2 | 16 | 1 m |  |
| 3 | 6 | 1 m |  |
| 4 | 40 | 1 m |  |
| 5 | 45 | 1 m |  |
| 6 | 42 | 1 m |  |
| 7 | 15 | 1 m |  |
| 8 | 90 | 1 m |  |
| 9 | 73 | 1 m |  |
| 10 | 41 | 1 m |  |
| 11 | 22 | 1 m |  |
| 12 | 3 | 1 m |  |
| 13 | 12 | 1 m |  |
| 14 | 78 | 1 m |  |
| 15 | 30 | 1 m |  |
| 16 | 32 | 1 m |  |
| 17 | 54 |  |  |
| 18 | 91 | 1 m |  |
| 19 | 8 |  |  |
| 20 | 66 |  |  |
| 21 | 21 |  |  |
| 22 | 7 |  |  |
| 23 | 26 |  |  |
| 24 | 9 |  |  |
| 25 | 19 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

## 8. Mark schemes for Paper 2: reasoning

| Qu. | Requ | ment | Mark | Additional guidance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aural questions |  |  |  |  |
| P | 5 (apples) |  | none | Practice question |
| 1 | Correct number circled as shown: |  | 1 m | Accept any other clear way of indicating the correct number. <br> Do not award the mark if additional numbers are indicated, unless it is clear the correct number is the pupil's final choice. |
| 2 | Corre <br> 8 | wo-digit number written as shown: $6$ | 1 m |  |
| 3 | Correc | oin ticked as shown: | 1 m | Accept any other clear way of indicating the correct answer, e.g. circling the correct coin. <br> Do not award the mark if additional coins are indicated, unless it is clear that the correct coin is the pupil's final choice. |
| 4 | 5 (ora |  | 1 m |  |
| 5 | 60 |  | 1 m |  |


| Qu. | Requirement | Mark | Additional guidance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Written questions |  |  |  |
| 6 | Both numbers in words matched to the correct numerals as shown: | 1 m | Both numbers in words must be correctly matched for the award of the mark. <br> Do not award the mark if the number in words is matched to more than one numeral. <br> Ignore additional lines drawn from ninety-nine. |
| 7 | Four blocks added to the duck column as shown: | 1 m | Accept slight inaccuracies in shading the block chart for the number of ducks, as long as the intention is clear. <br> (Use the examples of responses given on pages 20-21 to help you determine the award of the mark.) |
| 8 | Both triangles ticked as shown: | 1 m | Accept any other clear way of indicating the two correct shapes. <br> Do not award the mark if additional shapes are indicated, unless it is clear that the two correct shapes are the pupil's final choice. |



| Qu. | Requirement | Mark | Additional guidance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11 | All three signs written correctly as shown: | 1m | All three signs must be correct for the award of the mark. <br> Accept slight inaccuracies in the drawing of the signs, as long as the intention is clear. |
| 12 | Number line completed correctly as shown: | 1 m | Both numbers must be correct for the award of the mark. |
| 13 | 6 (blocks) | 1 m |  |



| Qu. | Requirement |  |  |  | Mark | Additional guidance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 19 | Award TWO marks for all three boxes completed correctly as shown: <br> Award ONE mark for any two boxes completed correctly. |  |  |  | 2m <br> OR <br> 1 m | Accept slight inaccuracies in the drawing of the signs, as long as the intention is clear. |
| 20 |  | ns | mpleted <br> 3 <br> 3 <br> 3 <br> 3 <br> 3 | shown: <br> 10 <br> 20 <br> 30 <br> 40 <br> 50 | 1 m | All three numbers must be correct for the award of the mark. |


