**GCSE Mathematics (1MA1)**

**Themed papers – Combinations**

**Compiled from student-friendly mark schemes**

**Please note that this mark scheme is not the one used by examiners for making scripts. It is intended more as a guide to good practice, indicating where marks are given for correct answers. As such, it doesn’t show follow-through marks (marks that are awarded despite errors being made) or special cases.**

**It should also be noted that for many questions, there may be alternative methods of finding correct solutions that are not shown here – they will be covered in the formal mark scheme.**

**NOTES ON MARKING PRINCIPLES**

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| **Guidance on the use of codes within this mark scheme** |
| M1 – method mark. This mark is generally given for an appropriate method in the context of the question. This mark is given for showing your working and may be awarded even if working is incorrect.  P1 – process mark. This mark is generally given for setting up an appropriate process to find a solution in the context of the question.  A1 – accuracy mark. This mark is generally given for a correct answer following correct working.  B1 – working mark. This mark is usually given when working and the answer cannot easily be separated.  C1 – communication mark. This mark is given for explaining your answer or giving a conclusion in context supported by your working.  Some questions require all working to be shown; in such questions, no marks will be given for an answer with no working (even if it is a correct answer). |

**Question 1 (Total 2 marks)**

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| **Part** | **Working or answer an examiner might expect to see** | **Mark** | **Notes** |
|  |  | P1 | This mark is given for a method to find the number of combinations |
| 7 | A1 | This mark is given for the correct answer only |

**Question 2 (Total 3 marks)**

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| **Part** | **Working or answer an examiner might expect to see** | **Mark** | **Notes** |
|  | 9 × 15 = 135  15 × 8 = 120  9 × 15 × 8 = 1080 | M1 | This mark is given for one correct calculation |
| M1 | This mark is given for all three calculations correct |
| 135 + 120 + 1080 = 1335 | C1 | This mark is given for the correct answer only |

**Question 3 (Total 2 marks)**

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| **Part** | **Working an or answer examiner might expect to see** | **Mark** | **Notes** |
|  | 215 ÷17 = 12.6 | P1 | This mark is given for a process to find the number of rose trees |
| No, 12.6 is not a whole number (and a whole number of plants must be bought) | C1 | This mark is given for a correct conclusion, supported by correct reasoning |

**Question 4 (Total 4 marks)**

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| **Part** | **Working or answer an examiner might expect to see** | **Mark** | **Notes** |
| (a) | 5 × 5 × 5 = 53 | M1 | This mark is given for a method to find the number of three-digit combinations |
| 125 | A1 | This mark is given for the correct answer only |
| (b) | 5 × 4 × 3 | M1 | This mark is given for a method to find the number of combinations with three different digits |
| 60 | A1 | This mark is given for the correct answer only |

**Question 5 (Total 3 marks)**

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| **Part** | **Working or answer an examiner might expect to see** | **Mark** | **Notes** |
|  | 95 × 94 (= 8930)  or  87 × 86 (= 7482) | M1 | This mark is given for a method to find the combinations for any two roles |
| 95 × 94 × 87 × 86 | M1 | This mark is given for a method to find the total of all combinations |
| 66 814 260 | A1 | This mark is given for the correct answer only |

**Performance data:**

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| **Q** | **Taken from** | | | **Total Marks available** | **TOPIC** | **Spec Ref** | **AO** | **% Mean marks** | **Edexcel mean averages Marks of candidates who achieved grade:** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Q** | **Series** | **Paper** | **ALL** | **9** | **8** | **7** | **6** | **5** | **4** | **3** | **2** | **1** | **U** |
| 1 | 14 | Nov 2019 | 2H | 2 | Number | N5 | 1 | 62 | 1.24 | 2.00 | 1.89 | 1.82 | 1.74 | 1.49 | 1.08 | 0.82 | - | - | 0.44 |
| 2 | 11 | Nov 2018 | 2H | 3 | Number | N5 | 2 | 60 | 1.80 | 2.90 | 2.71 | 2.67 | 2.35 | 2.19 | 1.87 | 1.23 | - | - | 0.53 |
| 3 | 11 | June 2017 | 3H | 2 | Number | N5 | 3 | 44 | 0.88 | 1.68 | 1.36 | 1.07 | 0.85 | 0.65 | 0.43 | 0.25 | - | - | 0.16 |
| 4a | 16a | June 2019 | 1H | 2 | Number | N5 | 1 | 46 | 0.91 | 1.78 | 1.39 | 1.08 | 0.84 | 0.64 | 0.45 | 0.27 | - | - | 0.17 |
| 4b | 16b | June 2019 | 1H | 2 | Number | N5 | 1 | 24 | 0.48 | 1.43 | 0.87 | 0.55 | 0.36 | 0.25 | 0.16 | 0.10 | - | - | 0.05 |
| 5 | 18 | Mock Set 1 | 2H | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
|  |  |  |  | **14** |  |  |  |  | **5.31** | **9.79** | **8.22** | **7.19** | **6.14** | **5.22** | **3.99** | **2.67** | **-** | **-** | **1.35** |