

A Level Maths AQA Predicted Papers - How we created these papers

Overview

We have created 4 sets of predicted papers for A level Mathematics, with mark and topic coverage based on the <u>AQA A Level Mathematics Past Papers</u> provided on their website, along with the content specified in the <u>AQA A Level Mathematics Specification</u>.

Each physical paper has been designed to look like the AQA paper based exams, with the mark schemes formatted and broken down to be easy to follow.

Format and Marks

Our sets of predicted papers are split up into three papers, resembling that of the AQA format:

- Paper 1 100 marks Calculator
- Paper 2 100 marks (50 marks for each section) Calculator
- Paper 3 100 marks (50 marks for each section) Calculator

Further, each paper contains a mix of question types, including short answer questions, single mark questions and multi-step problems, as well as some multiple choice questions.

Some questions are standalone questions, whereas other questions consist of multiple parts and can require using the answer to a previous part of a question, or not. These part questions may vary in the level of demand. This corresponds to what is seen on the AQA past papers.

Across each paper, we have aimed to have a similar coverage of questions with different numbers of marks of that of the AQA past papers. Therefore, in each paper, there are a range of 1-12 mark single questions (i.e. not the total of a question containing multiple parts).

Distribution of Topics and Skills

The breakdown of topics on each paper has been designed to match that of the AQA past papers.

Paper 1 may contain contain questions from any topic from the following:

- o A: Proof
- o B: Algebra and functions
- C: Coordinate geometry
- o D: Sequences and series
- o E: Trigonometry
- o F: Exponentials and logarithms
- o G: Differentiation
- o H: Integration
- o I: Numerical methods

Paper 2 may contain contain questions from any topic from the following:

- Section A:
 - Any content from Paper 1
- Section B:
 - o J: Vectors
 - K: Kinematics
 - L: Forces and Newton's laws
 - o M: Moments

Paper 3 may contain contain questions from any topic from the following:

- Section A:
 - Any content from Paper 1
- Section B:
 - o N: Data presentation and interpretation
 - o O: Probability
 - o P: Statistical distributions
 - Q: Statistical hypothesis testing
 - o R: Correlation and Regression

Additionally, each set has been designed to match the approximate percentage breakdown of Assessment Objectives (AO):

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| Assessment Objectives | Paper 1 | Paper 2 | Paper 3 | Total (%) |
| AO1 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| AO2 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| AO3 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Overall weighting | 33.3 | 33.3 | 33.3 | 100 |

For each paper, we have aimed to increase the mathematical demand as the student progresses through the paper.

Assessment Difficulty

Each of the sets of papers have been designed to match the difficulty of a corresponding AQA A Level Maths Exam series, based off of the following grade boundaries:

| Level | A* | Α | В | С | D | Е | U |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|---|
| Mark | 231 | 185 | 151 | 118 | 85 | 52 | 0 |