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## WJEC GCSE Mathematics and Numeracy (Double Award) – Question Pack

Foundation work on polygons: the sum of the interior angles of an  $n$ -gon is  $180(n-2)^\circ$ , the exterior angles of any polygon s

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## F2.16 – Polygons – interior & exterior angles

### Spec 3.4.3 – Unit 2 (no calculator)

Foundation work on polygons: the sum of the interior angles of an  $n$ -gon is  $180(n-2)^\circ$ , the exterior angles of any polygon sum to  $360^\circ$ , and for a regular polygon the interior angle is  $(n-2) \times 180^\circ / n$ . Sourced from legacy WJEC GCSE Mathematics-Numeracy Foundation papers (3300U10/U20) and accessible content from Intermediate papers (3300U30/U40), organised for revision under the 2025 spec.

#### 2025 SPECIFICATION

### Estimated time for entire question pack: ~34 minutes

Derived from the GCSE Higher pace of ~1.5 min/mark (23 marks across 10 questions).

You are advised to **not** attempt to complete all of this in one sitting.

### ABOUT THIS QUESTION PACK

This is a **focused single-topic practice pack**, not a single mock paper. Questions are organised against the 2025 specification. Questions are ordered chronologically by sitting, with custom-written and SAM questions at the end.

### INSTRUCTIONS

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Show all working – method marks are awarded for clear setup.

A calculator is **not** permitted on any question in this pack (Unit 2 is the non-calculator paper).

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# Polygons – interior & exterior angles – what the new spec asks

WJEC GCSE Mathematics (first teaching 2025) · Unit 2: non-calculator.

## Interior angles 3.4.3

- Recall the interior angle sum  $180(n-2)$ .
- Apply to find a missing angle in an irregular polygon.

## Exterior angles 3.4.3

- Recall that exterior angles of any polygon sum to  $360^\circ$ .
- Find the exterior angle of a regular polygon as  $360^\circ/n$ .

## Regular polygons 3.4.3

- Find each interior angle of a regular polygon.
- Work backwards from an interior or exterior angle to find  $n$ .

## Exam strategy 3.4

- Non-calculator – quote  $180(n-2)$  and  $360^\circ$  cleanly.
- Decide first whether the polygon is regular or irregular.
- Sketch and label exterior angles when the question is about a regular shape.

# Polygons – interior & exterior angles in one page

Quick-reference notes – revisit before each question. Don't use during the questions.

## Polygon names

3 triangle · 4 quadrilateral · 5 pentagon ·  
6 hexagon · 7 heptagon · 8 octagon · 10  
decagon.

## Interior sum

Sum of interior angles of an  $n$ -sided  
polygon:  $180^\circ(n - 2)$ .  
Pentagon:  $540^\circ$  · Hexagon:  $720^\circ$  ·  
Octagon:  $1080^\circ$ .

## Exterior sum

The exterior angles of *any* polygon add  
to  $360^\circ$ .  
Regular polygon: each exterior angle =  
 $360^\circ/n$ .

## Regular polygon interior

Each interior angle of a regular  $n$ -gon =  
 $(n-2) \times 180^\circ / n$ .  
Or:  $180^\circ - \text{exterior angle}$ .

## Interior + exterior

At each vertex, interior + exterior angle =  
 $180^\circ$  (they sit on a straight line).

## Common traps

- Using  $360^\circ/n$  as the interior angle – that's the *exterior*.
- Forgetting "regular" means all sides *and* angles equal.
- Adding instead of subtracting in  $180(n-2)$ .

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8.  $ABCDE$  is a regular pentagon with centre  $O$ .

