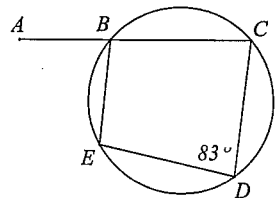


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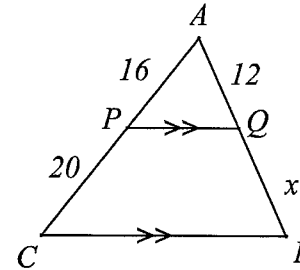
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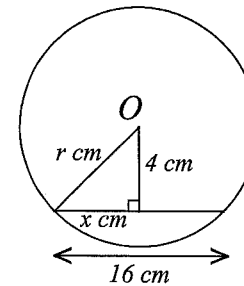
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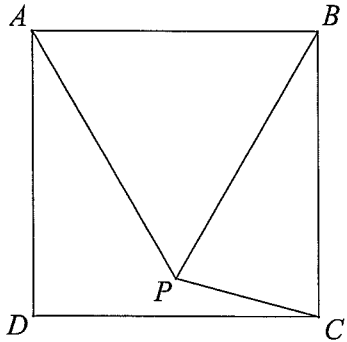


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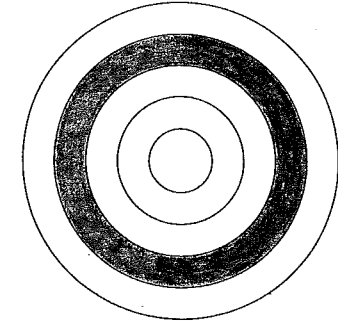
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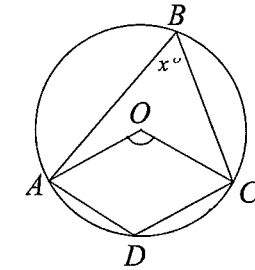
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SECTION E (12 Marks)

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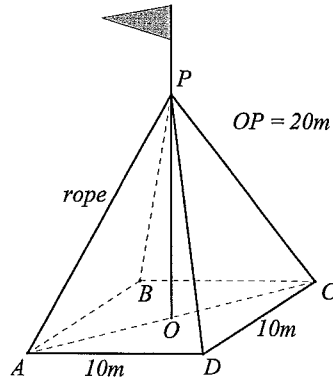
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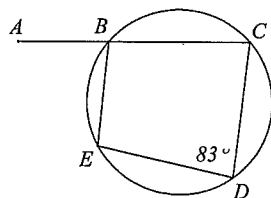
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Year 9 Half Yearly Examination 2008 - SOLUTIONS

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 $0.75N$ or $\frac{3}{4}N$
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 $R = \frac{4\sqrt{6}}{4 + \sqrt{6}}$
 $= 1.5$ (to 1 d.p.)
- (3) The volume of a cylinder is given by the formula $V = \pi r^2 h$. Rewrite the formula with h as the subject.
 $h = \frac{V}{\pi r^2}$
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 $12 - 4c - c^2 = (6 + c)(2 - c)$
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 $5\sqrt{24} = 5 \times 2\sqrt{6}$
 $= 10\sqrt{6}$
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 A cyclic quadrilateral has its 4 vertices on the circumference of a circle.
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 $8^{\frac{1}{2}} = 16$
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 $3^0 + 3^{-2} = 1\frac{1}{9}$
- (9) Solve for x : $2^x = \frac{1}{8}$.
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$\angle ABE = 83^\circ$ (exterior angle of a cyclic quadrilateral equals its opposite interior angle)

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- (11) Solve for y : $5\sqrt{y} = 3$.

$$5\sqrt{y} = 3$$

$$25y = 9$$

$$y = \frac{9}{25}$$

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- (12) Expand $-3(5 - 2t)$.
 $-3(5 - 2t) = -15 + 6t$

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 $t^3 + 1000 = (t + 10)(t^2 - 10t + 100)$

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 Prob. = $\frac{7}{8}$

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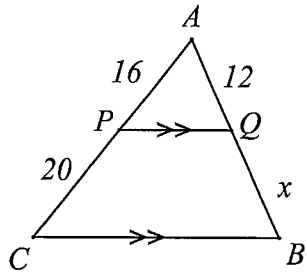
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 $1-3p=11+2p$
 $-5p=10$
 $p=-2$

- (3) Find the value of x giving reasons.



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x}{12} &= \frac{20}{16} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{interval parallel to a side of a} \\ \text{triangle divides other two sides} \\ \text{in the same ratio} \end{array} \right) \\ x &= \frac{20 \times 12}{16} \\ &= 15 \end{aligned}$$

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 $2k-1 = \pm 5$
 $2k = -4$ or 6
 $k = -2$ or 3

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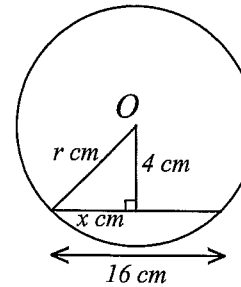
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$$\begin{aligned} H &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \right) \\ 2H &= \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \\ \frac{1}{x} &= 2H - \frac{1}{y} \\ &= \frac{2Hy-1}{y} \\ x &= \frac{y}{2Hy-1} \end{aligned}$$

- (6) A 16cm chord is drawn in a circle. If the shortest distance between the chord and the centre of the circle is 4cm, find the exact length of the radius of the circle giving reasons.



