
A Level Practice Papers

Bronze, Silver & Gold Tiering Explained



We have introduced Bronze, Silver and Gold tiering to our A Level Practice Papers. This document explains the difference between the tiers - it is not just difficulty.

Bronze Papers

For bronze papers, the main difference is the reduced focus on AO3. There is less focus on modelling and contextual questions. Instead, there is a greater focus on making sure the fundamental principles are understood and students can apply their knowledge to problems. We have aimed to design the bronze papers so that they increase in the amount of AO3 they demand: so set B has slightly more AO3 questions than set A and set C has slightly more AO3 questions than set B.

As for the difficulty of the questions, we think they are fair and there are many straightforward elements but there are some challenging aspects too. However, we aimed for there to be more straightforward elements.

The exception to everything above is the Applied papers (both Maths and Further Maths), since the topics inevitably lend themselves to contextual-based questions. You should see these as Silver papers, but they are labelled Bronze papers for completeness.

Silver Papers

Silver papers should be at the same difficulty as exam papers and the balance of AOs is the same as that you would find in actual exam papers. There is no intended difficulty difference between the sets either.

Gold Papers

The gold papers are designed to be a little more difficult than the exam papers. Most of the questions are still viable exam questions, but you'll probably won't have a paper full of questions of this difficulty.

Other remarks

The questions have been checked as much as possible, but we are producing large volumes of material in quite a short space of time, so there may be errors. If you do notice any errors, a polite email to info@crashmaths.com that explains where the error is and what it is would be appreciated. We will review the email and let you know if we agree and any action we take.

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