Scatter Diagrams Mark Scheme

Q1.

Question	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
number			
(a)	B1 24		(1)
(b)	B1 19.5 (allow answers in the range 19.4-19.6)		(1)
(c)	B1 Line drawn between (170, 19)/(170, 20) and (270), 24)/(270, 25)	(1)
(d)	B1 Positive	A response that covers all	(3)
	B1 Strong	3 aspects can score 3	
	B1 As the total number of hours of sunshine	marks	
	increases, the mean maximum temperature increases.		
(e)(i)	B1ft 21.5 - 22.5	B1 for answer in range	(2)
		21.5 - 22.5 or follow	
(e)(ii)	B1 e.g. 'The result has been interpolated'	through value read off	
		their line of best fit with	
		positive gradient.	
		B1 for understanding that	
		the estimate is made	
		within the range of given x	
		- values	

Q2.

Question number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
	B1B1B1B1B1 for five correct things identified Both cars decrease in price as their mileage increases Model A reduces in price by 13.5p per mile Model B reduces in price by 10.5p per mile Model A reduces in price more per mile than model B / model A's mileage affects the price more than model B's. Model B has a greater (initial) price A correct comparison of the price of model A and model B for a specific mileage	e.g. at 2000 miles Model A would be expected to cost £13,230 and Model B would be expected to cost £20,290 Note: 'for model A the price decreases as the mileage increases at a faster rate than it does for model B' can score B1B1 for the first and fourth bullet point in one statement	(5)

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(a)	B1 e.g. Students who score highly in GCSE	B1 for a suitable hypothesis	(1)
	Mathematics also score highly in	regarding relative	
	A-level Mathematics	performance in the two	
		exams	
(b)	B1 GCSE is sat first	B1 for an acceptable	(1)
	It is plotted on the x-axis	reason.	
		Allow equivalent wording.	
		Condone 'horizontal' axis.	
(c)	B2 ft The scatter graph shows positive correlation	B2 for a correct conclusion	(2)
	which supports the hypothesis	for their hypothesis (ft) and	
		mention of positive	
		correlation.	
		(Otherwise B1 for	
		identifying positive	
		correlation)	
(d)	B1 straight line with correct gradient	1st B1 accept 0.6 <	(2)
	B1 straight line through (578, 78)	gradient < 0.8 (not	\ \ \
		inclusive)	
		If line does not extend at	
		least from	
		x = 540 to x = 600 then	
		score max B1B0	
(e)	B1 ft e.g. for every extra mark at GCSE an extra 0.7	B1 ft for correct equivalent	(1)
	is scored for A-level	interpretation.	
		Allow ft from their line.	
		(e.g. 7 extra A-level marks	
		for every extra 10 GCSE	
		marks)	
(f)	B1 (Will not be reliable because) 540 is outside the	B1 for assessing the	(1)
	range of data / it is extrapolation	appropriateness of the	
		method	

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(a)	B1 eg Data is bivariate/paired OR so she can see if there is correlation (between her variables)	B1 for justifying appropriateness of a scatter diagram.	(1)
(b)	B2 Line of best fit drawn through (25.2, 72), Otherwise B1 For plotting (25.2, 72) OR a sensible line of best fit which does not go through double mean point	B2 for an appropriate line which recognises that it should be drawn through the double mean point. B1 only for a partially correct answer	(2)
(c)	B1 Correct comment related to the graph (points 1 to 4) B1 Correct comment related to sample (points 5 to 8) B1 B1 B1 for any three further correct comments, eg 1. Points are close to a line (so strong correlation) OR some points not close to a line (so correlation not strong) 2. Line has positive gradient / points increasing left to right (so positive correlation) 3. Life expectancy is higher when age of mother is higher 4. Life expectancy increases by just over 2 years (eg 2.3) as age of mother increases by 1 year 5. Small sample of data / only valid for these 12 countries 6. Sample is not random / may not be	To gain all 5 marks at least one correct comment must be made interpreting the graph (equivalent to points 1 to 4) AND assessing the validity of conclusions based on the sample (equivalent to points 5 to 8) Accept equivalent comments for each example (1 to 11) 1. Assessing strength of correlation 2. Justifies positive correlation 3. Interpreting positive correlation 4. Interpreting gradient (accept 1sf from their line) 5. Assessing validity based on small sample 6. Recognising the sample may not be valid	(5)
	representative 7. Source given is likely to be reliable OR secondary data may not be reliable	as not random 7. Considering the reliability of the source	
	Data may be out of date	Recognising that secondary data may not be up to date	
	Statement A is (OR is not) appropriate*	Assessing the appropriateness of statement A (*dependent upon a correct supporting reason)	
	10. Statement B is not appropriate *	Concluding that statement B is not valid (*dependent upon a correct supporting reason)	
	11. Correlation does not imply causation	Recognising that causation is not implied by correlation	
		Ignore excess comments if not contradictory	

