A-LEVEL
USE OF MATHEMATICS PILOT

USE1 – Algebra
Mark scheme

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Key to mark scheme abbreviations

M	mark is for method
m or dM	mark is dependent on one or more M marks and is for method
A	mark is dependent on M or m marks and is for accuracy
B	mark is independent of M or m marks and is for method and accuracy
E	mark is for explanation
√or ft or F	follow through from previous incorrect result
CAO	correct answer only
CSO	correct solution only
AWFW	anything which falls within
AWRT	anything which rounds to
ACF	any correct form
AG	answer given
SC	special case
OE	or equivalent
A2,1	2 or 1 (or 0) accuracy marks
$-x$ EE	deduct x marks for each error
NMS	no method shown
PI	possibly implied
SCA	substantially correct approach
c	candidate
sf	significant figure(s)
dp	decimal place(s)

No Method Shown

Where the question specifically requires a particular method to be used, we must usually see evidence of use of this method for any marks to be awarded.

Where the answer can be reasonably obtained without showing working and it is very unlikely that the correct answer can be obtained by using an incorrect method, we must award **full marks**. However, the obvious penalty to candidates showing no working is that incorrect answers, however close, earn **no marks**.

Where a question asks the candidate to state or write down a result, no method need be shown for full marks.

Where the permitted calculator has functions which reasonably allow the solution of the question directly, the correct answer without working earns **full marks**, unless it is given to less than the degree of accuracy accepted in the mark scheme, when it gains **no marks**.

Otherwise we require evidence of a correct method for any marks to be awarded.

Question	Solution	Marks	Total	Comments
1(a)	$c = 43$	B1	1	Not (0,43)
(b)	$64 = a(900^2) + 43$	M1		$(a =) \dfrac{21}{900}$ or 0.0233 or better SC1
	$a = \dfrac{21}{900^2}$	M1		
	$a = 2.59 \times 10^{-5}$			allow awrt
	$y = (2.59 \times 10^{-5})x^2 + 43$	A1	3	2.59×10^{-5}
(c)	$d = (\text{their})\ 2.59 \times 10^{-5} \times (-750)^2 + 43$	M1		Condone no brackets round -750 if answer > 43; condone (+)750
	$= 57.6$	A1	2	cao
(d)	$128, 86, 115$ all correct (or reversed)	B1	1	allow $[115, 115.2]$
	Total		**7**	
2(a)(i)	$53.\dot{3}$ or 53.3 or 53 or $\dfrac{160}{3}$ or $53\dfrac{1}{3}$	B1	1	
(ii)	$50 = \dfrac{1}{3}x + 20$	M1		
	$x = 90$	A1 cao	2	
(b)	$y = x + 40$	B1		Allow $y = f(x) = x + 40$ or
	$y = \dfrac{1}{3}x + 60$	B1	2	Decimals must be 3s.f. or better Allow $y = \dfrac{1}{3}x + 20 + 40$ or $y = f(x) = \dfrac{1}{3}x + 60$
(c)(i)	25	B1	1	
(ii)	50	B1	1	
(iii)	2:1 or any equivalent **ratio**	B1	1	condone 1:2 or any equivalent **ratio**
(d)	two lines, each with roughly correct gradient	B1		Line $y = x$ seen and used in attempt to reflect SC1
	all correct	B1	2	± 1 square
	Total		**10**	

Question	Solution	Marks	Total	Comments
3(a)	$N = At^b$ $\ln N = \ln A + \ln t^b$ $\ln N = \ln A + b \ln t$	B1	1	
(b)	$1.95, 2.56, 3.09$ } 4 correct $6.17, 7.31, 8.29$ } all correct	B1 B1	2	
(c)	4 points correct all points correct line of best fit	B1 B1 B1	3	$\pm$ 1 square
(d)	$\ln A = ($their intercept$) = 2.5$ $A = e^{2.5} = 12.2$ $b = $ gradient $= 1.88$	M1 A1 M1 A1	4	allow [2.1, 2.6] A=2.5 M0 allow [8.17,13.5] allow [1.7,2.1]
(e)	$N = ($their$)12.2 \times ($their$)25^{1.88}$ $= 5200$ (million)	M1 A1ft	2	
	Total		**12**	
4(a)(i)	tangent drawn and attempt to find gradient 2.1	B1 B1	2	accept [1.7,2.5]
(ii)	(at 7 a.m.) the (level of) cortisol is increasing at a rate of 2.1 units per hour / the rate of change of cortisol (level)	B1	1	allow incorrect units
(b)(i)	$13.4, 12.6, 11.6$ 2 correct all correct	B1 B1	2	If not to 1 d.p., -1 mark
(ii)	$12.6 - 12.4 = 0.2$	B1	1	awrt 0.2 or -0.2 ISW
(iii)	3 points correct all points correct and joined by a curve	B1 B1	2	Their point(s) $\pm$ 1 square cao $\pm$ 1 square
(c)(i)	4.5	B1	1	
(ii)	$\dfrac{360}{45}$ $= 8$ (hours)	M1 A1	2	
	Total		**11**	
	TOTAL		**40**	