

# The Bridge to A level Mathematics



This pack contains a programme of activities and resources to prepare you to start A level Maths in September.

It is aimed to be used after you complete your GCSE and over the summer holidays to ensure you are ready to start your course in September.

The resources include:

1. Links with activities on five websites where you can research the topics you will be exploring in your sixth form courses and get a flavour of mathematics beyond GCSE.
2. 10 key pre-knowledge topics that will help you to be successful in your course. The topics covered are a mixture of GCSE topics, and topics which extend GCSE but which will be very useful on your A level course.
3. A diagnostic assessment that will test your key knowledge of these 10 topics, with worked solutions.
4. Suggested hegartymaths clips to help you with those topics with which you are having difficulty.
5. A second assessment which you will need to bring to the first lesson in September.
6. After two weeks you will be required to sit an **Induction Test**, based on this material. This will determine whether A level Mathematics is the right course for you.

## Websites

**NRich**

<http://nrich.maths.org/secondary-upper>

**Mathwire**

<http://mathwire.com/archives/enrichment.html>

**The History of Maths – Wikipedia**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\\_of\\_mathematics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_mathematics)

**The History of Maths – Youtube video**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cy-8IPVKLlo>

**Exam Solutions – Edexcel (this is really useful once you've started the course)**

<https://www.examsolutions.net>

## 10 key Topics

- 1 Solving quadratic equations
- 2 Changing the subject
- 3 Simultaneous equations
- 4 Surds
- 5 Indices
- 6 Properties of Lines
- 7 Sketching curves
- 8 Transformation of functions
- 9 Trigonometric ratios
- 10 Sine / Cosine Rule

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**Diagnosis Questions**

## 1 Solving quadratic equations (hegarty 230-242)

### Question 1 (hegarty 230-234)

Solve  $x^2 + 6x + 8 = 0$  (2)

### Question 2 (hegarty 230-234)

Solve the equation  $y^2 - 7y + 12 = 0$

Hence solve the equation  $x^4 - 7x^2 + 12 = 0$  (4)

### Question 3 (hegarty 235-237, 255-256)

(i) Express  $x^2 - 6x + 2$  in the form  $(x-a)^2 - b$  (3)

(ii) State the coordinates of the minimum value on the graph of  $y = x^2 - 6x + 2$  (1)

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## 2 Changing the subject (hegarty 280-286)

### Question 1 (hegarty 284)

Make  $v$  the subject of the formula  $E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$  (3)

### Question 2 (hegarty 284)

Make  $r$  the subject of the formula  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^2$  (3)

### Question 3 (hegarty 283)

Make  $c$  the subject of the formula  $P = \frac{c}{c+4}$  (4)

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**3**                    **Simultaneous equations** (hegarty 190-195, 218-219 and 246)

**Question 1 (hegarty 218-219)**

Find the coordinates of the point of intersection of the lines  $y = 3x + 1$  and  $x + 3y = 6$  (3)

**Question 2 (hegarty 218-219)**

Find the coordinates of the point of intersection of the lines  $5x + 2y = 20$  and  $y = 5 - x$  (3)

**Question 3 (hegarty 246)**

Solve the simultaneous equations

$$x^2 + y^2 = 5$$

$$y = 3x + 1$$

(4)

**Total / 10**

**4**                    **Surds** (hegarty 113-120)

**Question 1**

(i) Simplify  $(3 + \sqrt{2})(3 - \sqrt{2})$  (hegarty 116-117) (2)

(ii) Express  $\frac{1 + \sqrt{2}}{3 - \sqrt{2}}$  in the form  $a + b\sqrt{2}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are rational (hegarty 118-119) (3)

**Question 2**

(i) Simplify  $5\sqrt{8} + 4\sqrt{50}$ . Express your answer in the form  $a\sqrt{b}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers and  $b$  is as small as possible. (hegarty 115) (2)

(ii) Express  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6 - \sqrt{3}}$  in the form  $p + q\sqrt{3}$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are rational (hegarty 118-119) (3)

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**5**                    **Indices (hegarty 102-110)**

**Question 1**

Simplify the following

- (i)      $a^0$  (1)
- (ii)     $a^6 \div a^{-2}$  (1)
- (iii)    $(9a^6b^2)^{-0.5}$  (3)

**Question 2**

- (i)     Find the value of  $\left(\frac{1}{25}\right)^{-0.5}$  (2)
- (ii)    Simplify  $\frac{(2x^2y^3z)^5}{4y^2z}$  (3)

**Total / 10**

**6**                    **Properties of Lines (hegarty 206-220)**

**Question 1 (hegarty 215-216)**

A (0,2), B (7,9) and C (6,10) are three points.

- (i)     Show that AB and BC are perpendicular (3)
- (ii)    Find the length of AC (2)

**Question 2 (hegarty 206-220)**

Find, in the form  $y = mx + c$ , the equation of the line passing through A (3,7) and B (5,-1).

Show that the midpoint of AB lies on the line  $x + 2y = 10$  (5)

**Total / 10**

**7**                    **Sketching curves** (hegarty 252-257, 800-801, 299-301)

**Question 1 (hegarty 299)**

In the cubic polynomial  $f(x)$ , the coefficient of  $x^3$  is 1. The roots of  $f(x) = 0$  are -1, 2 and 5.

Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$

(3)

**Question 2 (hegarty 252-257)**

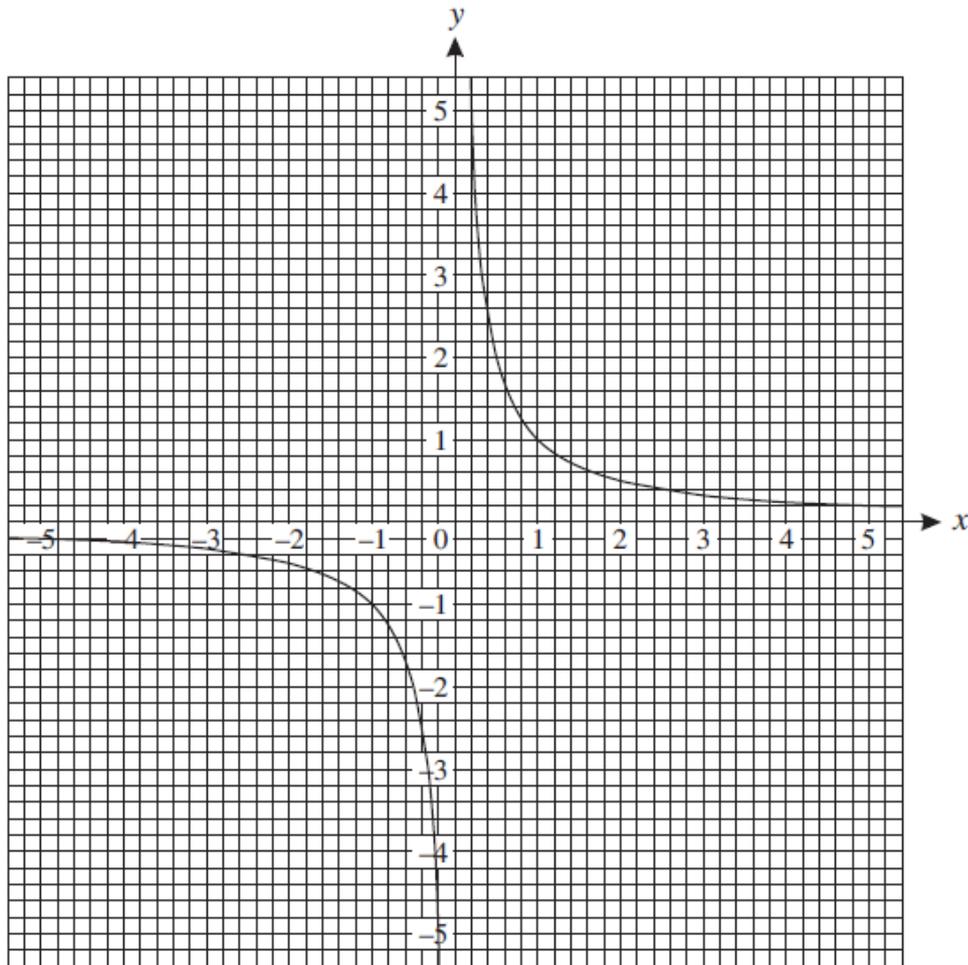
Sketch the graph of  $y = 9 - x^2$

(3)

**Question 3 (hegarty 300-301)**

The graph below shows the graph of  $y = \frac{1}{x}$

On the same axes plot the graph of  $y = x^2 - 5x + 5$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 5$



(4)

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**Transformation of functions (hegarty 307-313)****Question 1**

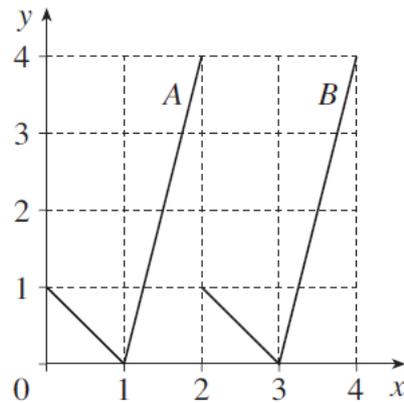
The curve  $y = x^2 - 4$  is translated by  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Write down an equation for the translated curve. You need not simplify your answer.

(2)

**Question 2**

This diagram shows graphs A and B.



(i) State the transformation which maps graph A onto graph B

(2)

(ii) The equation of graph A is  $y = f(x)$ .

Which one of the following is the equation of graph B ?

$y = f(x) + 2$

$y = f(x) - 2$

$y = f(x+2)$

$y = f(x-2)$

$y = 2f(x)$

$y = f(x+3)$

$y = f(x-3)$

$y = 3f(x)$

(2)

**Question 3**

(i) Describe the transformation which maps the curve  $y = x^2$  onto the curve  $y = (x+4)^2$

(2)

(ii) Sketch the graph of  $y = x^2 - 4$

(2)

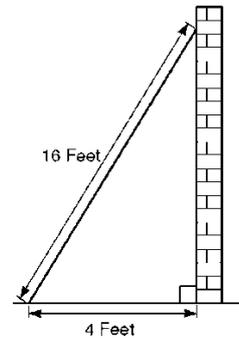
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**9**                    **Trigonometric ratios**    **(hegarty 509-515, 845-853, 303-306)**

**Question 1 (hegarty 509-515)**

Sidney places the foot of his ladder on horizontal ground and the top against a vertical wall.

The ladder is 16 feet long.



The foot of the ladder is 4 feet from the base of the wall.

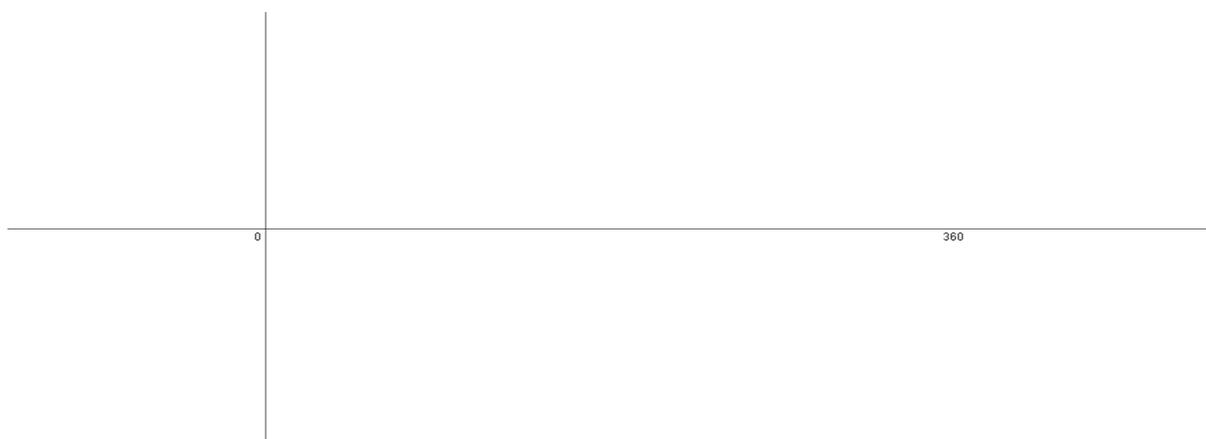
- (i)    Work out how high up the wall the ladder reaches. Give your answer to 3 significant figures. (2)
- (ii)   Work out the angle the base of the ladder makes with the ground. Give your answer to 3 significant figures (2)

