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**AQA Further Maths Level 2**  
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**2 hours**

The total number of marks available is 105.

You must write down all the stages in your working.

You are permitted to use a scientific or graphical calculator in this paper.

1. (a)

$$a \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} 2a + 3 \\ b \end{pmatrix}.$$

(3)

Work out the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .

**Solution**

Well,

$$3a = 4(2b + 3) \Rightarrow 3a = 8b + 12 \quad (1)$$

and

$$5a = 4b \quad (2).$$

Now, do  $2 \times (2)$ :

$$10a = 8b \quad (3)$$

and do  $(3) - (1)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 5a &= -12 \Rightarrow a = \underline{\underline{-\frac{12}{5}}} \\ &\Rightarrow 5\left(-\frac{12}{5}\right) = 4b \\ &\Rightarrow -12 = 4b \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{b = -3}}. \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{pmatrix} m & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{I},$$

(2)

where  $\mathbf{I}$  is the identity matrix.

Work out the value of  $m$ .

**Solution**

Now,

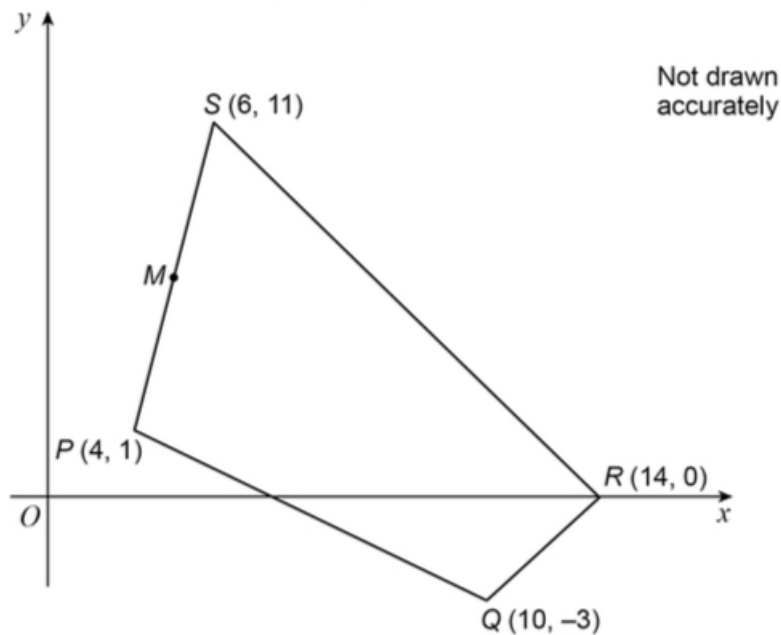
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{I} &= \begin{pmatrix} m & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2m+2 & 2m+1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Choose the (1, 1) element:

$$\begin{aligned} 2m + 2 = 1 &\Rightarrow 2m = -1 \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{m = -\frac{1}{2}}}. \end{aligned}$$

2. Here is a sketch of quadrilateral  $PQRS$ .

(3)

 $M$  is the midpoint of  $PS$ .Use gradients to show that  $MR$  is parallel to  $PQ$ .

**Solution**

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} m_{PQ} &= \frac{-3 - 1}{10 - 4} \\ &= \frac{-4}{6} \\ &= -\frac{2}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Next,  $M$  is the point

$$\left( \frac{4 + 6}{2}, \frac{1 + 11}{2} \right) = (5, 6)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} m_{MR} &= \frac{0 - 6}{14 - 5} \\ &= \frac{-6}{9} \\ &= -\frac{2}{3}; \end{aligned}$$

hence,  $MR$  is parallel to  $PQ$  as the gradients are the same.

3.

$$-2 < a < 0 \text{ and } -1 < b < 1.$$

(4)

Tick the correct box for each statement.

|                   | Always true              | Sometimes true           | Never true               |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| $a^2 < 0$         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| $-1 < b^3 < 1$    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| $\frac{b}{a} < 0$ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| $a - b > 0$       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Solution**

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| $\frac{b}{a} < 0$ |             | ✓              |            |
| $a - b > 0$       |             | ✓              |            |

4.  $P$  is a point on a curve. (4)

The curve has gradient function

$$\frac{x^5 - 17}{10}.$$

The tangent to the curve at  $P$  is parallel to the line

$$3x - 2y = 9.$$

Work out the  $x$ -coordinate of  $P$ .

### Solution

Tangent:

$$\begin{aligned} 3x - 2y = 9 &\Rightarrow 2y = 3x - 9 \\ &\Rightarrow y = \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{9}{2} \end{aligned}$$

and so the gradient is  $\frac{3}{2}$ .

