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Question and response book

# General Mathematics

## Paper 1

### Time allowed

- Perusal time — 5 minutes
- Working time — 90 minutes

### General instructions

- Answer all questions in this question and response book.
- QCAA-approved scientific calculator permitted.
- QCAA formula book provided.
- Planning paper will not be marked.

### Section 1 (15 marks)

- 15 multiple choice questions

### Section 2 (42 marks)

- 10 short response questions



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## Section 1

### Instructions

- This section has 15 questions and is worth 15 marks.
- Use a 2B pencil to fill in the A, B, C or D answer bubble completely.
- Choose the best answer for Questions 1–15.
- If you change your mind or make a mistake, use an eraser to remove your response and fill in the new answer bubble completely.

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## Section 2

### Instructions

- Write using black or blue pen.
  - Questions worth more than one mark require mathematical reasoning and/or working to be shown to support answers.
  - If you need more space for a response, use the additional pages at the back of this book.
    - On the additional pages, write the question number you are responding to.
    - Cancel any incorrect response by ruling a single diagonal line through your work.
    - Write the page number of your alternative/additional response, i.e. See page ...
    - If you do not do this, your original response will be marked.
  - This section has 10 questions and is worth 42 marks.
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### QUESTION 16 (3 marks)

Determine the time and day in Santa Cruz (GMT  $-8$ ) when it is 2:00 pm Monday in Nagano (GMT  $+9$ ).

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### QUESTION 17 (4 marks)

Students responded to a survey about their travel time to school.

	Travel less than 15 minutes	Travel 15 minutes or more
Year 6 students	11	6
Year 10 students	3	9

- a) Determine the total number of students in each year level who responded to the survey. [1 mark]

Total number of Year 6 students: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of Year 10 students: \_\_\_\_\_

The survey results suggest there is an association between a student's year level and their travel time.

- b) Justify the suggested association by comparing the percentages of Year 6 and Year 10 students who travel less than 15 minutes. [3 marks]

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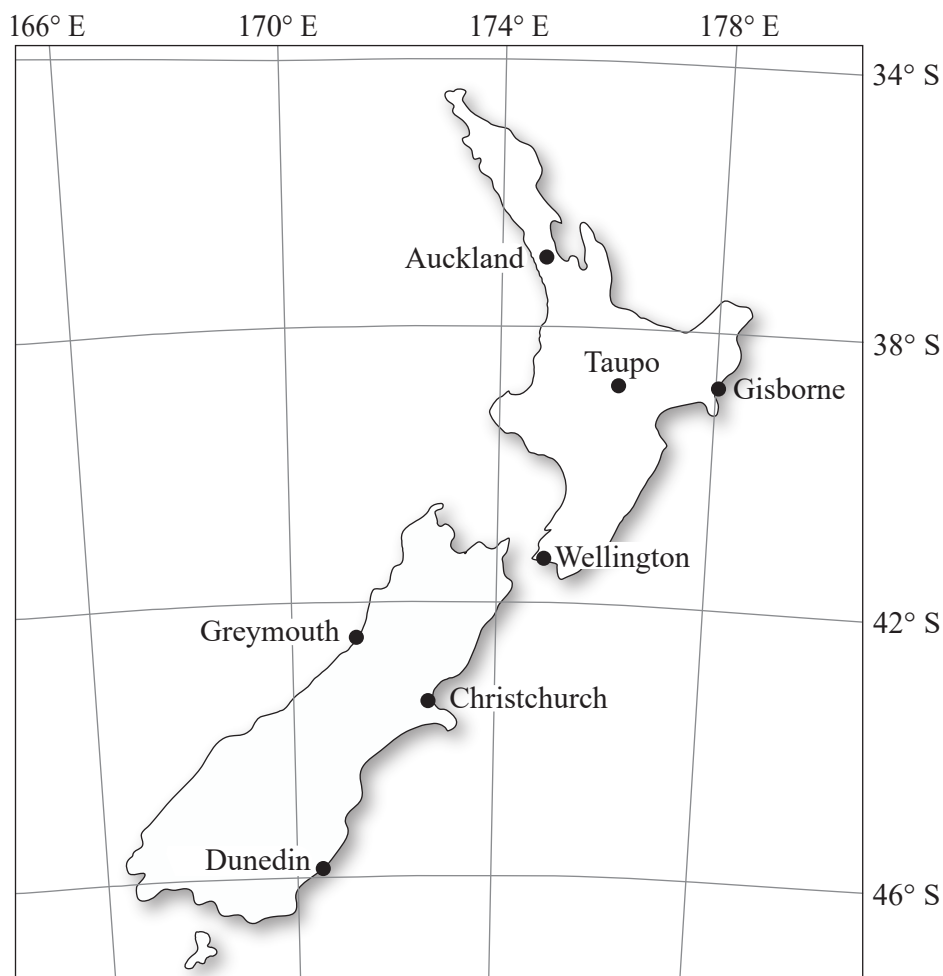
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### QUESTION 18 (4 marks)

A map of New Zealand is shown.



