



Data Representation and Interpretation

9 Unit Test

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Instructions: Read all questions carefully to ensure you understand what is being asked. When completing your official tests / exams, your grade will be based upon your: **understanding, fluency, reasoning, and problem solving**, so ensure you show all lines of working and draw accurate, labelled diagrams where necessary. (ACiQ|9.0 Mathematics standard elaborations found on final page (general assessment marking standards)). [Practise tests are marked out of a score of 10]. For multiple choice questions, tick or fill in the circle next to the corresponding letter under the question.

Check your work if you have time. *Remember:* you don't have to start at question one, it's always best to firstly look through the test, highlight the easy looking questions and complete them first, then secondly, go back through and work on the harder questions. Good luck! And remember to breathe!

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Part 1: Multiple Choice (2 marks)

Question 1:

a) The following time series data shows monthly rainfall (mm) over 6 months:

Jan: 50 , Feb: 60 , Mar: 55 , Apr: 70 , May: 65 , Jun: 80 . What is the overall trend in the rainfall data?

A. Decreasing

B. Increasing

C. Constant

D. No clear trend

☐ A

☐ B

☐ C

☐ D

Space for question 1a...



b) The box plot below represents the test scores of a Year 9 class:

[Assume a box plot with $Q_1 = 40$, $Median = 55$, $Q_3 = 70$, $Min = 25$, $Max = 85$]

What is the interquartile range (IQR) of the scores?

A. 15

B. 30

C. 45

D. 60

☐ **A**

☐ **B**

☐ **C**

☐ **D**

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Question 2:

a) In a time series plot, seasonal variation is best described as:

- A.** A long-term increase or decrease
- B.** Random fluctuations with no pattern
- C.** Regular, repeating patterns over a fixed period
- D.** A sudden, unexpected change

☐ **A**

☐ **B**

☐ **C**

☐ **D**

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b) Which of the following measures is NOT represented directly on a box plot?

A. Median

B. Mean

C. Lower Quartile (Q_1)

D. Upper Quartile (Q_3)

☐ A

☐ B

☐ C

☐ D

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Part 2: Short Answer (4 marks)

Question 3:

The table below shows the daily temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) over a week:

| Day | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Temp ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) | 22 | 24 | 23 | 25 | 26 | 24 | 23 |

a) Plot the time series data or describe key points.



b) Calculate the 3 – day moving average for Wednesday.

Question 4:

a) Explain the purpose of using a moving average in time series data.

b) The following data set represents the hours 10 students spent studying:

$\{ 3, 5, 2, 8, 6, 4, 7, 5, 9, 1 \}$. Calculate the five-number summary (*minimum* , Q_1 , *median* , Q_3 , *maximum*) for a box plot.



Part 3: Problem Solving (4 marks)

Question 5:

a) The table below shows the number of ice creams sold daily over 10 days:

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Day | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Sold | 20 | 22 | 25 | 28 | 30 | 32 | 35 | 33 | 36 | 38 |

I) Describe the trend in the data.

II) Calculate the 3-day moving averages for days 1 – 10 .

III) Interpret what the moving averages suggest about sales.



b) Two groups recorded their 100 – metre race times (seconds):

Group A: { 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22 }

Group B: { 11, 13, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25 }

I) Find the five-number summary for each group.

II) Describe (key features) or draw a box plot for each, on the same scale.

III) Compare the distributions, including centre, spread, and shape.



Question 6:

a) A time series of monthly sales (\$) shows:

Jan: 200 , Feb: 210 , Mar: 250 , Apr: 240 , May: 260 , Jun: 270 .

I) Identify any patterns or variations.

II) Predict the sales for July, justifying your reasoning.



**b) A box plot has: $\text{Min} = 10$, $Q_1 = 15$, $\text{Median} = 20$, $Q_3 = 30$, $\text{Max} = 50$.
Using the $1.5 \times IQR$ rule, is 5 an outlier?**



Solutions

1a. (0.5 marks)

B. Increasing.

The values generally rise from 50 *mm* to 80 *mm* over the 6 *months* .

b. (0.5 marks)

B. 30 .

$$\begin{aligned} IQR &= Q_3 - Q_1 \\ &= 70 - 40 \\ &= 30. \end{aligned}$$

2a. (0.5 marks)

C. Regular, repeating patterns over a fixed period.

Seasonal variation refers to predictable cycles (e.g., yearly weather patterns).

b. (0.5 marks)

