

# FOR TEACHERS ONLY

The University of the State of New York

REGENTS HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION

## MATHEMATICS B

Thursday, August 13, 2009 — 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., only

### SCORING KEY

#### Mechanics of Rating

The following procedures are to be followed for scoring student answer papers for the Mathematics B examination. More detailed information about scoring is provided in the publication *Information Booklet for Scoring the Regents Examination in Mathematics B*.

Use only *red* ink or *red* pencil in rating Regents papers. Do *not* attempt to correct the student's work by making insertions or changes of any kind. Use check marks to indicate student errors.

Unless otherwise specified, mathematically correct variations in the answers will be allowed. Units need not be given when the wording of the questions allows such omissions.

Each student's answer paper is to be scored by a minimum of three mathematics teachers. On the back of the student's detachable answer sheet, raters must enter their initials in the boxes next to the questions they have scored and also write their name in the box under the heading "Rater's/Scorer's Name."

Raters should record the student's scores for all questions and the total raw score on the student's detachable answer sheet. Then the student's total raw score should be converted to a scaled score by using the conversion chart that will be posted on the Department's web site <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/osa/> on Thursday, August 13, 2009. The student's scaled score should be entered in the box provided on the student's detachable answer sheet. The scaled score is the student's final examination score.

#### Part I

Allow a total of 40 credits, 2 credits for each of the following. Allow credit if the student has written the correct answer instead of the numeral 1, 2, 3, or 4.

(1) 2	(6) 1	(11) 2	(16) 1
(2) 3	(7) 1	(12) 3	(17) 4
(3) 3	(8) 4	(13) 2	(18) 1
(4) 3	(9) 4	(14) 3	(19) 2
(5) 2	(10) 3	(15) 4	(20) 3

Updated information regarding the rating of this examination may be posted on the New York State Education Department’s web site during the rating period. Check this web site <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/osa/> and select the link “Examination Scoring Information” for any recently posted information regarding this examination. This site should be checked before the rating process for this examination begins and several times throughout the Regents examination period.

### **General Rules for Applying Mathematics Rubrics**

#### **I. General Principles for Rating**

The rubrics for the constructed-response questions on the Regents Examination in Mathematics B are designed to provide a systematic, consistent method for awarding credit. The rubrics are not to be considered all-inclusive; it is impossible to anticipate all the different methods that students might use to solve a given problem. Each response must be rated carefully using the teacher’s professional judgment and knowledge of mathematics; all calculations must be checked. The specific rubrics for each question must be applied consistently to all responses. In cases that are not specifically addressed in the rubrics, raters must follow the general rating guidelines in the publication *Information Booklet for Scoring the Regents Examination in Mathematics B*, use their own professional judgment, confer with other mathematics teachers, and/or contact the consultants at the State Education Department for guidance. During each Regents examination administration period, rating questions may be referred directly to the Education Department. The contact numbers are sent to all schools before each administration period.

#### **II. Full-Credit Responses**

A full-credit response provides a complete and correct answer to all parts of the question. Sufficient work is shown to enable the rater to determine how the student arrived at the correct answer.

When the rubric for the full-credit response includes one or more examples of an acceptable method for solving the question (usually introduced by the phrase “such as”), it does **not** mean that there are no additional acceptable methods of arriving at the correct answer. Unless otherwise specified, mathematically correct alternative solutions should be awarded credit. The only exceptions are those questions that specify the type of solution that must be used; e.g., an algebraic solution or a graphic solution. A correct solution using a method other than the one specified is awarded half the credit of a correct solution using the specified method.

#### **III. Appropriate Work**

*Full-Credit Responses:* The directions in the examination booklet for all the constructed-response questions state: “Clearly indicate the necessary steps, including appropriate formula substitutions, diagrams, charts, etc.” The student has the responsibility of providing the correct answer **and** showing how that answer was obtained. The student must “construct” the response; the teacher should not have to search through a group of seemingly random calculations scribbled on the student paper to ascertain what method the student may have used.

