

Book Review

TECHNICAL MATH by H. F. R. Adams. Publisher: McGraw-Hill Co. of Canada Ltd., 330 Progress Avenue, Scarborough (Toronto), Ontario. First edition. \$7.75. 345 pages, paperbound.

The text does not appear to be part of a series. I would judge it to be useful for the Grade XI level, although it could be used for supplementary resource problems and as a guide for Grades VII to XI. It could serve as a text for non-matriculation Grade XI, or for vocational school mathematics classes.

The text consists of six sections: Arithmetic, Measurement and Scale Reading, Algebra, Indices and Logarithms, and Geometry and Trigonometry, with the usual tables in the appendix. There is an interesting approach to each chapter: each is introduced by an examination for the student. The results indicate whether or not the student needs further practice in that type of problem or skill. This idea makes the book adaptable to individual student progress, but because the answers are not given, the student cannot really work entirely on his own. I personally feel that answers should be accessible to high school students when working in mathematics.

The price is rather high, especially since the book has a soft cover. Otherwise, it compares favorably with other mathematics texts at this level, and is especially valuable as a resource text.

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