



AS Mathematics Exam Questions by Topic
Chapter 4: Equations and Inequalities

These questions are taken from the Specimen Exam materials and the real 2018 papers for the new syllabus AS and A-level mathematics courses and arranged by chapter of the textbooks by Goldie et al (available here: <https://amzn.to/39umfr5> and <https://amzn.to/3hE8kBL>). There are a mixture of questions from OCR A, OCR B (MEI) and Edexcel. Although the style of questions varies a little across the exam boards the content of the syllabus is almost identical so these are suitable for students preparing for any exam board.

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OCR B MEI Sample Paper 2 Question 1:

- 1** In this question you must show detailed reasoning.

Find the coordinates of the points of intersection of the curve $y = x^2 + x$ and the line $2x + y = 4$. [5]

OCR A Sample Paper 1 Question 1:

- 1** Solve the simultaneous equations.

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + 8x + y^2 &= 84 \\x - y &= 10\end{aligned}$$

[4]

OCR A AS 2018 Paper 1 Question 2:

- 2** (i) The equation $x^2 + 3x + k = 0$ has repeated roots. Find the value of the constant k . [2]
- (ii) Solve the inequality $6 + x - x^2 > 0$. [2]
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Edexcel AS 2018 Paper 1 Question 2:

2. (i) Show that $x^2 - 8x + 17 > 0$ for all real values of x (3)

(ii) "If I add 3 to a number and square the sum, the result is greater than the square of the original number."

State, giving a reason, if the above statement is always true, sometimes true or never true. (2)

Edexcel AS Sample Paper 1 Question 10:

10. The equation $kx^2 + 4kx + 3 = 0$, where k is a constant, has no real roots.

Prove that

$$0 \leq k < \frac{3}{4} \quad (4)$$

OCR B MEI AS Sample Paper 1 Question 11:

11 **In this question you must show detailed reasoning.**

Determine for what values of k the graphs $y = 2x^2 - kx$ and $y = x^2 - k$ intersect. [6]

OCR A 2018 Paper 3 Question 3:

3 **In this question you must show detailed reasoning.**

A gardener is planning the design for a rectangular flower bed. The requirements are:

- the length of the flower bed is to be 3 m longer than the width,
- the length of the flower bed must be at least 14.5 m,
- the area of the flower bed must be less than 180 m^2 .

The width of the flower bed is x m.

By writing down and solving appropriate inequalities in x , determine the set of possible values for the width of the flower bed. [6]