

Inequalities (H)

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

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1. Solve $5x - 2 > 3x + 11$

$$\begin{aligned} 5x - 2 &> 3x + 11 \\ 5x &> 3x + 13 \quad \downarrow +2 \\ 2x &> 13 \quad \downarrow -3x \\ x &> 13/2 \end{aligned}$$

[2]

2. Solve $x^2 > 3x + 4$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - 3x - 4 &> 0 \\ (x-4)(x+1) &> 0 \\ x &> 4 \text{ or } x < -1 \end{aligned}$$



[3]

3. Solve $6x + 4 > x + 17$

$$\begin{aligned} 6x + 4 &> x + 17 \\ 5x + 4 &> 17 \quad \downarrow -x \\ 5x &> 13 \quad \downarrow -4 \\ x &> 13/5 \quad \downarrow \div 5 \end{aligned}$$

[2]

4. n is an integer with $-5 < 2n \leq 6$

Write down all the values of n

-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x

-2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3

[2]

5. (a) (i) Solve.

$$\begin{aligned} 5x + 1 &> x + 13 \\ 4x + 1 &> 13 \quad \downarrow -x \\ 4x &> 12 \quad \downarrow -1 \\ x &> 3 \quad \downarrow \div 4 \end{aligned}$$

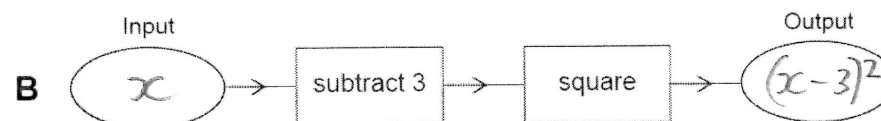
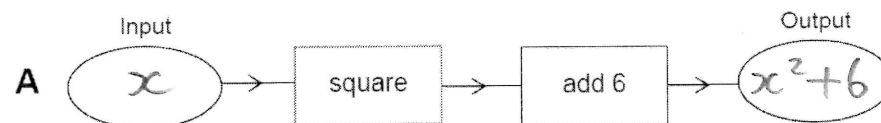
(a)(i) $x > 3$ [3]

(ii) Write down the largest integer that satisfies $5x - 1 < 10$.

$$\begin{aligned} 5x - 1 &< 10 \\ 5x &< 11 \\ x &< 2.2 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) $x = 2$ [1]

6. Here are two function machines, A and B.



Both machines have the same input.

Work out the range of input values for which

the output of **A** is less than the output of **B**.

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 6 &< (x-3)^2 \\ x^2 + 6 &< x^2 - 6x + 9 \\ 6x + 6 &< 9 \\ 6x &< 3 \rightarrow x < 1/2 \end{aligned}$$

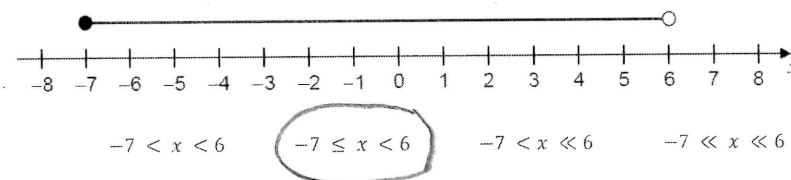
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7. Solve this inequality.

$$\begin{aligned} 5x + 9 &> 13 \\ 5x &> 4 \quad \downarrow -9 \\ x &> 4/5 \quad \downarrow \div 5 \end{aligned}$$

$x > 4/5$ [2]

8. Circle the inequality shown by the diagram.



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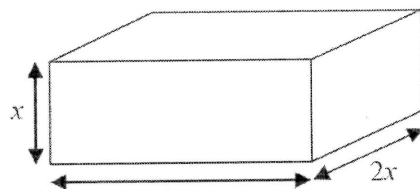
9 Here is a cuboid.

All measurements are in centimetres.

x is an integer.

The total volume of the cuboid is less than 900 cm^3

Show that $x \leq 5$



$$\text{Volume} = x \times 3x \times 2x = 6x^3$$

$$6x^3 < 900 \\ x^3 < 150 \quad \div 6$$

x	x^3
4	64
5	125
6	216

$x \leq 5$

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10. On the grid, shade the region that satisfies all these inequalities.