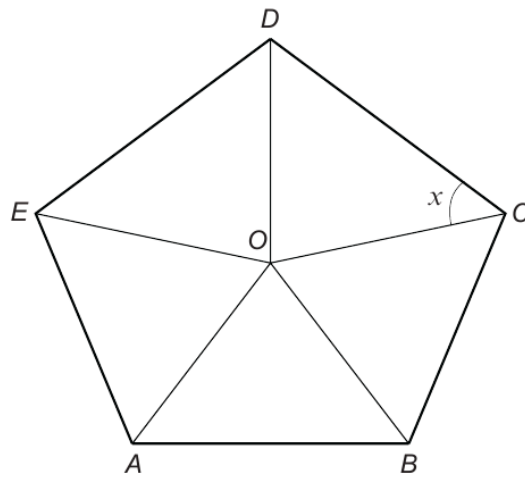


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Calculate the size of angle  $x$ .  
You must show all your working.

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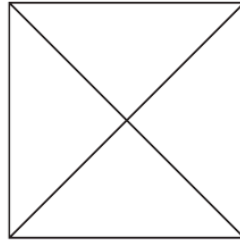
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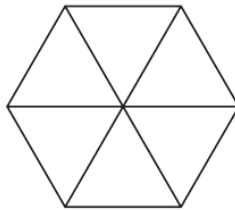


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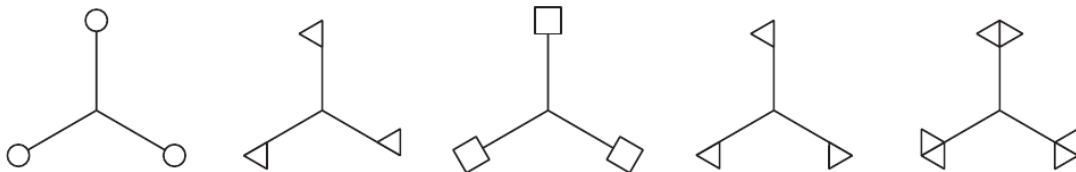
2. (a) The square drawn below has rotational symmetry of order 4.  
Place **two** identical dots (●) on the square so that it will have rotational symmetry of order 2. [1]



- (b) The regular hexagon drawn below has rotational symmetry of order 6.  
Place **three** identical dots (●) on the regular hexagon so that it will have rotational symmetry of order 3. [1]



- (c) Which of the following shapes has rotational symmetry of order 3, but has **no** line symmetry?  
Circle the correct shape. [1]



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11. Rhys wrote down four whole numbers.

The mode of the four numbers is 7.  
The median of the four numbers is 6.  
The range of the four numbers is 5.

What are the four numbers that Rhys wrote down?  
You must show all your working.

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11. (a) Calculate  $\frac{145.3}{(12.4 - 9.8)^3}$ , giving your answer correct to 3 significant figures. [2]

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(b) Calculate the reciprocal of 47, giving your answer correct to 4 decimal places. [2]

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12. Circle the correct answer in each of the following.

(a) Which of the following values **cannot** be an external angle of a regular polygon? [1]

- 10°                  18°                  30°                  48°                  72°

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(b) An arrow on a spinner is facing north.  
It is turned clockwise through an angle of 1530°.  
In which direction will the arrow now be facing? [1]

- North                  East                  South                  West                  None of these

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(c) Point A is on a bearing of 100° from point B.  
What is the bearing of point B from point A? [1]

- 260°                  100°                  280°                  180°                  80°



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12. A regular octagon with centre  $O$  is shown below.

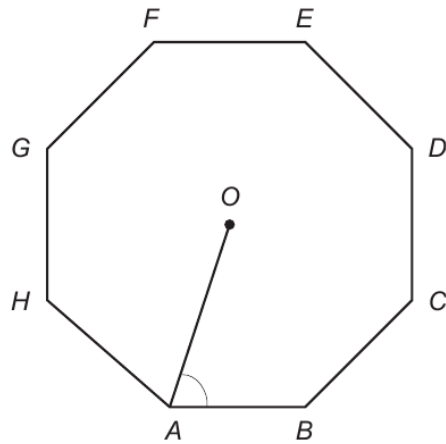


Diagram not drawn to scale

**Calculate** the exact size of  $\widehat{OAB}$ .  
You may choose to draw additional lines on the diagram to help you.  
You must show all your working.

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13. The exterior angle of a regular polygon is  $36^\circ$ .