*Responses With Errors:* Rubrics that state “Appropriate work is shown, but ...” are intended to be used with solutions that show an essentially complete response to the question but contain certain types of errors, whether computational, rounding, graphing, or conceptual. If the response is incomplete, i.e., an equation is written but not solved or an equation is solved but not all of the parts of the question are answered, appropriate work has **not** been shown. Other rubrics address incomplete responses.

#### **IV. Multiple Errors**

*Computational Errors, Graphing Errors, and Rounding Errors:* Each of these types of errors results in a 1-credit deduction. Any combination of two of these types of errors results in a 2-credit deduction. No more than 2 credits should be deducted for such mechanical errors in any response. The teacher must carefully review the student’s work to determine what errors were made and what type of errors they were.

*Conceptual Errors:* A conceptual error involves a more serious lack of knowledge or procedure. Examples of conceptual errors include using the incorrect formula for the area of a figure, choosing the incorrect trigonometric function, or multiplying the exponents instead of adding them when multiplying terms with exponents. A response with one conceptual error can receive no more than half credit.

If a response shows repeated occurrences of the same conceptual error, the student should not be penalized twice. If the same conceptual error is repeated in responses to other questions, credit should be deducted in each response.

If a response shows two (or more) different major conceptual errors, it should be considered completely incorrect and receive no credit.

If a response shows one conceptual error and one computational, graphing, or rounding error, the teacher must award credit that takes into account both errors: i.e., awarding half credit for the conceptual error and deducting 1 credit for each mechanical error (maximum of two deductions for mechanical errors).

**Part II**

For each question, use the specific criteria to award a maximum of two credits. Unless otherwise specified, mathematically correct alternative solutions should be awarded appropriate credit.

(21) [2]  $4\frac{1}{4}$  or 4.25, and appropriate work is shown.

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but one computational error is made.

*or*

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made.

*or*

[1]  $4\frac{1}{4}$  or 4.25, but no work is shown.

[0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.

(22) [2] 4, and appropriate algebraic work is shown.

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but one computational error is made.

*or*

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made.

*or*

[1]  $3^{3x} = 3^{2(x+4)}$  is written, but no further correct work is shown.

*or*

[1] 4, but a method other than algebraic is used.

*or*

[1] 4, but no work is shown.

[0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.

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(23) [2]  $-\frac{17}{2}$  or an equivalent answer, and appropriate work is shown.

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but one computational error is made.

**or**

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made.

**or**

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but only the positive value is found.

**or**

[1]  $-\frac{17}{2}$  or an equivalent answer, but no work is shown.

[0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.

(24) [2]  $r = \sqrt{\frac{Gm_1m_2}{F}}$  or  $r = \pm \sqrt{\frac{Gm_1m_2}{F}}$ , and appropriate work is shown.

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but one computational error is made.

**or**

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made, such as solving for  $r^2$ .

**or**

[1]  $r = \sqrt{\frac{Gm_1m_2}{F}}$  or  $r = \pm \sqrt{\frac{Gm_1m_2}{F}}$ , but no work is shown.

[0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.

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(25) [2] 68, and appropriate work is shown.

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but one computational error is made.

*or*

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made.

*or*

[1] 68, but no work is shown.

[0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.

(26) [2]  $y = -2 \cos x$  or an equivalent equation is written.

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made.

*or*

[1] Amplitude = 2 and frequency = 1, but no further correct work is shown.

*or*

[1] The expression  $-2 \cos x$  is written.

[0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.

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**Part III**

For each question, use the specific criteria to award a maximum of four credits. Unless otherwise specified, mathematically correct alternative solutions should be awarded appropriate credit.

