Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is trial and improvement assessed?
Trial and improvement is assessed at higher tier only.

Q: Are stem and leaf diagrams assessed?
Stem and leaf diagrams are not assessed at either tier.

Q: Are box plots assessed?
Box plots are assessed at higher tier only.

Q: On a calculator paper, what should students write down for a method mark for partial credit on a two-mark question?
Candidates need to write down a complete method that would lead to the correct answer. Their method may be written in one step or shown in stages. The appropriate mathematical operator(s) (+, −,×,÷) must be shown in the method.

NB: writing down the calculator keys that were used, but that are not operators, e.g. nCr, %, FACT, is not enough to gain the method mark.

Q: When is the final exam series that there will be separate formula sheets, and what will replace them?
There will be separate formula sheets until November 2027. There has not yet been a decision on whether any additional formulae will be given beyond this date.

Q: Do you have knowledge organisers for all topics?

There are not knowledge organisers for all topics. Many topics not covered by knowledge organisers are included in the vast range of blended learning modules that are available for free on the resources site: https://resources.eduqas.co.uk These modules cover topics at both foundation and higher tier. Topics covered at foundation tier range from the four operations with decimals, fractions and negative numbers to trigonometry. Higher tier topics include trigonometric graphs, histograms and recurring decimals and surds. There is an Eduqas mathematics revision guide and revision practice book covering the foundation tier specification. For more information please see the Eduqas GCSE Mathematics subject web page, select the resources tab and then books.

Q: Is the word 'hence' used in the assessments.
The word ‘hence’ may be used to help candidates to understand that their previous

answer should be used, and they should not start again from scratch.

Q: Does Eduqas provide an exam analysis post GCSE for individual candidates?
Yes, this analysis is available via the secure website (portal). Instructions to find the analysis are:
Portal > All Services > Results > under Question Level Analysis > Item Level Data