(a) How many sides does the polygon have? [2]

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(b) Calculate the sum of all the interior angles of this regular polygon. [2]

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14. (a) Write down the first three terms of the sequence whose  $n$ th term is given by  $n^2 - 6$ . [2]

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1st term = .....      2nd term = .....      3rd term = .....

(b) Write down an expression for the  $n$ th term of the following sequence. [2]

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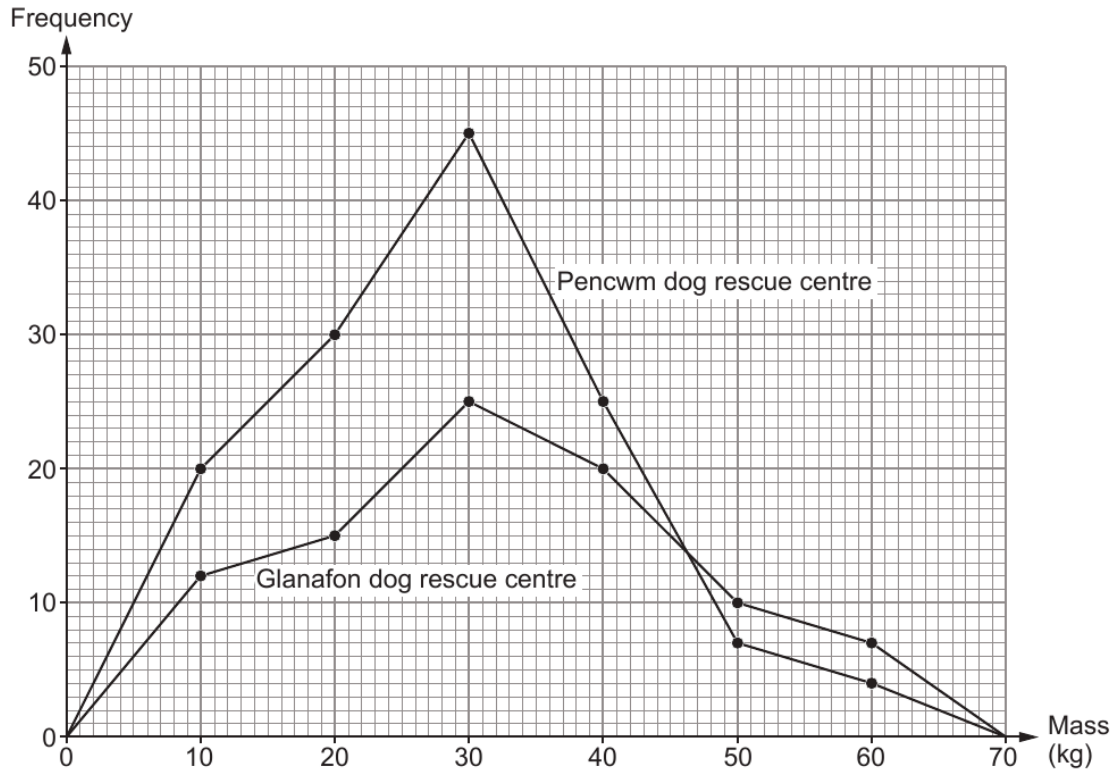
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6. Glanafon and Pencwm dog rescue centres take in unwanted dogs.  
 The mass of each dog in the two dog rescue centres was recorded.  
 Groups of width 10 kg were used:



$$5 \text{ kg} \leq \text{mass} < 15 \text{ kg}, \quad 15 \text{ kg} \leq \text{mass} < 25 \text{ kg}, \quad \dots, \quad 55 \text{ kg} \leq \text{mass} < 65 \text{ kg}$$

The results are shown in the frequency polygons below.



- (a) Doreen, Rory and Muzhir look at these frequency polygons.

- (i) Doreen says,

"The modal group of the masses of dogs in each dog rescue centre is the same."

Is Doreen correct?

Yes  No  Can't tell

You must give a reason for your answer.

