

# FOR TEACHERS ONLY

The University of the State of New York

REGENTS HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION

## GEOMETRY

Thursday, August 13, 2015 — 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., only

### SCORING KEY AND RATING GUIDE

#### Mechanics of Rating

The following procedures are to be followed for scoring student answer papers for the Regents Examination in Geometry. More detailed information about scoring is provided in the publication *Information Booklet for Scoring the Regents Examinations in Mathematics*.

Do *not* attempt to correct the student's work by making insertions or changes of any kind. In scoring the open-ended questions, use check marks to indicate student errors. Unless otherwise specified, mathematically correct variations in the answers will be allowed. Units need not be given when the wording of the questions allows such omissions.

Each student's answer paper is to be scored by a minimum of three mathematics teachers. No one teacher is to score more than approximately one-third of the open-ended questions on a student's paper. Teachers may not score their own students' answer papers. On the student's separate answer sheet, for each question, record the number of credits earned and the teacher's assigned rater/scorer letter.

**Schools are not permitted to rescore any of the open-ended questions on this exam after each question has been rated once, regardless of the final exam score. Schools are required to ensure that the raw scores have been added correctly and that the resulting scale score has been determined accurately.**

Raters should record the student's scores for all questions and the total raw score on the student's separate answer sheet. Then the student's total raw score should be converted to a scale score by using the conversion chart that will be posted on the Department's web site at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/> on Thursday, August 13, 2015. Because scale scores corresponding to raw scores in the conversion chart may change from one administration to another, it is crucial that, for each administration, the conversion chart provided for that administration be used to determine the student's final score. The student's scale score should be entered in the box provided on the student's separate answer sheet. The scale score is the student's final examination score.

If the student’s responses for the multiple-choice questions are being hand scored prior to being scanned, the scorer must be careful not to make any marks on the answer sheet except to record the scores in the designated score boxes. Marks elsewhere on the answer sheet will interfere with the accuracy of the scanning.

### Part I

Allow a total of 56 credits, 2 credits for each of the following. Allow credit if the student has written the correct answer instead of the numeral 1, 2, 3, or 4.

(1) . . . . . 4 . . . . .	(11) . . . . . 2 . . . . .	(21) . . . . . 2 . . . . .
(2) . . . . . 3 . . . . .	(12) . . . . . 3 . . . . .	(22) . . . . . 1 . . . . .
(3) . . . . . 2 . . . . .	(13) . . . . . 1 . . . . .	(23) . . . . . 3 . . . . .
(4) . . . . . 2 . . . . .	(14) . . . . . 1 . . . . .	(24) . . . . . 1 . . . . .
(5) . . . . . 4 . . . . .	(15) . . . . . 2 . . . . .	(25) . . . . . 3 . . . . .
(6) . . . . . 4 . . . . .	(16) . . . . . 4 . . . . .	(26) . . . . . 3 . . . . .
(7) . . . . . 3 . . . . .	(17) . . . . . 1 . . . . .	(27) . . . . . 2 . . . . .
(8) . . . . . 1 . . . . .	(18) . . . . . 1 . . . . .	(28) . . . . . 3 . . . . .
(9) . . . . . 3 . . . . .	(19) . . . . . 2 . . . . .	
(10) . . . . . 2 . . . . .	(20) . . . . . 2 . . . . .	

Updated information regarding the rating of this examination may be posted on the New York State Education Department’s web site during the rating period. Check this web site at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/> and select the link “Scoring Information” for any recently posted information regarding this examination. This site should be checked before the rating process for this examination begins and several times throughout the Regents Examination period.

# General Rules for Applying Mathematics Rubrics

## I. General Principles for Rating

The rubrics for the constructed-response questions on the Regents Examination in Geometry are designed to provide a systematic, consistent method for awarding credit. The rubrics are not to be considered all-inclusive; it is impossible to anticipate all the different methods that students might use to solve a given problem. Each response must be rated carefully using the teacher's professional judgment and knowledge of mathematics; all calculations must be checked. The specific rubrics for each question must be applied consistently to all responses. In cases that are not specifically addressed in the rubrics, raters must follow the general rating guidelines in the publication *Information Booklet for Scoring the Regents Examinations in Mathematics*, use their own professional judgment, confer with other mathematics teachers, and/or contact the State Education Department for guidance. During each Regents Examination administration period, rating questions may be referred directly to the Education Department. The contact numbers are sent to all schools before each administration period.

## II. Full-Credit Responses

A full-credit response provides a complete and correct answer to all parts of the question. Sufficient work is shown to enable the rater to determine how the student arrived at the correct answer.