**Question 2 (hegarty 306, 845-853)**

Given that  $\cos \Theta = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\Theta$  is acute, find the exact value of  $\tan \Theta$  (3)

**Question 3 (hegarty 303-305)**

Sketch the graph of  $y = \cos x$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$



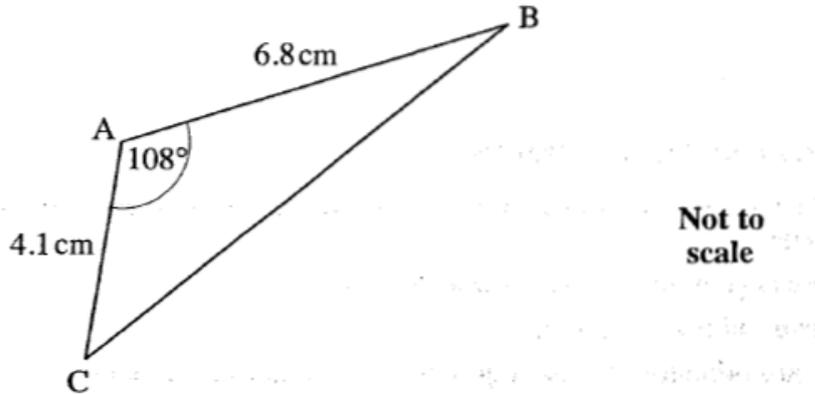
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**Sine / Cosine Rule** (hegarty 520-530, 531-533)

**Question 1** (hegarty 520-530, 532-533)

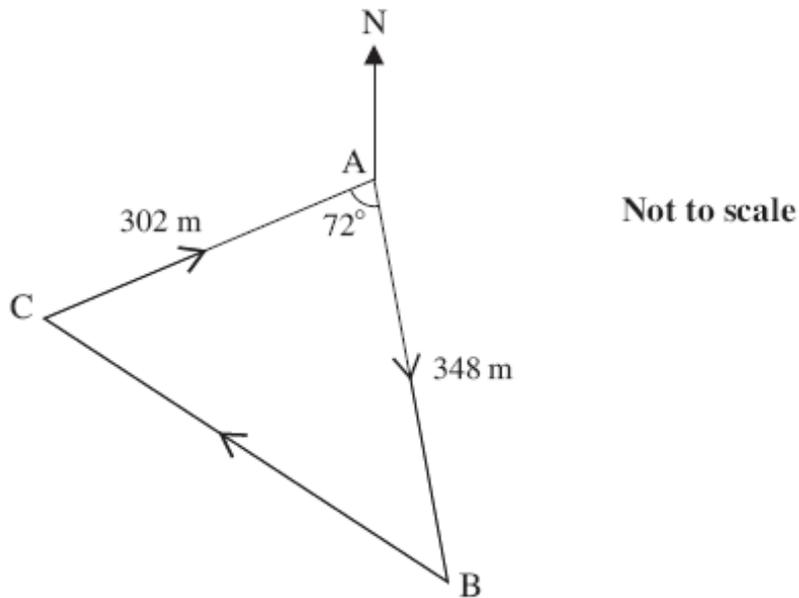


For triangle ABC, calculate

- (i) the length of BC (3)
- (ii) the area of triangle ABC (3)

**Question 2** (hegarty 531)

The course for a yacht race is a triangle as shown in the diagram below. The yachts start at A, then travel to B, then to C and finally back to A.



Calculate the total length of the course for this race. (4)

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**Diagnosis Worked  
Solutions**

# 1 Solving quadratic equations (hegarty 230-242)

## Question 1 (hegarty clips 230-234)

Solve  $x^2 + 6x + 8 = 0$

$(x + 2)(x + 4) = 0$

$x = -2$  or  $-4$

(2)

## Question 2 (hegarty clips 230-234)

Solve the equation  $y^2 - 7y + 12 = 0$

Hence solve the equation  $x^4 - 7x^2 + 12 = 0$

$y^2 - 7y + 12 = 0$

$(y - 3)(y - 4) = 0 \rightarrow \underline{y = 3}$  or  $\underline{y = 4}$

$x^4 - 7x^2 + 12 = 0 \rightarrow$  let  $x^2 = y$

$(x^2)^2 - 7x^2 + 12 = 0 \rightarrow y^2 - 7y + 12 = 0 \rightarrow y = 3$  or  $y = 4$

$\rightarrow x^2 = 3$  or  $x^2 = 4$

$\rightarrow \underline{x = \pm\sqrt{3}}$  or  $\underline{x = \pm 2}$

(4)

## Question 3 (hegarty 235-237, 255-256)

(i) Express  $x^2 - 6x + 2$  in the form  $(x-a)^2 - b$

$x^2 - 6x + 2 = (x - 3)^2 - 9 + 2$   
 $= \underline{(x - 3)^2 - 7}$

(3)

(ii) State the coordinates of the minimum value on the graph of  $y = x^2 - 6x + 2$

Minimum point of  $x^2 - 6x + 2$  is therefore  $\underline{(3, -7)}$

(1)

Total / 10



## 2 Changing the subject (hegarty 280-286)

### Question 1 (hegarty 284)

Make  $v$  the subject of the formula  $E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2E = mv^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2E}{m} = v^2$$

$$\pm \sqrt{\frac{2E}{m}} = v$$

(3)

### Question 2 (hegarty 284)

Make  $r$  the subject of the formula  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

$$3V = 4\pi r^3$$

$$\frac{3V}{4\pi} = r^3$$

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{3V}{4\pi}} = r$$

get rid of fractions

make  $r^3$  the subject.

cube both sides

(3)

### Question 3 (hegarty 283)

Make  $c$  the subject of the formula  $P = \frac{c}{c+4}$

$$P = \frac{c}{c+4}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(c+4) = c$$

$$\Rightarrow Pc + 4P = c$$

$$Pc + 4P - c = 0$$

$$Pc - c = -4P$$

$$c(P-1) = -4P$$

$$c = \frac{-4P}{P-1}$$

Get rid of fractions

Expand brackets

Get terms with  $c$  on L.H.S., other terms on R.H.S.