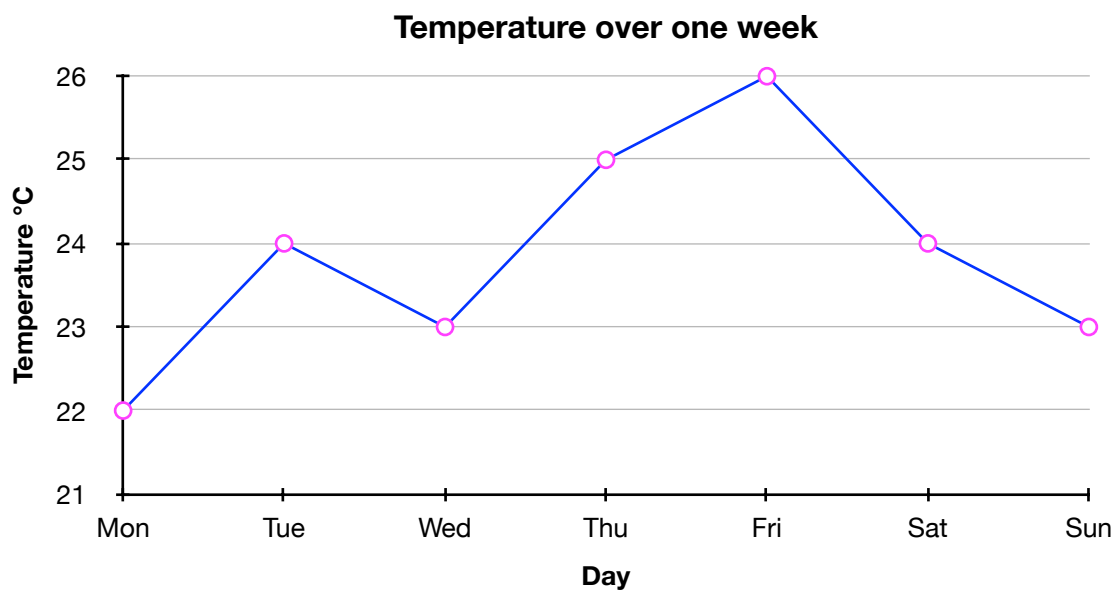
B. Mean.

Box plots show median, quartiles, and range, not the mean.

3a. (1 mark)

Plot: Points at (Mon, 22), (Tue, 24), (Wed, 23), (Thu, 25), (Fri, 26), (Sat, 24), (Sun, 23).

Description: Starts at 22°C , peaks at 26°C on Friday, dips to 23° C by Sunday.





b. (1 mark)

3 – day moving average for Wednesday:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{(\text{Tue} + \text{Wed} + \text{Thu})}{3} \\ &= \frac{(24 + 23 + 25)}{3} \\ &= \frac{72}{3} \\ &= 24^{\circ}\text{C}. \end{aligned}$$

4a. (0.5 marks)

A moving average smooths out short-term fluctuations in time series data, making it easier to identify long-term trends or patterns by reducing the impact of random variations.

b. (0.5 marks)

Ordered: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Min} &= 1, \\ Q_1 &= 2.5, \\ Q_2 = \text{Median} &= 5, \\ Q_3 &= 7.5, \\ \text{Max} &= 9. \end{aligned}$$

5a.

i. (0.5 marks)

Trend: Increasing.

Sales rise from 20 to 38 over 10 days.



II. (1 mark)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Day 3} &:= (20 + 22 + 25)/3 \\ &= 67/3 \\ &\approx 22.33.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Day 4} &:= (22 + 25 + 28)/3 \\ &= 75/3 \\ &= 25.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Day 5} &:= (25 + 28 + 30)/3 \\ &= 83/3 \\ &\approx 27.67.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Day 6} &:= (28 + 30 + 32)/3 \\ &= 90/3 \\ &= 30.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Day 7} &:= (30 + 32 + 35)/3 \\ &= 97/3 \\ &\approx 32.33.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Day 8} &:= (32 + 35 + 33)/3 \\ &= 100/3 \\ &\approx 33.33.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Day 9} &:= (35 + 33 + 36)/3 \\ &= 104/3 \\ &\approx 34.67\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Day 10} &:= (33 + 36 + 38)/3 \\ &= 107/3 \\ &\approx 35.67.\end{aligned}$$

Moving averages: { *N/A*, *N/A*, 22.33, 25, 27.67, 30, 32.33, 33.33, 34.67, 35.67 } .

III. (0.5 marks)

The moving averages increase steadily, confirming a consistent upward trend in ice cream sales, with smoothed values reducing daily fluctuations.



b. (1 mark)

I)

Group A:

Min = 12, $Q_1 = 14$, Median = 16, $Q_3 = 20$, Max = 22.

Group B:

Min = 11, $Q_1 = 13$, Median = 19, $Q_3 = 23$, Max = 25.

