

# GCSE Mathematics

## Practice Tests: Set 2

### Paper 2F (Calculator)

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

You should have: Ruler graduated in centimetres and millimetres, protractor, pair of compasses, pen, HB pencil, eraser, calculator.

#### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*
- **Calculators may be used.**
- Diagrams are NOT accurately drawn, unless otherwise indicated.
- You must **show all your working out.**



#### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 80
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

#### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

Answer ALL questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

You must write down all the stages in your working.

1. Write 0.013 as a fraction.

$$\frac{13}{1000}$$

(Total 1 mark)

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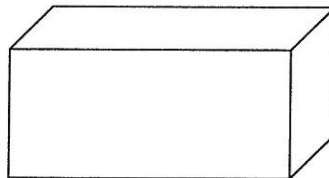
2. Change 6.4 centimetres into millimetres

$$64 \text{ mm}$$

(Total 1 mark)

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3. Here is a cuboid.



How many vertices does the cuboid have?

$$8$$

(Total 1 mark)

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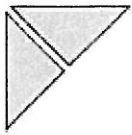
4. Find the value of  $7^4$

$$2401$$

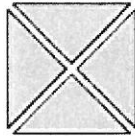
(Total 1 mark)

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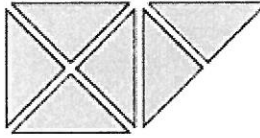
5. Here are some patterns made from triangles.



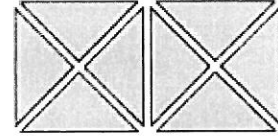
Pattern number  
1



Pattern number  
2



Pattern number  
3



Pattern number  
4

(a) Complete the table.

<b>Pattern number</b>	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Number of triangles</b>	2	4	6	8	10

(1)

(b) How many triangles are needed for Pattern number 12?

.....<sup>24</sup>.....  
(1)

Luke says that Pattern number 40 has 82 triangles.

(c) Luke is wrong.  
Explain why.

.....  
NUMBER OF TRIANGLES IS DOUBLE THE PATTERN NUMBER  
.....  
AND DOUBLE 40 IS 80, NOT 82.  
.....

(1)

(Total 3 marks)

6. Janet sends parcels by Parcel Express.  
The table shows information about the cost of sending a parcel by Parcel Express.

Parcel Express	
Weight range	Cost
Less than 2 kg	£3.80
2 kg to less than 5 kg	£5.99
5 kg to 10 kg	£7.14

The table below gives information about the numbers and weights of the parcels Janet sent in April and in May.

Number of parcels		
Weight range	April	May
Less than 2 kg	23	21
2 kg to less than 5 kg	28	27
5 kg to 10 kg	19	32

TOTAL	COST	TOTAL COST
44	£3.80	£167.20
55	£5.99	£329.45
51	£7.14	£364.14
<u>150</u>		<u>£860.79</u>

Janet could have sent her parcels by Parcels R Go.

The table below shows information about the cost of sending a parcel by Parcels R Go.

Parcels R Go	
Weight range	Cost
0-15 kg	£5.99

NUMBER OF PARCELS	TOTAL COST
150	£898.50

Janet thinks that it would have been cheaper to send all her parcels by Parcels R Go.

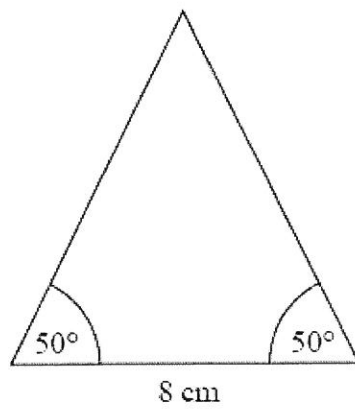
Is Janet right?

You must show your working.

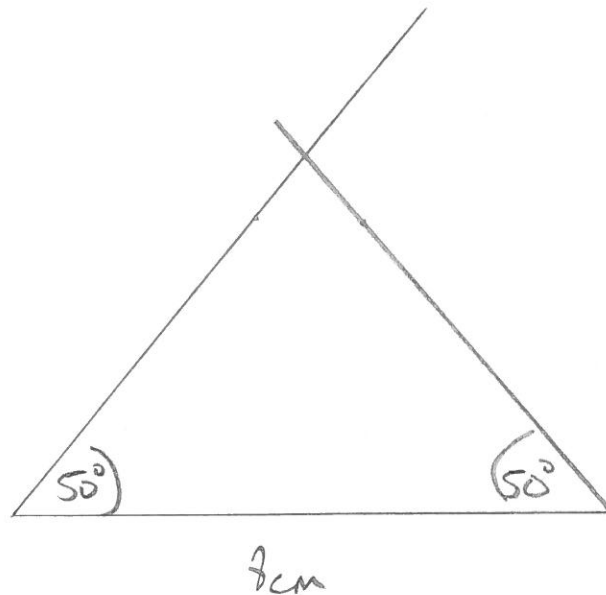
JANET IS NOT RIGHT, USING PARCELS R GO WILL COST £37.71 MORE.

(Total 5 marks)

7. Here is a sketch of the end of a roof of a toy house.

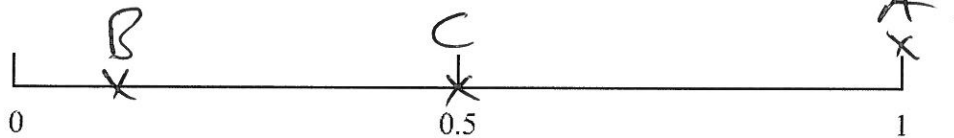


Draw an accurate diagram of the end of the roof.