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^5 - 17}{10} = \frac{3}{2} &\Rightarrow x^5 - 17 = 15 \\ &\Rightarrow x^5 = 32 \\ &\Rightarrow x = \sqrt[5]{32} \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{x = 2}. \end{aligned}$$

5. (a) Write (2)

$$\sqrt[4]{a \times a^{-9}}$$

as an integer power of  $a$ .

**Solution**

$$\sqrt[4]{a \times a^{-9}} = (a^{-8})^{\frac{1}{4}}$$
$$= \underline{\underline{a^{-2}}}.$$

(b) Simplify fully

(3)

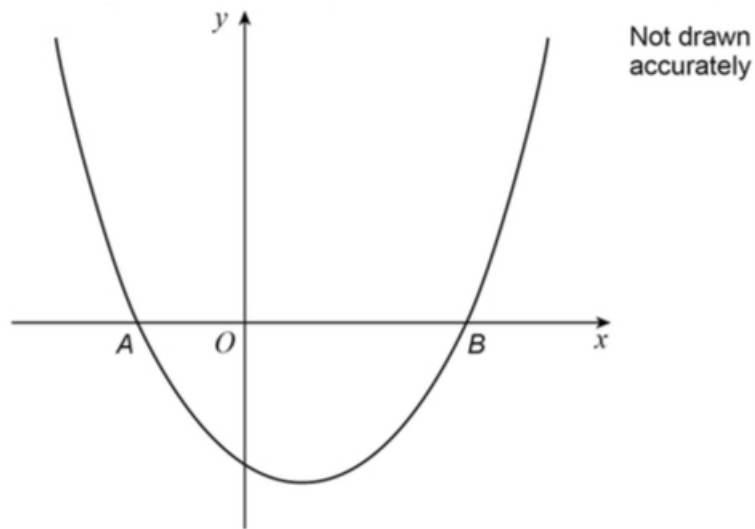
$$\frac{(4cd^2)^3}{2cd^4}.$$

**Solution**

$$\frac{(4cd^2)^3}{2cd^4} = \frac{64c^3d^6}{2cd^4}$$
$$= \underline{\underline{32c^2d^2}}.$$

6. Here is a sketch of the curve

$$y = (2x + 3)(x - 2).$$



The curve intersects the  $x$ -axis at  $A$  and  $B$ .

(a) Complete the coordinates of  $A$  and  $B$ .

(2)

$$A( \quad , 0) \quad B( \quad , 0)$$

**Solution**

$$(2x + 3)(x - 2) = 0 \Rightarrow 2x + 3 = 0 \text{ or } x - 2 = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow x = -\frac{3}{2} \text{ or } x = 2.$$

Hence,

$$\underline{\underline{A(-\frac{3}{2}, 0)}} \quad \underline{\underline{B(2, 0)}}$$

(b) Write down the range of values for  $x$  for which (1)

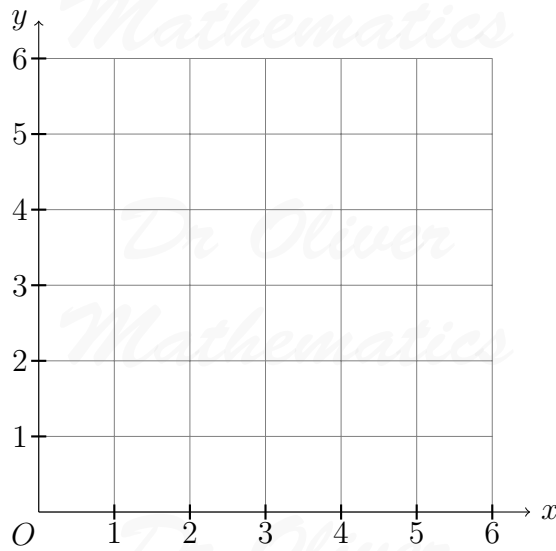
$$(2x + 3)(x - 2) < 0.$$

**Solution**

$$\underline{\underline{-\frac{3}{2} < x < 2.}}$$

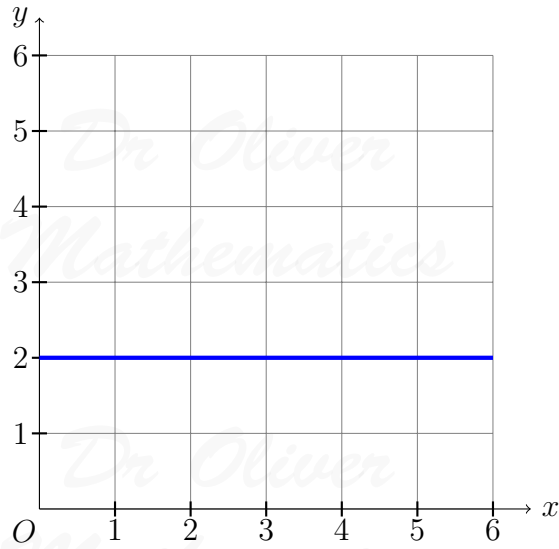
7. (a) On the grid, sketch a graph for which (1)

the rate of change of  $y$  with respect to  $x$  is always zero.