Shortest distance from point to line is perpendicular distance.
 $x = 8$ cm (radius perpendicular to chord bisects the chord)
 $r^2 = 8^2 + 4^2$ (Pythagoras' Theorem)
 $r^2 = 80$
 $r = \sqrt{80}$
 radius = $\sqrt{80}$ cm (or $4\sqrt{5}$ cm)

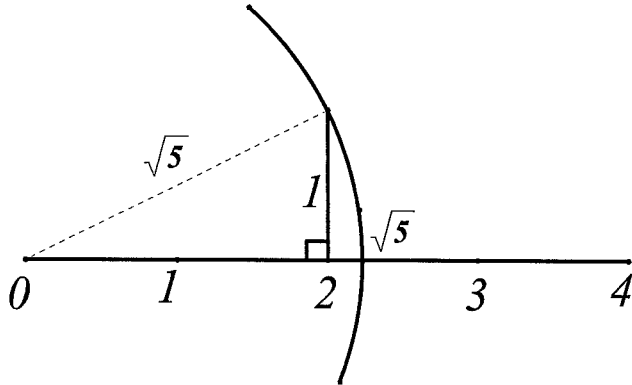
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- (3) Solve for t : $\frac{1}{1-2t} = \frac{4}{t}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1-2t} &= \frac{4}{t} \\ t &= 4 - 8t \\ 9t &= 4 \\ t &= \frac{4}{9} \end{aligned}$$

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- (4) Simplify $\frac{2x}{x^2-4} - \frac{1}{x-2}$, ($x \neq \pm 2$).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2x}{x^2-4} - \frac{1}{x-2} &= \frac{2x}{(x-2)(x+2)} - \frac{1}{x-2} \\ &= \frac{2x - (x+2)}{(x-2)(x+2)} \\ &= \frac{2x - x - 2}{(x-2)(x+2)} \\ &= \frac{x-2}{(x-2)(x+2)} \\ &= \frac{1}{x+2} \end{aligned}$$

- (5) $ABCD$ is a square and APB is an equilateral triangle. Copy the diagram onto your answer page and find the size of $\angle BPC$ giving reasons.

$$\angle ABC = 90^\circ \begin{pmatrix} \text{all angles at vertices in a} \\ \text{square are } 90^\circ \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\angle ABP = 60^\circ \begin{pmatrix} \text{all angles at vertices in an} \\ \text{equilateral triangle are } 60^\circ \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \angle PBC &= \angle ABC - \angle ABP \\ &= 30^\circ \end{aligned}$$

$$BP = AB \begin{pmatrix} \text{all in an equilateral triangle} \\ \text{are equal} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$BC = AB \text{ (all sides in a square are equal)}$$

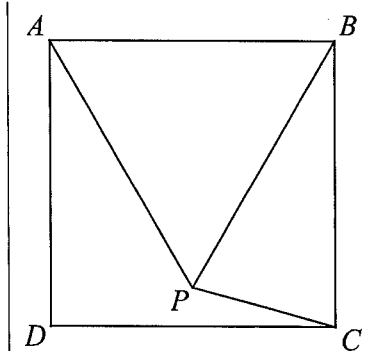
$$BP = BC \text{ (both } = AB)$$

$$\angle BPC = \angle BCP \begin{pmatrix} \text{equal angles are opposite} \\ \text{equal sides in } \triangle BPC \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2\angle BPC + 30^\circ = 180^\circ \text{ (angle sum of } \triangle BPC = 180^\circ)$$

$$2\angle BPC = 150^\circ$$

$$\angle BPC = 75^\circ$$



SECTION D (15 Marks)

(1) Simplify $\frac{27-8p^3}{2p^2-5p+3}$.

$$\frac{27-8p^3}{2p^2-5p+3} = \frac{(3-2p)(9+6p+4p^2)}{(2p-3)(p-1)}$$

$$= \frac{-(2p-3)(9+6p+4p^2)}{(2p-3)(p-1)}$$

$$= \frac{-(9+6p+4p^2)}{(p-1)}$$

$$= \frac{9+6p+4p^2}{1-p}$$

(2) Solve for q : $1-q = \sqrt{7-q}$.

$$1-q = \sqrt{7-q}$$

$$(1-q)^2 = 7-q$$

$$1-2q+q^2 = 7-q$$

$$q^2 - q - 6 = 0$$

$$(q-3)(q+2) = 0$$

$$q = -2, 3$$

but $1-q \geq 0$ and $7-q \geq 0$

$$\therefore q \leq 1$$

$$q = -2$$

(3) If $x + \frac{1}{x} = 4$ find the value of $x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$.

