

Hidden tips – Concise tips for improving performance in Upper Primary Maths

Hidden Tips #1 - Reducing Carelessness

- (1): Optimize the speed while doing the paper. Refer to (4), (5) and (8).
- (2): Refrain from doing too fast so that there is time to check in the end.
- (3): There is usually not enough time remaining to check **effectively** so avoid (2).
- (4): For **paper 1**, there are 45 marks and the duration is 1 hr, so spend 80s per question **on average**.
- (5): For the 2 marks questions in **paper 1**, spend 160s per question.
- (6): Be more careful in doing the 2 marks question.
- (7): Focus on each question at a time. Carelessness can occur when students are already thinking of the next question while working on the current question.
- (8): For **paper 2**, there are 55 marks and the duration is 90 min, so spend 98s per question **on average**.
- (9): Refrain from doing too fast and **committing careless** mistakes in the first 5 questions of the **paper 2** as they are easier to score.
- (10): Practise a few papers and analyse for frequent areas of carelessness and eradicate them.

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