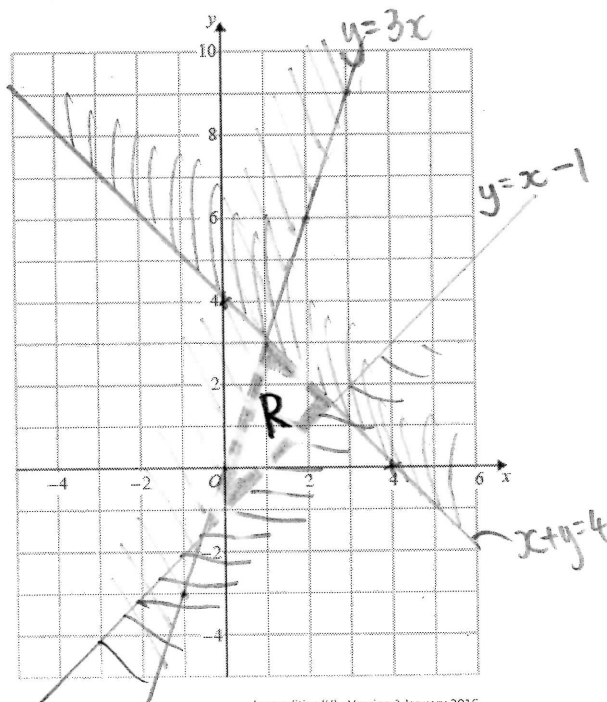
$$x + y < 4 \quad (0, 4) \\ (4, 0)$$

$$y > x - 1$$

$$y < 3x$$

Label the region R.

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11. Solve the inequality $x^2 > 3(x + 6)$

$$x^2 > 3x + 18 \\ x^2 - 3x - 18 > 0 \\ (x + 3)(x - 6) > 0 \\ x < -3 \text{ or } x > 6$$

[4]

12. a) Solve the inequality $\frac{3x}{2} \leq 9$

$$3x \leq 18 \quad \times 2 \\ x \leq 6 \quad \div 3$$

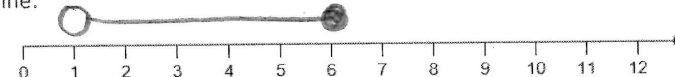
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b) Solve the inequality $4(x + 2) > 12$

$$x + 2 > 3 \quad \div 4 \\ x > 1 \quad - 2$$

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c) Represent the solution set that satisfies both answers to parts (a) and (b) on the number line.



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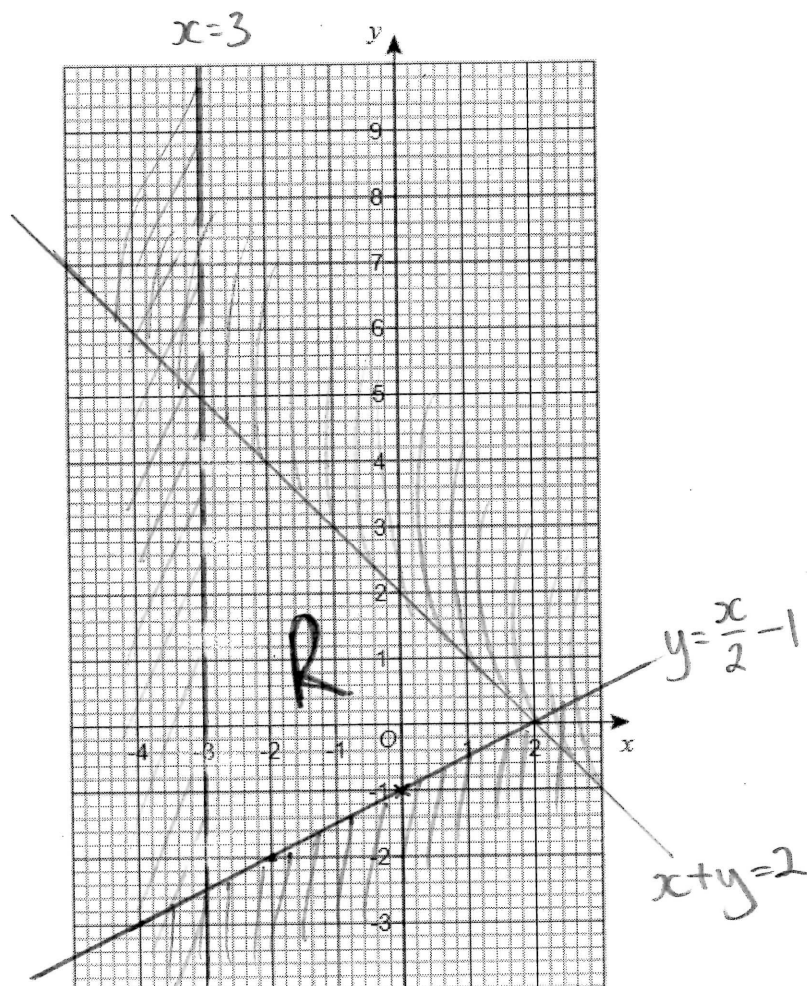
13. The region R satisfies the three inequalities

$$x > -3$$

$$x + y \leq 2$$

$$y > \frac{x}{2} - 1$$

Show the region R on the grid.



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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-gcse/mathematics-2015.html>

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