



Simultaneous equations

Mark schemes for the Simultaneous equations question pack

WJEC Level 2 Additional Mathematics (9550) · Algebra

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8	$2x + 3 = 5x^2 + 6x - 7$ $5x^2 + 4x - 10 = 0$ $x = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{4^2 - 4 \times 5 \times -10}}{2 \times 5}$ $x = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{216}}{10}$ $x = 1.069... \text{ or } x = 1.07 \text{ and}$ $x = -1.869... \text{ or } x = -1.87$ $x = 1.07 \text{ with } y = 5.14$ and $x = -1.87 \text{ with } y = -0.74$	M1 A1 Must be equated to zero. ‘=0’ may be implied in further work to solve, if no further work and not ‘=0’ then A0 FT provided their quadratic does not factorise and equivalent level of difficulty m1 Use of correct quadratic formula, allow 1 slip in substitution (not a slip with the formula) If completing the square used award m1 for sight of $5(x + 4/10)^2 \pm \dots$ A1 A1 Allow truncation from correct working A1 FT provided M1, m1 previously awarded using their values of x in $2x + 3$ or equivalent to find y-values to 2 d.p. Accept answers given as coordinates <i>Alternative using $x = (y - 3)/2$</i> M1 $y = 5\left(\frac{y-3}{2}\right)^2 + 6\left(\frac{y-3}{2}\right) - 7$ or equivalent A1 $5y^2 - 22y - 19 = 0$ or equivalent (equate to zero) m1 $y = \frac{22 \pm \sqrt{(-22)^2 - 4 \times 5 \times -19}}{2 \times 5}$ or equivalent Allow 1 slip in substitution A1 $y = \frac{22 \pm \sqrt{864}}{10}$ or equivalent A1 $y = 5.139... \text{ or } y = 5.14$ and $y = -0.739... \text{ or } y = -0.74$ A1 $x = 1.07, y = 5.14$ with $x = -1.87, y = -0.74$ FT to final A1, provided M1, m1 previously awarded using their values of y in $(y - 3)/2$ or equivalent to find x-values to 2 d.p. 6
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11	<p style="text-align: center;">$(x-1)(x+4)(x+2)$</p> <p>(a) $\frac{1}{2}y(x+4) = 28$ or equivalent $y(x+4) = 43$ or equivalent Expanding and simplifying both</p> <p>(b) $(xy) 28 - 2y = 43 - y^2$ or equivalent AND $y^2 - 2y - 15 = 0$ or $-y^2 + 2y + 15 = 0$ $(y - 5)(y + 3) = 0$ $y = 5$ (and $y = -3$) $(x - 1) 3.6$ (cm) and $(x + 4) - 1) 7.6$ (cm)</p>	<p>B1 B1 B1 M1 A1 A1 A1 7</p>	<p>Accept $xy + 4y/2 = 28$, do not accept $xy + 2y = 28$</p> <p>Convincing $xy = 28 - 2y$ AND $xy = 43 - y^2$</p> <p>For correct quadratic equated to zero OR from formula method or completing square $y = (2 \pm \sqrt{64})/2$ CAO. Negative value not required, ignore CAO. Must be from positive y only <i>Trial and improvement methods are not accepted</i></p>
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3	$4y = 4x + 12$ or $y = x + 3$ $x^2 + 30 = y^2$ $x^2 + 30 = (x + 3)^2$ or $(y - 3)^2 + 30 = y^2$ $x^2 + 30 = x^2 + 6x + 9$ or $y^2 - 6y + 9 + 30 = y^2$ $6x = 21$ or $6y = 39$ $x = 3.5$ (cm) or $y = 6.5$ (cm) $y = 6.5$ (cm) or $x = 3.5$ (cm)	 / B1 B1 M1 A1 A1 A1 A1 7	The variables maybe reversed (or different), check that they are used consistently, otherwise max B1 here Correct equate implies previous B2 FT for their equate equivalent level of difficulty provided B1 awarded. For correct expansion CAO CAO CAO <i>Trial and improvement methods are not accepted.</i> <i>No marks for an unsupported correct answer</i>
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10	$y = 13 - 2x$ $x^2 + x(13 - 2x) - 30 = 0$ $x^2 - 13x + 30 = 0$ or $-x^2 + 13x - 30 = 0$ or equivalent in y $(x - 10)(x - 3) = 0$ $x = 10$ and $x = 3$ $y = -7$ and $y = 7$		FT their value but not 25 or 13
		B1 M1 A1 M1 A1 A1 6	OR equivalent using $x = \dots$ FT their y, attempt to substitute Must equate to 0 (maybe implied by answer) FT equivalent level of difficulty OR correct use of formula with $b^2 - 4ac$ evaluated correctly FT from M1, A0 Answer $x=3$ and $y=7$ OR $x=10$ and $y=-7$ from a trial and improvement method, award SC1. Also possible B1, M1, A1 with SC1 Alternative method: B1 $2x^2 + xy = 13x$ M1 Intention to subtract, using $x^2 + xy - 30 = 0$ then as original method

