

Tips for Revising

Functional Skills in Maths



SPECIFICATION

Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills in Mathematics, Levels 1 and 2

The exams for this qualification can be taken at different points during the year. Your teacher will notify you of when your exams will take place.



LEVEL 1 AND LEVEL 2

Level 1 Functional Skills is equivalent to **GCSE grades 1-3**.

Level 2 Functional Skills is equivalent to a **GCSE Grade 4**.

LEVEL 1

There is one externally assessed assessment. The assessment has two sections – a non-calculator section (25 minutes) and a calculator section (1 hour and 30 minutes).

Exam Content

- Using numbers and the number system – whole numbers, fractions, decimals and
- percentages
- Using common measures, shapes and space
- Handling information and data

LEVEL 2

There is one externally assessed assessment. The assessment has two sections – a non-calculator section (25 minutes) and a calculator section (1 hour and 30 minutes).

Exam Content

- Using numbers and the number system – whole numbers, fractions, decimals and
- percentages
- Using common measures, shapes and space
- Handling information and data

USEFUL WEBSITES

<https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/>

<https://marscademy.com/#youcan>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CLb2uQ2G5B8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGOz1uaRhHM>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zjd8jty>



WEBSITE LINKS

REVISION METHODS

- Practise, practise, practise
- Create flashcards for different command words, i.e. simplify, expand, factorise. You could add examples too.
- Get to grips with the equipment you'll need in the exam. Ditch the phone and try using a scientific calculator.
- Learn the 'why' behind the formula: knowing why a formula works is more useful than trying to memorise lots of formulae, and it's better for your understanding too.
- Practise past papers under exam conditions. Remember to underline keywords in the question.



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