

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: The Head of Mathematics, Teachers of Mathematics and Exams Officers

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Subject: Printed answer books for on-screen marking for GCE Mathematics

PRINTED ANSWER BOOKS FOR ON-SCREEN MARKING FOR GCE MATHEMATICS (OCR), GCE MATHEMATICS (MEI) AND AS STATISTICS (MEI)

You may be aware that we are gradually introducing on-screen marking to GCE Mathematics units. We introduced printed answer books for Core 1 in January 2010 and published practice printed answer books on the OCR website. Printed answer books and on-screen marking are now being extended to other GCE Mathematics units as follows:

Series	Mathematics (OCR)	Mathematics (MEI)
January 2010	4721 (C1)	4751 (C1), 4771 (D1)*
June 2010	4721 (C1), 4722 (C2), 4728 (M1), 4732 (S1), 4736 (D1)	4751 (C1), 4752 (C2), 4761(M1), 4766 (S1), 4771 (D1) G241
January 2011	4721 (C1), 4722 (C2), 4723 (C3), 4725 (FP1), 4728 (M1), 4729 (M2), 4732 (S1), 4733 (S2), 4736 (D1)	4751 (C1), 4752 (C2), 4753 (C3), 4755 (FP1), 4761(M1), 4762 (M2), 4766 (S1), 4767 (S2), 4771 (D1)
* 4771 has had a printed answer book for several series and was marked on-screen in 2009. Use of bold type indicates the first occasion on which a unit is marked on-screen.		

More information about the changes is available on our website at www.ocr.org.uk/maths, including some practice printed answer books for those papers being marked on-screen for the first time in June 2010.

It may be helpful to pass on the following advice to candidates.

- Use black ink; only use pencil for diagrams. (This has been a standard instruction for several years.) Do not use coloured pencils.
- Do not use correcting fluid (e.g. Tipp-Ex). Scanning can see through it in patches. It is good practice to cross out work which is not to be marked.
- Think about how to set out your solution to each question; having an assigned space for a solution should encourage you to be careful. Put any working that you want to be marked in the answer space for the question: do not hand in a separate sheet of rough working.
- We have tried to be generous with the space for each question, to allow for 'false starts'. Do not be concerned if you do not use all the space. (The mark allocation gives a better clue about how much work is expected.)
- If you cannot fit an answer in the space provided you must **not** use the space assigned for another question. An additional sheet of paper must be used. This must be clearly labelled with the question number and must be securely attached to the printed answer book.
- The correct printed answer book **must** be used for each unit.

Please note that question papers must not be sent with the printed answer books for marking: they should be retained in the centre or destroyed. Extra pages of rough working should not be attached to the printed answer book: they should be retained in the centre and eventually destroyed.

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