

## Exchange Rates Exam Practice



Q1. Tim goes on holiday to Italy. He changes £500 into Euros (€).  
The exchange rate is £1 = €1.20.

- (i) Work out how many Euros she receives.

$$500 \times 1.20 = 600 \text{ €}$$

Answer: 600 €  
(2 marks)

- (ii) When Tim returns from holiday, he has €420 left which he changes back into pounds. The exchange rate is now £1 = €1.40.  
Work out how many pounds (£) Tim receives.

$$420 \div 1.40 = \text{£}300$$

Answer: £300  
(2 marks)



Q2. Jo went on holiday to Canada. He changed £450 into Canadian dollars (\$).

The exchange rate was £0.58 = \$1.

Work out how many Canadian dollars Jo should have received.

Give your answer to the nearest dollar.

$$\begin{aligned} 450 \div 0.58 &= \$775.86 \\ &= \$776 \end{aligned}$$

Answer: \$776  
(2 marks)

Q3. Olive is on holiday in France. She spends 60€ on a dress and then spends €17.50 in a café. The exchange rate is £1 = €1.18.

Work out how much Olive spends altogether in pounds (£).

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad 60 + 17.50 &= €77.50 \\ \bullet \quad 77.50 \div 1.18 &= £65.68 \end{aligned}$$

Answer: £65.68  
(3 marks)





Q4. Brian bought a radio in Germany costing €55. The same model of radio in England costs £44.99.

The exchange rate is £1 = €1.12.

Work out the difference in price between the cost of the radio in Germany and in England. You must state the units of the currency you are using.

• England:  $£44.99 \times 1.12 = €50.39$

• Germany: €55

$$55 - 50.39 = €4.61$$

• (or similarly, convert ~~50.39~~ to UK pounds and compare £44.99 uk vs. £49.11 Germany)

Answer: €4.61

(3 marks)

Q5. The exchange rate in London is £1 = €1.28.

The exchange rate in New York is €1 = £0.79.

Robert wants to change some pounds into euros. In which of these cities would Robert get the most euros? You must show your working.

• London: £1 = €1.28

• New York:  $£0.79 = €1$   
 $\div 0.79$   $\left( \begin{array}{l} £1 \\ = €1.266 \end{array} \right) \div 0.79$   
 $= €1.27$

∴ London you get more Euros per pound.

Answer: London

(3 marks)



Q6. In London rice costs £0.65 per lb. In Berlin rice costs €1.78 per kg.  
The exchange rate is £1 = €1.19.  
You are given that 1 kg = 2.2 lbs.  
In which city is it better value to buy rice, London or Berlin?  
You must show your working.

- London:  $£0.65 \times 1.19 = 0.7735 \text{ € per lb}$
- Berlin:  $€1.78 \text{ per kg} \Rightarrow €1.78 \text{ per } 2.2 \text{ lbs}$   
 $\Rightarrow €0.809 \text{ per lb} \quad (\text{do } 1.78 \div 2.2)$
- London is cheaper.
- (OR obtain London £1.43 per kg vs. £1.50 per kg Germany,  
on any other sensible combination)

Answer: London  
(4 marks)





Q7. Maria is planning a holiday to America. Her flights cost \$810, and she needs to book a hotel which costs \$125 per night for 6 nights. The exchange rate is \$1 = £0.55.

Her total savings are £900, and she has decided to spend any money left over on a gift for her friend who lives there.

Work out how much money Maria will have to spend on her gift.

- Hotel :  $6 \times \$125 = \$750$
- Total of flights & Hotel =  $\$750 + \$810$   
 $= \$1560$
- $\$1560 \times 0.55 = £858$   
 $\Rightarrow 900 - 858 = £42$  left for the gift

Answer: £42  
(4 marks)



Q8. Martin is going on holiday to India. He wants to change up to £470 into Rupees. The bank only stocks 2000 Rupee notes. He wants as many 2000 Rupee notes as possible. Given that the exchange rate is £1 = 116 Rupees, how many 2000 Rupee notes should he get?

$$\cdot \text{£}470 \times 116 = 54520 \text{ Rupees}$$

$$\cdot 54520 \div 2000 = 27.26$$

$\Rightarrow$  He gets 27 2000 Rupee notes

Answer: 27  
(4 marks)



Q9.

1 USD = 0.78 EUR
1 EUR = 1.23 AUD
1 USD = 78.45 JPY

Given that £1 is worth 1.55 AUD, use the table above to work out how many JPY is equivalent to £1.

• £1 = 1.55 AUD . Using this, we convert :  
AUD → EUR → USD → JPY

•  $1.55 \div 1.23 = 1.260$ , so  $1 \text{ AUD} = 1.260 \text{ €}$

•  $0.78 \text{ €} = \$1$   
 $\div 0.78 \left( \begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ €} = \$1.282 \end{array} \right) \div 0.78$   
 $\Rightarrow 1.260 \text{ €} = \$1.615$

•  $\$1 = 78.45 \text{ JPY}$   
 $\$1.615 = 126.73 \text{ JPY}$

Answer: 126.73 JPY  
(4 marks)





Q10. Below is an exchange rate table which compares the value of various currencies with the value of 1 pound (GBP). For example, £1 = 1.23 euros.

Currency	Amount equivalent to 1 GBP
AUD	1.578
CAD	1.625
CHF	1.194
EUR	1.23
ILS	5.438
JPY	140.732

(i) Convert 2000 Japanese Yen (JPY) into pounds (GBP).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{£1} &= 140.732 \text{ JPY} \quad \text{from the table} \\ \Rightarrow \text{£14.21} &= 2000 \text{ JPY} \quad (2000 \div 140.732) \end{aligned}$$

Answer: £14.21  
(2 marks)

(ii) Convert 50 Canadian Dollars (CAD) into euros (EUR).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{£1} &= 1.625 \text{ CAD} \\ \text{£1} &= 1.23 \text{ €} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \text{£1} &= 1.625 \text{ CAD} \\ \text{£1} &= 1.23 \text{ €} \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{from the table}$$
$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 1.625 \text{ CAD} &= 1.23 \text{ €} \\ \Rightarrow 1 \text{ CAD} &= 0.757 \text{ €} \\ 50 \text{ CAD} &= 37.85 \text{ €} \end{aligned}$$

Answer: 37.85 €  
(3 marks)