



Differentiation – techniques

Mark schemes for the Differentiation – techniques question pack

WJEC Level 2 Additional Mathematics (9550) · Calculus

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	STEPS	MARKS
1		<i>Penalise including '+c' -1 only throughout</i>
(a) $30x^5 (+) -5x^{-6} (+0)$ or $30x^5 (+) -\frac{5}{x^6} (+0)$	B3	B1 for $30x^5$ (not $5 \times 6x^5$), B1 for $-5x^{-6}$ and B1 for $+0$ (or blank) provided at least one other mark awarded. If B3 penalise further incorrect working -1, e.g. treat further incorrect work with term $-5x^{-6}$ as ISW unless B3
(b) $\frac{7}{8} x^{-1/6}$ or equivalent	B1	Index needs to be simplified. ISW
(c) $\frac{-12x^{-5}}{13}$ or $\frac{-12}{13x^5}$	B1	ISW
	5	

12	$910x^{12}$	B2 2	B1 for sight of $70x^{13}$ FT to 2 nd B1 from $dy/dx = kx^n$ B0 for 70^{13} or 840^{13} or 910^{12}
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	MARKS	COMMENT
1		<i>Penalise including '+c' -1 only throughout</i>
(a) $27x^8 (+) -8x^{-9} (+0)$	B3	B1 for $27x^8$ (not $9 \times 3x^8$), B1 for $-8x^{-9}$ and B1 for $+0$ (or blank) provided at least one other mark awarded. If B3 penalise further incorrect working -1, e.g. treat further incorrect work with term $-8x^{-9}$ as ISW unless B3
(b) $\frac{5}{6} x^{-\frac{1}{6}}$ or equivalent	B1	Index needs to be simplified. ISW
(c) $\frac{-7x^{-8}}{4}$ or $\frac{-7}{4x^8}$	B1	CAO. ISW
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9	$264x^{10}$	B2	B1 for sight of $24x^{11}$, FT to 2 nd B1 from $dy/dx = kx^n$ Ignore incorrect notation
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1			<i>Penalise including '+c' -1 only throughout</i>
	(a) $32x^7 (+) -7x^{-8} (+0)$ or $32x^7 (+) -\frac{7}{x^8} (+0)$	B3	B1 for $32x^7$ (not $4 \times 8x^7$), B1 for $-7x^{-8}$ and B1 for +0 (or blank) provided at least one other mark awarded. If B3 penalise further incorrect working -1, e.g. treat further incorrect work with term $-7x^{-8}$ as ISW unless B3
	(b) $\frac{1}{6} x^{-5/6}$ or equivalent	B1	Index needs to be simplified. ISW
	(c) $\frac{-5x^{-6}}{3}$ or $-\frac{5}{3x^6}$ or $-\frac{5}{3} (x) x^{-6}$	B1	CAO. ISW
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10	(a) $270x^3$	B2	B1 for sight of $30x^3$. FT to 2 nd B1 from $dy/dx = kx^3$ Ignore incorrect notation Allow B1 for $270x^3 + c$
	(b) For sight of $(dy/dx =) 3ax^2 + 2bx + c$ or $(y =) \frac{27x^3}{3} + \frac{8x^2}{2} + 13x$ (+ constant) or $d^2y/dx^2 = 54x + 8$	B1	May be implied by 2 or 3 correct values
	a = 9 b = 4 c = 13 d = 9	B3	B2 for any 2 or 3 values correct, or B1 for 1 value correct <i>Accept sight of correct answers from 'uncorrected' working Only accept embedded answers if clearly stated unambiguously</i>
		6	

