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WJEC GCSE Mathematics and Numeracy (Double Award) – Question Pack

Primes, factors, multiples, HCF and LCM: identifying prime numbers, breaking a number into its prime factorisation by factor tree, and using those fac

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F2.02 – Primes, factors, multiples, LCM & HCF

Spec 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.2.4, 1.2.5, 1.2.6 – Unit 2 (no calculator)

Primes, factors, multiples, HCF and LCM: identifying prime numbers, breaking a number into its prime factorisation by factor tree, and using those factorisations to find the highest common factor and lowest common multiple of two numbers. Sourced from legacy WJEC GCSE Mathematics-Numeracy Foundation papers (3300U10/U20) and accessible content from Intermediate papers (3300U30/U40), organised for revision under the 2025 spec.

2025 SPECIFICATION

Estimated time for entire question pack: ~3 hours 10 minutes

Derived from the GCSE Higher pace of ~1.5 min/mark (127 marks across 57 questions).

*You are advised to **not** attempt to complete all of this in one sitting.*

ABOUT THIS QUESTION PACK

This is a **focused single-topic practice pack**, not a single mock paper. Questions are organised against the 2025 specification. Questions are ordered chronologically by sitting, with custom-written and SAM questions at the end.

INSTRUCTIONS

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Show all working – method marks are awarded for clear setup.

*A calculator is **not** permitted on any question in this pack (Unit 2 is the non-calculator paper).*

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Primes, factors, multiples, LCM & HCF – what the new spec asks

WJEC GCSE Mathematics (first teaching 2025) · Unit 2: non-calculator.

Primes & factors 1.1.6

- Recognise prime numbers up to at least 20.
- List factors of a whole number systematically.
- Distinguish factors from multiples.

Prime factorisation 1.1.6

- Express a number as a product of prime factors.
- Use index notation for repeated primes.
- Use a factor tree as the working method.

HCF & LCM 1.1.6

- Find the HCF of two numbers from prime factorisations.
- Find the LCM of two numbers from prime factorisations.
- Apply HCF/LCM to simple word problems.

Exam strategy 1.1

- Non-calculator – build the factor tree carefully.
- List primes 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 to start the tree.
- Cross-check $\text{HCF} \times \text{LCM} = a \times b$ for two numbers.

Primes, factors, multiples, LCM & HCF in one page

Quick-reference notes – revisit before each question. Don't use during the questions.

Primes

A prime has **exactly two** factors: 1 and itself.

2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, ...

1 is *not* prime. 2 is the only even prime.

Factors vs multiples

Factor: divides into the number exactly.

Multiple: in the times table of the number.

Factors of 12: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12. Multiples of 5: 5, 10, 15, 20, ...

Prime factorisation

Use a *factor tree*: split into any two factors, keep splitting non-primes.

$$60 = 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 5 = 2^2 \times 3 \times 5.$$

HCF from prime factors

HCF = product of common primes
(lowest power)

$$12 = 2^2 \times 3, 18 = 2 \times 3^2. \text{ HCF} = 2 \times 3 = 6.$$

LCM from prime factors

LCM = product of all primes (highest power)

$$12 \text{ \& } 18: \text{ LCM} = 2^2 \times 3^2 = 36.$$

Common traps

- Calling 1 prime, or 9 prime ($9 = 3 \times 3$).
- Mixing up HCF and LCM.
- Forgetting to include shared primes in the LCM.

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4. Matthew writes down three **different** numbers.
- One number is a square number.
 - The other two numbers are factors of 20.
 - The sum of the three numbers is 24.

What three numbers did Matthew write down? [3]

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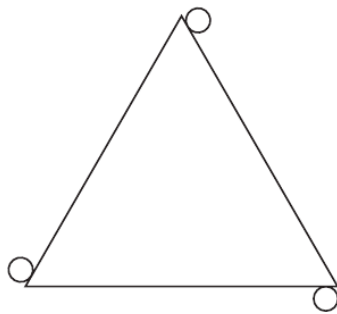
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Matthew's three numbers are, and

5. (a) What is the order of rotational symmetry of the shape below? [1]



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- (b) Name a 4-sided shape with rotational symmetry of order 4. [1]

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(c) Draw the line $y = -3$ on the graph paper.

Write down the values of x where the line $y = -3$ cuts the curve $y = x^2 - 5x + 2$.
Give your answers correct to 1 decimal place.

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Values of x are and

12. (a) Express 700 as a product of its prime factors in index form.

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(b) The number 33 554 432 is equal to 2^{25} .

Explain how this tells you that 33 554 432 is not a square number.