**Solution**

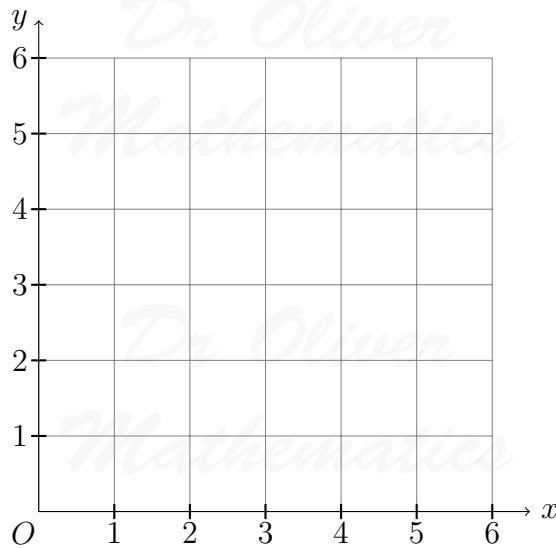
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(b) On the grid, sketch a graph for which

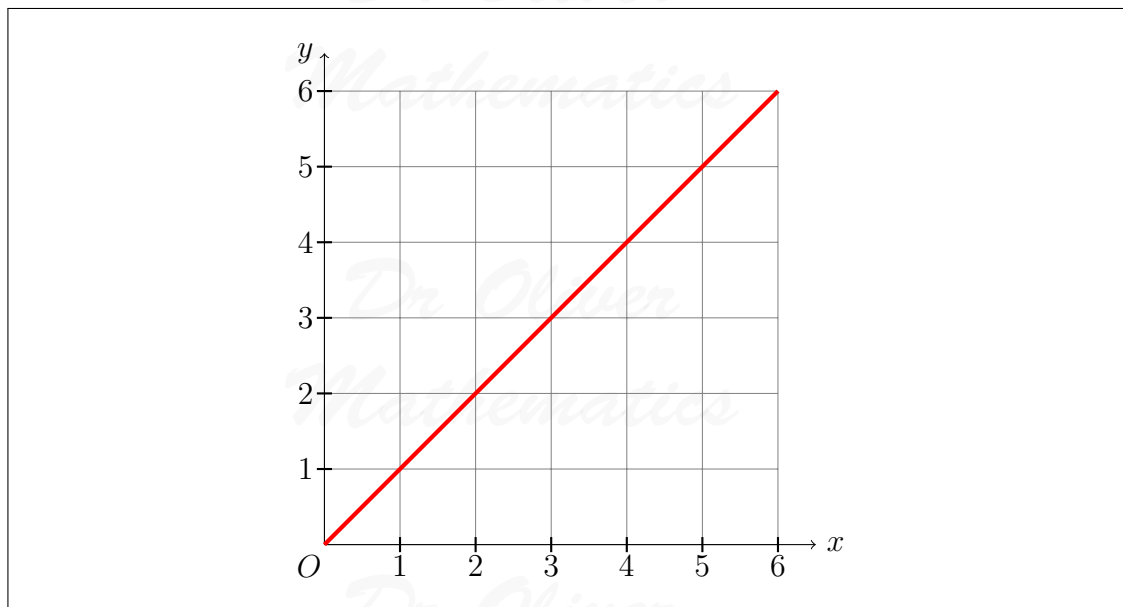
(1)

the rate of change of  $y$  with respect to  $x$  is always a positive constant.



**Solution**

E.g.,



8. (a) A linear sequence has first term (2)

$$7 + 12\sqrt{5}.$$

The term-to-term rule is

$$\text{add } 9 - 2\sqrt{5}.$$

One term of the sequence is an integer.

Work out the value of this integer.

**Solution**

Well,

$$x = \frac{12}{2} = 6$$

and is the *seventh* term ( $1+6=7$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} (7 + 12\sqrt{5}) + 6(9 - 2\sqrt{5}) &= (7 + 12\sqrt{5}) + (54 - 12\sqrt{5}) \\ &= \underline{61}. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) The  $n$ th term of a different sequence is (2)

$$\frac{3n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 1}.$$

Work out the sum of the first three terms.