| Qu. | Requirement | Mark | Additional guidance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 21 | Correct calculations circled as shown: $\begin{aligned} & 3 \times 3 \\ & 3 \times 4 \\ & 4+4+4 \\ & 3+3+3 \end{aligned}$ | 1 m | Both correct calculations must be indicated for the award of the mark. <br> Accept any other clear way of indicating the correct calculations, including evaluating only the two correct calculations, i.e. writing 12 alongside each of the two correct calculations. <br> Do not award the mark if other calculations have been evaluated, and the correct two have not been indicated. <br> Do not award the mark if more than two calculations are indicated unless it is clear that the correct calculations are the pupil's final choice. |
| 22 | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{2}{4} \text { of } 8=4 \\ & \frac{3}{4} \text { of } 8=6 \end{aligned}$ | 1 m | Both numbers must be correct for the award of the mark. |
| 23 | 10 (p) | 1 m |  |
| 24 | 10 (cars) | 1 m |  |
| 25 | 100 | 1 m |  |
| 26 | (£) 3 | 1 m |  |


| Qu. | Requirement | Mark | Additional guidance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 27 | Award TWO marks for the correct answer of 6 (sandwiches). <br> If the answer is incorrect or missing, award ONE mark for evidence of a complete, correct method, e.g. <br> - $2 \times 9=18$ <br> 24-18 = (incorrect or no answer) <br> - $9 \times 2=12$ (error) <br> $24-12=$ <br> OR <br> Award ONE mark for any of these partial methods correctly evaluated, e.g. <br> - $9 \times 2=18$ <br> - $2+2+2+2+2+2+2+2+2=18$ <br> OR <br> - Sight of 18 (as evidence of a partial method completed correctly) | 2m <br> OR <br> 1 m | (Refer to general marking principle 6 on page 6.) <br> (Use the example responses given on pages 22-23 to help you determine how many marks can be awarded.) |
| 28 | Corrrect spinner ticked as shown: | 1 m | Accept any other clear way of indicating the correct spinner. <br> Do not award the mark if more than one spinner is indicated, unless it is clear that the correct spinner is the pupil's final choice. |


| Qu. | Requirement | Mark | Additional guidance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 29 | Award TWO marks for the correct answer of 21(grams). <br> If the answer is incorrect or missing, award ONE mark for evidence of a complete, correct method, e.g. <br> - $32+47=89$ (error) $100-89=$ <br> - $100-32=78$ (error) 78-47 = (incorrect or no answer) <br> OR <br> Any of these partial methods correctly evaluated, i.e. <br> - $100-32=68$ <br> - $100-47=53$ <br> - $32+47=79$ <br> OR <br> - Sight of 68,53 or 79 (as evidence of a partial method completed correctly) | 2m <br> OR <br> 1m | (Refer to general marking principle 6 on page 6.) <br> (Use the example responses given on pages 24-25 to help you determine how many marks can be awarded.) |
| 30 | Number sentence completed correctly as shown: | 1 m | Both digits must be correct for the award of the mark. |
| 31 | Correct calculations circled as shown: $\begin{array}{ll} 16+4 & 4+12 \\ 4+16 & 12+4 \end{array}$ | 1 m | Accept any other clear way of indicating the correct calculations, e.g. ticking. <br> Do not award the mark if additional calculations are also indicated, unless it is clear that the correct calculations are the pupil's final choice. |
| 32 | 32 | 1 m |  |

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## 9. Example responses

### 9.1 Examples of responses from question 7



Rosie and Sophia have both constructed their responses in a non-standard way.
Rosie has clearly indicated by the dots in each of the four blocks the correct answer. This is allowed and she is awarded ONE mark.
In contrast, Sophia has only drawn a line at the four-point marker on the block chart. Her response is ambiguous and therefore she is awarded no marks.

## Theo: 1 mark



Theo has unambiguously indicated the correct four blocks. Although there is a slight inaccuracy in Theo's shading, his intention to shade only four blocks is clear. Theo is awarded ONE mark.
In comparison, Oscar has shaded the blocks with some overlaps. It is not clear whether Oscar's intention is to shade four blocks or five, making his response ambiguous. As a result, Oscar is awarded no marks.

### 9.1 Examples of responses from question 7 (continued)



Olivia and James have made different responses in completing the block chart.
Olivia has drawn an arrow indicating, unambiguously, four blocks in total. This is allowed and she is awarded ONE mark.
James has indicated the fourth block only. This is not condoned. Therefore, James is awarded no marks.