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- (c) If a large number of people played the game, approximately what fraction of them would you expect to choose a white ball?
Circle your answer. [1]

$\frac{1}{10}$

$\frac{1}{5}$

$\frac{1}{4}$

$\frac{1}{3}$

$\frac{1}{2}$

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18. (a) Factorise $x^3 - 5x$. [1]

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- (b) Expand and simplify $(2x - 3)(x + 4)$. [2]

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- (c) Factorise $x^2 - 3x - 28$. [2]

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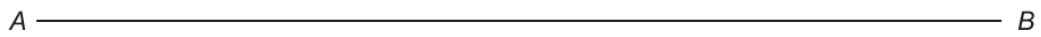


9. On the diagram, mark the point P with a cross so that

- $\widehat{BAP} = 72^\circ$,
- $AP = 6.8$ cm.

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11. (a) Calculate $\frac{145.3}{(12.4 - 9.8)^3}$, giving your answer correct to 3 significant figures. [2]

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(b) Calculate the reciprocal of 47, giving your answer correct to 4 decimal places. [2]

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12. Circle the correct answer in each of the following.

(a) Which of the following values **cannot** be an external angle of a regular polygon? [1]

- 10° 18° 30° 48° 72°

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(b) An arrow on a spinner is facing north.
It is turned clockwise through an angle of 1530°.
In which direction will the arrow now be facing? [1]

- North East South West None of these

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(c) Point A is on a bearing of 100° from point B.
What is the bearing of point B from point A? [1]

- 260° 100° 280° 180° 80°



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14. (a) Calculate the value of $(2 \times 10^{-4}) \times (7.8 \times 10^9)$.
Give your answer in standard form. [2]

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(b) Calculate the value of $\frac{3.9 \times 10^8}{3000}$.
Give your answer in standard form. [2]

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15. Factorise $12x^2 + 3xy$. [2]

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18. In the triangle ABC shown below, $\hat{BAC} = 40^\circ$ and $\hat{ACB} = 80^\circ$.
 X is a point on side AC such that $BX = BC$.

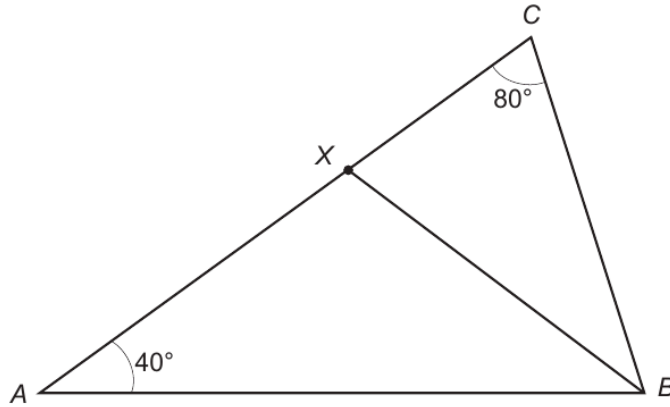


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Prove that $AX = BX$.
Give reasons for each step of your proof.
You must show all your working.

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3. Here are 9 numbers:

27 19 20 32 21 29 20 24 33

(a) Find the mean of these numbers. [3]

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(b) Neil says,

"To find the median, you just choose the middle number in the list.
The median of these numbers is 21."

Neil's median is incorrect.
Explain what is wrong with Neil's method. [1]

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4. (a) One of the numbers below is a multiple of 13.
Circle the correct answer. [1]

2226 3213 1628 2843 6110

(b) Find the value of $\frac{30^2 + 20^2}{26}$. [1]

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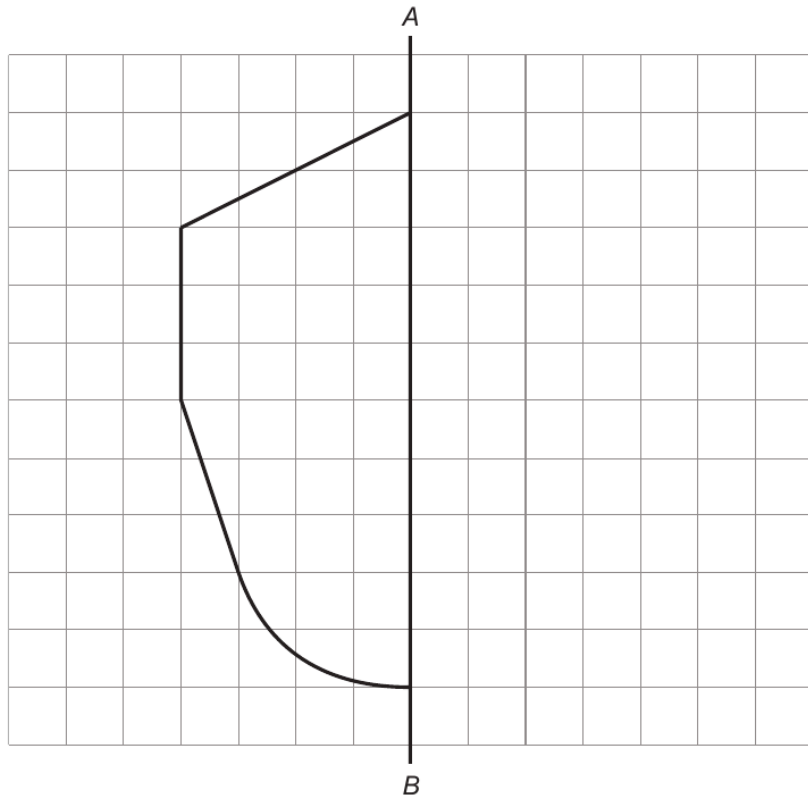
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5. (a) Complete the following figure so that it is symmetrical about the line AB. [2]



