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# GCSE Exam Questions

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## GCSE Exam Questions: Percentage Increase & Decrease

- 1) Vicky earns £22,000 per annum.

She decreases her hours by 20% and her salary is also reduced by 20%.

What is her new salary?

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(2 marks)

- 2) (a) In 2018 the average annual gas bill for UK households was £593.  
In 2019 this increased by 2.8%.

Find the average annual gas bill for UK households in 2019.

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(2)

- (b) The average annual electricity bill for UK households rose  
from £640 in 2018 to £679 in 2019.

Find the percentage increase.

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(2)  
(4 marks)

- 3) Fiona wants to buy a new sofa. She can buy the sofa from one of two shops.

<i>Sofa Warehouse</i>	<i>The Furniture Store</i>
£1200 including VAT	£980 not including VAT

VAT is charged at 20%.

At which shop would Fiona pay less for the sofa?

You must show your work.

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(3 marks)

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- 4) (a) A shop bought 50 pairs of trainers for £575, retailing them at £21 per pair.

The shop sold 40 pairs of trainers at full price.

The rest were sold in a sale where they were 20% off.

Calculate the total profit made by the shop after all of the pairs of trainers were sold.

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(5)

- (b) What percentage profit did the shop make on the trainers?

Give your answer to 1.d.p.

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(1)

(6 marks)

## GCSE Exam Questions: Percentage Increase & Decrease Answers

	Question	Answer	Marks				
1)	Vicky earns £22,000 per annum. She decreases her hours by 20% and her salary is also reduced by 20%. What is her new salary?	20% of £22000 = £4400  £22000 - £4400 = £17600	(1)  (1)				
2) (a)	In 2018 the average annual gas bill for UK households was £593. In 2019 this increased by 2.8%.  Find the average annual gas bill for UK households in 2019.	2.8% of £593 = £16.60  £593 + £16.60 = £609.60	(1)  (1)				
2) (b)	The average annual electricity bill for UK households rose from £640 in 2018 to £679 in 2019.  Find the percentage increase.	£679 - £640 = £39  $\frac{£39}{£640} \times 100 = 6.09\%$	(1)  (1)				
3)	Fiona wants to buy a new sofa. She can buy the sofa from one of two shops. <table border="1"><tr><td><i>Sofa Warehouse</i></td><td><i>The Furniture Store</i></td></tr><tr><td>£1200 including VAT</td><td>£980 not including VAT</td></tr></table> VAT is charged at 20%.  At which shop would Fiona pay less for the sofa? You must show your work.	<i>Sofa Warehouse</i>	<i>The Furniture Store</i>	£1200 including VAT	£980 not including VAT	20% of £980 = £196  £980 + £196 = £1176  The furniture store	(1)  (1)  (1)
<i>Sofa Warehouse</i>	<i>The Furniture Store</i>						
£1200 including VAT	£980 not including VAT						
4) (a)	A shop bought 50 pairs of trainers for £575, retailing them at £21 per pair.  The shop sold 40 pairs of trainers at full price.  The rest were sold in a sale where they were 20% off.  Calculate the total profit made by the shop after all of the pairs of trainers were sold.	40 × £21 = £840  20% of £21 = £4.20  £21 - £4.20 = £16.80  £16.80 × 10 = £168  £840 + £168 = £1008  £1008 - £575 = £433	(1)  (1)  (1)  (1)  (1)				
4) (b)	What percentage profit did the shop make on the trainers?  Give your answer to 1dp.	$\frac{433}{575} \times 100 = 75.3\%$	(1)				

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