

Numeracy Entry Test Section 3 – Using Mathematics in Context

Answer each question. You may use any method to work out the answer.

The questions in this section test your ability to apply mathematics in context. You will be required to read and interpret data, to apply mathematical judgement and to use an understanding of measurement, proportion and ratio.

The questions in this section are longer than those in Sections 1 and 2 and some of them carry two marks, as shown where the answer is filled in.

You will need to refer to the accompanying page of charts when answering some of the questions.

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Date _____

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The above text will be on the front page of the real test, which has 20 questions in this section. This sample has **five** questions (one of which carries two marks) typical of those to be found in this section.

Topics you should study for this section include:

Interpreting data held in tables from sources such as railway timetables, holiday brochures, food labels and sales figures.

Using imperial and metric measures in context.

Identifying 'good value' when offers and discounts are applied to products

Using percentages and fractions and ratio in context.

- 1 This question using the following information:
One pound (1 lb) is 16 ounces (16 oz).
One kilogram (1 kg) is approximately 2.2 lbs.

Identify which two of the following statements are correct.

- a) One pound is approximately 450g
- b) One hundred grams is about 2.2 oz.
- c) One ounce is about 22g
- d) One kilogram is approximately 35 ounces.
- e) One third of a kilogram is little less than half a pound .

(2 marks) The two correct statements are _____ and _____

- 2 Packets of chocolate finger biscuits normally sell for £1.20 for a packet of 10.
They currently have a 'buy one get one free' offer on them. How much will I need to spend to get 50 chocolate finger biscuits?

- a) £4.80
- b) £6.00
- c) £3.60
- d) £3.00

answer _____

The table below will be used for questions 3 to 5 in this paper.

This table shows the number of packets of crisps sold by a small shop during one week.

	Ready Salted	Cheese & Onion	Salt & Vinegar	Smoky Bacon	Total
Monday	15	11	12	7	45
Tuesday	8	6	5	4	23
Wednesday	16	12	9	5	42
Thursday	9	5	8	3	25
Friday	10	7	6	4	27
Total	58	41	40	23	162

3 The ratio of 'Ready Salted' sales to 'Cheese & Onion' sales is highest on:

- a) Tuesday b) Wednesday c) Thursday d) Friday

answer _____

4 What percentage of the 'Salt & Vinegar' sales occurred on Monday?

- a) 12% b) 25% c) 24% d) 30%

answer _____

5 The shop keeper orders 1000 bags of crisps from her supplier. On the evidence of this week's sales approximately how many packets of 'Cheese and Onion' should she order?

- a) 250 b) 41 c) 82 d) 410

answer _____