- a) Name the location with coordinates (43.5° S 172.5° E).

[1 mark]

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- b) Calculate the distance between Taupo (38.7° S 176° E) and Gisborne (38.7° S 178° E), rounded to the nearest kilometre.

[3 marks]

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### QUESTION 19 (4 marks)

The table shows a store's actual sales each quarter for two years.

Quarter	1	2	3	4
2023 sales (\$)	8000	18 000	94 000	10 000
2024 sales (\$)	7500	23 500	82 000	12 500

The average quarterly sales for 2023 is \$32 500.

- a) Calculate the average quarterly sales for 2024.

[1 mark]

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- b) Use your result from Question 19a) to calculate the seasonal index for the third quarter.

[3 marks]

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### QUESTION 20 (4 marks)

To repay a \$24 000 reducing balance loan at 5.4% p.a. compounding monthly, a person makes a \$557 payment at the end of every month for four years.

- a) Write a recurrence relation for the amount owing, where  $n$  is the number of months. [1 mark]

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- b) Use your result from Question 20a) to calculate the amount owing after two months. [2 marks]

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- c) Use your result from Question 20b) to determine the reduction in the initial loan balance after two months. [1 mark]

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### QUESTION 21 (4 marks)

The number of customers for a new gym's first four days of operation is shown.

Day	1	2	3	4
Customers	6	18	30	42

- a) Provide a justified decision for whether the number of customers forms an arithmetic sequence or a geometric sequence.

[2 marks]

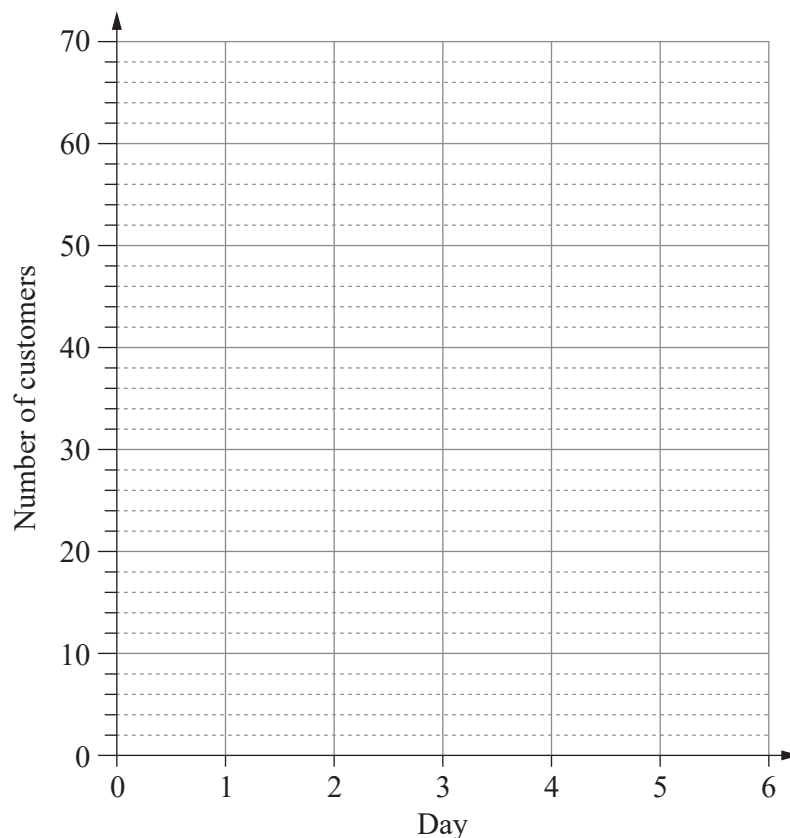
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- b) Assuming the sequence continues, display the number of customers for the gym's first six days of operation in a scatterplot on the grid provided.

[2 marks]



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**QUESTION 22 (4 marks)**

A \$50 000 perpetuity earning fortnightly interest at 4.94% p.a. provides a regular fortnightly payment.

a) Calculate the fortnightly payment.

[2 marks]

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b) Calculate the perpetuity's effective annual rate of interest as a percentage.

