

EASY WAYS TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T LOSE MARKS IN YOUR MATHS GCSE



WRITING SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN IN THE ANSWER SPACE

If you have to do that then draw a double-headed arrow and say that you have written your answer elsewhere.

The examiners can only see part of each question - they can't always see the full page



For an example see:

<http://www.themathsmagpie.blogspot.co.uk/2013/07/what-students-see-versus-what-examiner.html>

LABEL YOUR DIAGRAMS

Marks are awarded for any correct answers or method marks written on diagrams



CROSSING OUT WORKING

Cross out neatly with just a straight line -
nothing wavy!

And don't cross out unless you have something
else to put in its place



MORE THAN ONE METHOD

Showing 2 methods because you're not sure which is right will give you no marks at all.



IF IT SAYS 'SHOW YOUR WORKING'

Then it means it!

If you don't show your working you won't get full marks for this type of question - even if your answer is correct.



REMEMBER TO PUT + OR - SIGNS

If you're adding numbers then put the sign for it!

If you get the final answer wrong you won't get marks for working without a + or a - sign.



ESTIMATE MEANS ESTIMATE

They mean it!

Working out a correct value = no marks!

They want to test your estimation skills.



TRY TO WRITE NEATLY...

....and in straight, horizontal lines if possible.

Making it easy to read makes it easier to mark.



ROUNDING OFF

- ⦿ Don't round off halfway through a question
- ⦿ Write down everything on your calculator display before and then write down your rounded answer



LEARN THE FORMULAE YOU NEED

- ◉ Area of a square, rectangle and parallelogram
- ◉ Area of a circle
- ◉ Circumference of a circle
- ◉ Area of a triangle
- ◉ Pythagoras's Theorem



Put in the short term effort - after June and for the rest of your life you can Google them if you need them but you won't be able to during your exam!

SHOW YOUR WORKING

Sometimes you have to in order to get any marks and just occasionally you'll get the final answer wrong but you could get working marks.



* QUESTIONS

Every time you do a calculation write a few words explaining what you're doing.

