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GCSE Exam Questions: Proportion

1) Here is a recipe for 16 flapjacks:

125 g	Butter
125 g	Golden Syrup
50 g	Sugar
175 g	Oats

(a) Sarah wants to make 32 flapjacks.

How much golden syrup should she use?

----- g
(2)

(b) Tariq wants to make 8 flapjacks.

How much sugar should he use?

----- g
(2)

(c) Ursula has 0.5 kg of oats and plenty of other ingredients.

Can she make 40 flapjacks?

Explain how you got your answer.

(4)
(8 marks)

2) 6 workers take 14 hours to paint a fence.

How many hours do 4 men need to paint the same fence?

----- hours
(2 marks)

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- 3) Given that y is inversely proportional to x , complete the table of values:

x	1	2	3	8
y	48			

(3 marks)

- 4) (a) y is inversely proportional to x .

When $x = 5$, $y = 4$.

Find an equation for y in terms of x .

$y =$
(3)

- (b) Find y when x is 10.

$y =$
(2)

- (c) Find x when y is 0.5.

$x =$
(2)
(7 marks)

GCSE Exam Questions: Proportion Answers

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(a)	Sarah wants to make 32 flapjacks. How much golden syrup should she use?	(a) 125×2 250 g	(1) (1)																				
(b)	Tariq wants to make 8 flapjacks. How much sugar should he use?	(b) $50 \div 2$ 25 g	(1) (1)																				
(c)	Ursula has 0.5 kg of oats and plenty of other ingredients. Can she make 40 flapjacks? Explain how you got your answer	(c) $0.5 \times 1000 = 500$ g $40 \div 16 = 2.5$ $175 \times 2.5 = 437.5$ g Yes and 437.5 g is less than 500 g oe	(1) (1) (1) (1)																				
2)	6 workers take 14 hours to paint a fence. How many hours would 4 men have taken to paint the same fence?	$14 \times 6 \div 4$ 21 hours	(1) (1)																				
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4) (a)	y is inversely proportional to x . When $x = 5$, $y = 4$. Find an equation for y in terms of x .	(a) $y = \frac{k}{x}$ <i>or</i> $4 = \frac{k}{5}$ <i>oe</i> $k = 20$ $y = \frac{20}{x}$	(1) (1) (1)																				
(b)	Find y when x is 10.	(b) $y = \frac{20}{10}$ $y = 2$	(1) (1)																				
(c)	Find x when y is 0.5.	(c) $0.5 = \frac{20}{x}$ <i>or</i> $x = \frac{20}{0.5}$ <i>oe</i> $x = 40$	(1) (1)																				

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