Edexcel GCSE
Mathematics (Linear) – 1MA0

TRIAL & IMPROVEMENT

Materials required for examination
Ruler graduated in centimetres and millimetres, protractor, compasses, pen, HB pencil, eraser.
Tracing paper may be used.

Items included with question papers
Nil

Instructions

Use black ink or ball-point pen.
Fill in the boxes at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
Answer all questions.
Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.
Calculators may be used.

Information

The marks for each question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on **each** question.
Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed – you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.

Advice

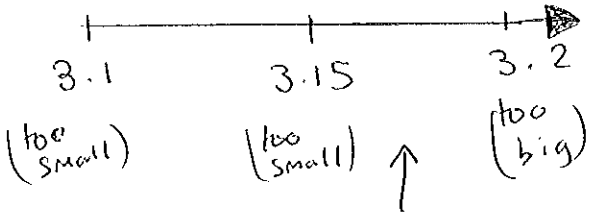
Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
Keep an eye on the time.
Try to answer every question.
Check your answers if you have time at the end.

1. The equation $x^3 + 3x = 41$

has a solution between 3 and 4

Use a trial and improvement method to find this solution.
Give your answer correct to one decimal place.
You must show **all** your working.

x	$(x)^3 + 3(x)$	Comment
3.5	$(3.5)^3 + 3(3.5)$ $= 53.375$	too big
3.3	$(3.3)^3 + 3(3.3)$ $= 45.837$	too big
3.2	$(3.2)^3 + 3(3.2)$ $= 42.368$	too big
3.1	$(3.1)^3 + 3(3.1)$ $= 39.091$	too small
3.15	$(3.15)^3 + 3(3.15)$ $= 40.705875$	too small



$x =$ 3.2

(4 marks)

2. The equation

$$x^3 - 6x = 72$$

has a solution between 4 and 5

Use a trial and improvement method to find this solution.
Give your answer correct to one decimal place.
You must show **all** your working.

x	$(x)^3 - 6(x)$	Comment
4.5	$(4.5)^3 - 6(4.5)$ $= 64.125$	too small
4.7	75.623	too big
4.6	69.736	too small
4.65	72.644625	too big

$x =$ 4.6

(4 marks)

3. The equation

$$x^3 - 3x = 15$$

has a solution between 2 and 3

Use a trial and improvement method to find this solution.
Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.
You must show **all** your working.

x	$(x)^3 - 3(x)$	Comment.
2.5	8.125	too small
2.7	11.583	too small
2.9	15.689	too big
2.8	13.552	too small
2.85	14.599125	too small

$x =$ 2.9

(4 marks)

4. The equation

$x^3 + 5x = 67$

has a solution between 3 and 4

Use a trial and improvement method to find this solution.
Give your answer correct to one decimal place.
You must show **ALL** your working.

x	$(x)^3 + 5(x)$	Comment
3.5	$(3.5)^3 + 5(3.5)$ = 60.375	too small
3.6	64.656	too small
3.7	69.153	too big
3.65	66.877125	too small

$x =$ 3.7

(4 marks)

5. The equation

$$x^3 + 2x = 42$$

has a solution between 3 and 4

Use a trial and improvement method to find this solution.
Give your answer correct to one decimal place.
You must show **ALL** your working.

x	$(x)^3 + 2(x)$	Comment
3.5	49.875	too big
3.3	42.537	too big
3.2	39.168	too small
3.25	40.828125	too small

$x =$ 3.3

(4 marks)

6. The diagram shows a cuboid.

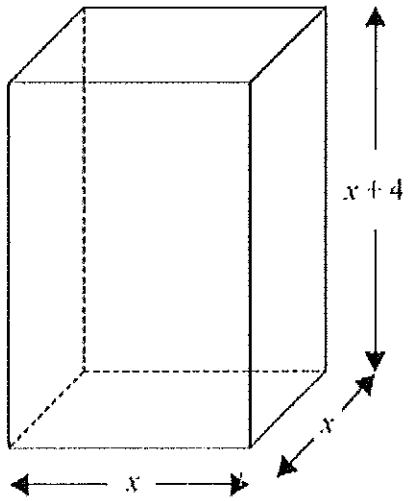


Diagram **NOT** accurately drawn

A cuboid has a square base of side x cm.
The height of the cuboid is $(x + 4)$ cm.
The volume of the cuboid is 150 cm^3.

(a) Show that $x^3 + 4x^2 = 150$

(2)

Volume = l × w × h

$150 = x \times x \times (x + 4)$

$150 = x^2(x + 4)$

$150 = x^3 + 4x^2$

The equation $x^3 + 4x^2 = 150$ has a solution between 4 and 5

(b) Use a trial and improvement method to find this solution.
Give your answer correct to one decimal place.
You must show ALL your working.

(4)

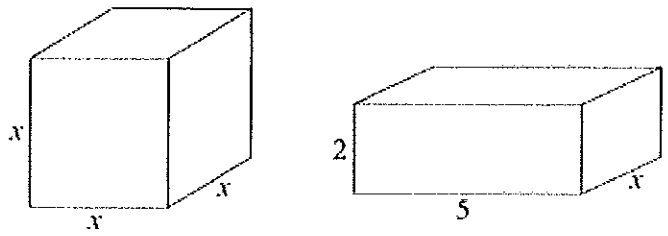
x	$(x)^3 + 4(x)^2$	
4.5	$(4.5)^3 + 4(4.5)^2 = 172.125$	too big
4.3	153.467	too big
4.2	144.648	too small
4.25	149.015625	too small

$x =$ 4.3

(6 marks)

7. The diagram shows a cube and a cuboid.

Diagram **NOT** accurately drawn



All the measurements are in cm.
The volume of the cube is 100 cm^3 more than the volume of the cuboid.

(a) Show that $x^3 - 10x = 100$

volume = l x w x h

$V_{cube} = x \times x \times x = x^3$

$V_{cuboid} = 2 \times 5 \times x = 10x$

(100cm^3 difference)

$x^3 - 10x = 100$

(2)

(b) Use a trial and improvement method to find the value of x.
Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.
You must show **all** your working.

x	$x^3 - 10x$	Comment
5	$(5)^3 - 10(5) = 75$	too small
5.2	$(5.2)^3 - 10(5.2)$ 88.608	too small
5.4	103.464	too big
5.3	95.877	too small
5.35	99.630375	too small

$x =$ 5.4

(4)

(6 marks)