

Currency & Unit Conversion (H & F)

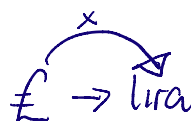
A collection of 9-1 Maths GCSE Sample and Specimen questions from AQA, OCR, Pearson-Edexcel and WJEC Eduqas.

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1. Asif is going on holiday to Turkey.

The exchange rate is £1 = 3.5601 lira.

Asif changes £550 to lira.



a) Work out how many lira he should get.

Give your answer to the nearest lira.

$$550 \times 3.5601 = 1958.055$$

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1958 lira lira [2]

Asif sees a pair of shoes in Turkey.

The shoes cost 210 lira.

Asif does not have a calculator.

He uses £2 = 7 lira to work out the approximate cost of the shoes in pounds.

b) Use £2 = 7 lira to show that the approximate cost of the shoes is £60

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{£} & & \text{lira} \\ 2 & & 7 \\ \times 30 & \searrow & \searrow \\ \hline 60 & & 210 \end{array}$$

[2]

c) Is using £2 = 7 lira instead of using £1 = 3.5601 lira a sensible start to Asif's method to work out the cost of the shoes in pounds?

You must give a reason for your answer.

Given £1 = 3.5601, then £2 = 7.12 lira which is very close to the approximation of 7 lira. The actual price is £58.99 which is £60 when rounded to 1 significant figure [1]

2. Three companies sell the same type of furniture.

The price of the furniture from Pooles of London is £1480

The price of the furniture from Jardins of Paris is €1980

The price of the furniture from Outways of New York is \$2250

The exchange rates are

$$£1 = €1.34$$

$$£1 = \$1.52$$

Which company sells this furniture at the lowest price?

You must show how you get your answer.

New York.
\$

London
£

Paris
€

1480

£477.61

$$1980 \div 1.34$$

1980

[3]

2250

$$2250 \div 1.52$$

£1480.26

Jardins of Paris sells the furniture at the lowest price.

CREDITS AND NOTES

Question	Awarding Body	Question	Awarding Body
1	Pearson Edexcel		
2	Pearson Edexcel		
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Notes:

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Links:

AQA <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/gcse/mathematics-8300>

OCR <http://ocr.org.uk/gcsemaths>

Pearson Edexcel <http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/mathematics-2015.html>

WJEC Eduqas <http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/mathematics/gcse/>

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