When the rubric for the full-credit response includes one or more examples of an acceptable method for solving the question (usually introduced by the phrase “such as”), it does not mean that there are no additional acceptable methods of arriving at the correct answer. Unless otherwise specified, mathematically correct alternative solutions should be awarded credit. The only exceptions are those questions that specify the type of solution that must be used; e.g., an algebraic solution or a graphic solution. A correct solution using a method other than the one specified is awarded half the credit of a correct solution using the specified method.

## III. Appropriate Work

*Full-Credit Responses:* The directions in the examination booklet for all the constructed-response questions state: “Clearly indicate the necessary steps, including appropriate formula substitutions, diagrams, graphs, charts, etc.” The student has the responsibility of providing the correct answer **and** showing how that answer was obtained. The student must “construct” the response; the teacher should not have to search through a group of seemingly random calculations scribbled on the student paper to ascertain what method the student may have used.

*Responses With Errors:* Rubrics that state “Appropriate work is shown, but...” are intended to be used with solutions that show an essentially complete response to the question but contain certain types of errors, whether computational, rounding, graphing, or conceptual. If the response is incomplete; i.e., an equation is written but not solved or an equation is solved but not all of the parts of the question are answered, appropriate work has **not** been shown. Other rubrics address incomplete responses.

## IV. Multiple Errors

*Computational Errors, Graphing Errors, and Rounding Errors:* Each of these types of errors results in a 1-credit deduction. Any combination of two of these types of errors results in a 2-credit deduction. No more than 2 credits should be deducted for such mechanical errors in any response. The teacher must carefully review the student's work to determine what errors were made and what type of errors they were.

*Conceptual Errors:* A conceptual error involves a more serious lack of knowledge or procedure. Examples of conceptual errors include using the incorrect formula for the area of a figure, choosing the incorrect trigonometric function, or multiplying the exponents instead of adding them when multiplying terms with exponents.

If a response shows repeated occurrences of the same conceptual error, the student should not be penalized twice. If the same conceptual error is repeated in responses to other questions, credit should be deducted in each response.

For 4- and 6-credit questions, if a response shows one conceptual error and one computational, graphing, or rounding error, the teacher must award credit that takes into account both errors. Refer to the rubric for specific scoring guidelines.

## Part II

For each question, use the specific criteria to award a maximum of 2 credits. Unless otherwise specified, mathematically correct alternative solutions should be awarded appropriate credit.

(29) [2]  $R'(-2,3)$  and  $S'(-5,-1)$  are stated.

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but one graphing error is made.

*or*

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made.

*or*

[1] Both points are graphed correctly, but the coordinates are not stated or are stated incorrectly.

*or*

[1]  $(-2,3)$  and  $(-5,-1)$ , but the points are not labeled or are labeled incorrectly.

[0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.

(30) [2]  $24\pi$ , and correct work is shown.

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but one computational error is made.

*or*

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made.

*or*

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but the answer is written as a decimal.

*or*

[1]  $24\pi$ , but no work is shown.

[0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.

- (31) [2] 4.5, and correct work is shown.
- [1] Appropriate work is shown, but one computational error is made.
- or***
- [1] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made.
- or***
- [1] Appropriate work is shown to find 9, the length of  $\overline{RT}$ , but no further correct work is shown.
- or***
- [1] Appropriate work is shown to find 12.5, the perimeter of  $\triangle RMN$ , but no further correct work is shown.
- or***
- [1] 4.5, but no work is shown.
- [0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.
- (32) [2] A correct construction is drawn showing all appropriate arcs.
- [1] Appropriate work is shown, but one construction error is made.
- [0] A drawing that is not an appropriate construction is shown.
- or***
- [0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.

(33) [2]  $y = -\frac{2}{3}x$  or an equivalent equation is written, and correct work is shown.

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but one computational error is made.

*or*

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made.

*or*

[1] Appropriate work is shown to find  $-\frac{2}{3}$ , the slope of the perpendicular line, but no further correct work is shown.

*or*

[1]  $y = -\frac{2}{3}x$ , but no work is shown.

[0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.

(34) [2]  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$ , and correct work is shown.

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but one computational error is made.

*or*

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made.

*or*

[1]  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$ , but no work is shown.

[0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.

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### Part III

For each question, use the specific criteria to award a maximum of 4 credits. Unless otherwise specified, mathematically correct alternative solutions should be awarded appropriate credit.

(35) [4] Both loci are graphed correctly, and  $(-3,-3)$ ,  $(-1,1)$ ,  $(5,1)$ , and  $(7,-3)$  are stated.

[3] Both loci are graphed, but one graphing error is made.