Factorise.

Divide

$$\left( = \frac{4P}{1-P} \right)$$

(4)

Total / 10



### 3 Simultaneous equations (hegarty 190-195, 218-219 and 246)

#### Question 1 (hegarty 218-219)

Find the coordinates of the point of intersection of the lines  $y = 3x + 1$  and  $x + 3y = 6$

$$y = 3x + 1 \text{ and } x + 3y = 6$$

$$x + 3(3x + 1) = 6$$

$$x + 9x + 3 = 6$$

$$10x = 3$$

$$x = \frac{3}{10}$$

$$y = 3\left(\frac{3}{10}\right) + 1$$

$$= \frac{9}{10} + 1$$

$$= 1\frac{9}{10}$$

$\left(\frac{3}{10}, 1\frac{9}{10}\right)$  or  $(0.3, 1.9)$  (3)

(3)

#### Question 2 (hegarty 218-219)

Find the coordinates of the point of intersection of the lines  $5x + 2y = 20$  and  $y = 5 - x$

(iii)  $5x + 2y = 20$  &  $y = 5 - x$

Solving simultaneously

$$5x + 2(5 - x) = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x + 10 - 2x = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{10}{3}, y = 5 - \frac{10}{3} = \frac{5}{3}$$

Note - if you round these fractions to decimals (10.3, 1.7) you lose a mark.

Pt. of intersection is  $\left(\frac{10}{3}, \frac{5}{3}\right)$  (A2)

(3)

#### Question 3 (hegarty 246)

Solve the simultaneous equations

$$x^2 + y^2 = 5$$

$$y = 3x + 1$$

Sub in  $y = 3x + 1$  into equation 2.

$$x^2 + (3x + 1)^2 = 5$$

$$x^2 + (3x + 1)(3x + 1) = 5$$

$$x^2 + 9x^2 + 3x + 3x + 1 = 5$$

$$10x^2 + 6x + 1 = 5$$

$$10x^2 + 6x - 4 = 0$$

$$(\div 2)$$

$$5x^2 + 3x - 2 = 0$$

$$(5x - 2)(x + 1) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{2}{5} \text{ or } x = -1$$

When  $x = \frac{2}{5}$

$$y = \left(3 \times \frac{2}{5}\right) + 1$$

$$= \frac{6}{5} + \frac{5}{5} = \frac{11}{5}$$

When  $x = -1$

$$y = (3 \times -1) + 1$$

$$= -3 + 1$$

$$= -2$$

(4)

Total / 10



## 4 Surds (hegarty 113-120)

### Question 1

(i) Simplify  $(3 + \sqrt{2})(3 - \sqrt{2})$  (hegarty 116-117)

$$\begin{aligned} & (3 + \sqrt{2})(3 - \sqrt{2}) \\ &= 3^2 + 3\sqrt{2} - 3\sqrt{2} - (\sqrt{2})^2 \\ &= 9 - 2 \\ &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

(2)

(ii) Express  $\frac{1 + \sqrt{2}}{3 - \sqrt{2}}$  in the form  $a + b\sqrt{2}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are rational (hegarty 118-119)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(1 + \sqrt{2})}{(3 - \sqrt{2})} &= \frac{(1 + \sqrt{2})(3 + \sqrt{2})}{(3 - \sqrt{2})(3 + \sqrt{2})} \\ &= \frac{3 + \sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{2} + (\sqrt{2})^2}{7} \\ &= \frac{3 + 4\sqrt{2} + 2}{7} \\ &= \frac{5}{7} + \frac{4}{7}\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

To rationalise a denominator of form  $(x + \sqrt{y})$  multiply top + bottom by  $(x - \sqrt{y})$

(3)

### Question 2

(i) Simplify  $5\sqrt{8} + 4\sqrt{50}$ . Express your answer in the form  $a\sqrt{b}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers and  $b$  is as small as possible. (hegarty 115)

$$\begin{aligned} & (i) \quad 5\sqrt{8} + 4\sqrt{50} \\ &= 5\sqrt{4}\sqrt{2} + 4\sqrt{25}\sqrt{2} \\ &= 5 \times 2\sqrt{2} + 4 \times 5\sqrt{2} \\ &= 10\sqrt{2} + 20\sqrt{2} \\ &= 30\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

Always look for square number factors

(2)

(ii) Express  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6 - \sqrt{3}}$  in the form  $p + q\sqrt{3}$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are rational (hegarty 118-119)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6 - \sqrt{3}} &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6 - \sqrt{3}} \times \frac{(6 + \sqrt{3})}{(6 + \sqrt{3})} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3} \times 6 + \sqrt{3}\sqrt{3}}{6^2 - (\sqrt{3})^2} \\ &= \frac{6\sqrt{3} + 3}{36 - 3} \\ &= \frac{3 + 6\sqrt{3}}{33} \\ &= \frac{3}{33} + \frac{6}{33}\sqrt{3} \\ &= \frac{1}{11} + \frac{2}{11}\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

(3)

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**5**                    **Indices**            **(hegarty 102-110)**

**Question 1**

Simplify the following

- (i)      $a^0$  (1)
- (ii)    $a^6 \div a^{-2}$  (1)
- (iii)    $(9a^6b^2)^{-0.5}$  (3)

(i)      $a^0 = 1$

(ii)     $a^6 \div a^{-2} = a^{6-(-2)}$   
            $= a^8$

(iii)    $(9a^6b^2)^{-1/2} = (3^2a^6b^2)^{-1/2}$   
            $= \underline{3^{-1}a^{-3}b^{-1}}$                      $(= \frac{1}{3a^3b})$

