

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

Hidden Tips #2 – Passing the paper

This is for students struggling at passing Maths. With proper planning and persistent hard work, students can aim to pass and improve further from there.

(1): Focus on Paper 1 and the short-answer questions in Paper 2. This consists of 55 marks of the paper.

(2): Avoid spending too much time improving on the problem sums section of paper 2 (Questions 6 to 17).

(3): Point (2) is due to student who has problem passing has weak foundation and it won't be fruitful working on the harder questions initially.

(4): Paper 1 and the short-answer questions in Paper 2 are the best areas to improve a student foundation. They are also easier to improve.

(5): Out of the 55 marks in Paper 1 and the short-answer questions in Paper 2, 40 marks are 2 marks questions. It is **extremely important to score well** in the 2 marks questions.

(6): Purchase assessment books or exam papers from other schools and start working on the above mentioned sections.

(7): Drill on those mistakes by repetitiously doing them again until the student get it right.

(8): For (7), focus on a few mistakes at a time. Ensure that the students get it right 100% of the time before moving on.

(9): Initially, this might take some time but gradually as the students improve, the speed of progress should improve.

(10): With discipline and belief, it is possible to pass.

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