### 9.2 Examples of responses from question 27



Both Matthew and John have provided a final answer with no working.
Matthew has provided a correct final answer in the answer box. Although there is no evidence of a method, he is awarded TWO marks for the correct answer.
John has written 18 in the final answer box with no evidence of working. John is awarded ONE mark for evidence of a partial step correctly evaluated.


Amelia and Ella have both shown different methods that lead to the same incorrect final answer.
Amelia has calculated her first step incorrectly, which has resulted in an arithmetic error of 20 . She then completes her method using that number. Although her final answer is incorrect, her method is complete and correct. Amelia is awarded ONE mark.
In contrast, Ella's pictorial method is not correct. She has written an incorrect answer of 4 in the answer box; therefore, she is awarded no marks.

### 9.2 Examples of responses from question 27 (continued)



Thandi and Alyssa have shown different methods in answering the problem.
Thandi's final answer of 5 is incorrect. In her working she has not provided a complete, correct method but has completed correctly a partial step of $9 \times 2=18$. Thandi is awarded ONE mark for a partial step completed correctly.
Alyssa has provided a final answer of 18. In her working, Alyssa has shown a complete, correct method but has selected the wrong value for her final answer. However, even though Alyssa has not evaluated her three jumps of two, she is awarded ONE mark for a complete, correct method.
Note: If Alyssa's method was not complete and correct, she would have been awarded a mark for sight of 18.


Georgia and Cameron have both used a pictorial method in solving the problem. Georgia has drawn 24 shapes and has correctly crossed out 18 of those shapes. Georgia has miscounted and her final answer of 8 is incorrect, but Georgia's method is complete and correct. Therefore, Georgia is awarded ONE mark.
In contrast, Cameron's final answer of 8 is incorrect. He has correctly drawn 24 circles to represent the number of sandwiches and has crossed out 19 of the circles rather than 18. His method is not correct; therefore, he is awarded no marks.

### 9.3 Examples of responses from question 29



Both Zara and Imran have given the same final answer of 12 in the answer box. In Zara's response, she has provided a complete, correct method with the final answer in her working as 21 . Subsequently, Zara has then written 12 in the answer box, which is a transposition of 21 . She is awarded TWO marks because 21 can be seen as her intended answer in her working.
Imran has not provided any evidence of a method and has written 12 as his answer; therefore, he is awarded no marks.


Alice and Maria have used two different, complete, correct methods in answering the question. In her method, Alice has made a correct step unseen to reach 79 . She then goes on to subtract 79 from 100 without providing a final answer. Alice can be awarded ONE mark for a complete, correct method with no final answer provided.
Note: If Alice's method was not complete and correct, she would have been awarded the mark for sight of 79.
Similarly, Maria has made a correct step unseen and has used a number line to count on to 100 . Maria has made the correct number of jumps to 100, but has made an error when adding her jumps and totalled 11 instead of 21. Therefore, she is awarded ONE mark for a complete, correct method.
Note: If Maria's method was not complete and correct, she would have been awarded the mark for sight of 79 .

### 9.3 Examples of responses from question 29 (continued)



Azad and Hugo have both been awarded ONE mark for a first step completed correctly.
Azad has provided a pictorial method. Although he has shown pictorially the combined correct weights of the card, gift and letter, Azad has provided the correct answer of 68 for a partial step and is awarded ONE mark. In contrast, Hugo has correctly evaluated the first step, $32+47=79$. Although he has not completed his method, Hugo is awarded ONE mark for sight of 79 as evidence of a partial method completed correctly.


Both Dylan and Michael have provided complete, correct methods to show how they counted on from their incorrect first step.

Dylan made an arithmetic error in his first step, and in his next step he added 31 tallies to 69 to complement to 100. Therefore, Dylan is awarded ONE mark for a complete, correct method.
Michael also made an arithmetic error in his first step. He then went on to write out his next step, $78+22=100$. Although Michael has not shown where the 22 has come from, it complements correctly to 100, which completes his method.
Michael is awarded ONE mark for a complete, correct method.

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