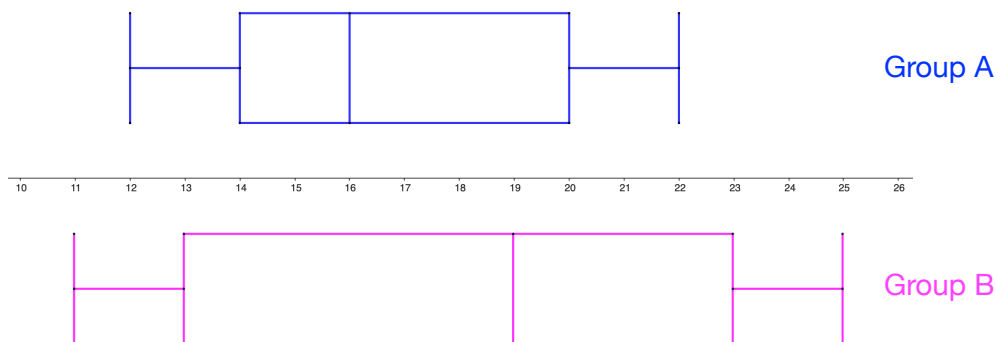
II)

Group A:

Whisker 12 – 14, box 14 – 20 (median 16), whisker 20 – 22.

Group B:

Whisker 11 – 13, box 13 – 23 (median 19), whisker 23 – 25.



III)

Centre:

Group A median (16) < Group B (19).

Spread:

Group A $IQR = 6$, range = 10;

Group B $IQR = 10$, range = 14 (B more spread).

Shape:

Group A symmetric (equal whiskers, box halves);

Group B right-skewed (longer upper whisker, smaller upper box half).

6a.

I. (0.5 marks)

Pattern: Overall increasing trend (200 to 270).

Variation: Slight dip in April (250 to 240), but the upward trend resumes. No clear seasonal pattern in 6 months .

II. (0.5 marks)

Prediction: $\approx 280 \rightarrow 290$

Justification: The general trend is increasing, with an average monthly increase of about $(270 - 200)/5 = 14$. The last two months (May–Jun) show a consistent rise of $10 \rightarrow 20$, so extending this trend suggests sales around $280 \rightarrow 290$.



b. (1 mark)

$$IQR = 30 - 15 \\ = 15.$$

$$\text{Lower bound} = 15 - 1.5 \times 15 \\ = -7.5.$$

$$\text{Upper bound} = 30 + 1.5 \times 15 \\ = 52.5.$$

$\therefore 5 > -7.5$ and < 52.5 , so not an outlier (though below Min, it fits the rule).

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General Assessment Marking Standards

Remember: When your official tests are marked, they won't be a score out of 10, they will be a grade (A,B,C,D,E) based on the following standards:

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Year 9 Mathematics standard elaborations

| | | A | B | C | D | E |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--|---|---|--|---|
| | | The folio of student work contains evidence of the following: | | | | |
| Mathematical proficiencies | Understanding | accurate and consistent identification, representation, description and connection of mathematical concepts and relationships in complex unfamiliar , complex familiar, and simple familiar situations | accurate identification, representation, description and connection of mathematical concepts and relationships in complex familiar and simple familiar situations | identification, representation, description and connection of mathematical concepts and relationships in simple familiar situations | partial identification, representation and description of mathematical concepts and relationships in some simple familiar situations | fragmented identification, representation and description of mathematical concepts and relationships in isolated and obvious situations |
| | Fluency | choice, use and application of comprehensive facts, definitions, and procedures to find solutions in complex unfamiliar , complex familiar, and simple familiar situations | choice, use and application of effective facts, definitions, and procedures to find solutions in complex familiar and simple familiar situations | choice, use and application of facts, definitions, and procedures to find solutions in simple familiar situations | choice and use of partial facts, definitions, and procedures to find solutions in some simple familiar situations | choice and use of fragmented facts, definitions and procedures to find solutions in isolated and obvious situations |
| | Reasoning | comprehensive explanation of mathematical thinking, strategies used, and conclusions reached in complex unfamiliar , complex familiar, and simple familiar situations | detailed explanation of mathematical thinking, strategies used, and conclusions reached in complex familiar and simple familiar situations | explanation of mathematical thinking, strategies used, and conclusions reached in simple familiar situations | partial explanation of mathematical thinking, strategies used, and conclusions reached in some simple familiar situations | fragmented explanation of mathematical thinking, strategies used, and conclusions reached in isolated and obvious situations |
| | Problem-solving | purposeful use of problem-solving approaches to find solutions to problems. | effective use of problem-solving approaches to find solutions to problems. | use of problem-solving approaches to find solutions to problems. | partial use of problem-solving approaches to make progress towards finding solutions to problems. | fragmented use of problem-solving approaches to make progress towards finding solutions to problems. |

Key shading emphasises the qualities that discriminate between the A–E descriptors

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