

Functional Skills in Mathematics Level 1 – Mark scheme

Paper: RFSML1SAM01

Task 1 NC	Process (Task description)	Total mark	Mark allocation	Comments	PS or US	Subject content
Question 1	Calculate perimeter of shape	2	1 mark: Any valid method used to calculate perimeter, eg $7.4 + 12.6 + 11.4 + 6.2 + 4 + 6.4$ OR $(11.4 + 12.6) \times 2$	Units not required. Accept any other valid method. Accept if 48 seen.	US	22b
			1 mark: Correct perimeter shown ie 48m	Units not required.	US	22b
Question 2	Calculate square of 17	1	1 mark: $(17 \times 17) = 289$		US	6
Question 3	Calculate number of marbles	1	1 mark: Correct number of white marbles: 7		US	17a
Question 4	Correct addition of numbers	1	1 mark: Correct answer 33.22		US	11a
Question 5	Correct division by 100	1	1 mark: Correct answer 0.468		US	3b

Question 6a	Calculate 3 sides of the garden area Correct method to find number of strips Correct number of border strips needed Cost found using estimate of numbers	4	1 mark: Correctly calculated 3 sides of the garden area (3 sides) = 42 (m)	Accept 42 seen.	PS	5
			1 mark: Correct method used following rule ie, $42 \div 3 \times 2$	FT from their calculation of 3 sides.	PS	5
			1 mark: Correct answer 28		PS	5
			1 mark: Valid method used to estimate, eg $(10 \times 30) = 300$ OR $(10 \times 28) (= 280)$	Allow FT for their number of border strips. Correct money notation not required. Do not award if 9.89 not rounded.	PS	12a
Question 6b	Conversion from ml to l or l to ml Calculate number fence panels	2	1 mark: Conversion from l to ml or ml to l, eg $1.5 \times 1000 = 1500$ OR $3 \times 1000 = 3000$ OR $300 \div 1000 = 0.3$	Units not required. Award mark if 10 seen as their answer.	PS	20c
			1 mark: Correct number of fence panels, ie 10 panels		PS	20c
Question 6c	Valid method to calculate length or width Correct actual length and width shown	2	1 mark: Valid method to find appropriate length or width of table, eg $5.5 \times 20 = (110 \text{ cm})$ OR $11 \times 20 = (220 \text{ cm})$	Units not required. May be implied if 110 or 220 seen.	PS	21
			1 mark: Correct length AND width of table shown, ie 110 (cm) and 220 (cm)	Both dimensions required for the mark. Units not required. Accept correct conversion to metres.	PS	21
Question 7	Identify missing dimension of the bedroom.	1	1 mark: 7.5 (m) identified $30 \div 4 = 7.5$	Units not required. Award for correct answer seen.	PS	22a

Task 2	Process (Task description)	Total mark	Mark allocation	Comments	PS or US	Subject content (SoS)
Question 8	Express probability as a fraction	1	1 mark: 1/3 or one third shown	Accept 6/18	US	31
Question 9	Calculate percentage from fraction	1	1 mark: 62.5 (%)		US	16b
Question 10	Round to two decimals	1	1 mark: 6.67	Do not accept 6.66.	US	12b
Question 11a	Calculate amount of flour needed to make cakes.	4	1 mark: Valid method used to find amount of flour needed, eg $72 \div 12 (= 6)$ AND 6×400 OR $400 \div 12 (= 33.33)$ AND 33.33×72 OR 2399.99 or 2400 seen	May be implied if 350 or 0.350 seen for amount of flour left over.	PS	17b
	Convert fraction to decimal		1 mark: Conversion of $\frac{3}{4}$ kg to decimal, g or kg, eg 2.75kg OR 0.75kg OR 2750g OR 750g.	May be implied if 350 or 0.350 seen for amount of flour left over.	PS	16a
	Calculate amount of flour left over		1 mark: Correct amount of flour left over (based on rounded number of cakes), eg $2750 - 2400 = 350(\text{g})$ OR 0.35 (kg).	Do not award for 150g or 0.15 kg. Allow FT for their amount of flour.	PS	20b
	Show correct units		1 mark: Correct units shown (g or kg) for their answer.	Allow FT for incorrect calculations. Do not allow 350kg or 0.35g.	PS	20b
Question 11b	Calculate time taken to prepare and bake loaves of bread	3	1 mark: Valid method used for adding up time taken, eg $(6 \times 7) + 45\text{m} + 10\text{m} (= 97\text{m})$.	May be implied if 97 seen.	PS	20e
	Show amount of time taken		1 mark: Correct time of 97 (minutes).	Units not required.	PS	20e
	Show time to start making loaves		1 mark: Correct time given to start making loaves of bread, eg 4.38 (am)	Allow FT from their calculated time.	PS	20e