**Question 2**

- (i)     Find the value of  $(\frac{1}{25})^{-0.5}$  (2)
- (ii)    Simplify  $\frac{(2x^2y^3z)^5}{4y^2z}$  (3)

i)  $(\frac{1}{25})^{-1/2} = (25)^{1/2} = \sqrt{25} = \underline{\underline{\pm 5}}$

ii)  $\frac{(2x^2y^3z)^5}{4y^2z} = \frac{2^5x^{10}y^{15}z^5}{2^2y^2z^1}$   
        $= 2^{5-2}x^{10}y^{15-2}z^{5-1}$   
        $= 2^3x^{10}y^{13}z^4 = \underline{\underline{8x^{10}y^{13}z^4}}$

**Total / 10**



## 6 Properties of Lines (hegarty 206-220)

### Question 1 (hegarty 215-216)

A (0,2), B (7,9) and C (6,10) are three points.

- (i) Show that AB and BC are perpendicular

$$\text{Grad of AB} = \frac{9-2}{7-0} = 1$$

$$\text{Grad of BC} = \frac{10-9}{6-7} = -1$$

**Product of gradients =  $1 \times -1 = -1 \rightarrow$  AB and BC perpendicular**

- (ii) Find the length of AC

$$(6-0)^2 + (10-2)^2 = AC^2$$

$$AC = 10$$

(3)

### Question 2 (hegarty 206-220)

Find, in the form  $y = mx + c$ , the equation of the line passing through A (3,7) and B (5,-1).

Show that the midpoint of AB lies on the line  $x + 2y = 10$

$$m = \frac{-1-7}{5-3} = \frac{-8}{2} = -4$$

$$y = -4x + c$$

Substitute in (3,7)

[5,-1] would do equally as well

$$7 = -4 \times 3 + c$$

$$\Rightarrow 19 = c$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{y = -4x + 19}$$

$$\text{Midpoint of AB} = \underline{(4, 3)}$$

Sub. in to  $x + 2y = 10$  & show that equation is true.

$$\underline{4 + 2 \times 3 = 4 + 6 = 10} \quad \text{TRUE.}$$

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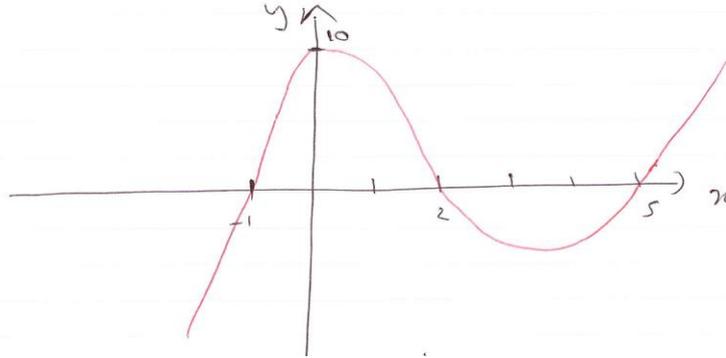
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7 **Sketching curves** (hegarty 252-257, 800-801, 299-301)

**Question 1** (hegarty 299)

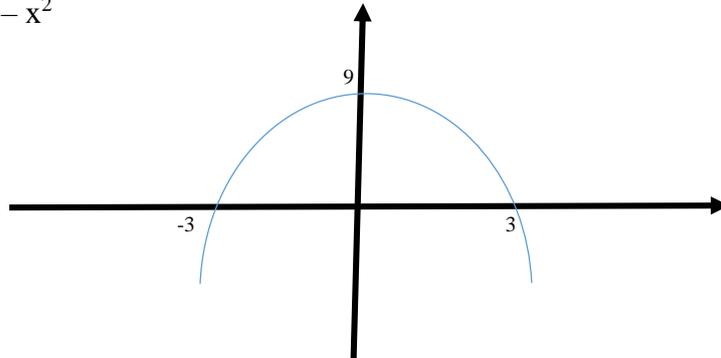
In the cubic polynomial  $f(x)$ , the coefficient of  $x^3$  is 1. The roots of  $f(x) = 0$  are -1, 2 and 5. Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$



(3)

**Question 2** (hegarty 252-257)

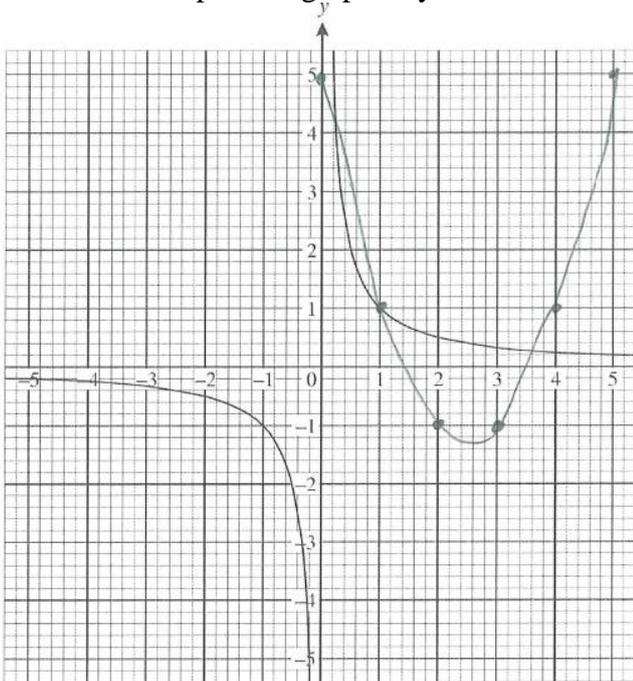
Sketch the graph of  $y = 9 - x^2$



(3)

**Question 3** (hegarty 301)

The graph below shows the graph of  $y = \frac{1}{x}$ . On the same axes plot the graph of  $y = x^2 - 5x + 5$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 5$



$x$	0	1	2	3	4	5
$x^2$	0	1	4	9	16	25
$-5x$	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25
$+5$	$+5$	$+5$	$+5$	$+5$	$+5$	$+5$
$y$	5	1	-1	-1	1	5

(4)



**8 Transformation of functions (hegarty 307-313)**

**Question 1**

The curve  $y = x^2 - 4$  is translated by  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

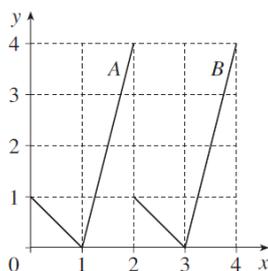
Write down an equation for the translated curve. You need not simplify your answer.

