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# GCSE AQA Maths (8300) Foundation Tier

## Mark Scheme

Fully inlined with first assessment 2026 and suitable for  
students sitting exams 2026+

**Topic - Numbers**

**Standard form - Topic Test 1 Foundation**

**Marks: 18**

**Total Marks: / 18**

# Topic Test 1 Mark Scheme

## Standard form - Foundation

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
1	Selects $5 \times 10^3$ and $2.8 \times 10^5$	B1	
	275 000	M1	oe May be implied by correct standard form Condone their largest – their smallest correctly evaluated
	$2.75 \times 10^5$	A1ft	ft B0M1 converts their difference to standard form
2	2565.(...)	B1	oe May be implied by correct final answer
	$2.6 \times 10^3$ or $3 \times 10^3$	B2ft	ft their answer converted to standard form and rounded to 2sf or 1sf B1ft Correct use of standard form $2.565... \times 10^3$ or Correct rounding to 2sf or 1sf 2600 or 3000 oe
3	0.000 006 2	B1	oe May be implied by correct final answer
	$6.2 \times 10^{-6}$	B1ft	ft their answer converted to standard form
4	$(2.7 \times 10^{-2}) \div (3.4 \times 10^{-4})$	M1	oe $0.0270 \div 0.000 340$
	79.(...) or 80	A1	

Q	Answer	Mark	Comments
5	$1 \times 10^{-7}$	B1	
6	$3.2 \times 10^7$	B1	
7	0.000 004 12	B1	Condone any spacing
8	$5 \times 10^{-3} - 3 \times 5 \times 10^{-3}$ or $0.005 \times 0.005$ or 0.000 025	M1	oe
	$2.5 \times 10^{-5}$	A1	
9(a)	E	B1	
9(b)	C	B1	
10	$361\,000\,000 + 149\,000\,000$	M1	oe Allow 361 million + 149 million
	510 000 000	A1	oe Allow 510 million
	$5.1(0) \times 10^8$	A1ft	ft their answer converted to standard form