

## Metric Mastery

| Description | Competitors will estimate and measure properties (mass, area, volume, density, force, perimeter, distance, time and temperature) of objects. Students will also perform metric unit conversions. |
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| Time Limit | Approximately 40 minutes |
| Team Size | 1 Student |
| Details | The event will be divided into 3 parts. <br> Competitors may not bring any of their own materials except for a pencil and a calculator for parts 2 and 3. <br> > An identical equation and prefix "cheat sheet" will be provided to each competitor. Competitors may not bring their own notes. <br> Part 1: Estimation <br> - Competitors will be asked to estimate distance, volume and mass. <br> - Competitors must not touch or feel any of the objects, unless the station directions specifically state the object may be touched. <br> - To receive points, estimated measurements must contain units. <br> Part 2: Measurement <br> - Measurements must be made with supplied instruments. <br> - Measurements may include distance, mass, perimeter area, volume, density, force, degrees (angles) time and temperature <br> - To receive points, measurements must be expressed using the proper number of digits based on the specificity of the measurement tool. One digit of estimation is allowed. <br> - To receive points, measurements must include units. <br> Part 3: Metric Unit Conversion <br> This part must be completed after parts 1 and 2. <br> - Competitors will be asked to convert from one metric unit to another and will not be asked to convert from one measurement system to another. |



| Competition Scoring | Part One: Estimation <br> - Scores within $10 \%$ of the correct value will be awarded 2 points and within $20 \%$ will be awarded 1 point. <br> - 0 points will be awarded if the estimation does not include units. <br> Part Two: Measurements <br> - Measurements not involving calculation that are +/- 3 of the estimated digit will receive 3 points. Measurements that are $+/-5$ of the estimated digit will receive 2 points, Measurements that are $+/-8$ will receive 1 point. <br> - Measurements that require formula calculations will receive 3 points if they fall within the range of the calculated value based on $+/-3$ of the direct measurements. Two points will be awarded if the calculated value falls within $+/-5$ of the direct measurements and one point if the calculated value falls within $+/-8$ of the direct measurements. <br> - 0 points will be awarded if the measurement does not include units. <br> Part Three: Metric Unit Conversion <br> - Correct answers receive 1 point. <br> Total Points: 50 Points |
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| Notebook Requirements | > Metric Mastery Practice Packet <br> > Notebook Points: 20 |
| Timeline | Lesson Dates: Practice Test: Competition Date: |

## Metric Mastery Formulas and Prefixes

Density $=\frac{M}{V}$


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| Common Prefixes used with SI Units |  |  |  |
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| Prefix | Symbol | Meaning | Order of Magnitude |
| giga- | G | 1000000000 | $10^{9}$ |
| mega- | M | 1000000 | $10^{6}$ |
| kilo- | k | 1000 | $10^{3}$ |
| hecto- | h | 100 | $10^{2}$ |
| deka- | da | 10 | $10^{1}$ |
|  | base unit | 1 | $10^{0}$ |
| deci- | d | 0.1 | $10^{-1}$ |
| centi- | C | 0.01 | $10^{-2}$ |
| milli- | m | 0.001 | $10^{-3}$ |
| micro- | H | 0.000001 | $10^{-6}$ |
| nano- | n | 0.000000001 | $10^{-9}$ |

Table 1: Basic Units used in IGCSE

| Quantity measured | Basic Unit | Symbol |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Time | Second | s |
| Mass | Grams | g |
| Distance | Meter | m |
| Volume | Liter or cubic-meter | L or $\mathrm{m}^{3}$ |
| Force | Newton | N |
| Energy | Joule | J |
| Power | Watt | W |
| Current | Ampere | A |
| Potential Difference | Volt | V |
| Resistance | Ohm | $\Omega$ |
| Pressure | Pascal | Pa |
| Frequency | Hertz | Hz |
| Number | Mole | mol |