$y = (x-2)^2 - 4$

(2)

**Question 2**

This diagram shows graphs A and B.



(i) State the transformation which maps graph A onto graph B

A movement of 2 to the right is a translation of  $\begin{pmatrix} +2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

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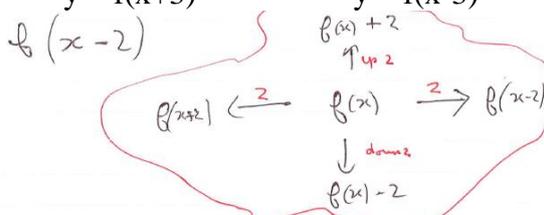
(ii) The equation of graph A is  $y = f(x)$ . Which one of the following is the equation of graph B ?

$y = f(x) + 2$   
 $y = 2f(x)$

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

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

$y = f(x-2)$   
 $y = 3f(x)$



Answer  $f(x-2)$

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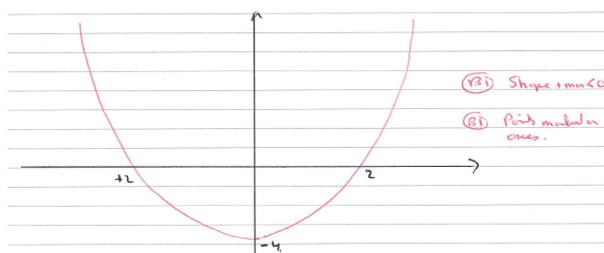
**Question 3**

(i) Describe the transformation which maps the curve  $y = x^2$  onto the curve  $y = (x+4)^2$

• Translation (31)  
•  $\begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  (or 4 units to the left) (31)

(2)

(ii) Sketch the graph of  $y = x^2 - 4$



(31) Shape + min < 0  
(31) Pick marker on axes.

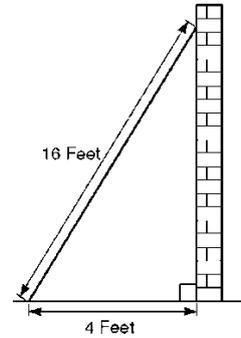
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The foot of the ladder is 4 feet from the base of the wall.

(i) Work out how high up the wall the ladder reaches. Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

$$\sqrt{16^2 - 4^2}$$

$$\sqrt{256 - 16} \quad \text{correct substitution (M1)}$$

$$\sqrt{240}$$

$$15.49$$

$$15.5 \text{ (3sf)} \quad \text{(A1)}$$

(2)

(ii) Work out the angle the base of the ladder makes with the ground. Give your answer to 3 sig fig

$$\cos x = \frac{4}{16} \quad \text{correct ratio and substitution (M1)}$$

$$\cos x = 0.25$$

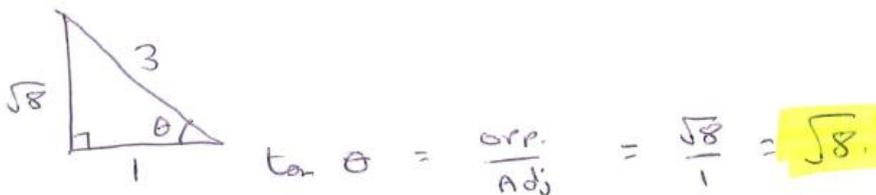
$$x = 75.522$$

$$x = 75.5^\circ \quad \text{(A1)}$$

(2)

**Question 2 (hegarty 306, 845-853)**

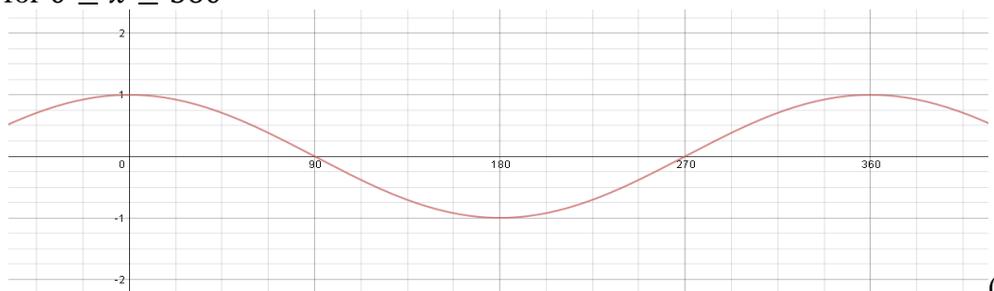
Given that  $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\theta$  is acute, find the exact value of  $\tan \theta$



(3)

**Question 3 (hegarty 303-305)**

Sketch the graph of  $y = \cos x$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$

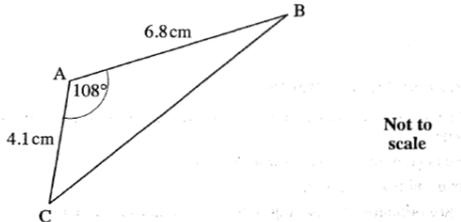


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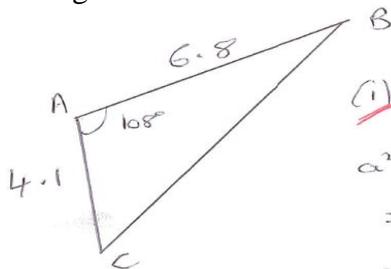
**10 Sine / Cosine Rule (hegarty 520-530, 531-533)**