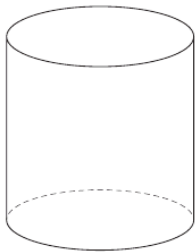
- (b) Ben draws a shape that has:
- 4 sides,
 - 4 angles of equal size,
 - a pair of sides of length 4 cm, and
 - a pair of sides of length 6 cm.

What type of shape has Ben drawn?
Circle the correct answer.

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square rhombus trapezium rectangle kite

(c) Write down the special name for the shape below. [1]



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5. In this question, you will be assessed on the quality of your organisation, communication and accuracy in writing.

ABC is an isosceles triangle and ABP is a straight line.
 $AC = BC$ and $\hat{ACB} = 76^\circ$.

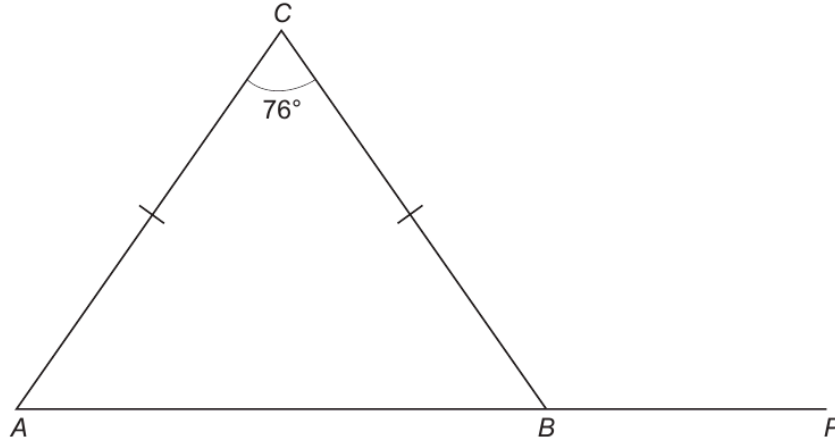


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Calculate the size of \hat{CBP} .
You must show all your working.

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3. (a) Write down the first 3 multiples of 47. [1]

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(b) One of the numbers below is a factor of 676.
Circle the correct number. [1]

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(c) When one of the numbers below is divided by 22, there is a remainder of 11.
Circle the correct number. [1]

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5. In this question, you must use only the numbers 3 and 7 to make other numbers. You must only add or subtract.

For example, if we wanted an answer of 11, we could write

$$7 + 7 - 3 = 11.$$

Show how you can get each of the following answers.

- (a) 2 [1]

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Write your solution in the box below.

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- (b) 8 [1]

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Write your solution in the box below.

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- (c) 19 [1]

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Write your solution in the box below.

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5. *In this question, you will be assessed on the quality of your organisation, communication and accuracy in writing.*

18% of £256 is shared in the ratio 2 : 1.
Calculate the value of the larger share.
Give your answer to the nearest 10p.

You must show all your working.

[5 + 2 OCW]

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6. (a) Factorise $7ab + 11a$. [1]

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(b) Factorise $x^2 - 8x$. [1]

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(c) Expand $4y(2 - 3y)$. [2]

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8. In this question, you will be assessed on the quality of your organisation, communication and accuracy in writing.

In the diagram below, $ABCE$ is a square and CDE is a right-angled triangle. The length of DE is 4 cm and the area of triangle CDE is 14 cm^2 .

Calculate the area of the **whole shape** $ABCDE$.
You must show all your working.

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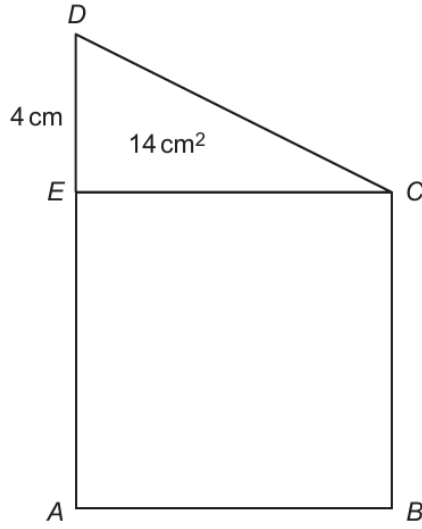


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1. Complete the calculations below.