- (27) [4]  $y = 32.35x^{0.26}$  and 58.9, and appropriate substitution is shown.
- [3] Appropriate work is shown, but one computational or rounding error is made.
- or*
- [3] A correct regression equation is written and 58.9, but no substitution is shown.
- or*
- [3] The expression  $32.35x^{0.26}$  is written, and appropriate work is shown to find 58.9.
- [2] Appropriate work is shown, but two or more computational or rounding errors are made.
- or*
- [2] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made.
- or*
- [2] An incorrect regression equation is solved appropriately.
- or*
- [2]  $y = 32.35x^{0.26}$ , but no further correct work is shown.
- [1] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error and one computational or rounding error are made.
- or*
- [1] 58.9, but no work is shown.
- [0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.

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- (28) [4] .68256 or  $\frac{2133}{3125}$  and appropriate work is shown, such as  
 ${}_5C_3(0.6)^3(0.4)^2 + {}_5C_4(0.6)^4(0.4)^1 + {}_5C_5(0.6)^5(0.4)^0$ .

[3] Appropriate work is shown, but one computational or rounding error is made.

[2] Appropriate work is shown, but two or more computational or rounding errors are made.

*or*

[2] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made, such as finding the probability for “at most three” or “more than three.”

*or*

[2]  ${}_5C_3(0.6)^3(0.4)^2 + {}_5C_4(0.6)^4(0.4)^1 + {}_5C_5(0.6)^5(0.4)^0$ , but no further correct work is shown.

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error and one computational or rounding error are made.

*or*

[1] Appropriate work is shown to find the probability for “exactly three out of five items.”

*or*

[1] .68256 or  $\frac{2133}{3125}$ , but no work is shown.

[0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.

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- (29) [4] 95.4 and 66.2, and appropriate work is shown.
- [3] Appropriate work is shown, but one computational error is made.
- [2] Appropriate work is shown, but two or more computational errors are made.
- or***
- [2] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made.
- or***
- [2] 95.4 or 66.2, and appropriate work is shown.
- [1] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error and one computational error are made.
- or***
- [1] 95.4 and 66.2, but no work is shown.
- [0] 95.4 or 66.2, but no work is shown.
- or***
- [0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.



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- (30) [4]  $-b$ , and appropriate work is shown.
- [3] Appropriate work is shown, but one computational or simplification error is made.
- [2] Appropriate work is shown, but two or more computational or simplification errors are made.
- or***
- [2] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made.
- or***
- [2]  $\frac{5(a - b) - 5(a + b)}{10}$  is written, but no further correct work is shown.
- [1] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error and one computational or simplification error are made.
- or***
- [1]  $-b$ , but no work is shown.
- [0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.

(31) [4]  $\frac{2}{3} \pm \frac{i\sqrt{11}}{3}$ , and appropriate work is shown.

[3] Appropriate work is shown, but one computational error is made.

**or**

[3] Appropriate work is shown to obtain  $\frac{4 \pm 2i\sqrt{11}}{6}$ , but no further correct work is shown.

[2] Appropriate work is shown, but two or more computational errors are made.

**or**

[2] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made, such as the incorrect use of the quadratic formula.

**or**

[2] Appropriate work is shown to obtain  $\frac{4 \pm \sqrt{-44}}{6}$ , but no further correct work is shown.

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error and one computational error are made.

**or**

[1] A correct substitution is made into the quadratic formula, but no further correct work is shown.

**or**

[1]  $\frac{2}{3} \pm \frac{i\sqrt{11}}{3}$ , but no work is shown.

[0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.

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- (32) [4] 10, and appropriate work is shown, such as solving  $\frac{x}{4} = \frac{4}{x+6}$ .
- [3] Appropriate work is shown, but one computational or factoring error is made.
- or**
- [3] Appropriate work is shown to find  $x = 2$ , but no further correct work is shown.
- [2] Appropriate work is shown, but two or more computational or factoring errors are made.
- or**
- [2] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made.
- or**
- [2] Appropriate work is shown to find 2 and  $-8$ , but the negative value is not rejected, and no further correct work is shown.
- or**
- [2] A correct right triangle proportion is written, but no further correct work is shown.
- [1] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error and one computational or factoring error are made.
- or**
- [1] 10, but no work is shown.
- [0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.
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**Part IV**

For each question, use the specific criteria to award a maximum of six credits. Unless otherwise specified, mathematically correct alternative solutions should be awarded appropriate credit.