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(ii) Rory says,  
"28 of the dogs in Pencwm each have a mass of 18 kg."

Is Rory correct?

Yes  No  Can't tell

You must give a reason for your answer. [1]

(iii) Muzhir says,  
"There is a higher proportion of dogs that are heavier than 35 kg in  
Glanafon than in Pencwm."

Without doing any calculations, decide if Muzhir is correct.

Correct  Incorrect  Can't tell

You must give a reason for your answer. [1]

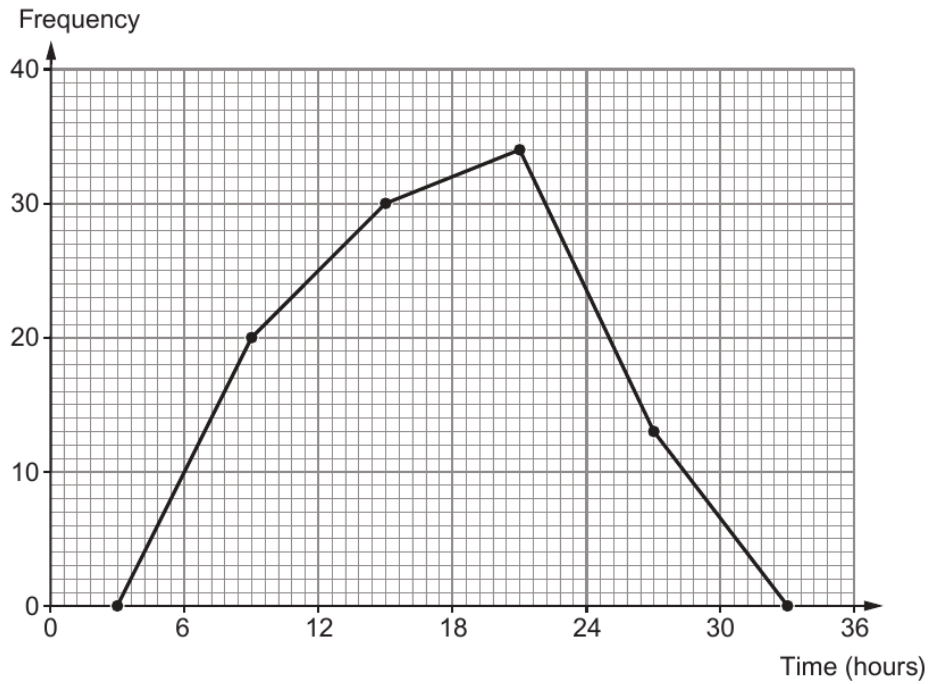
(b) The estimate of the mean mass of the dogs in Glanafon was 32.5 kg.  
How much less was the estimate of the mean mass of the dogs in Pencwm?  
You must show all your working. [5]

Estimate of the mean mass of the dogs in Pencwm is ..... kg less than in Glanafon.



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6. (a) A survey was carried out to find the total time people took to read the book 'Wales is a Celtic Country'.  
The results are shown in the frequency polygon below.



- (i) Which is the modal group?  
Circle your answer.

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18 to 24 hours      21 hours      12 to 18 hours      34 hours      30 to 36 hours

- (ii) How many people took part in the survey?  
Circle your answer.

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34                      30                      33                      97                      108

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(iii) How many of the people in the survey took 24 hours or more to read this book?  
Circle your answer. [1]

13                      34                      47                      24                      84

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(iv) Did any of the people in the survey take less than 6 hours to read this book?

Yes       No       Can't tell

You must give a reason for your answer. [1]

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(b) Four books are placed in a stack.



The thickness of each of the books is as follows:

22 mm      25 mm      29 mm      31 mm

The thickness of each book is measured **correct to the nearest mm**.

Show that the total height of the stack of these four books cannot be more than 109 mm. [3]

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12. Find five numbers so that:

- their mean is 4.5
- their mode is 3.5.

Write your five numbers in the boxes below.

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The five numbers are

13. The interior angle of a regular polygon is  $171^\circ$ .

How many sides does the polygon have?

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