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$$975 \times 74 = \dots\dots\dots$$

$$834 \times \dots\dots\dots = 43\,368$$

$$\dots\dots\dots \div 43 = 1376$$

$$5056 \div \dots\dots\dots = 32$$

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2. (a) Write down the first 5 multiples of 44.

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(b) A number has **exactly** four factors.
Its factors are 1, 3, 11 and the number itself.
What is the number?

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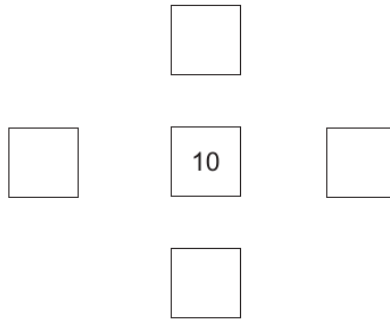
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6. (a) Write one of the numbers 3, 5, 7, 9 in each box.
Each number may be used only once.
The sum of the numbers in the column must equal the sum of the numbers in the row.

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- (b) Write a **different multiple of 4** in each box to make this sum correct.

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8. (a) Solve the following equations.

(i) $\frac{x}{9} = 4$ [1]

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(ii) $4(3x + 2) = 12$ [3]

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(b) Factorise each of the following.

(i) $14a + 21$ [1]

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(ii) $f^2 - f$ [1]

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19. (a) Factorise $x^2 + 4x - 21$. Hence, solve $x^2 + 4x - 21 = 0$.

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(b) Solve the equation $\frac{2x-3}{5} + \frac{4x+5}{2} = \frac{11}{2}$.

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1. Fill in the boxes below to make each calculation correct.

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$$\boxed{\text{£}1.63} + \boxed{35\text{p}} = \boxed{\text{£} \dots\dots\dots}$$

$$\boxed{\text{£}1.73} + \boxed{\dots\dots\dots \text{p}} = \boxed{\text{£}2.26}$$

$$\boxed{7} \times \boxed{84\text{p}} = \boxed{\text{£} \dots\dots\dots}$$

$$\boxed{17} \times \boxed{\text{£} \dots\dots\dots} = \boxed{\text{£}6.97}$$

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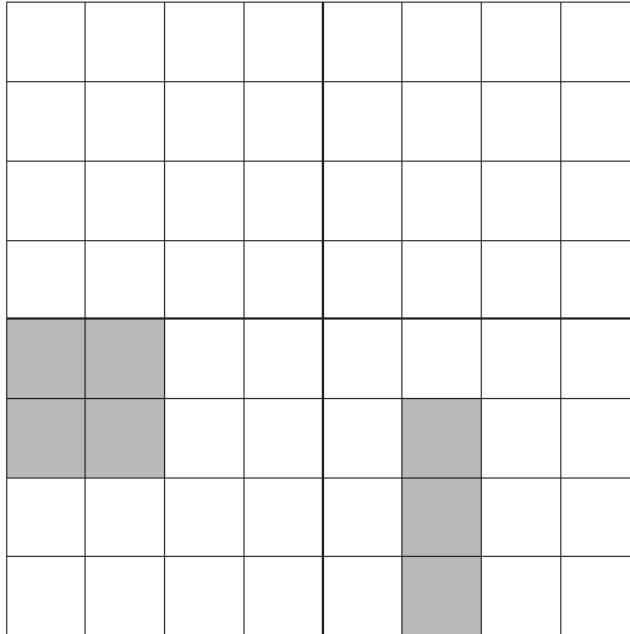
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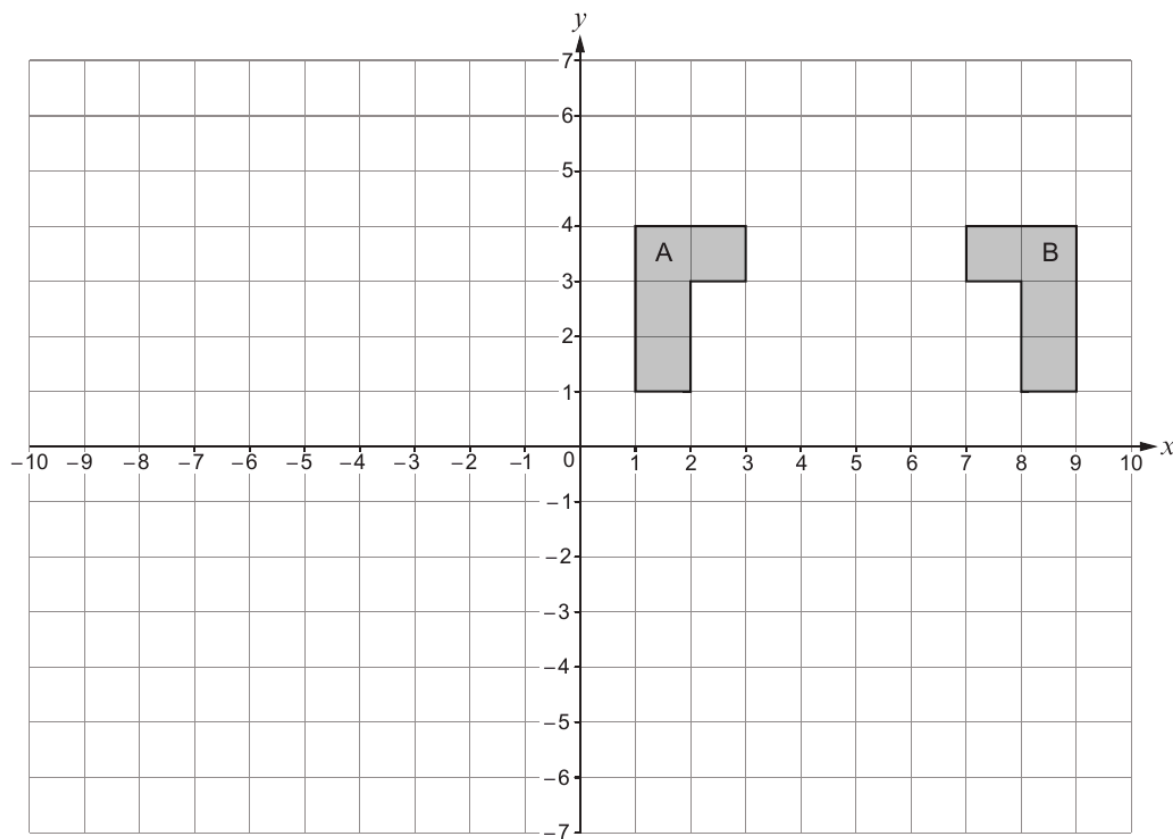