Question 11c	Conversion from pence to pounds	4	1 mark: Evidence of conversion from pence to pounds or vice versa, eg 0.13 OR 0.56 OR 140 OR 2.60 OR 8.40 OR 13.80	Award if 13.8 seen.	PS	20d
	Method for calculating percentage		1 mark: Method to calculate percentage discount, $20 \div 100 \times 13.80$ OR 0.2×13.80 OR Other valid method	Award if 2.76 seen and FT	PS	19
	Calculate percentage discount		1 mark: Correct 15% discount, ie 2.76	Correct money notation not required.	PS	19
	Calculated discounted price		1 mark: Correctly calculated price after discount, ie 11.04	Correct money notation not required.	PS	19
Question 11d	Approximation of the trade discount	1	1 mark: Valid method to check the trade discount, e.g. $20 \div 100 \times 14$ OR 0.2×14	Accept any valid method to approximate answer.	PS	12a

Task 3	Process (Task description)	Total mark	Mark allocation	Comments	PS or US	Subject content	
Question 12	Write number in digits	1	1 mark: Correctly writing the number in digits, ie 190493	Award if comma or space between 1000s and 100s.	US	1a	
Question 13	Identify highest number	1	1 mark: Bank E (4.76) identified.	Award for correct bank or interest rate identified.	US	10b	
Question 14	Complete frequency table	1	1 mark:	Allow tally or totals.	US	28a	
			Number of marks				Frequency
			0 – 9				0
			10 – 19				2
			20 – 29				4
			30 – 39				6
40 – 49	4						
Question 15a	Correct stat shown for matches	3	2 marks: Correct values shown for all matches, ie Match 1: 3 Match 2: 3 Match 3: 4 Match 4: -2	Award 1 mark for any 2 correct values shown.	PS	2	
	Correct totals		1 mark: Correct values shown for totals row, ie Totals: 7, 13, -6				PS
Question 15b	Explain probability	1	1 mark: Correct answer with explanation, eg No, because there is 0.88 chance of rainfall, which means there is a high chance that it will rain on Saturday OR Other valid explanation	Do not accept 'no' without explanation.	PS	30	

Question 15c	Valid method to find perimeter of pitch	3	1 mark: Valid method to find perimeter of pitch, eg $18 + 18 + 36 + 36 =$ OR $(18 \times 2) + (36 \times 2) =$ OR Any other correct method		PS	22b
	Conversion from m to km or km to m		1 mark: Evidence of conversion from m to km or vice versa. Eg 0.108 OR 1000m	Units not required	PS	20a
	Correct number of laps		1 mark: Correct number of full laps around the pitch, ie 10	Do not accept 9 laps/times around the pitch	PS	12a
Question 15d	Calculate percentage	3	1 mark: correct method to calculate percentage, eg $35 \div 100 \times 380$ OR 0.55×380 OR $20 \div 100 \times 380$ OR 0.2×380 OR 0.45×380 OR $45 \div 100 \times 380$ OR Other valid percentage calculation	May be implied if 209, 133 or 76 seen. Award if 171 seen.	PS	14
			1 mark: correct number of adult tickets, eg 171 adult tickets sold		PS	14
			1 mark: correct answer, eg 'No, Ryan was not correct'	Only award if valid calculation AND/OR 171 seen	PS	14
Question 15e	Subtract decimals from decimals	2	1 mark: correct subtraction method, eg $(2.94 \times 380 =)$ 1117.2 AND $3697.40 - 1117.2$	Award if 2580.20 seen. FT for incorrect total donation.	PS	11b
	Calculate answer		1 mark: correct answer, eg £2580.20	£ sign not required.	PS	11b

Task 4	Process (Task description)	Total mark	Mark allocation	Comments	PS or US	Subject content
Question 16	Appropriate scale given. Bars at correct heights	3	1 mark: appropriate scale given	Do not award for line graph.	US	27b
			1 mark: bars at correct height (tolerance plus/minus 1 division)		US	27b
	Graph appropriately labelled		1 mark: Graph contains appropriate axis labels and title, eg X axis: Months Y axis: Laptops Title: Graph to show number of laptops sold over 6 months	Accept similar wording for axis labels and title.	US	27b
Question 17a	Identify correct net Justify answer	2	1 mark: Net A.	Do not award without supporting valid explanation.	PS	25b
			1 mark: Any valid reason, eg "Net B is the shape of a cube so does not match the picture." OR "The other two boxes are too high compared to the picture." OR "The height of the box in the picture is very small which matches the dimensions of Net A." OR "Net C does not have a lid" OR "Net D dimensions are too large"	Accept any valid reason given for choosing their net.	PS	25b