**Solution**

$$n = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{3 - 1}{1 + 1} = \frac{2}{2} = 1,$$

$$n = 2 \Rightarrow \frac{12 - 1}{4 + 1} = \frac{11}{5},$$

$$n = 3 \Rightarrow \frac{27 - 1}{9 + 1} = \frac{26}{10} = \frac{13}{5};$$

the sum of the first three terms is

$$1 + \frac{11}{5} + \frac{13}{5} = \underline{\underline{5\frac{4}{5}}}.$$

(c) The first four terms of a quadratic sequence are

(3)

$$-3 \quad 3 \quad 13 \quad 27.$$

Work out an expression for the  $n$ th term.

**Solution**

Let the

$$n\text{th term} = an^2 + bn + c.$$

Then

$$-3 \quad 3 \quad 13 \quad 27$$

$$6 \quad 10 \quad 14$$

$$4 \quad 4$$

and

$$a + b + c$$

$$3a + b$$

$$4a + 2b + c$$

$$2a$$

$$5a + b$$

$$9a + 3b + c$$

$$2a$$

$$7a + b$$

$$16a + 4b + c$$

We compare terms:

$$2a = 4 \Rightarrow a = 2,$$

$$3a + b = 6 \Rightarrow 3 \times 2 + b = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 0,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}a + b + c = 0 &\Rightarrow 2 + 0 + c = -3 \\ &\Rightarrow c = -5;\end{aligned}$$

hence,

$$\text{nth term} = \underline{\underline{2n^2 - 5.}}$$

9. Factorise fully

$$(p + 6)^{11} - (p + 6)^{10}.$$

(2)

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}(p + 6)^{11} - (p + 6)^{10} &= (p + 6)^{10}[(p + 6) - 1] \\ &= \underline{\underline{(p + 5)(p + 6)^{10}}.}\end{aligned}$$

10. (a)

$$f(x) = x^3 - 2.$$

(2)

The domain of  $f(x)$  is  $x \leq 3$ .

Work out the range of  $f(x)$ .

**Solution**

Well,

$$f(3) = 3^3 - 2 = 25$$

and the range of  $f(x)$  is

$$\underline{\underline{f(x) \leq 25.}}$$

(b)

$$g(x) = 5 - x^2.$$

(2)

The domain of  $g(x)$  is  $-2 \leq x \leq 1$ .

Work out the range of  $g(x)$ .

**Solution**

So,

$$g(-2) = 5 - (-2)^2 = 1$$

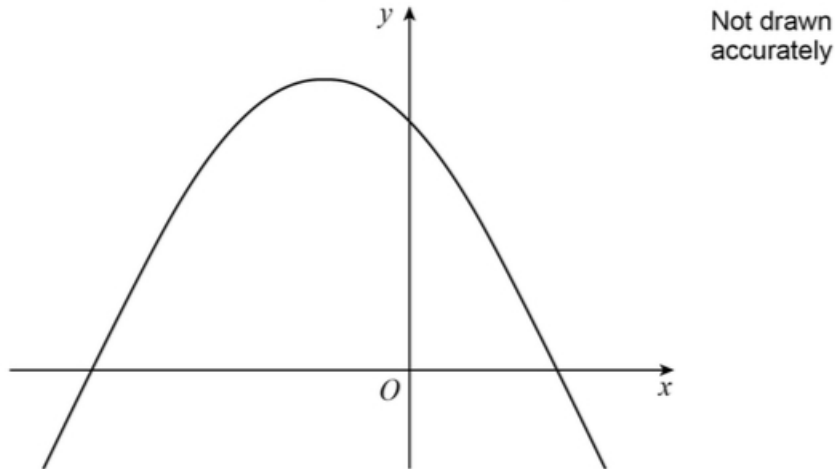
and

$$g(0) = 5 - 0^2 = 5.$$

Hence, the range of  $g(x)$  is

$$\underline{\underline{1 \leq g(x) \leq 5.}}$$

11. Here is a sketch of a quadratic curve which has a maximum point at  $(-2, 5)$ . (1)



What is the equation of the normal to the curve at the maximum point?  
Circle your answer.

$$x = -2 \quad y = 5 \quad x = 5 \quad y = -2$$

**Solution**

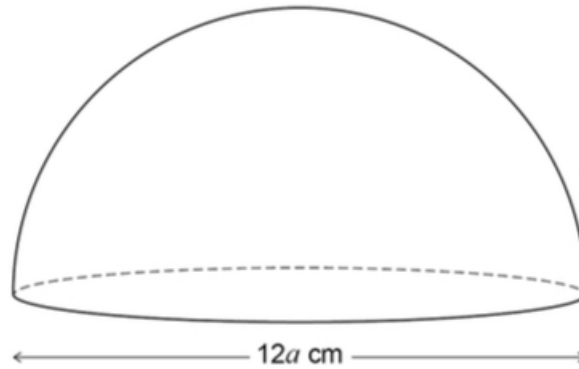
It is either  $x = 5$  or  $x = -2$  (why?). Hence, the equation of the normal to the curve at the maximum point is

$$\underline{\underline{x = -2}} \quad y = 5 \quad x = 5 \quad y = -2$$

12. The diagram shows a solid hemisphere.

(3)

- The diameter is  $12a$  cm.
- The volume is  $486\pi$  cm<sup>3</sup>.