5. (a) Shade the least number of squares so that the grid has rotational symmetry of order 2. The squares you shade must be in the upper two quadrants. [2]

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(b) Describe fully the **single** transformation that transforms shape A onto shape B. [2]

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10. (a) (i) Evaluate $\frac{1}{0.25^2}$. [1]

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(ii) Evaluate $5 \cdot 4^3 \times 3 \cdot 7^2$.
Give your answer correct to the nearest 10. [2]

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(b) Find 62% of 7.8. [2]

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(c) (i) Which one of the following numbers is a multiple of 19?
Circle your answer. [1]

91 151 199 219 247

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(ii) Which one of the following numbers is a cube number?
Circle your answer. [1]

1197 2197 3197 4197 5197

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16. (a) Factorise $x^2 - 7x + 12$, and hence solve $x^2 - 7x + 12 = 0$. [3]

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(b) Expand and simplify $(5x - 2)^2$. [2]

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19. The diagram below shows a circle with centre at point O .
 A , B , C and D are all points on the circumference of the circle.
 $AB = 7.5$ cm and $BC = 4.7$ cm.

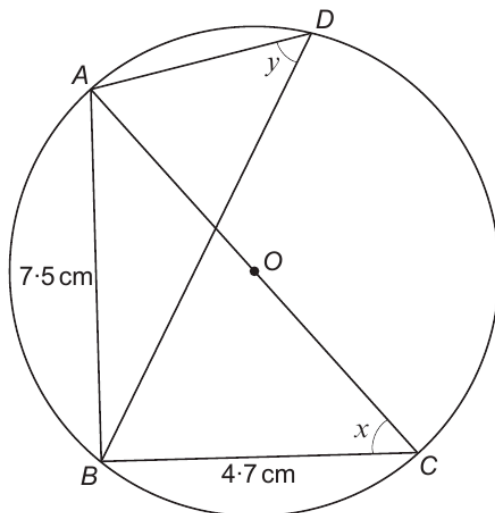


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- (a) (i) Give the reason why \widehat{ABC} is 90° . [1]

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- (ii) Calculate the size of angle x . [3]

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- (b) Write down the size of angle y .
 State the circle theorem you have used to find your answer. [2]

$y =$

Circle theorem used:



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1. (a) Write 95 048 in words. [1]

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(b) Find the sum of 872 and 59. [1]

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(c) Multiply 250 by 5. [1]

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(d) Work out $\frac{1}{3}$ of 624. [1]

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(e) Write down all the factors of 18. [2]

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The factors of 18 are

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2. (a) One of these fractions can be written as a recurring decimal.
Circle this fraction.

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$$\frac{117}{234}$$

$$\frac{5}{8}$$

$$\frac{13}{65}$$

$$\frac{24}{54}$$

$$\frac{3}{16}$$

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- (b) Which one of the following numbers is a factor of 92?
Circle your answer.

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- (c) Which one of the following numbers is a multiple of 17?
Circle your answer.