[2 marks]

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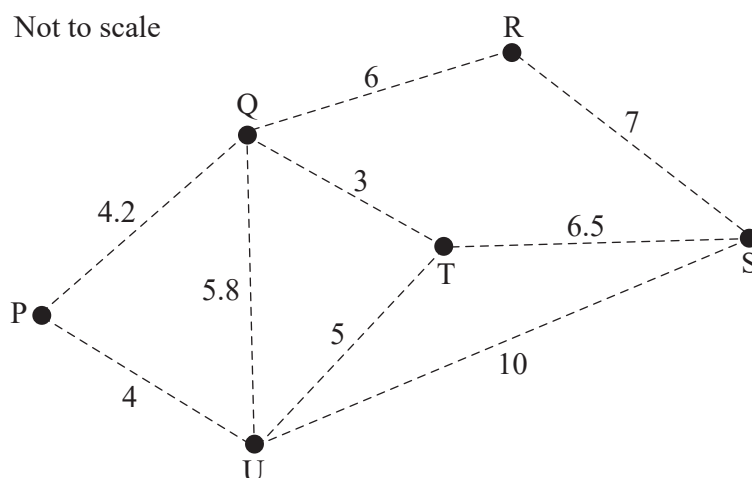
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### QUESTION 23 (5 marks)

The diagram represents a network of six electrical outlets (P–U) and possible locations for connecting cables. Cable lengths are in metres.



- a) Justify why a subgraph of the network that contains outlets P, Q and U and connecting cables with lengths 4 m, 4.2 m and 5.8 m is not a tree. [2 marks]

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- b) An electrician claims that all outlets can be connected using less than 25 m of cables. Identify a minimum spanning tree to evaluate the reasonableness of the claim. [3 marks]

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### QUESTION 24 (5 marks)

The average weekly earnings for Australian workers from 2013 to 2023 are modelled by the least-squares line equation  $y = 49x - 97\,140$ , where  $x$  is the year and  $y$  is average weekly earnings (\$).

The coefficient of determination,  $R^2$ , is 0.997.

- a) State the percentage of the variation in  $y$  that is explained by the linear relationship. [1 mark]

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- b) Identify and interpret the slope of the least-squares line. [2 marks]

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- c) Use the equation of the least-squares line to predict the average weekly earnings in 2035. [2 marks]

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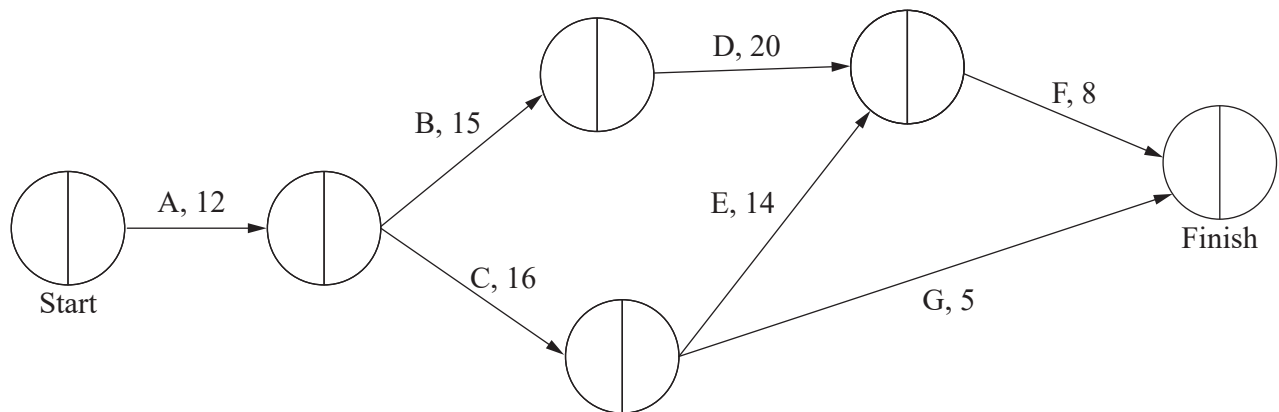
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### QUESTION 25 (5 marks)

The network diagram shows the time (minutes) to complete each of seven activities in a project.



- a) State the earliest starting time (EST) for activity D.

[1 mark]

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- b) Determine the minimum time to complete the project.

[1 mark]

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- c) State the latest starting time (LST) for activity E.

[1 mark]

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- d) Calculate the float time for activity G.

