

## Top Tips to pass the Functional Maths exam

Well done for getting this far...  
You are just about to sit the exam so be prepared.

Read the question 3 times

- Once to understand the scenario – what is it all about?
- Once to figure out roughly what you have to do.
- Once to identify exactly what the maths is.

Underline or circle key information.

Find the info you need and make it stand out. Cross out the info that you don't need (make sure you can still see it - just in case!)

Think units!

Don't forget the £ sign or €. Is it metres or kg?

Graphs and Charts - put everything on them.

Label the axis; give a really descriptive title; leave a gap between the bars if a bar chart; give a key if it is a pie chart; use a ruler.

Make a decision - say Yes or No.

Does the question ask you to decide something? E.g. Is Joe correct when he says he can save money?

Check your results...

Extra marks are given for showing that you know your maths is correct - use an estimate, reverse a calculation, or show the calculation manually.

Calculator skills...

Input the numbers carefully and always do it twice to double check.

Look at the marks given for each question.

This gives you a clue as to how much work you have to show. 1 mark means that just the answer is needed. Any more than that requires stages of work to be shown.

Writing about your answer.

You will have to write explanations about what you have done or why something could have happened. Think carefully about what you write and make sure it makes sense!

Have you done it all?

When you have finished the question read it again and check to see if you have done everything; check the back page too – just in case. Use all the time you are given.

**GOOD LUCK!** @tessmaths has fingers crossed