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11. (a) Find the Lowest Common Multiple (LCM) of 60 and 72. [2]

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LCM of 60 and 72 is

(b) Express 882 as a product of its prime factors.
Give your answer in index form. [3]

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4. (a) Write down the first 4 multiples of 48. [1]

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(b) Circle the prime number below. [1]

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(c) A number has **exactly** four factors.
Its factors are 1, 3, 13 and the number itself.
What is the number? [1]

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only12. (a) Factorise $8x^2 + 6xy$.

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(b) (i) Factorise $x^2 + 13x + 40$.

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(ii) Explain how you can check that your answer to part (i) is correct.

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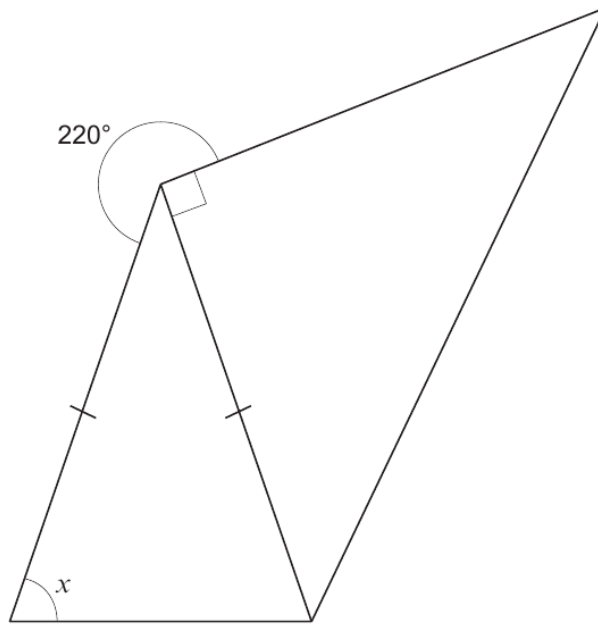


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Calculate the size of angle x .
You must show all your working.

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$x = \text{.....}^\circ$



1. (a) One of the calculations below is incorrect.
Circle the incorrect calculation.

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$$78 + 9952 = 10030$$

$$875 \div 35 = 25$$

$$3685 - 2852 = 833$$

$$452 \times 63 = 28466$$

$$89775 \div 45 = 1995$$

- (b) One of the numbers below is a multiple of 38.
Circle the multiple of 38.

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- (c) Computers cost £432 each.
How many can be bought with £9876?

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3. Using only the numbers in the following list,

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find

(a) the multiple of 5·5, [1]

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The multiple of 5·5 is

(b) the factor of 111. [1]

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The factor of 111 is



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Rhodri has a 6-digit code for his internet bank account.
He remembers the code as three lots of two-digit numbers.

The first two-digit number is a prime number between 25 and 30.
The second two-digit number is a square number between 10 and 20.
The third two-digit number is an odd number that is a multiple of 7 between 20 and 40.

All 6 digits of Rhodri's code are **different**.
What is Rhodri's 6-digit code?

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Rhodri's 6-digit code is:

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5. (a) Write 0.034 35 correct to two significant figures.
Circle your answer.

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0.03 0.033 0.0344 0.034 0.03400

- (b) Convert 6.7 m^2 into cm^2 .
Circle your answer.

[1]

670 6700 67 000 670 000 6700 000

- (c) Factorise $12e + 15$.
Circle your answer.

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$27e$ $3(4e + 5)$ $12(e + 15)$ $5(12e + 3)$ $15(0.8e + 3)$



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6. Find the whole number that satisfies all of the following conditions:
- It is a whole number between 15 and 35 inclusive.
 - The number is a multiple of 2 but not a multiple of 4.
 - 3 is a factor of this number, but 9 is **not** a factor of this number.

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The whole number is

7. Calculate $\frac{15 \cdot 4^2}{14 \cdot 59 - 7 \cdot 67}$, correct to 1 decimal place.

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12. Using only the numbers in the following list,

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find

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The multiple of 5·5 is

(b) the factor of 111. [1]

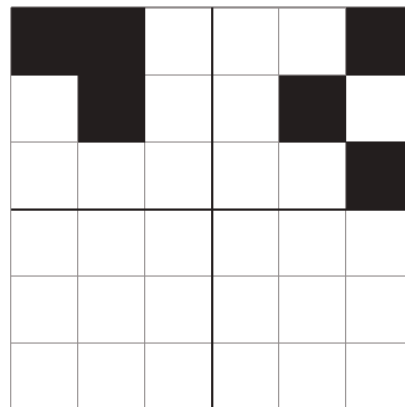
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The factor of 111 is

13. Shade the least number of squares so that the grid has rotational symmetry of order 2. The squares you shade must be in the lower two quadrants. [2]



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14. Two friends, Geraint and Dyfrig, are having a discussion.

(a) Geraint says,

"All prime numbers are odd numbers."

Explain why Geraint is incorrect.

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(b) Dyfrig says,

"All cube numbers are odd numbers."

Explain why Dyfrig is incorrect.