Work out the value of  $a$ .

**Solution**

Well, the volume of the sphere would have be

$$2 \times 486\pi = 972\pi$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4}{3} \times \pi \times (6a)^3 &= 972\pi \Rightarrow 288a^3 = 972 \\ \Rightarrow a^3 &= \frac{27}{8} \\ \Rightarrow a &= \underline{\underline{1\frac{1}{2}}}. \end{aligned}$$

13. Simplify fully

(4)

$$\frac{x - x^3}{2x + 2x^2}$$

You **must** show your working.

**Solution**

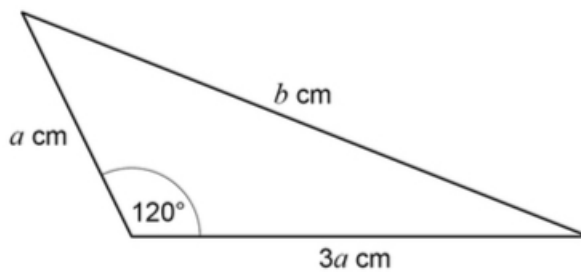
$$\frac{x - x^3}{2x + 2x^2} = \frac{x(1 - x^2)}{2x(1 + x)}$$

difference of two squares:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{x(1 + x)(1 - x)}{2x(1 + x)} \\ &= \frac{x(1 - x)}{2x} \end{aligned}$$

14. Here is a triangle.

(3)



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Use the cosine rule to work out the ratio

$$b^2 : a^2.$$

**Solution**

Cosine rule:

$$\begin{aligned} b^2 &= a^2 + (3a)^2 - 2(a)(3a)(\cos 120^\circ) \\ \Rightarrow b^2 &= a^2 + 9a^2 - 6a^2\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \\ \Rightarrow b^2 &= 10a^2 + 3a^2 \\ \Rightarrow b^2 &= 13a^2; \end{aligned}$$

hence, the ratio is

$$\underline{\underline{13 : 1.}}$$

15. Rearrange

$$m = \frac{2p+1}{p} + \frac{p+5}{3p}$$

(4)

to make  $p$  the subject.

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} m &= \frac{2p+1}{p} + \frac{p+5}{3p} \Rightarrow m = \frac{3(2p+1)}{3p} + \frac{p+5}{3p} \\ &\Rightarrow m = \frac{(6p+3) + (p+5)}{3p} \\ &\Rightarrow m = \frac{7p+8}{3p} \\ &\Rightarrow 3mp = 7p+8 \\ &\Rightarrow 3mp - 7p = 8 \\ &\Rightarrow p(3m-7) = 8 \\ &\Rightarrow p = \frac{8}{3m-7} \end{aligned}$$

16. The curve

$$y = 2\sqrt{x-a} + 5$$

(3)

passes through the point (1, 8)

Work out the value of  $a$ .

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} x=1, y=8 &\Rightarrow 8 = 2\sqrt{1-a} + 5 \\ &\Rightarrow 3 = 2\sqrt{1-a} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2} = \sqrt{1-a} \\ &\Rightarrow \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = 1-a \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{9}{4} = 1-a \\ &\Rightarrow a = -1\frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

17. Show that

$$(x + 1)(x + 3)(x + 4) - x(x^2 + 7x + 11)$$

(5)

can be written in the form

$$(x + a)(x + b),$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers.

**Solution**

$$\begin{array}{r|rr} \times & x & +1 \\ \hline x & x^2 & +x \\ +3 & +3x & +3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

so

$$(x + 1)(x + 3) = x^2 + 4x + 3$$

and

$$\begin{array}{r|rrr} \times & x^2 & +4x & +3 \\ \hline x & x^3 & +4x^2 & +3x \\ +4 & +4x^2 & +16x & +12 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

so

$$(x^2 + 4x + 3)(x + 4) = x^3 + 8x^2 + 19x + 12.$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} & (x + 1)(x + 3)(x + 4) - x(x^2 + 7x + 11) \\ = & (x^3 + 8x^2 + 19x + 12) - (x^3 + 7x^2 + 11x) \\ = & x^2 + 8x + 12 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{add to:} \quad +8 \\ \text{multiply to:} \quad +12 \end{array} \right\} + 6, +2$$

$$= \underline{\underline{(x + 6)(x + 2)}};$$

hence,

$$\underline{\underline{a = 6}} \text{ and } \underline{\underline{b = 2}}$$

or vice versa.