Question 17b	Calculate number of small boxes that will fit in large box	4	<p>1 mark: Valid method used to calculate number of small boxes that will fit in either large box, eg</p> <p>Box A method $50 \div 10 = 5$ $8 \div 8 = 1$ $12 \div 3 = 4$ AND $5 \times 1 \times 4 (= 20)$ OR</p> <p>Box B method $50 \div 10 = 5$ $16 \div 8 = 2$ $15 \div 3 = 5$ AND $5 \times 5 \times 2 (= 50)$ OR</p> <p>Box A (volume method) $10 \times 8 \times 3 = 240$ $50 \times 8 \times 12 = 4800$ $4800 \div 240 (= 20)$ OR</p> <p>Box B (volume method) $50 \times 15 \times 16 = 12000$ $12000 \div 240 (= 50)$</p>		PS	23	
	Identify correct number of small boxes that will fit in large box		<p>1 mark: Correct answer given for either box. Box A: 20 OR Box B: 50</p>			PS	23
	Calculate number of large boxes needed for 100 bracelets		<p>1 mark: Correct number found for both boxes, eg Box A: $100 \div 20 = 5$ Box B: $100 \div 50 = 2$</p>		Allow FT for their number of small boxes per large box providing answer is feasible.	PS	23
	Calculate cost of buying enough large boxes		<p>1 mark: Correct calculation and answer given for cost of each box, eg Box A: $5 \times \text{£}0.70 = \text{£}3.50$ Box B: $2 \times \text{£}1.80 = \text{£}3.60$</p>		Allow FT for their number of boxes calculated.	PS	23

Question 18a	Calculate mean of bracelets sold, or totals of necklaces, rings and earrings	2	1 mark: Correct mean number of bracelets sold, eg $22 + 28 + 23 + 38 + 44 + 97 = 252$ AND $252 \div 6 = 42$ OR Correct total of either necklaces, rings and earrings sold, eg $47 \times 6 = 282$ necklaces OR $35 \times 6 = 210$ rings OR $39 \times 6 = 234$ earrings	Award if 42 seen Award if 282 or 210 or 234 seen	PS	29a
	Identify bestselling item		1 mark: Necklace identified as bestselling item.	Do not allow FT for incorrect calculations. Do not award if not supported by calculations	PS	29a
Question 18b	Calculate range of bracelets sold	2	1 mark: Correct range calculated, eg $97 - 22 = 75$ identified (maximum and minimum identified).		PS	29b
	Identify most consistent item		1 mark: Rings identified as most consistent selling item.	Do not allow FT for incorrect calculations.	PS	29b
Question 18c	Calculate fraction of amounts	2	1 mark: Method to calculate fraction of amounts eg $1592 \div 3 \times 2 = (1,061.33\dots)$ OR $1 \div 3 \times 1592 = (530.66\dots)$		PS	9
			1 mark: Correct answer = (£)1061.33	Allow 1061.34 Only allow 2 decimal places.	PS	9

Annotation notes:

Annotation	Meaning
US	Underpinning skills
PS	Problem solving skills
FT	Follow through
(...)	Information that is not required for the mark point

Functional Skills in Mathematics Level 1 – Mapping matrix

Paper number (Sample Assessment Material)	RFSML1SAM01									
Task number	T1		T2		T3		T4		Total	%
Total number of marks per task	15		15		15		15			
Problem Solving (PS) maximum marks	9		12		12		12		Total no of sub-elements mapped = 33	
Underpinning skills (US) maximum marks	6		3		3		3			
Tick the boxes to confirm that T2, T3 and T4 contain a 4 – 7 mark question reflecting no more than a one-step process or no more than one connected-step process.			✓		✓		✓			
Level 1 Subject Content	PS	US	PS	US	PS	US	PS	US		
1a. Read and write large numbers (up to one million)						1(Q12)			1	
1b. Order and compare large numbers (up to one million)										
2. Use both positive and negative numbers					3(Q15a)				3	
3a. Multiply whole numbers and decimals by 10, 100, 1000										
3b. Divide whole numbers and decimals by 10, 100, 1000		1(Q5)							1	
4. Use multiplication facts and make connections with division facts										
5. Use simple formulae expressed in words for one or two-step operations	3(Q6a)								3	
6. Calculate the squares of one-digit and two-digit numbers		1(Q2)							1	
7. Follow the order of precedence of operators										
8a. Read and write common fractions and mixed numbers										
8b. Order and compare common fractions and mixed numbers										
9. Find fractions of whole number quantities or measurements							2(Q18c)		2	
10. Read and write, order and compare decimals up to three decimal places						1(Q13)			1	
11a. Add decimals with decimals up to two decimal places		1(Q4)							1	
11b. Subtract decimals with decimals up to two decimal					2(Q15e)				2	