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14. Find the whole number that satisfies all of the following conditions:

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- The number is a multiple of 2 but not a multiple of 4.
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The whole number is

15. Calculate $\frac{15 \cdot 4^2}{14 \cdot 59 - 7 \cdot 67}$, correct to 1 decimal place.

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2. (a) Which **one** of the following fractions can be written as a recurring decimal?
Circle your answer. [1]

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$\frac{1}{4}$

$\frac{1}{6}$

$\frac{1}{8}$

$\frac{1}{10}$

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(b) Which **three** numbers from the list below are prime numbers? [2]

27 31 35 39 43 47 51 55

The three prime numbers are:

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(c) $81 = 3^n$.
Write down the value of n . [1]

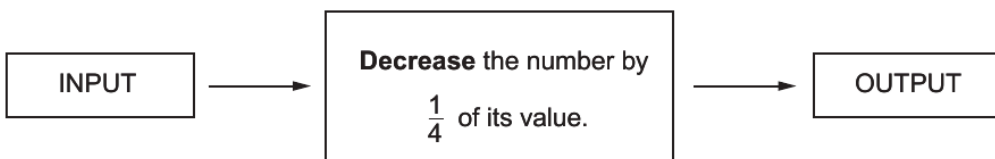
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$n = \dots\dots\dots$



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10. A number machine is shown below.



For a given INPUT number, there will be an OUTPUT number.
The OUTPUT is then put back in the number machine as the next INPUT.
This process is then repeated many times.

The first INPUT number is 512.
What will be the first OUTPUT number that is less than 300?

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11. (a) Solve the equation $7 + 5(x - 2) = 3x + 8$. [3]

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(b) Make f the subject of the formula $h = 13 - 2f$. [2]

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(c) Factorise $15x - 35y$. [1]

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12. (a) Which **one** of the following fractions can be written as a recurring decimal?
Circle your answer.

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$\frac{1}{2}$

$\frac{1}{4}$

$\frac{1}{6}$

$\frac{1}{8}$

$\frac{1}{10}$

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- (b) Which **three** numbers from the list below are prime numbers?

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27 31 35 39 43 47 51 55

The three prime numbers are:

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12. A large number of prize tokens are placed in a box.
The tokens are identical in shape and size.

Gold, Silver, Bronze or *No Prize* is written on each token.

One token is chosen at random from the box.
The table below shows the probability of choosing a *Gold* prize token and the probability of choosing a *Silver* prize token.

Token	Gold	Silver	Bronze	No Prize
Probability	0.02	0.18		

(a) There are three times as many *No Prize* tokens in the box as there are *Bronze* prize tokens.

Complete the table. [2]

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(b) There are 15 *Gold* prize tokens in the box.
How many *Silver* prize tokens are there in the box? [2]

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4. A **decimal** number is written on a card.
You have three clues to help you work out the number on the card.
Clue 1: The number is between 5 and 12 inclusive.
Clue 2: The number is a multiple of 2·3.
Clue 3: The square of the number is greater than 50 but less than 120.

What is the decimal number on the card? [2]

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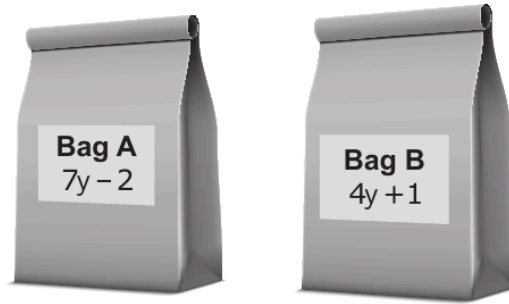
The decimal number on the card =

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8. There are $7y - 2$ counters in Bag A.
There are $4y + 1$ counters in Bag B.



9 counters are added to Bag B.
There are now the same number of counters in each bag.

Form an equation in terms of y .
Solve the equation to find the value of y .
You must show all your working.

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9. A cup contains some tea.
Elsie drinks $\frac{5}{7}$ of the tea.
There are 44 ml of tea left in the cup.
How much tea was in the cup before Elsie drank any?

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9. Write an expression, in terms of x , to represent each of the following.

(a) 5 more than x [1]

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(b) x less than 3 [1]

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(c) half of x [1]

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10. (a) What is 2 litres approximately equal to?
Circle your answer. [1]

2 pints 3 pints 3·5 pints 4·4 pints 200 pints

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(b) What is 32 km approximately equal to?
Circle your answer. [1]

