

Oxford Revise | Edexcel GCSE Maths Foundation | Answers

Chapter 12 Simultaneous equations

Question	Answer	Extra information	Marks
12.1	The line to draw is $y = x$ The two lines intersect at (2, 2), so $x = 2$ and y = 2	Line $y = x$ correctly drawn Correct coordinates of point of intersection	1 1
12.2	The point of intersection is approximately $(2.3, 1.7)$ so $x = 2.3$, $y = 1.7$	<i>x</i> is (close to) 2.3 <i>y</i> is (close to) 1.7	1



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



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12.3 (c)	4x+5y = 37 (1) 2x + y = 11 (2) Multiply (2) by 2, and then subtract from (1): 4x+5y = 37 $\frac{4x+2y=22}{3y=15}$ y = 5 Substitute $y = 5$ into either equation to solve for x . 4x+25 = 37 4x = 12 x = 3	Correct equation in either <i>x</i> or <i>y</i> . Correct answer for <i>x</i> . Correct answer for <i>y</i> .	1 1 1



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	$3x - 2y = 2 \qquad (1)$		
	12x - 4y = 10 (2)		
	Multiply (1) either by 4 or by 2 to eliminate <i>x</i> or <i>y</i> , respectively.		
	12x - 8y = 8		
	$\frac{12x - 4y = 10}{2}$	Correct equation in either x or y.	1
12.3 (d)	-4y = -2	Correct answer for x.	1
	<i>y</i> = 0.5	Correct answer for y.	1
	Substitute $y = 5$ into either equation to solve		
	for <i>x</i> .		
	3x - 1 = 2		
	3x = 3		
	x = 1		



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



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



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$ \begin{array}{c c} 3x \\ 2x \\ Mu \\ to e \\ 6x \\ 6x \\ 5x \\ 5x \\ 3x \\ \end{array} $	3x + 8y = 12 (1) 2x + 12y = 13 (2) Multiply both equations by suitable constants to eliminate one variable. For example: 5x + 16y = 24 5x + 16y = 24 5x + 36y = 39 20y = 15 y = 0.75 ubstitute $y = 0.75$ into either equation to olve for x 8x + 6 = 12 3x = 6 x = 2	Correct equation in either <i>x</i> or <i>y</i> . Correct answer for <i>x</i> . Correct answer for <i>y</i> .	1 1 1



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



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12.6	Let $a = mass$ of an apple, and $s = mass$ of a satsuma. 20a + 30s = 4050 12a + 15s = 2205 Solve simultaneously to get $a = 90$, $s = 75$ Thus, the mass of an apple is 90 g and the mass of a satsuma is 75 g	Correct simultaneous equations Correct equation in either <i>a</i> or <i>s</i> . Apple's mass = 90 g Satsuma's mass = 75 g	1 1 1 1
12.7	3x + 2y = 9 (1) x + y = 4 (2) Multiply the second equation by 2 or -2 to eliminate y (or by 3 or -3 to eliminate x) For example: 3x + 2y = 9 -3x - 3y = -12 -y = -3 y = 3 Substitute y = 3 into either equation to solve for x x + 3 = 4 x = 1	Either equation stated Correct equation in either x or y. x = 1 y = 3	1 1 1 1



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





Questions referring to previous content				
17 11	$12 > 3r$ so $r \le 4$	$12 \ge 3x$ $x \le 4$	1	
12.11		Number line with filled circle at 4 and line indicating everything to the left of 4.	1	