**Question 1 (hegarty 520-530, 532-533)**



For triangle ABC, calculate

(i) the length of BC



(i) By the Cosine Rule,

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

$$= 6.8^2 + 4.1^2 - 2 \times 6.8 \times 4.1 \times \cos 108$$

$$= 63.05 - - 17.23$$

$$= 80.28$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \sqrt{80.28} = 8.960$$

(3)

(ii) the area of triangle ABC

Area of a Triangle

$$= \frac{1}{2} ab \sin C$$

*(Note: A diagram shows two sides and an included angle, with the text '2 sides + included angle' written next to it.)*

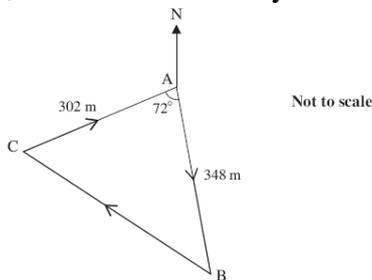
$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 4.1 \times 6.8 \times \sin 108$$

$$= 13.26$$

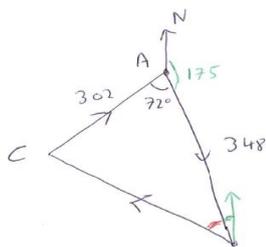
(3)

**Question 2 (hegarty 531)**

The course for a yacht race is a triangle as shown in the diagram below. The yachts start at A, then travel to B, then to C and finally back to A.



Calculate the total length of the course for this race.



Use the Cosine Rule to find CB

$$CB^2 = 302^2 + 348^2 - 2 \times 302 \times 348 \times \cos 72$$

$$CB = 384$$

Total length = 384 + 650 = 1034m

(4)

Total / 10



## Year 12 transition course

As you transition from Year 11 to Year 12, it is very important to refresh your memory on certain core mathematical skills. Moreover, it is vital that you have a sound understanding of some more difficult skills. In the tables below, you will find **180 skills** that you should be confident with as you start Year 12. Get 100% on each and use the videos if you are stuck.

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## 1 Solving quadratic equations

### Question 1

Find the real roots of the equation  $x^4 - 5x^2 - 36 = 0$  by considering it as a quadratic equation in  $x^2$  (4)

### Question 2

(i) Write  $4x^2 - 24x + 27$  in the form of  $a(x - b)^2 + c$  (4)

(ii) State the coordinates of the minimum point on the curve  $y = 4x^2 - 24x + 27$ . (2)

**Total / 10**

## 2 Changing the Subject

### Question 1

Make  $t$  the subject of the formula  $s = \frac{1}{2}at^2$  (3)

### Question 2

Make  $x$  the subject of  $3x - 5y = y - mx$  (3)

### Question 3

Make  $x$  the subject of the equation  $y = \frac{x+3}{x-2}$  (4)

**Total / 10**

### 3 Simultaneous equations

#### Question 1

Find the coordinates of the point of intersection of the lines  $x + 2y = 5$  and  $y = 5x - 1$  (3)

#### Question 2

The lines  $y = 5x - a$  and  $y = 2x + 18$  meet at the point  $(7, b)$ .

Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ . (3)

#### Question 3

A line and a curve has the following equations :

$$3x + 2y = 7$$

$$y = x^2 - 2x + 3$$

Find the coordinates of the points of intersection of the line and the curve by solving these simultaneous equations algebraically (4)

**Total / 10**

### 4 Surds

#### Question 1

(i) Simplify  $\sqrt{24} + \sqrt{6}$  (2)

(ii) Express  $\frac{36}{5 - \sqrt{7}}$  in the form  $a + b\sqrt{7}$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers. (3)

#### Question 2

(i) Simplify  $6\sqrt{2} \times 5\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{24}$  (2)

(ii) Express  $(2 - 3\sqrt{5})^2$  in the form  $a + b\sqrt{5}$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers. (3)

**Total / 10**

## 5 Indices

### Question 1

Find the value of the following.

(i)  $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-2}$

(2)

(ii)  $16^{\frac{3}{4}}$

(2)

### Question 2

(i) Find  $a$ , given that  $a^3 = 64x^{12}y^3$

(2)

(ii)  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-5}$

(2)

### Question 3

Simplify  $\frac{16^{\frac{1}{2}}}{81^{\frac{3}{4}}}$

(2)

**Total / 10**

## 6 Properties of Lines

### Question 1

The points A (-1,6), B (1,0) and C (13,4) are joined by straight lines. Prove that AB and BC are perpendicular.

(2)

### Question 2

A and B are points with coordinates (-1,4) and (7,8) respectively. Find the coordinates of the midpoint, M, of AB.

(1)

### Question 3

A line has gradient -4 and passes through the point (2,-6). Find the coordinates of its points of intersection with the axes.

(4)

### Question 4

Find the equation of the line which is parallel to  $y = 3x + 1$  and which passes through the point with coordinates (4,5).

(3)

**Total / 10**

7 **Sketching curves**

**Question 1**

You are given that  $f(x) = (x + 1)(x - 2)(x - 4)$

Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$

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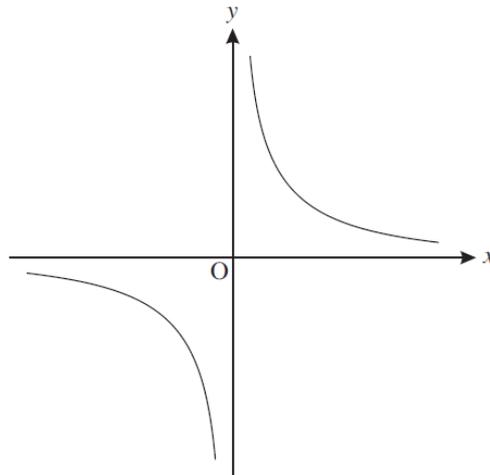
**Question 2**

Sketch the graph of  $y = x(x - 3)^2$

(3)

**Question 3**

This diagram shows a sketch of the graph of  $y = \frac{1}{x}$

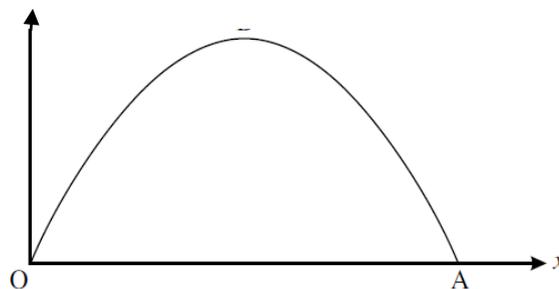


Sketch the graph of  $y = \frac{1}{x-2}$ , showing clearly any points where it crosses the axes.

