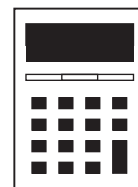


# GCSE MATHEMATICS

# Standard Form



Use a calculator  
where appropriate

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## Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Draw diagrams in pencil.
- Answer all questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.
- If your calculator does not have a  $\pi$  button, take the value of  $\pi$  to be 3.14 unless another value is given in the question.

## Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The quality of your written communication is specifically assessed in questions that are indicated with an asterisk (\*).

## Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- In all calculations, show clearly how you work out your answer.
- Use the number of marks for the question as a guide to the amount of time you need to spend.
- Look at previous parts of the question, e.g. a), b), c) i) as there may be information there you need to answer later parts.
- Check your answer is realistic and appropriate.
- For calculator decimal numbers always write your full calculator display in the working out area and then, if you need to, round the answer on the answer line.

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**1 (a)** Write 0.000 583 in standard form.

**[1 mark]**

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Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**1 (b)** Write  $9.416 \times 10^5$  as an ordinary number.

**[1 mark]**

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Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**1 (c)** Divide 7200 million by 300  
Give your answer in standard form.

**[3 marks]**

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Answer \_\_\_\_\_

2 The table shows the populations of some countries.

Country	Population
Denmark	$5.59 \times 10^6$
France	$6.35 \times 10^7$
Greece	$1.14 \times 10^7$
Malta	$4.19 \times 10^5$
Netherlands	$1.68 \times 10^7$
Russia	$1.43 \times 10^8$
Spain	$4.68 \times 10^7$

2 (a) Which of these countries has the lowest population?

Answer ..... (1 mark)

2 (b) Which of these countries has a population approximately three times that of Denmark?

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Answer ..... (2 marks)

**3**  $a$  is the number  $4 \times 10^3$

**3 (a)** Write  $a$  as an ordinary number.

Answer ..... (1 mark)

**3 (b)** Work out the value of  $a^2$ .  
Give your answer in standard form.

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Answer ..... (2 marks)

**3 (c)** Work out the reciprocal of  $a$ .  
Give your answer in standard form.

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Answer ..... (3 marks)

**4** Here is a list of numbers.

1 000 000       $4.6 \times 10^4$       63 000       $5 \times 10^3$        $1.7 \times 10^5$

Work out the range.  
Write your answer in standard form.

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Answer ..... (4 marks)

5 In standard form, one third of  $x$  is  $8 \times 10^{-3}$

Work out the value of  $x$ .  
Give your answer in standard form.

[2 marks]

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Answer .....

6 I decrease a number by 26%

The answer is  $9 \times 10^{-7}$

What number did I start with?  
Give your answer in standard form.

[3 marks]

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Answer \_\_\_\_\_

7 Here is a list of numbers

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$6.4 \times 10^{-3}$

0.00007

$4.2 \times 10^{-4}$

7 (a) Work out the median.  
Give your answer in standard form.

[3 marks]

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Answer \_\_\_\_\_

7 (b) Two more numbers are included in the list.

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$6.4 \times 10^{-3}$

0.00007

$4.2 \times 10^{-4}$

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How does this affect the median?  
Circle your answer.

[1 mark]

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8 (a) Circle the answer to  $9.6 \times 10^8 \div 4$

[1 mark]

$9.6 \times 10^2$

$2.4 \times 10^2$

$2.4 \times 10^8$

$9.6 \times 10^4$

8 (b) Work out  $(4 \times 10^{-3}) \times (9 \times 10^{14})$

Give your answer in standard form.

[2 marks]

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Answer \_\_\_\_\_

9 (a) Work out  $2.3 \times 10^6 - 3 \times 10^5$

Give your answer in standard form.

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Answer \_\_\_\_\_

9 (b) You are given  $8 \times 10^a \times 4 \times 10^4 = 3.2 \times 10^{12}$

Work out the value of  $a$ .

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Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**10 (a)** Work out  $2 \times 10^6 \times 8 \times 10^4$   
Give your answer in standard form.

**[2 marks]**

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Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**10 (b)** Work out  $\frac{2 \times 10^6}{8 \times 10^4}$   
Give your answer as an ordinary number.

**[2 marks]**

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Answer \_\_\_\_\_



**11 (a)** Write 93 000 000 in standard form.

Answer ..... (1 mark)

**11 (b)** Work out  $\frac{4 \times 10^7}{8 \times 10^2}$

Give your answer in standard form.

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Answer ..... (2 marks)

**11 (c)** When written in standard form a number is  $n \times 10^n$   
When written as an ordinary number it has four digits.

Write down a possible value of  $n$ .

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Answer ..... (1 mark)

12 (a) A human cell nucleus has a diameter of 0.000 001 metres.

Write this number in standard form.

Answer ..... (1 mark)

12 (b) There are up to  $5 \times 10^{13}$  cells in a human body.

Write  $5 \times 10^{13}$  as an ordinary number.

Answer ..... (1 mark)

12 (c) A patient has a disease.  
She has  $4^3$  body cells affected on day 1.

The number of affected cells doubles every day.  
The disease becomes serious when  $2^{10}$  body cells are affected.

On which day does the disease become serious?  
You **must** show your working.

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Day ..... (3 marks)

**13** In July 2015 the population of the UK was estimated to be  $6.46 \times 10^7$

**13 (a)** The total land area of the UK is  $2.44 \times 10^5$  square kilometres.

What was the average number of people per square kilometre in the UK in July 2015?

**[2 marks]**

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Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**13 (b)** The population of the UK is estimated to increase by 0.54% per year.

Use this information to estimate the population of the UK in July 2017  
Give your answer in standard form, correct to 3 significant figures.

**[4 marks]**

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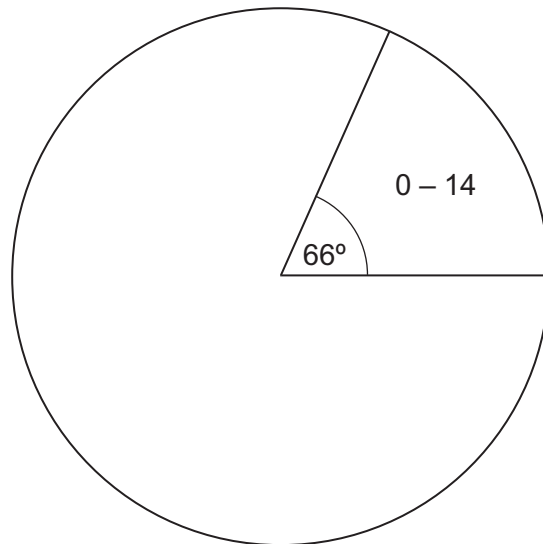
Answer \_\_\_\_\_

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In 2011 there were  $3.22 \times 10^7$  females in the UK.  
This was 51% of the whole population.

The pie chart shows an estimate of the males aged 0 – 14 years old in 2011.

**Male population in 2011**



Source: <http://www.ons.gov.uk>

Use this information to work out the number of males aged 0 – 14 years old in 2011.  
Write your answer in standard form.

**[6 marks]**

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Answer .....