

## Oxford Revise | AQA GCSE Maths Foundation | Answers

Chapter 12 Simultaneous equations

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| 12.1 | The line to draw is $y=x$ <br> The two lines intersect at (2,2), so $x=2$ and $y=2$ | Line $y=x$ correctly drawn Correct coordinates of point of intersection | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ |
| 12.2 | The point of intersection is approximately $(2.3,1.7)$ so $x=2.3, y=1.7$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline x \text { is (close to) } 2.3 \\ y \text { is (close to) } 1.7 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |


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|  | Add the two equations to give $2 x=22$ <br> Thus, $x=11$ <br> Substitute this into either equation to find $y$. <br> $11+y=14$ <br> $y=3$ | Adding or subtracting the equations to eliminate <br> either $x$ or $y$. <br> Correct answer | 1 |
| 12.3 (b) | Subtract one equation from the other to give <br> $5 y=10$ <br> Thus, $y=2$ <br> Substitute this into either equation to find $x$. <br> $2 x-4=4$ <br> $x=4$ | Subtracting one equation from the other to eliminate <br> $y$. <br> Correct answer for $x$. <br> Correct answer for $y$. | 1 |


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| 12.3 (c) | $\begin{array}{r} 4 x+5 y=37 \\ 2 x+y=11 \tag{2} \end{array}$ <br> Multiply (2) by 2 , and then subtract from (1): $\begin{aligned} 4 x+5 y & =37 \\ 4 x+2 y & =22 \\ \hline 3 y & =15 \\ y & =5 \end{aligned}$ <br> Substitute $y=5$ into either equation to solve for $x$. $\begin{aligned} 4 x+25 & =37 \\ 4 x & =12 \\ x & =3 \end{aligned}$ | Correct equation in either $x$ or $y$. <br> Correct answer for $x$. <br> Correct answer for $y$. | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ |


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| 12.3 (d) | $\begin{gather*} 3 x-2 y=2 \\ 12 x-4 y=10 \tag{2} \end{gather*}$ <br> Multiply (1) either by 4 or by 2 to eliminate $x$ or $y$, respectively. $\begin{aligned} 12 x-8 y & =8 \\ 12 x-4 y & =10 \\ \hline-4 y & =-2 \\ y & =0.5 \end{aligned}$ <br> Substitute $y=5$ into either equation to solve for $x$. $\begin{aligned} 3 x-1 & =2 \\ 3 x & =3 \\ x & =1 \end{aligned}$ | Correct equation in either $x$ or $y$. <br> Correct answer for $x$. <br> Correct answer for $y$. | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ |


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| 12.4 (a) | $2 x+5 y=11$ (1) <br> $3 x-2 y=-12$ (2) <br> Multiply both equations by suitable constants  <br> to eliminate one variable. For example:  <br> $6 x+15 y=33$  <br> $6 x-4 y=-24$  <br> $19 y=57$  <br> $y=3$  |  |  |
|  | Correct equation in either $x$ or $y$. <br> Substitute $y=3$ into either equation to solve <br> for $x$. <br> $2 x+15=11$ <br> $2 x=-4$ <br> $x=-2$ | Correct answer for $y$. | 1 |


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| 12.4 (b) | $\begin{align*} 2 x-7 y & =12  \tag{1}\\ 5 x-y & =-3 \tag{2} \end{align*}$ <br> Multiply both equations by suitable constants to eliminate one variable. For example: $\begin{aligned} 10 x-35 y & =60 \\ 10 x-2 y & =-6 \\ \hline-33 y & =66 \\ y & =-2 \end{aligned}$ <br> Substitute $y=-2$ into either equation to solve for $x$. $\begin{aligned} 2 x+14 & =12 \\ 2 x & =-2 \\ x & =-1 \end{aligned}$ | Correct equation in either $x$ or $y$. <br> Correct answer for $x$. <br> Correct answer for $y$. | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ |


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| 12.4 (c) | $\begin{align*} 3 x+8 y & =12 \\ 2 x+12 y & =13 \tag{2} \end{align*}$ <br> Multiply both equations by suitable constants to eliminate one variable. For example: $\begin{aligned} 6 x+16 y & =24 \\ 6 x+36 y & =39 \\ \hline 20 y & =15 \\ y & =0.75 \end{aligned}$ <br> Substitute $y=0.75$ into either equation to solve for $x$ $\begin{aligned} 3 x+6 & =12 \\ 3 x & =6 \\ x & =2 \end{aligned}$ | Correct equation in either $x$ or $y$. <br> Correct answer for $x$. <br> Correct answer for $y$. | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ |


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| 12.4 (d) | $\begin{align*} & 6 x-4 y=9 \\ & 5 x+3 y=-2 \tag{2} \end{align*}$ <br> Multiply both equations by suitable constants to eliminate one variable. For example: $\begin{aligned} 18 x-12 y & =27 \\ 20 x+12 y & =-8 \\ \hline 38 x & =19 \\ x & =0.5 \end{aligned}$ <br> Substitute $x=0.5$ into either equation to solve for $y$ $\begin{aligned} 3-4 y & =9 \\ -4 y & =6 \\ y & =-1.5 \end{aligned}$ | Correct equation in either $x$ or $y$. <br> Correct answer for $x$. <br> Correct answer for $y$. |  |
| 12.5 (a) | Let $a=$ cost of an adult ticket, and $c=$ cost of child ticket. $\begin{aligned} a+3 c & =39 \\ 2 a+4 c & =62 \end{aligned}$ | First equation, using any variables. <br> Second equation | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ |
| 12.5 (b) | Solve simultaneously to get $a=15, c=8$ <br> Thus, an adult ticket costs $£ 15$ and a child's ticket costs $£ 8$ | Correct equation in either $a$ or $c$. <br> Adult ticket is $£ 15$ <br> Child's ticket is $£ 8$ | $1$ |


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| 12.6 | Let $a=$ mass of an apple, and $s=$ mass of a satsuma. $\begin{aligned} 20 a+30 s & =4050 \\ 12 a+15 s & =2205 \end{aligned}$ <br> Solve simultaneously to get $a=90, s=75$ <br> Thus, the mass of an apple is 90 g and the mass of a satsuma is 75 g | Correct simultaneous equations <br> Correct equation in either $a$ or $s$. <br> Apple's mass $=90 \mathrm{~g}$ <br> Satsuma's mass $=75 \mathrm{~g}$ | $1$ |
| 12.7 | $\begin{array}{r} 3 x+2 y=9 \\ x+y=4 \tag{2} \end{array}$ <br> Multiply the second equation by 2 or -2 to eliminate $y$ (or by 3 or -3 to eliminate $x$ ) <br> For example: $\begin{aligned} 3 x+2 y & =9 \\ -3 x-3 y & =-12 \\ \hline-y & =-3 \\ y & =3 \end{aligned}$ <br> Substitute $y=3$ into either equation to solve for $x$ $\begin{aligned} x+3 & =4 \\ x & =1 \end{aligned}$ | Either equation stated <br> Correct equation in either $x$ or $y$. $\begin{aligned} & x=1 \\ & y=3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ |


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| 12.8 | Rearrange the second equation as $a-b=4$, then subtract from the first equation to eliminate $b$ : $\begin{aligned} 2 a-b & =7 \\ a-b & =4 \\ \hline a & =3 \end{aligned}$ <br> Substitute this value into either equation to solve for $b$. Thus, $b=-1$ | Rearrange the 2nd equation correctly and then eliminates either $a$ or $b$. $\begin{aligned} & a=3 \\ & b=-1 \end{aligned}$ | $1$ |
| 12.9 | Let the two numbers be $x$ and $y$. $\begin{aligned} & x+y=120 \\ & x-y=50 \end{aligned}$ <br> Add the two equations to eliminate $y$. $\begin{aligned} 2 x & =170 \\ x & =85 \end{aligned}$ <br> Then solve for $y$. $\begin{aligned} 85+y & =120 \\ y & =35 \end{aligned}$ | Attempt to form simultaneous equations <br> Eliminates $x$ or $y$. <br> 35 <br> 85 | $1$ |


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| 12.10 | $\begin{aligned} p+q+3 q+p+q+2 p & =22 \\ 4 p+5 q & =22 \end{aligned}$ <br> Opposite sides are equal in length so: $2 p=3 q$ <br> which can be rearranged to $2 p-3 q=0$ <br> Simultaneous equations: $\begin{align*} & 4 p+5 q=22  \tag{1}\\ & 2 p-3 q=0 \tag{2} \end{align*}$ <br> Multiply (2) by 2 and then subtract the result from (1): $\begin{aligned} 4 p+5 q & =22 \\ 4 p-6 q & =0 \\ \hline 11 q & =22 \\ q & =2 \end{aligned}$ <br> Substitute this value of $q$ into either (1) or (2) to find that $p=3$ | Attempts to form an equation for the perimeter. <br> Realises that $2 p=3 q$ and rearranges this. <br> Eliminates either $p$ or $q$. $\begin{aligned} & q=2 \\ & p=3 \end{aligned}$ | $1$ |


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| 12.11 | $12 \geq 3 x$, so $x \leq 4$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12 \geq 3 x \\ & x \leq 4 \end{aligned}$ <br> Number line with filled circle at 4 and line indicating everything to the left of 4 . | 1 1 1 |  |