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = x^2 + 2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$4^2 = x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2$$

$$x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = 14$$

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- (4) A dart board is shown on the right. The dart board consists of 5 concentric circles with radii 2cm, 4cm, 6cm, 8cm and 10cm. A dart is thrown at the dart board hitting it at a random point. What is the probability that the dart hits the shaded region?

$$\text{Shaded area} = \pi(8)^2 - \pi(6)^2 \text{ cm}^2$$

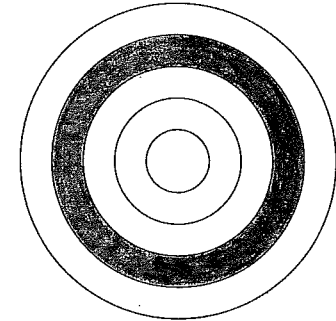
$$= 28\pi \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\text{Target area} = \pi(10)^2 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$= 100\pi \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\text{Probability} = \frac{28\pi}{100\pi}$$

$$= 0.28$$



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- (5) O is the centre of a circle that passes through the points A, B, C and D .

- (i) If $\angle ABC = x^\circ$, write an expression in terms of x for the size of $\angle AOC$ giving reasons.

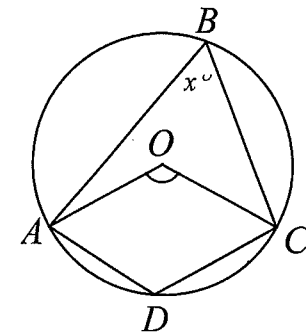
$$\angle AOC = 2x^\circ \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{angle at centre of circle is twice} \\ \text{the angle at the circumference} \\ \text{standing on the same arc} \end{array} \right)$$

- (ii) If $AOCD$ is a rhombus, find the value of x giving reasons.

$$\angle ADC = 2x^\circ \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{opposite angles of a rhombus} \\ \text{are equal} \end{array} \right)$$

$$x + 2x = 180 \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{opposite angles of a cyclic} \\ \text{quadrilateral are supplementary} \end{array} \right)$$

$$x = 60$$



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SECTION E (12 Marks)

(1) Simplify $\frac{4x+8}{x^2-9} + \frac{x^2-4}{x^2-5x+6}$, ($x \neq \pm 2, \pm 3$).

$$\frac{4x+8}{x^2-9} + \frac{x^2-4}{x^2-5x+6} = \frac{4(x+2)}{(x-3)(x+3)} \times \frac{(x-3)(x-2)}{(x-2)(x+2)}$$

$$= \frac{4}{x+3}$$

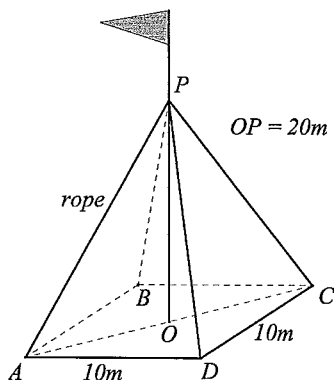
(2) If $m+n\sqrt{2} = (2\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{6})^2$, find the value of m and n where m and n are rational numbers

$$(2\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{6})^2 = 12 - 4\sqrt{18} + 6$$

$$= 18 - 12\sqrt{2}$$

$m = 18$ and $n = -12$

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$$\angle ADC = 90^\circ$$

$$AC^2 = 10^2 + 10^2 \text{ (Pythagoras' Theorem)}$$

$$= 200$$

$$AC = 10\sqrt{2} \text{ m}$$

$$AO = 5\sqrt{2} \text{ m}$$

$$AC^2 = (5\sqrt{2})^2 + 20^2 \text{ (Pythagoras' Theorem)}$$

$$= 450$$

$$AC = 15\sqrt{2} \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Length of rope} = 4 \times 15\sqrt{2} \times 1.05 \text{ m}$$

$$\approx 89.095 \text{ m}$$

$$= 89.10 \text{ m (to nearest cm)}$$

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(4) On a table are two containers and each holds 5 discs with a single number on each disc. The blue container has 5 blue discs numbered 2, 3, 5, 7 and 11 while the green container has 5 green discs numbered 4, 6, 8, 9 and 10. A disc is chosen at random from each container and their sum is recorded.

(i) Draw a diagram to illustrate the sample space

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G	9	11	12	14	16	20
r	8	10	11	13	15	19
e	6	8	9	11	13	17
e	4	6	7	9	11	15
n		2	3	5	7	11
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Hence find the probability

(ii) that the sum of the two discs is prime.

$$\text{Prob.} = \frac{11}{25}$$

(iii) that the sum is even given that at least one of the chosen discs showed a number greater than 6.

$$\text{Prob.} = \frac{6}{19}$$

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