

PERCENTAGES PAST PAPER QUESTIONS - ANSWERS

1. $964 \times 0.85^3 = 592$, 590 pupils (to the nearest 10)
2. $240\,000 \times 1.028^2 = \pounds 253\,628.16$, $\pounds 253\,628$ (to the nearest pound)
3. 1st Jan – 94kg
1st Feb – $94 \times 0.93 = 87.42$ kg
1st Mar - $87.42 \times 0.93 = 81.3006$ kg
1st Apr - $81.3006 \times 0.93 = 75.609558$ kg
1st May - $75.609558 \times 0.93 = 70.31688894$ kg
Target weight will be achieved in April
4. $2.69\text{million} \times 1.04^3 = 3.02588416$ million, 3.03 million (to 3 significant figures)
5. $28 \times 1.1^4 = 40.9948$, 41 miles
6. $42\,000 \times 1.08^3 = 52\,907.904$, 52 900 tonnes (to 3 significant figures)
7. $5000 \times 1.006^3 = 5090.54108$, 5 090 bacteria (to 3 significant figures)
8. $84\,000 \times 0.75^3 = 35\,437.5$, 35 400 tonnes (to 3 significant figures)
9. $0.8^3 = 0.512$, 51.2% of the fat will remain so the company will not achieve its target.
10. $600 \times 1.045^3 = 684.699675$, $\pounds 684.70$ (to nearest penny)
11. $12\text{ million} \times 1.05^3 = 13.8915$ million, 13.9 million people (to 1 decimal place)
12. $5000 \times 0.88^3 = 3407.36$, 3410 monkeys (to the nearest 10)
13. $250 \times 0.8^3 = 128$ mg
14. 15th May: $500 - 100 = 400$ owed
1st June: $400 \times 1.025 = \pounds 410$ outstanding
15th June: $410 - 100 = \pounds 310$ owed
1st July: $310 \times 1.025 = 317.75$ outstanding
15th July: $317.75 - 100 = 217.75$ owed
1st Aug: $217.75 \times 1.025 = 223.19375 = \pounds 223.19$ outstanding
15. $90\,000 \times 1.05^3 = 104\,186.25$
 $60\,000 \times 0.92^3 = 46\,721.28$
Total value = $104\,186.25 + 46\,721.28 = \pounds 150\,907.53$

16. 1 year: worth 80% of original value
 2 years: $0.8^2 = 0.64$, worth 64% of original value
 3 years: $0.8^3 = 0.512$, worth 51.2% of original value
 4 years: $0.8^4 = 0.4096$, worth 40.96% of original value
 The machine should be replaced after 4 years.
17. 2020: 85% of emissions remaining
 2030: $0.85^2 = 0.7225$, 72.25% of emissions remaining
 2040: $0.85^3 = 0.614125$, 61.4125% of emissions remaining
 2050: $0.85^4 = 0.52200625$, 52.2% of emissions remaining
 The scientists' recommendations will NOT have been achieved by 2050.
18. $134\,750 \times 1.0315^3 = 147\,889.2038$, £147 900 (to 4 significant figures)
19. $176\,500 \times 0.9575^3 = 154\,939.1102$, £155 000 (to 3 significant figures)
20. 2007: $3000 \times 1.11 = 3\,330$ books
 2008: $3\,330 \times 0.9 = 2997$ books
 The sales in 2008 were less than the sales in 2006.
21. $50\,000 \times 1.045^4 = 59\,625.93003$, £9 625.93 interest earned
22. $28\,400 \times 1.023^3 = 30\,405.01634$, £30 405 (to the nearest pound)
23. a) $3\,000 \div 35\,000 \times 100 = 8.571428571$, = 8.57%
 b) $32\,000 \times 0.9143^3 = 24\,457.72951$, £24 500 (to the nearest hundred pounds)
24. $28 \times 0.96^3 = 24.772608$, 25°C (to the nearest degree)
25. $77\,900 \times 1.025^3 = 83\,889.77969$, £83 890 (to the nearest pound)
26. 1 year: Newton – $50\,000 \times 1.05 = 52\,500$ Coaltown – $108\,000 \times 0.8 = 86\,400$
 2 years Newton – $52\,500 \times 1.05 = 55\,125$ Coaltown – $86\,400 \times 0.8 = 69\,120$
 3 years Newton – $55\,125 \times 1.05 = 57\,881$ Coaltown – $69\,120 \times 0.8 = 55\,296$
 It will take 3 years until the population of Newton is greater than the population of Coaltown.

REVERSE PERCENTAGES

1. 80% - 480 000
 1% - $480\,000 \div 80 = 6000$
 100% - $6000 \times 100 = 600\,000$ tickets available.
2. 85% - 297.50
 1% - $297.50 \div 85 = 3.50$
 100% - $3.5 \times 100 = £350$
3. 80% - 45
 1% - $45 \div 80 = 0.5625$
 100% - $0.5625 \times 100 = £56.25$

4. 72% - 1296
 1% - $1296 \div 72 = 18$
 28% - $18 \times 28 = 504$ failed
5. 104% - 894.40
 1% - $894.40 \div 104 = 8.60$
 100% - $8.60 \times 100 = \text{£}860$
6. 84% - 3780
 1% - $3780 \div 84 = 45$
 100% - $45 \times 100 = \text{£}4500$
7. 120% - 900
 1% - $900 \div 120 = 7.5$
 100% - $7.5 \times 100 = 750\text{g}$
8. 117.5% - 150
 1% - $150 \div 117.5 = 1.276595745$
 100% - $1.276595745 \times 100 = \text{£}127.28$
9. 130% - 260
 1% - $260 \div 130 = 2$
 100% - $2 \times 100 = \text{£}200$
10. 110% - 148.50
 1% - $148.50 \div 110 = 1.35$
 100% - $1.35 \times 100 = \text{£}135$
11. 108% - 324
 1% - $324 \div 108 = 3$
 100% - $3 \times 100 = \text{£}300$
12. 87½% - 10 500
 1% - $10\ 500 \div 87\frac{1}{2} = 120$
 100% - $120 \times 100 = \text{£}12\ 000$
13. 112.5% - 450
 1% - $450 \div 112.5 = 4$
 100% - $4 \times 100 = 400\text{g}$