[2 marks]

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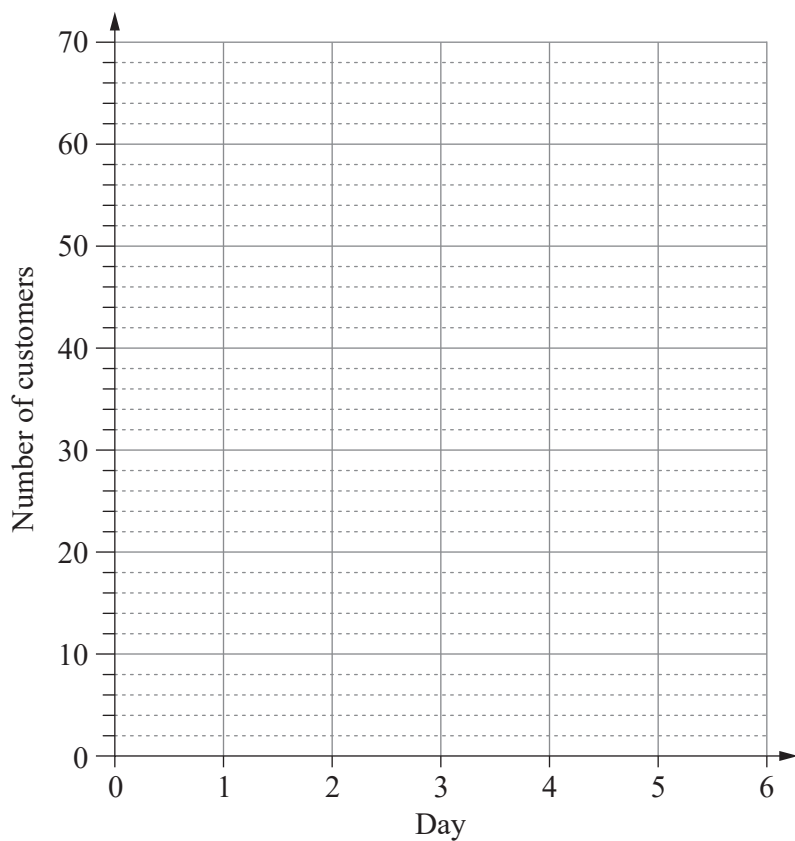
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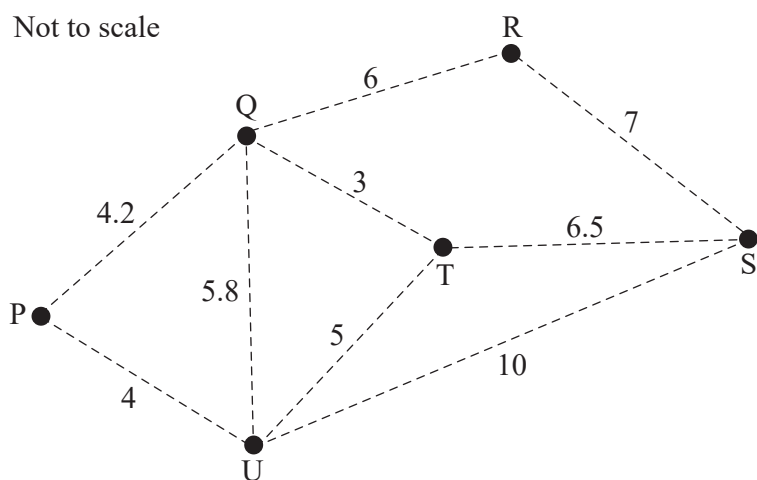
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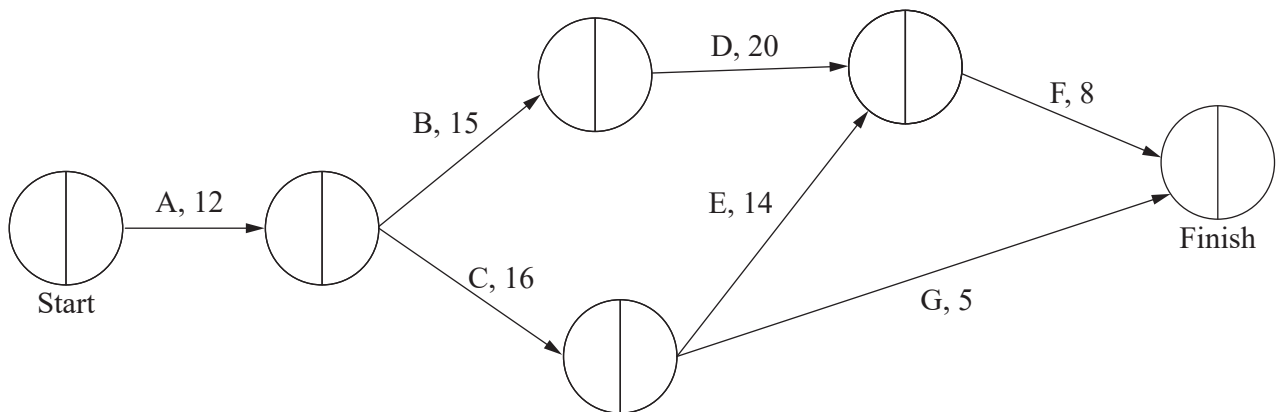
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