18. Solve

$$4(x - 5)^2 = k^2,$$

(3)

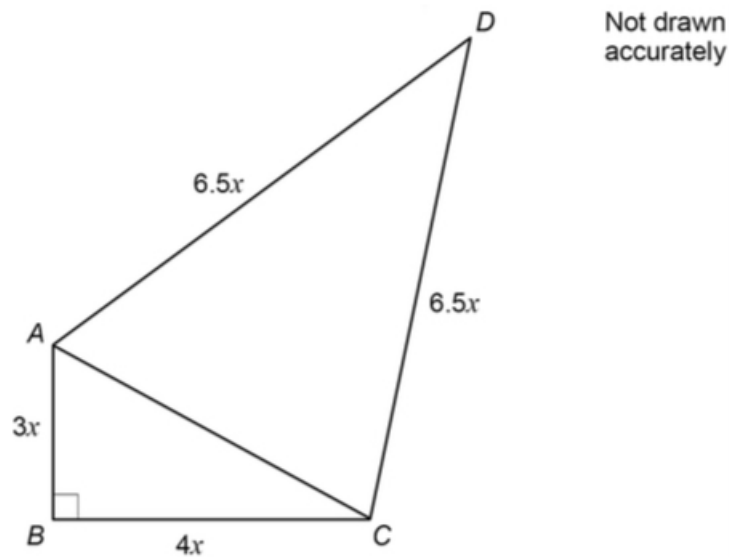
where  $k$  is a constant.

Give your answers in their simplest form in terms of  $k$ .

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}4(x - 5)^2 = k^2 &\Rightarrow (x - 5)^2 = \frac{1}{4}k^2 \\&\Rightarrow (x - 5)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}k\right)^2 \\&\Rightarrow x - 5 = \pm\frac{1}{2}k \\&\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = 5 \pm \frac{1}{2}k}}.\end{aligned}$$

- 19.
- $ABC$  is a right-angled triangle.
  - $ACD$  is an isosceles triangle.
  - All dimensions are in centimetres.



- (a) Show that  $AC = 5x$ .

(1)



**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}AC^2 &= AB^2 + BC^2 \Rightarrow AC^2 = (3x)^2 + (4x)^2 \\ &\Rightarrow AC^2 = 9x^2 + 16x^2 \\ &\Rightarrow AC^2 = 25x^2 \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{AC = 5x},\end{aligned}$$

as required.

- (b) Work out an expression, in  $\text{cm}^2$ , for the area of quadrilateral  $ABCD$ . (5)

Give your answer in the form  $px^2$ , where  $p$  is an integer.

**Solution**

Let  $E$  be the midpoint of  $AC$ . Then  $AE = 2.5x$  and

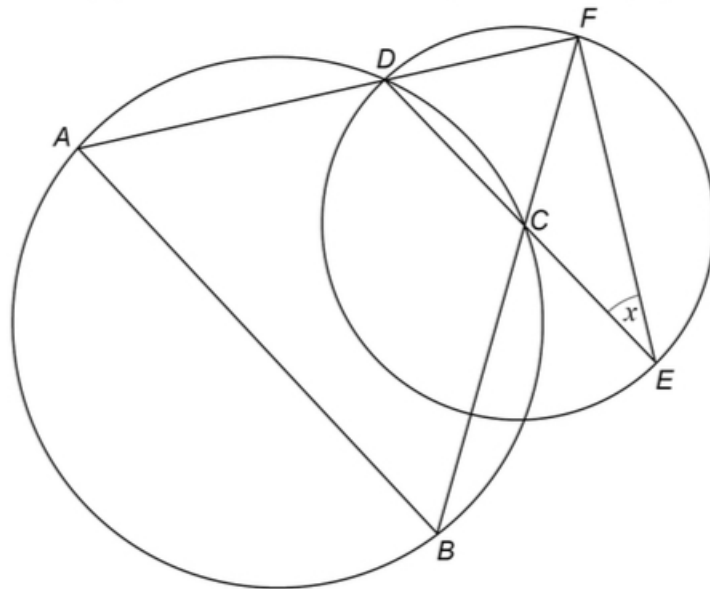
$$\begin{aligned}AD^2 &= AE^2 + DE^2 \Rightarrow (6.5x)^2 = (2.5x)^2 + DE^2 \\ &\Rightarrow 42.25x^2 = 6.25x^2 + DE^2 \\ &\Rightarrow DE^2 = 36x^2 \\ &\Rightarrow DE = 6x.\end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{area} &= \text{area of } ABC + \text{area of } ACD \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 3x \times 4x\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 5x \times 6x\right) \\ &= 6x^2 + 15x^2 \\ &= \underline{21x^2 \text{ cm}^2}.\end{aligned}$$

hence,  $p = 21$ .