(3)

**Question 4**

This curve has equation  $y = \frac{1}{5}x(10 - x)$ . State the value of  $x$  at the point A.



(1)

**Total / 10**

## 8 Transformation of functions

### Question 1

The graph of  $y = x^2 - 8x + 25$  is translated by  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -20 \end{pmatrix}$ . State an equation for the resultant graph. (1)

### Question 2

$$f(x) = x^3 - 5x + 2$$

Show that  $f(x - 3) = x^3 - 9x^2 + 22x - 10$  (4)

### Question 3

$$\text{You are given that } f(x) = 2x^3 + 7x^2 - 7x - 12$$

Show that  $f(x - 4) = 2x^3 - 17x^2 + 33x$  (3)

### Question 4

$$\text{You are given that } f(x) = (x + 1)(x - 2)(x - 4).$$

The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is translated by  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

State an equation for the resulting graph. You need not simplify your answer. (2)

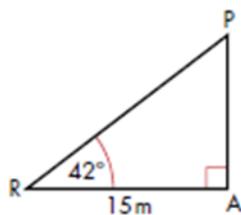
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Trigonometric ratios

**Question 1**

AP is a telephone pole. The angle of elevation of the top of the pole from the point R on the ground is  $42^\circ$  as seen in the diagram.



Calculate the height of the pole. Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

(3)

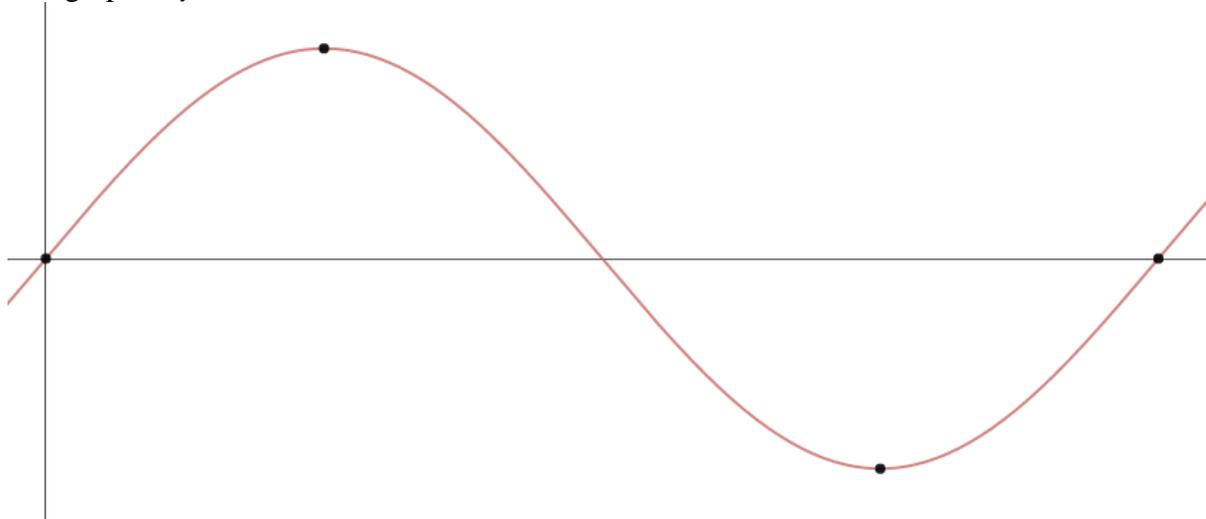
**Question 2**

Given that  $\sin \Theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$ , find in surd form the possible values of  $\cos \Theta$ .

(3)

**Question 3**

The graph of  $y = \sin x$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$  is shown below.



What are the coordinates of the 4 points labelled on the graph?

- (....., .....)
- (....., .....)
- (....., .....)
- (....., .....)

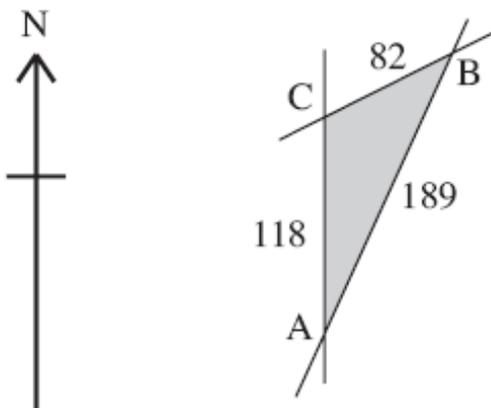
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## 10 Sine / Cosine Rule

### Question 1

This diagram shows a village green which is bordered by 3 straight roads AB, BC and AC. The road AC runs due North and the measurements are shown in metres.



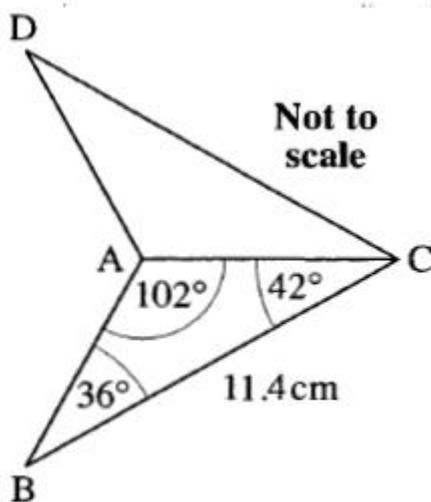
**Not to scale**

- (i) Calculate the bearing of B from C, giving your answer to the nearest  $0.1^\circ$  (4)
- (ii) Calculate the area of the village green. (2)

### Question 2

This diagram shows a logo ABCD. It is symmetrical about AC.

Find the length of AB and hence find the area of the logo



(4)

**Total / 10**