**GCSE ADDITIONAL MATHEMATICS
SUMMER 2019 MARK SCHEME**

		Mark	Comment
1	(a)(i) $(9x + 5)(3x - 1)$	B2	Mark final answer. <i>Ignore inclusion of '=0'</i> B1 $(9x \pm 5)(3x \pm 1)$ or $9x(3x - 1) + 5(3x - 1)$ or or $(x - 1/3)(27x + 15)$ or $\frac{(27x - 9)(27x + 15)}{27}$ or sight of $(9x + 5)$ AND $(3x - 1)$
	(ii) $-5/9$ with $1/3$ or equivalent or $-0.55(5\dots)$ or -0.556 with $0.33(3\dots)$	B2	If a restart in (ii) to factorise, do not alter marking in (i), unless the candidate is clearly replacing their answer (i) Ignore sight of '=0' Must be from factorising. STRICT FT for their factors. B1 for each answer Do not accept from the use of the quadratic formula
	(b)(i) $(x+5)^2 \pm \dots$ +10	B1 B1	Sight of $(x+5)^2$. Ignore sight of '=0' Do not accept '= -10' or '=10' $(x + 5)^2 + 10$, B1, B1 ISW Allow +35 -25 for 10 provided 10 seen in later working
	(ii) Least value (+)10	B1	Must follow completing the square FT their value but not 35 or - 10
	(iii) $(x =) -5$	B1	FT from 'their $(x + 5)^2$ ' Do not accept $(-5, 10)$
	(c) $(x - 22/2)^2 - 121 = -5$ or $(x - 22/2)^2 - 121 + 5 = 0$ $(x - 11)^2 = 121 - 5$ $x = 11 \pm 2\sqrt{29}$	M1 M1 A2	Allow for sight of $(x - 22/2)^2 - 121 + 5$ or $(x - 22/2)^2 - 116$ FT from 1 slip, e.g. for sight of $(x - 11)^2 = 126$ or $(x - 11)^2 - 126 = 0$ Allow A2 for $x = 11 \pm \sqrt{116}$ ISW A1 for $11 + \sqrt{116}$ or $11 + 2\sqrt{29}$ or $11 - \sqrt{116}$ or $11 - 2\sqrt{29}$ or FT $11 \pm \sqrt{126}$ or $11 \pm 3\sqrt{14}$
		12	FT $11 \pm \sqrt{126}$ or $11 \pm 3\sqrt{14}$ <i>No working in (c), no marks</i>
2	(a) $40x^3 + 6x (+0)$	B3	<i>Penalise '+c' shown -1 only throughout</i> B1 for $40x^3$ (not $10 \times 4x^3$), B1 for $+6x$ (not $3 \times 2x$), and B1 for $+0$ (or blank) provided at least 1 other mark awarded. Mark final answer
	(b) $-22x^{12}$ or $-\frac{22}{x^{12}}$	B1	Mark final answer
	(c) $\frac{7}{8}x^{1/8}$ or $\frac{7}{8x^{1/8}}$	B1	Index needs to be simplified. Mark final answer
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3	$\{ 55(x) - 22(x+3) + 10(x+5) \} \quad (/110)$ $\{ 55x - 22x - 66 + 10x + 50 \} \quad (/110)$ $(43x - 16)/110 \text{ or showing LHS} \equiv \text{RHS}$	<p>M1</p> <p>B1</p> <p>B1</p> <p>A1</p>	<p>Attempt to use common denominator, may be implied by sight of $55(x) - 22(x+3) + 10(x+5)$ without sight of /110</p> <p>May be seen in stages</p> <p>Or equivalent. May be seen in stages, as intention of method</p> <p>B1 for 1 slip (e.g. +66). Must be as a sum of 5 terms. Convincing must follow from fully correct working at each stage</p> <p>Allow following sight of 3 separate correct fractions with denominator 110 seen</p> <p><i>If no denominator then possible M1 (see note above), B1 B1 A0, however if denominator replaced later all marks are allowable</i></p>
4	<p>(a) $(y+\delta y =) \quad (x+\delta x)^2 + 7(x+\delta x) + 2$</p> <p>Intention to subtract $(y =) x^2 + 7x + 2$ to find δy</p> $(\delta y =) \quad 2x\delta x + (\delta x)^2 + 7\delta x$ <p>Dividing by δx and $(\lim) \delta x \rightarrow 0$</p> $dy/dx = \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \delta y/\delta x = 2x + 7$	<p>B1</p> <p>M1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>M1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Or alternative notation. Allow if final bracket omitted</p> <p>Accept δx^2 as meaning $(\delta x)^2$</p> <p>FT equivalent level of difficulty</p> <p>CAO. Must follow from correct working and notation</p> <p>All notation throughout the working must be correct in order to award the final A1</p> <p>Do not accept $dy/dx = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 2x + 7$ as a final answer</p> <p><i>Use of dy/dx throughout max 4 marks only, final A0</i></p>