16 miles 20 miles 32 miles 51 miles 64 miles

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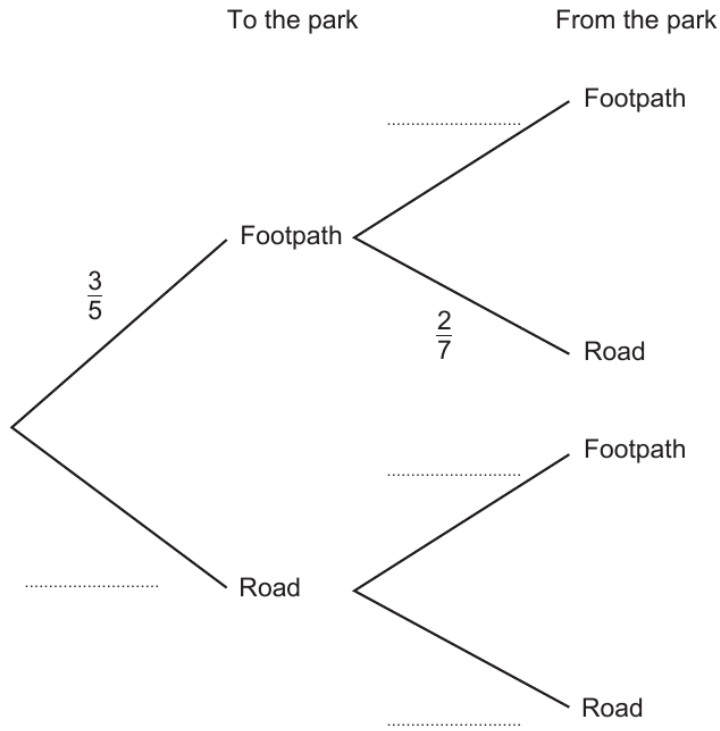
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16. Beti walks her dog to a local park and back home every day. She can either walk along a **footpath** or along a pavement at the side of a **road**. The probability that Beti walks to the park along the footpath is $\frac{3}{5}$. The probability that Beti walks home from the park along the road is $\frac{2}{7}$. Her decisions on which routes to walk to and from the park are independent of each other.

(a) Complete the tree diagram below. [2]



(b) Find the probability that Beti walks to and from the park along the footpath. [2]

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2. (a) There is one square number between 180 and 200.
What is this square number? [1]

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(b) A number has exactly **four** factors.
All of the factors are less than 30.
Three of the factors are 1, 2 and 26.
What is the other factor? [1]

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(c) *In this part of the question, you will be assessed on the quality of your accuracy in writing.*

Which length is exactly halfway between 280 m and 410 m?
You must show all your working. [2 + 1 W]

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5. In a game, each competitor will have 20 attempts at throwing a ball into a bucket. They will get 1 point for every ball that lands in the bucket.

Sioned wants to keep a record of the total points for each competitor. She decides to show the results in a table with the total points recorded in **groups of equal width**.

- (a) She starts to draw a table using five groups, as shown below.

Total points	0 to 3	4 to 7	8 to 11	... to to ...
Number of competitors					

Explain why these groups will not be suitable. [1]

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- (b) Sioned considers using the table shown below. She decides that it is suitable for recording all the total points in **groups of equal width**. Fill in the two missing numbers in the **top** row. [1]

Total points	0 to 6	7 to to 20
Number of competitors			

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- (c) Finally, Sioned decides to use the groups shown in the table below. The results for the first 100 competitors are shown in the table.

Total points	0 to 2	3 to 5	6 to 8	9 to 11	12 to 14	15 to 17	18 to 20
Number of competitors	5	10	17	22	23	12	11

One of these 100 competitors is chosen at random.

- (i) What is the probability that this competitor scored 6, 7 or 8 points? [1]

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- (ii) Explain why the following statement may be incorrect. [1]

The probability that this competitor scored 19 points is $\frac{11}{100}$.

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17. Factorise $x^2 + 3x - 40$, and hence solve $x^2 + 3x - 40 = 0$.

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18. a and b are two numbers, where $b > a$.

The mean of the two numbers is equal to the range of the two numbers.

Show that $3a = b$.

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6. (a) Solve each of the following equations.

(i) $3y - 5 = 19$

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(ii) $7(2t + 3) = 56$

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(iii) $8p + 5 = 3p - 25$

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(b) Factorise $w^2 - 6w$.

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9. Calculate the area of the trapezium shown below. You must give the units of your answer.

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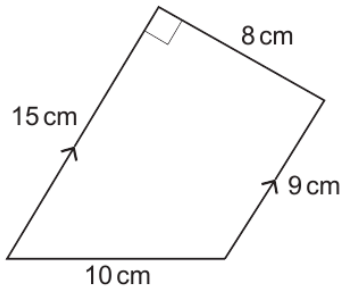


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10. Express 945 as a product of its prime factors in index form.

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16. A rectangle has length $(x + 5)$ cm and width $(x + 3)$ cm.
The area of the rectangle is 120 cm^2 .

(a) Show that $x^2 + 8x - 105 = 0$. [2]

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(b) Factorise $x^2 + 8x - 105$, and hence solve $x^2 + 8x - 105 = 0$. [3]

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(c) Use your solutions from part (b) to find the dimensions of the rectangle.
You must justify any decisions that you make. [2]

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Length of rectangle = cm

Width of rectangle = cm