20.
  - $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  are points on a circle.
  - $D$ ,  $E$ , and  $F$  are points on a different circle, centre  $C$ .
  - $DCE$ ,  $ADF$ , and  $BCF$  are straight lines.
  - Angle  $DEF = x$ .



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- (a) Prove that (3)  
 angle  $BAD = 2x$ .

**Solution**

Well,  $\angle EFC = x$  (base angles)

$\angle ECF = 180 - 2x$  (completing the triangle)

$\angle BCD = 180 - 2x$  (vertically opposite angles)

$\angle BAD = 2x$  (opposite angles in a cyclic quadrilateral).

- (b) In the case when  $AB$  is parallel to  $DE$ , work out the size of angle  $x$ . (2)

**Solution**

Now,  $\angle BAD = \angle EDF = 2x$  (corresponding angles)

$\angle DFE = 90^\circ$  (why?) and

$$\angle EDF + \angle DFE + \angle FED = 180 \Rightarrow 2x + 90 + x = 180$$

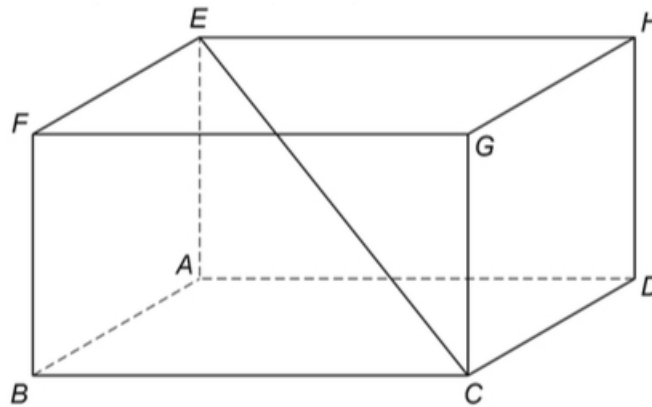
$$\Rightarrow 3x = 90$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = 30}}.$$

21.  $ABCDEFGH$  is a cuboid. (4)

- $BC = 15$  cm.

- $CD = 12$  cm.
- $DH = 8$  cm.



Work out the size of the angle between the line  $CE$  and the plane  $CDHG$ .

**Solution**

Well, the space diagonal is

$$\begin{aligned}
 CE^2 &= CD^2 + DH^2 + BC^2 \Rightarrow CE^2 = 12^2 + 8^2 + 15^2 \\
 &\Rightarrow CE^2 = 144 + 64 + 225 \\
 &\Rightarrow CE^2 = 433 \\
 &\Rightarrow CE = \sqrt{433}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sin &= \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}} \Rightarrow \sin(\text{angle}) = \frac{BC}{CE} \\
 &\Rightarrow \sin(\text{angle}) = \frac{15}{\sqrt{433}} \\
 &\Rightarrow \text{angle} = 46.125\ 033\ 09 \text{ (FCD)} \\
 &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\text{angle} = 46.1^\circ \text{ (3 sf)}}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

22. (a) Show that

$$\frac{2 \sin^2 x - 1 + \cos^2 x}{\sin x \cos x}$$

(3)

is equivalent to  $\tan x$ .

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{2 \sin^2 x - 1 + \cos^2 x}{\sin x \cos x} &\equiv \frac{\sin^2 x - 1 + (\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x)}{\sin x \cos x} \\ &\equiv \frac{\sin^2 x - 1 + 1}{\sin x \cos x} \\ &\equiv \frac{\sin^2 x}{\sin x \cos x} \\ &\equiv \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \\ &\equiv \underline{\underline{\tan x}},\end{aligned}$$

as required.

(b) Hence solve

$$\frac{2 \sin^2 x - 1 + \cos^2 x}{\sin x \cos x} = -1, \quad (2)$$

for  $0^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$ .

**Solution**

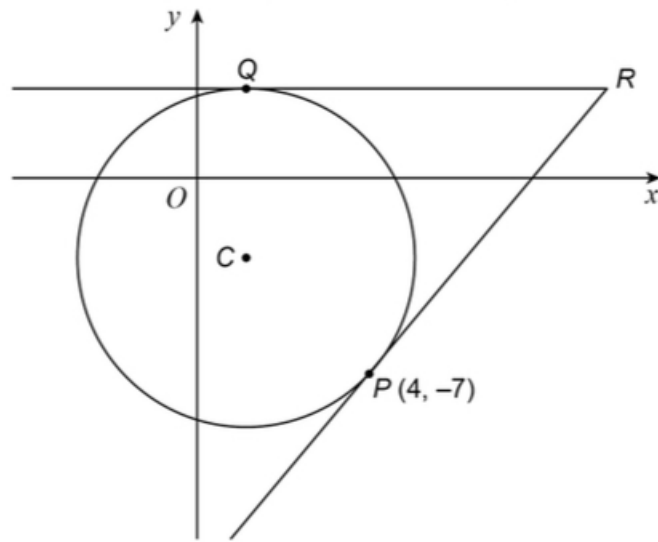
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{2 \sin^2 x - 1 + \cos^2 x}{\sin x \cos x} = -1 &\Rightarrow \tan x = -1 \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = 135, 315}}.\end{aligned}$$

23. A circle has centre  $C$  and equation

$$(x - 1)^2 + (y + 3)^2 = 25.$$

$P(4, -7)$  and  $Q$  are points on the circle.