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1	(a) $40x^7 - 3 - (1)x^{-2}$ (+0)	B4	B1 for $40x^7$ (not $8 \times 5x^7$), B1 for -3, B1 for $-(1)x^{-2}$ and B1 for +0 (or blank) provided at least one other mark awarded. If B4 penalise further incorrect working -1, e.g. treat further incorrect work with term $-(1)x^{-2}$ as ISW unless B4
	(b) $\frac{5}{6}x^{-7/6}$ or equivalent	B1	CAO. Index needs to be simplified. ISW
	(c) $-18x^{-7}$ or $-18/x^7$	B1	CAO. Index and coefficient need to be simplified. ISW
		6	<i>Penalise including '+0' -1 only throughout</i>

2	<p>(a) $70x^9 - 5$ (+0)</p> <p>(b) $-12x^{-13}$ or $-12/x^{13}$</p> <p>(c) $\frac{3}{8}x^{-5/6}$ or equivalent</p> <p>(d) $-4x^{-5}$ or $-4/x^5$</p>	<p>4</p> <p>B3</p> <p>B1</p> <p>B1</p> <p>B1</p> <p>6</p>	<p>B1 for $70x^9$ (not $10 \times 7x^9$), B1 for -5 and B1 for +0 (or blank) provided at least one other mark awarded. If B3 penalise further incorrect working -1</p> <p>CAO, although ISW. Index needs to be simplified.</p> <p>CAO, although ISW. Index needs to be simplified.</p> <p>CAO, although ISW. Index needs to be simplified.</p> <p>Penalise including '+c' -1 only</p>
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2	(a) $36x^3 + 8x (+0)$	B3	B1 for $36x^3$ (not $9 \times 4x^3$), B1 for $+8x$ (not $4 \times 2x$), and B1 for $+0$ (or blank) provided at least 1 other mark awarded. Mark final answer
	(b) $-8x^{-9}$	B1	Mark final answer
	(c) ${}^{34}x^{-34}$	B1 5	Index needs to be simplified. Mark final answer

3	(a) $40x^7 - 6$ (+0) (b) $-8x^{-9}$ (or $-8/x^9$) (c) $2/5x^{-3/5}$ or equivalent	$\frac{5}{5}$ B3 B1 B1 5	B1 for $40x^7$ (not $5 \times 8x^7$), B1 for -6 and B1 for +0 (or blank) provided at least one other mark awarded. CAO. Index needs to be simplified. CAO. Index needs to be simplified. <u>ISW once simplified to stages shown in (b) and (c)</u> Penalise including '+c' -1 only
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Summer 2014			
1	(a) $30x^4 + 7 (+0)$	B3	B1 for $30x^4$ (not $5 \times 6x^4$), B1 for $+7$, and B1 for $+0$ (or blank) provided at least one other mark awarded. Mark final answer
	(b) $-6x^{-7}$	B1	Mark final answer
	(c) $5/2 x^{3/2}$	B1	Index needs to be simplified. Mark final answer
		5	

Summer 2013			
1	(a) $35x^4 - 5$ (+0)	B3	B1 for $35x^4$ (not $5 \times 7x^4$), B1 for -5, and B1 for +0 (or blank) provided at least one other mark awarded.
	(b) $-6x^{-7}$ (or $-6/x^7$)	B1	CAO. Index needs to be simplified
	(c) $3/5x^{-25}$ or equivalent	B1	CAO. Index needs to be simplified.
		5	TSW once simplified to stages shown in (b) and (c)

		3	answer
3	(a) $56x^6 + 2 (+0)$	B3	B1 for each term. Accept 8×7 as 56. Only award B1 for '(+0)' provided at least one other B mark awarded. ISW
	(b) $-8x^{-9}$	B1	ISW
	(c) $3/2 x^{1/2}$	B1	Index needs to be simplified. ISW
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5	$(dy/dx =) 3ax^2$ Strategy to substitute $x=3$ into dy/dx Equating 'their $3a3^2$ ' to 135 $a = 5$	/ M1 m1 m1 A1 4	<i>All answer of (x-2)/(x-3) is awarded M1, M2</i> Depends on all previous marks <i>N.B. No marks awarded for $a = 5$ from an incorrect method, e.g. $135 = a \times 3^3$, then $a = 135/27 = 5$</i>
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2		7	
	(a) $32x^3 + 3$ (+0) (b) $-4x^{-5}$ or $-4/x^5$ (c) $3/4 x^{-1/4}$ or equivalent	B3 B1 B1 ε	Penalise further incorrect working once only -1 in question B1 for $32x^3$ (not $4 \times 8x^3$), B1 for +3, and B1 for +0 (or blank from final term) provided at least one other mark awarded. CAO. Index needs to be simplified CAO. Index needs to be simplified

End of solutions