*or*

[3] Both loci are graphed correctly, but only the coordinates of two or three points of intersection of the loci are stated correctly.

[2] Both loci are graphed, but two or more graphing errors are made.

*or*

[2] Both loci are graphed, but one conceptual error is made.

*or*

[2] Both loci are graphed correctly, but no further correct work is shown.

[1] One locus is graphed correctly, but no further correct work is shown.

*or*

[1]  $(-3,-3)$ ,  $(-1,1)$ ,  $(5,1)$ , and  $(7,-3)$  are stated, but no loci are graphed.

[0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.

(36) [4]  $y - 4 = -(x - 6)$  or an equivalent equation is written, and correct work is shown.

[3] Appropriate work is shown, but one computational error is made.

*or*

[3] The correct slope and midpoint of the given line segment and the correct slope of the perpendicular bisector of this segment are found, but no further correct work is shown.

[2] Appropriate work is shown, but two or more computational errors are made.

*or*

[2] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made.

*or*

[2] The correct slopes are found for both the given line segment and the perpendicular bisector, but no further correct work is shown.

*or*

[2] The correct slope and midpoint of the given line segment are found, but no further correct work is shown.

[1] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error and one computational error are made.

*or*

[1] Only the correct slope or the correct midpoint of the given line segment is found.

*or*

[1]  $y - 4 = -(x - 6)$  or an equivalent equation is written, but no work is shown.

[0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.

- (37) [4] Both circles are graphed correctly, and at least one is labeled, either by its center or its equation, and  $2\sqrt{5}$ , and correct work is shown.
- [3] Appropriate work is shown, but one computational, graphing, labeling, or simplification error is made.
- or***
- [3] Both circles are graphed correctly, and at least one is labeled, and  $2\sqrt{5}$ , but no work is shown.
- [2] Appropriate work is shown, but two or more computational, graphing, labeling, or simplification errors are made.
- or***
- [2] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made.
- or***
- [2] Both circles are graphed correctly, and at least one is labeled, but no further correct work is shown.
- or***
- [2] Appropriate work is shown to find  $2\sqrt{5}$ , but neither circle is graphed.
- [1] One circle is graphed and labeled correctly, but no further correct work is shown.
- or***
- [1] Both circles are graphed correctly, but neither is labeled, and no further correct work is shown.
- or***
- [1]  $2\sqrt{5}$ , but no work is shown and no graphs are drawn.
- [0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.
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## Part IV

For this question, use the specific criteria to award a maximum of 6 credits. Unless otherwise specified, mathematically correct alternative solutions should be awarded appropriate credit.

- (38) [6] A complete and correct proof that includes a conclusion is written.
- [5] A proof is written that demonstrates a thorough understanding of the method of proof and contains no conceptual errors, but one statement and/or reason is missing or is incorrect, or the concluding statement is missing.
- or*
- [5]  $\triangle DKG \cong \triangle EHF$  is proven, but no further correct work is shown.
- [4] A proof is written that demonstrates a good understanding of the method of proof and contains no conceptual errors, but two statements and/or reasons are missing or are incorrect.
- [3] A proof is written that demonstrates a good understanding of the method of proof, but one conceptual error is made.
- [2] A proof is written that demonstrates a method of proof, but one conceptual error is made, and one statement and/or reason is missing or is incorrect.
- or*
- [2] Some correct relevant statements and reasons about the proof are made.
- [1] Only one correct relevant statement and reason are written.
- [0] The “given” and/or the “prove” statements are written, but no further correct relevant statements are written.
- or*
- [0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.
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## Map to Core Curriculum

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### Regents Examination in Geometry

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#### Chart for Converting Total Test Raw Scores to Final Examination Scores (Scale Scores)

***The Chart for Determining the Final Examination Score for the August 2015 Regents Examination in Geometry will be posted on the Department's web site at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/> on Thursday, August 13, 2015. Conversion charts provided for previous administrations of the Regents Examination in Geometry must NOT be used to determine students' final scores for this administration.***

#### Online Submission of Teacher Evaluations of the Test to the Department

Suggestions and feedback from teachers provide an important contribution to the test development process. The Department provides an online evaluation form for State assessments. It contains spaces for teachers to respond to several specific questions and to make suggestions. Instructions for completing the evaluation form are as follows:

1. Go to <http://www.forms2.nysed.gov/emsc/osa/exameval/reexameval.cfm>.
2. Select the test title.
3. Complete the required demographic fields.
4. Complete each evaluation question and provide comments in the space provided.
5. Click the SUBMIT button at the bottom of the page to submit the completed form.