places									
11c. Multiply decimals with decimals up to two decimal places									
11d. Divide decimals with decimals up to two decimal places									
12a. Approximate by rounding to a whole number	1(Q6a)		1(Q11d)		1(15c)				3
12b. Approximate by rounding to one or two decimal places				1(Q10)					1
13a. Read and write percentages in whole numbers									
13b. Order and compare percentages in whole numbers									
14. Calculate percentages of quantities, including simple percentage increases and decreases by 5% and multiples thereof					3(Q15d)				3
15. Estimate answers to calculations using fractions and decimals									
16a. Recognise equivalences between common fractions, percentages and decimals			1(Q11a)						1
16b. Calculate equivalences between common fractions, percentages and decimals				1(Q9)					1
17a. Work with simple ratio		1(Q3)							1
17b. Work with direct proportions			1(Q11a)						1
Total: Number and number system									26
18. Calculate simple interest in multiples of 5% on amounts of money									
19. Calculate discounts in multiples of 5% on amounts of money			3(Q11c)						3
20a. Convert between units of length in the same system					1(Q15c)				1
20b. Convert between units of weight in the same system			2(Q11a)						2
20c. Convert between units of capacity in the same system	2(Q6b)								2
20d. Convert between units of money in the same system			1(Q11c)						1
20e. Convert between units of time in the same system			3(Q11b)						3
21. Recognise and make use of simple scales on maps and drawings	2(Q6c)								2

22a. Calculate the area of simple shapes including those that are made up of a combination of rectangles	1(Q7)									1	
22b. Calculate the perimeter of simple shapes including those that are made up of a combination of rectangles		2(Q1)			1(Q15c)					3	
23. Calculate the volumes of cubes and cuboids							4(Q17b)			4	
24a. Draw 2-D shapes and demonstrate an understanding of line symmetry											
24b. Understand the relative size of angles											
25a. Interpret plans and elevations of simple 3-D shapes											
25b. Interpret nets of simple 3-D shapes							2(Q17a)			2	
26a. Use angles when describing position and direction											
26b. Measure angles in degrees											
Total: Measure, shape and space										24	
27a. Represent discrete data in tables and diagrams											
27b. Represent discrete data in charts i) pie charts, ii) bar charts and iii) line graphs								3(Q16)		3	
28a. Group discrete data						1(Q14)				1	
28b. Represent grouped data graphically											
29a. Find the mean of a set of quantities							2(Q18a)			2	
29b. Find the range of a set of quantities							2(Q18b)			2	
30. Understand probability on a scale from 0 (impossible) to 1 (certain) and use probabilities to compare the likelihood of events						1(Q15b)				1	
31. Use equally likely outcomes to find the probabilities of simple events and express them as fractions				1(Q8)						1	
Total: Handling data										10	
Total Mark PS/US Total %	9	6	12	3	12	3	12	3	12	60	100

Problem solving and decision-making requirements. Indicate the question numbers where this is required	Task 1		Task 2		Task 3		Task 4	
Read, understand, and use mathematical information and mathematical terms	6a, 6b 6c		11a, 11b, 11c, 11d		15a, 15b, 15c, 15d		17a, 17b, 18a, 18b, 18c	
Address individual problems based on a combination of the knowledge and/or skills from the mathematical content areas (number and the number system; measures, shape and space; information and data). Some problems draw upon a combination of any two of the mathematical content areas and require learners to make connections between those content areas.	6a, 7		11a, 11b, 11c, 11d		15c		17b	
Use mathematical information and terms in a problem	6a, 6b, 6c		11a, 11b, 11c, 11d		15a, 15b, 15c, 15d		17b, 18a, 18b	
Use knowledge and understanding to a required level of accuracy	6a, 6b, 6c, 7		11a, 11b, 11c, 11d		15a, 15b, 15c, 15d		17b, 18a, 18b	
Identify suitable operations and calculations to generate results	6a, 6b, 6c, 7		11a, 11b, 11c, 11d		15c, 15d		17a, 17b, 18a, 18b	
Analyse and interpret answers in the context of the original problem					15b, 15c, 15d		17a, 17b, 18a, 18b	
Check the sense and reasonableness of answers	6b		11d		15c, 15d		17a, 17b	
Present results with appropriate explanation and interpretation demonstrating simple reasoning to support the process and show consistency with the evidence presented.							17b, 18b, 18c	