- The tangent at  $Q$  is parallel to the  $x$ -axis.
- The tangents at  $P$  and  $Q$  intersect at point  $R$ .



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- (a) Write down the coordinates of  $C$ . (1)

**Solution**

$C(1, -3)$ .

- (b) Show that the equation of the tangent at  $Q$  is (1)

$$y = 2.$$

**Solution**

$$x = 1 \Rightarrow (y + 3)^2 = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow y + 3 = \pm 5$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -3 \pm 5;$$

in other words,  $y = -8$  or  $y = 2$ .

As  $y > 0$ ,  $y = 2$ , as required.

- (c) Work out the  $x$ -coordinate of  $R$ . (4)

**Solution**

Well,

$$\begin{aligned}m_{CP} &= \frac{-7 - (-3)}{4 - 1} \\ &= -\frac{4}{3}\end{aligned}$$

and

$$m_{PR} = -\frac{1}{-\frac{4}{3}} = \frac{3}{4},$$

as  $\angle CPR$  is a right-angle. Now, the equation of the line  $PR$  is

$$\begin{aligned}y - (-7) &= \frac{3}{4}(x - 4) \Rightarrow y + 7 = \frac{3}{4}x - 3 \\ &\Rightarrow y = \frac{3}{4}x - 10.\end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned}y = 2 &\Rightarrow 2 = \frac{3}{4}x - 10 \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{3}{4}x = 12 \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{x = 16}.\end{aligned}$$

24. Show that the curve

$$y = \frac{3}{5}x^5 + x^4$$

(4)

has **exactly two** stationary points.

**Solution**

$$y = \frac{3}{5}x^5 + x^4 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^4 + 4x^3$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 &\Rightarrow 3x^4 + 4x^3 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x^3(3x + 4) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x^3 = 0 \text{ or } 3x + 4 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x = -\frac{4}{3};\end{aligned}$$

hence, the curve has exactly two stationary points.

25.

$$f(x) = x^3 - 10x - c, \text{ where } c \text{ is a positive integer.}$$

(3)

$(x + c)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ .

Use the factor theorem to work out the value of  $c$ .

**Solution**

Well,  $(x + c) = [x - (-c)]$  and

$$\begin{aligned}f(-c) = 0 &\Rightarrow (-c)^3 - 10(-c) - c = 0 \\&\Rightarrow -c^3 + 10c - c = 0 \\&\Rightarrow c^3 - 9c = 0 \\&\Rightarrow c(c^2 - 9) = 0 \\&\Rightarrow c(c - 3)(c + 3) = 0 \\&\Rightarrow c = 0, c = 3, \text{ or } c = -3;\end{aligned}$$

now,  $c$  is a positive integer and so  $c = 3$ .

26.  $f(x)$  is a function with domain all values of  $x$ .

(4)

$$f(x) = x^2 + 6x - a, \text{ where } a \text{ is a constant.}$$

Work out the possible values of  $a$ .

Give your answer as an inequality.

**Solution**

$$f(x) = x^2 + 6x - a \Rightarrow f'(x) = 2x + 6$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) = 0 &\Rightarrow 2x + 6 = 0 \\&\Rightarrow 2x = -6 \\&\Rightarrow x = -3.\end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned}x = -3 &\Rightarrow (-3)^2 + 6(-3) - a \geq 0 \\&\Rightarrow 9 - 18 - a \geq 0 \\&\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{a \leq -9}}.\end{aligned}$$

27. The curve  $y = f(x)$  has

(3)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (x + 2)^6 + (x + 2)^4.$$

The curve has exactly one stationary point at  $P$  where  $x = -2$ .

Use the expression for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  to show that  $P$  is a point of inflection.

**Solution**

Pick, say,  $x = -3$  and  $x = -1$ :

$$x = -3 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = (-3 + 2)^6 + (-3 + 2)^4 = 2$$

and

$$x = -1 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = (-1 + 2)^6 + (-1 + 2)^4 = 2;$$

so, either side of  $P$  the derivative is positive.

Hence,  $P$  is a point of inflection.