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11	<p>Any two of the equations: $\frac{1}{2}xy = 1350$, $x^2 + y^2 = 75^2$, $x + y + 75 = 180$</p> <p>Attempt to solve the simultaneous equations</p> <p>$x^2 - 105x + 2700 = 0$ OR $y^2 - 105y + 2700 = 0$</p> <p>Reasonable attempt to factorise, or use of quadratic formula, or completing the square</p> <p>Sides: 45(cm) 60(cm)</p> <p>QWC2 requires some text connected to equations as well as good mathematical notation with units in the final answer. QWC2: Candidates will be expected to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> present work clearly, with clear process or steps shown <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> make few if any mistakes in mathematical form, spelling, punctuation and grammar <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> present work clearly, with clear process or steps shown explaining process or steps <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> make few if any mistakes in mathematical form, spelling, punctuation and grammar 	<p>B2</p> <p>M1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>m1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>QWC 2</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Or equivalents. B1 for any one of the three equations. <u>FT provided B1 awarded for possible M, A and m, not final A1, A1</u></p> <p>Accept a trial & improvement method for at least one correct trial</p> <p>Must equate to zero. FT a trial & improvement method for at least one correct trial either side or including of '0'</p> <p>FT a trial & improvement method, depends on M1 and A1, for working towards a correct answer, narrowing search further</p> <p>CAO</p> <p>CAO</p> <p><i>If no marks, award SC1 if the sum of their AB and their BC is 105</i></p> <p>Correct answers 45(cm) and 60(cm) are awarded 7 marks, but if unsupported, or use of only one of the statements, then QWC0</p> <p>QWC2 Presents relevant material in a coherent and logical manner, using acceptable mathematical form, and with few if any errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar.</p> <p>QWC1 Presents relevant material in a coherent and logical manner but with some errors in use of mathematical form, spelling, punctuation or grammar OR evident weaknesses in organisation of material but using acceptable mathematical form, with few if any errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar.</p> <p>QWC0 Evident weaknesses in organisation of material, and errors in use of mathematical form, spelling, punctuation or grammar.</p>

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7	$2(x+1) + 2(y+3) = 62$ ISW $(x + 9)(2x + y) = 703$ ISW Attempt to solve the simultaneous equations, at least being quadratic $x^2 + 36x - 460 = 0$ $(x - 10)(x + 46) = 0$ $x = 10$ ($x = -46$) A is 11 (cm) by 20 (cm) AND B is 19 (cm) by 37 (cm) Look for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear which equation to which rectangle or diagram • Correct use of brackets in set up and the correct use '=' throughout • Final answer with some text and units, if no final answer then needs to have text/label connection with equations QWC2: Candidates will be expected to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • present work clearly, with symbols/words explaining process or steps OR in conclusion AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make few if any mistakes in mathematical form, spelling, punctuation and grammar in their answer QWC1: Candidates will be expected to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • present work clearly, with symbols/words explaining process or steps OR in conclusion OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make few if any mistakes in mathematical form, spelling, punctuation and grammar in their answer 	B1 Or $2x + 2y + 8 = 62$ OR $x + y + 4 = 31$ OR $y = 27 - x$ B1 Or $2x^2 + 18x + xy + 9y = 703$ M1 Provided at least B1 $2x^2 + 18x + x(27 - x) + 9(27 - x) = 703$ $2x^2 + 18x + 27x - x^2 + 243 - 9x = 703$ A1 CAO m1 Or for correct use of quadratic formula (correct substitution & correct simplification of $b^2 - 4ac$) or completing the square. FT equivalent level of difficulty A1 A1 CAO <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Or alternate working</i></p> $(36 - y)(54 - y) = 703$ $1944 - 54y - 36y + y^2 = 703$ $y^2 - 90y + 1241 = 0$ $(y - 17)(y - 73) = 0$ $y = 73, x = -46; y = 17, x = 10$ QWC2 Presents relevant material in a coherent and logical manner, using acceptable mathematical form, and with few if any errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar. QWC1 Presents relevant material in a coherent and logical manner but with some errors in use of mathematical form, spelling, punctuation or grammar OR evident weaknesses in organisation of material but using acceptable mathematical form, with few if any errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar. QWC0 Evident weaknesses in organisation of material, and errors in use of mathematical form, spelling, punctuation or grammar. 9