(33) [6] A complete and correct proof with an appropriate concluding statement is written.

[5] Appropriate work is shown, but one computational or graphing error is made.

*or*

[5] Appropriate work is shown to prove  $TRAP$  is a trapezoid and the lengths of the sides are found, but no concluding statement is made regarding it not being isosceles.

*or*

[5] All calculations necessary to prove  $TRAP$  is a trapezoid but not isosceles are made, but one statement or reason is missing or is incorrect.

[4] Appropriate work is shown, but two or more computational or graphing errors are made.

*or*

[4] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made.

*or*

[4] Appropriate work is shown to prove  $TRAP$  is a trapezoid with an appropriate concluding statement, but no further correct work is shown.

[3] Appropriate work is shown to find  $TP$ ,  $RA$ , and the slopes of all four sides, but no conclusions are written.

[2] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error and one computational, graphing, or justification error are made.

*or*

[2] Appropriate work is shown to prove  $\overline{TR} \parallel \overline{PA}$  with appropriate justification, but no further correct work is shown.

*or*

[2] Appropriate work is shown to find the slopes of all four sides and either  $TP$  or  $RA$ , but no conclusions are written.

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[1] Appropriate work is shown to find the slopes of all four sides, but no further correct work is shown.

*or*

[1] Appropriate work is shown to find  $TP$  and  $RA$ , but no further correct work is shown.

[0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.

(34) [6] 26 and 33,443, and appropriate work is shown, such as using the Law of Cosines and finding the area of the triangle. [Allow full credit if the student uses 26 and finds  $A = 33,509$ .]

[5] Appropriate work is shown, but one computational or rounding error is made.

[4] Appropriate work is shown, but two or more computational or rounding errors are made.

**or**

[4] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made.

**or**

[4] Appropriate work is shown to find 26, but no further correct work is shown.

[3] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error and one computational or rounding error are made.

**or**

[3] The area is found using Hero(n)'s formula, but no further correct work is shown.

[2] Appropriate work is shown, but two conceptual errors are made.

**or**

[2] 26 and either 33,509 or 33,443, but no work is shown.

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but two conceptual errors and one computational or rounding error are made.

**or**

[1] A correct substitution is made into the Law of Cosines, but no further correct work is shown.

**or**

[1] 26 or 33,509 or 33,443, but no work is shown.

[0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.

**Map to Learning Standards**

<b>Key Ideas</b>	<b>Item Numbers</b>
Mathematical Reasoning	7, 33
Number and Numeration	5, 10, 30
Operations	8, 17, 21, 24
Modeling/Multiple Representation	2, 6, 9, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26
Measurement	14, 25, 29, 32, 34
Uncertainty	4, 15, 27, 28
Patterns/Functions	1, 3, 11, 16, 18, 22, 23, 31

**Regents Examination in Mathematics B**

**August 2009**

**Chart for Converting Total Test Raw Scores to  
Final Examination Scores (Scaled Scores)**

***The Chart for Determining the Final Examination Score for the August 2009 Regents Examination in Mathematics B will be posted on the Department’s web site <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/osa/> on Thursday, August 13, 2009. Conversion charts provided for the previous administrations of the Regents Examination in Mathematics B must NOT be used to determine students’ final scores for this administration.***

**Online Submission of Teacher Evaluations of the Test to the Department**

Suggestions and feedback from teachers provide an important contribution to the test development process. The Department provides an online evaluation form for State assessments. It contains spaces for teachers to respond to several specific questions and to make suggestions. Instructions for completing the evaluation form are as follows:

1. Go to <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/osa/exameval>.
2. Select the test title.
3. Complete the required demographic fields.
4. Complete each evaluation question and provide comments in the space provided.
5. Click the SUBMIT button at the bottom of the page to submit the completed form.

**As a reminder . . .**

**Regents examinations based on the Mathematics B syllabus will not be offered after June 2010.**

