## GCE

## Mathematics (MEI)

Unit 4777: Numerical Computation
Advanced GCE

Mark Scheme for June 2018

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## Annotations and abbreviations

| Annotation in scoris | Meaning |
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| $\checkmark$ and $\boldsymbol{x}$ |  |
| BOD | Benefit of doubt |
| FT | Follow through |
| ISW | Ignore subsequent working |
| M0, M1 | Method mark awarded 0, 1 |
| A0, A1 | Accuracy mark awarded 0,1 |
| B0, B1 | Independent mark awarded 0, 1 |
| SC | Special case |
| ^ | Omission sign |
| MR | Misread |
| Highlighting |  |
|  |  |
| Other abbreviations in <br> mark scheme | Meaning |
| E1 | Mark for explaining |
| U1 | Mark for correct units |
| G1 | Mark for a correct feature on a graph |
| M1 dep* | Method mark dependent on a previous mark, indicated by * |
| cao | Correct answer only |
| oe | Or equivalent |
| rot | Rounded or truncated |
| soi | Seen or implied |
| www | Without wrong working |
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| Question |  | Answer | Marks | Guidance |
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| 4 | (i) | Sketch of data points; <br> Appears roughly cubic | G2 <br> B1 <br> [3] |  |
|  | (ii) | Ordinary differences require equal spacing. <br> Lagrange's method is computational intensive. <br> Divided differences allow unequal spacing and increasing the degree is easy | $\begin{aligned} & \text { E1 } \\ & \text { E1 } \\ & \text { E1 } \\ & \text { [3] } \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | (iii) | Divided difference table: <br> Similar 3DDs suggests cubic should be a good fit. | B1 <br> B1 <br> B1 <br> E1 <br> [4] | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathrm{DD} \\ & \text { 2DD } \\ & 3 \mathrm{DD} \end{aligned}$ |



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