1. In a survey, the outside temperature and the number of units of electricity used for heating were recorded for ten homes.

The scatter diagram shows this information.

Molly says, "On average the number of units of electricity used for heating decreases by 4 units for each °C increase in outside temperature."

(a) Is Molly right?

Show how you get your answer.

[3]
(b) You should not use a line of best fit to predict the number of units of electricity used for heating when the outside temperature is 30°C.

Give one reason why. **any predictions at the given data would be unreliable.** [1]

2. The scatter diagram shows information about 10 students.

   For each student, it shows the number of hours spent revising and the mark the student achieved in a Spanish test.

One of the points is an outlier.

(a) Write down the coordinates of the outlier.

\[ (4, 10) \] .......................... [1]

For all the other points

(b) (i) draw the line of best fit,
(ii) describe the correlation.

**strong positive correlation**

A different student revised for 9 hours.

(c) Estimate the mark this student got

\[64\]

The Spanish test was marked out of 100

Lucia says: "I can see from the graph that had I revised for 18 hours I would have got full marks."

(d) Comment on what Lucia says.

Lucia would be wrong in extrapolating the line of best fit outside the range of the given data. It would be unreliable.

3. Katie measured the length and the width of each of 10 pine cones from the same tree. She used her results to draw this scatter graph.

(a) Describe one improvement Katie can make to her scatter graph.

She could have changed the scales on the axes to start at 4 cm (x-axis) and 3 cm (y-axis).
The point representing the results for one of the pine cones is an outlier.

(b) Explain how the results for this pine cone differ from the results for the other pine cones. **It is so much larger than the other cones compared to its width.**  

4. The scatter graph shows the number of driving lessons and the number of tests needed to pass by 10 people.

(a) What proportion of the 10 people passed on their first test? \[ \frac{3}{10} \]  

(b) Describe the correlation.
Circle your answer.  

- strong positive  
- weak positive  
- weak negative  
- strong negative  

(c) Use a line of best fit to estimate the number of tests needed to pass by a person who has 50 lessons.  

4 tests
(d) Meera says,

"I can use the trend to predict the number of driving tests needed to pass for any number of driving lessons."

Comment on her statement.

Meera is incorrect. It is unreliable to predict outside the given data as there is no supporting evidence at the extremes or it just doesn’t make logical sense.

For example, someone who had 25 lessons the line of best fit would suggest they need 0 tests to pass which is impossible.


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