HIGHERS IN A NUTSHELL

The National Parent Forum of Scotland Higher Summary

Mathematics



Content

The course develops, deepens and extends the mathematical skills necessary at this level and beyond.

Skills

Learners will be able to:

- understand and use a range of complex mathematical concepts and relationships
- select and apply operational skills in algebra, geometry, trigonometry, calculus and statistics within mathematical contexts
- select and apply skills in numeracy
- use mathematical reasoning skills to extract and interpret information and to use complex mathematical models
- use mathematical reasoning skills to think logically, provide justification or proof and solve problems
- communicate mathematical information with complex features



Opportunities for Learners

Learners will be able to:

- select and apply mathematical techniques in a variety of mathematical situations
- develop confidence in the subject and a positive attitude towards further study in mathematics and the use of mathematics in employment
- study in-depth mathematical concepts and the ways in which mathematics describes our world
- interprete, communicate and manage information in mathematical form vital skills for scientific and technological research and development
- use mathematical language and explore advanced mathematical ideas



Assessment

- The course will be assessed through two question papers (exams), which will be marked by SQA and graded A to D.
- Question paper 1 makes up 47% of the total assessment mark and question paper 2 makes up 53%.
- The question papers will assess the learner's understanding of the underlying processes involved in numerical, algebraic, geometric, trigonometric, calculus, and reasoning skills.
- For question paper 2, using a calculator allows more opportunity for application and reasoning when more complex calculations are required to solve problems.



Paper 1Non-calculator1 hour 30 minutes, 70 marksPaper 2Calculator1 hour 45 minutes, 80 marksSpecimen Paperwww.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm



Progression Higher courses can stand alone or follow on from National 5 qualifications and may lead to Advanced Highers, the Scottish Baccalaureate and a range of qualifications within Further and Higher Education.





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