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(a)	B1 31	Condone 3100	(1)
(b)	B1 straight line drawn between (30, 5)/(30, 10) and (100, 25)/(100, 30) inclusive		(1)
(c)	B1 positive B1 strong B1 as the weight (in tons) increases the maximum number of passengers increases oe	Accept as the maximum number of passengers increases the weight (in tons) increases Do not accept e.g. a big ship will hold more people as this is referring to a single vessel only.	(3)
(d)	B2 not appropriate AND this would be extrapolation / point is outside the range of the data / trend may not continue OR if B2 not scored B1 not appropriate AND an attempt at a reason OR B1 for reference to extrapolation / point being outside the range of the data/trend may not continue without a comment on appropriateness	B2 for assessing the appropriateness of the use of the line of best fit to estimate the maximum number of passengers OR B1 for an attempt at assessing the appropriateness of the use of the line of best fit to estimate the maximum number of passengers	(2)

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(a)	B1 Graph supports the hypothesis + reason B1 Scatter shows negative correlation	B1 for conclusion supported by sensible reason B1 for statistical reasoning using words in bold	(2)
(b)	M1 e.g. 83.5 – 0.7 × 4 = 80.7 or 83.5 – 0.7 × 8 = 77.9 or sensible straight line with correct gradient A1 correct straight line within tolerance	M1 for one pair of coordinates correctly identified, or for a sensible attempt at straight line with correct gradient. A1 Their line should extend horizontally at least from 4.2 to 7 and (if extended) be vertically within one square of 80.7 at $x = 4$ and one square of 77.9 at $x = 8$	(2)
(c)	B1 79.6 from graph	B1 for answer between 79.5 and 79.7 (may use equation OR vertical line drawn from x = 5.6)	(1)
(d)	B1 e.g. change in life expectancy as unemployment increases. B1 0.7 years fall in life expectancy (per 1% increase in unemployment)	B1 for recognising in context that gradient indicates a rate. Accept equivalent wording. No figures needed for 1st B1 B1 for interpreting in context the value. Mark may be gained for correct equivalent figures used within their comment. (e.g. 1.4% more unemployment results in 1 year reduction in life expectancy)	(2)
(e)	B1 B1 for any two comments from Involves extrapolation / 8% is outside of range It is a for a different region so may be affected by other factors Correlation does not look very strong	Accept equivalent statistical reasoning. B1 for each correct point but allow each bullet point once only.	(2)

Question	Scheme	Marks
(a)	The variable being measured or studied.	B1
(b)(i)	Point plotted at (1.4, 21.5)	B1 (1)
(b)(ii)	Line of best fit passing through (1.4, 21.5) in tolerance	B1
(c)(i)	$\Delta y/\Delta x = 3.8 \text{ (100kCal/hour)}$	M1A1ft
(c)(ii)	(380) kCal burned for every additional hour of exercise	B1
		(3)
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	Notes	
(a)	Allow the variable you can't control / dependent variable	
(b)(i)	½ square tolerance	
(b)(ii)	Should extend from between $(0.5,17)$, $(0.5,19.5)$ and $(2,22.5)$, $(2,25)$ and pass through (or within tolerance of) $(1.4,21.5)$ or their mean point	
(c)(i)	M1 for attempt at $\Delta y/\Delta x$ from their line of best fit drawn with figures seen (may be on graph)	
	A1 for an answer in the range 2.1–5.4 or 210 – 540 or ft from their line of best fit with positive gradient	
(c)(ii)	Correct contextualised interpretation of the gradient which must include rate, kCal/calories and hours/time	