## Estimation

A collection of 9-1 Maths GCSE Sample and Specimen questions from AQA, OCR, Pearson-Edexcel and WJEC Eduqas.

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1. Estimate the value of

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\frac{4.34 \times 19.2}{11.2}
$$

2. Paul organised an event for a charity.

Each ticket for the event cost $£ 19.95$
Paul sold 395 tickets.
Paul paid costs of $£ 6000$
He gave all money left to the charity.
(a) Work out an estimate for the amount of money Paul gave to the charity.

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(b) Is your answer to (a) an underestimate or an overestimate?

Give a reason for your answer.
3. A cinema has

37 rows of seats
23 seats in each row.
Adult tickets are $£ 8$ each.
Child tickets are $£ 6$ each
The cinema has sold tickets for every seat.
The manager estimates that $£ 6400$ was raised from these tickets. 200 child tickets were sold.

Check whether the manager's estimate was close to the exact amount of money raised.
4. There are 1200 students at a school.

Kate is helping to organise a party.
She is going to order pizza.
Kate takes a sample of 60 of the students at the school.
She asks each student to tell her one type of pizza they want.
The table shows information about her results.

| Pizza | Number of students |
| :---: | :---: |
| ham | 20 |
| salami | 15 |
| vegetarian | 8 |
| margarita | 17 |

Work out how much ham pizza Kate should order.
Write down any assumption you make and explain how this could affect your answer.
5. Estimate the answer to $51 \times 3 \cdot 9$.
6. Shari was asked to buy the following items from her local shop.

| Item | Price |
| :---: | :---: |
| Chicken curry | $£ 2.97$ |
| Pizza | $£ 3.04$ |
| Washing powder | $£ 6.09$ |
| Butter | $£ 1.47$ |
| Bread | 89 pence |

The shopkeeper tells Shari that the total cost is $£ 102.23$.
Shari does not think that this is correct.
(a) Show clearly how Shari could approximate each of these prices to convince the shopkeeper that his total is not correct.
(b) What mistake do you think the shopkeeper made?
7. A unit of gas costs 4.2 pence.

On average Ria uses 50.1 units of gas a week. She pays for the gas she uses in 13 weeks.
(a) Work out an estimate for the amount Ria pays.
(b) Is your estimate to part (a) an underestimate or an overestimate?

Give a reason for your answer.
8. Jayne writes down the following

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3.4 \times 5.3=180.2
$$

Without doing the exact calculation, explain why Jayne's answer cannot be correct.

CREDITS AND NOTES

| Question | Awarding Body |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 | OCR |
| 2 | Pearson Edexcel |
| 3 | AQA |
| 4 | Pearson Edexcel |
| 5 | WJEC Eduqas |
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WJEC Eduqas - Sample Assessment Material

