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GCSE Exam Questions

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Statistics

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1) Lewis dug up 20 carrots and wrote down their lengths to the nearest cm.
Here are his results:

5, 6, 5, 2, 4, 5, 8, 7, 5, 6
7, 6, 4, 3, 5, 7, 6, 4, 8, 5

(a) Complete the frequency table to show Lewis’s results.

Length in cm	Tally	Frequency
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(2)

(b) Work out the mean length.

-----cm
(3)
(5 marks)

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2) The table shows information about the number of hours 40 children played computer games in one evening.

Number of hours (h)	Frequency
$0 \leq h < 1$	3
$1 \leq h < 2$	8
$2 \leq h < 3$	7
$3 \leq h < 4$	10
$4 \leq h < 5$	12

(a) Work out an estimate for the mean number of hours.

----- hours
(3)

(b) Why is your answer to part (a) an estimate?

(1)
(4 marks)

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- 3) The star rating, from 1 to 5, of restaurants in a city are shown in the table below:

Star Rating	Frequency
1	4
2	17
3	23
4	x
5	18

The mean star rating of a restaurant in the city is 3.575.

Calculate the value of the missing frequency, x .

(4 marks)

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