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1 ► 2018 JCOL Paper 1 – Question 14 (a)

Draw the graph of the following function in the domain $-2 \le x \le 2$, for $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$y = 2x + 3$$

Must find at least 2 points as the function is a straight line. We can find these points by subbing in x = -2 and x = 2.

$$y = 2x + 3$$

$$y = 2(-2) + 3$$

$$y = -4 + 3$$

$$y = -1$$

(-2, -1)

$$y = 2x + 3$$

$$y = 2(2) + 3$$

$$y = 4 + 3$$

$$y = 7$$

(2, 7)



2 ► 2012 JCOL Paper 2 – Question 5 (b)

R is the point (-1, 2) and *S* is the point (5, 6). Find the midpoint of [*RS*]

Midpoint = $\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right)$ $R(-1, 2) \rightarrow (x_1, y_1)$ $S(5, 6) \rightarrow (x_2, y_2)$

$$\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{-1 + 5}{2}, \frac{2 + 6}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{4}{2}, \frac{8}{2}\right) = (2, 4)$$

(2, 4) is the midpoint of [*RS*].

The formula for the **Midpoint** is on **page 18** of the Maths Formulae Book.

Express $\frac{2x+1}{3} + \frac{3x-5}{2}$ as a single fraction. Give your answer in its simplest form.

Note:

Numerator – top of fraction Denominator – bottom of fraction

$$\frac{2x+1}{3} + \frac{3x-5}{2}$$
$$= \frac{2(2x+1) + 3(3x-5)}{6}$$
$$= \frac{4x+2+9x-15}{6}$$
$$= \frac{13x-13}{6}$$

Find the Lowest Common Multiple (LCM) of the denominators, in this case the LCM of 2 and 3 is 6. Divide each denominator into this LCM and multiply the result by the numerator.

Remove brackets by multiplication.

Simplify the numerator by adding or subtracting like terms.

4 ► 2017 JCOL Paper 2 – Question 5 (a) (i)

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There are 15 boxers in a boxing club. The weight of each boxer (in kg) is shown in the table below.

47	49	49	50	56
57	58	65	67	68
69	69	69	75	79

Complete the stem and leaf diagram below to show this data.

Stem Leaf



5 ► 2019 JCOL Paper 2 – Question 2 (c)

Work out the **area** of the circle *k*.

Give your answer in cm², correct to one decimal place.

7 y 6 k 5 4 3 3. 2-1 х → 1 2 3 5 8 10 11 4 6 7 9 12

The **formula for the Area of a Circle** is on **page 8** of the Maths Formulae Book.