(Total 2 marks)

8. On the probability scale, mark with a cross ( $\times$ ), the probability that
- (i) you will have something to drink tomorrow.  
Label this cross **A**.
  - (ii) a teacher chosen at random was born on a Monday.  
Label this cross **B**.
  - (iii) a fair 6-sided dice will show an even number when thrown.  
Label this cross **C**.



(Total 3 marks)

9. Jason collected some information about the heights of 19 plants. This information is shown in the stem and leaf diagram.

1	1	2	3	3		
2	3	3	5	9	9	
3	0	2	2	6	6	7
4	1	1	4	8		

Key: 4|8 means 48mm

Find the median.

19 PLANTS  $\therefore$  MEDIAN IS 10<sup>th</sup> VALUE

..... 30 ..... mm

(Total 2 marks)

10. Some of the land in the Netherlands is used to grow bulbs.  
The table shows the percentages of this land used to grow the different types of bulbs.

Type of bulb	Hyacinth	Tulip	Daffodil	Lily	Other
Percentage	8%	50%	12%	x%	7%

- (a) Work out the value of x.

$$8 + 50 + 12 + 7 = 77$$

$$100 - 77 = 23$$

$$x = \frac{23}{100} \dots\dots\dots$$

(1)

The area of land used to grow bulbs for hyacinths is 1200 hectares.

- (b) Work out the area of land used to grow bulbs for daffodils.

$$\frac{12}{8} \times 1200$$

$$\dots\dots\dots 1800 \dots\dots\dots \text{hectares}$$

(2)

(Total 3 marks)

11. Barbara has a tube of sweets.

There are 5 sweets in the tube.

There is one sweet of each of these colours in the tube.

red                      blue                      green                      yellow                      pink

Barbara takes two sweets at random from the tube.

(a) Write down all the possible combinations of colours she can take.

R B   R G   R Y   R P  
.....  
B G   B Y   B P  
.....  
G Y   G P   Y P  
.....

(2)

(b) What is the probability that Barbara takes a red sweet and a yellow sweet from the tube?

$\frac{1}{10}$   
.....  
(1)

(Total 3 marks)



12. Ali takes his car to a garage.  
The car has a 5000 mile service.  
It also has an MOT test.

Costs	
5000 mile service	£79 plus VAT at 20%
10 000 mile service	£99 plus VAT at 20%
MOT test	£39 plus VAT at 20%

- (a) Work out Ali's total bill.

$$79 + 39 = £118$$

$$\frac{20}{100} \times 118 = £23.60$$

$$118 + 23.60 =$$

£ 141.60 .....  
(3)

Ali bought his car for £20 000

The car depreciated by 20% the first year.  
The car depreciated by 10% the second year.

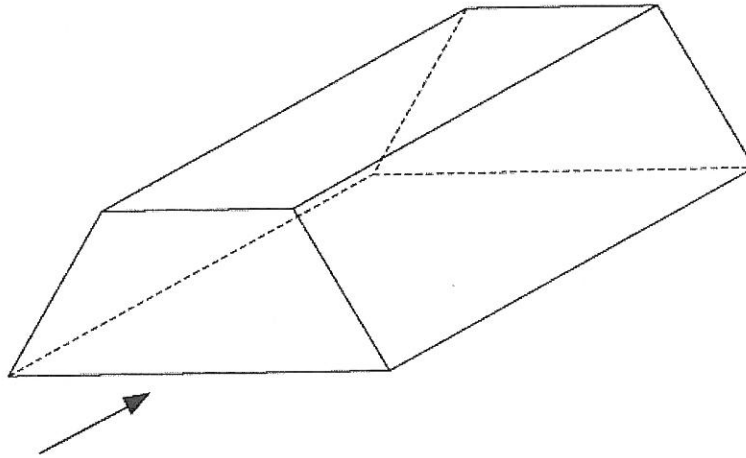
- (b) Work out the value of the car at the end of the second year.

$$20,000 \times 0.8 \times 0.9$$

£ 14400 .....  
(3)

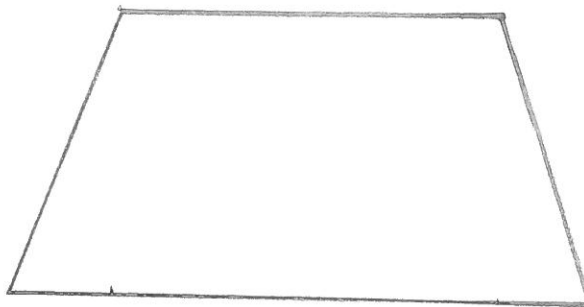
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13.



The diagram shows a prism.

In the space below, sketch the front elevation from the direction marked with an arrow.



**(Total 2 marks)**

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14. Becky says,

“When you square a prime number you always get an odd number.”

(a) Write down an example to show that Becky is wrong.

$2^2 = 4$

..... (1)

James says,

“When you cube any negative number you always get a negative number.”

(b) James is right.  
Explain why.

ODD NUMBER OF MINUS SIGNS, eg.  $-4 \times -4 \times -4$

.....

MINUS  $\times$  MINUS  $\rightarrow$  PLUS THEN PLUS  $\times$  MINUS  $\rightarrow$  MINUS

..... (2)

(Total 3 marks)

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15. There are some blue counters, red counters and green counters in a bag.

There are twice as many blue counters in the bag as red counters in the bag.

There are 3 times as many red counters in the bag as green counters in the bag.

For the counters in the bag, write down the ratio of

the number of blue counters to the numbers of red counters to the number of green counters.

~~$B = 2R$~~   ~~$R = 2B$~~   $B = 2R$ ,

~~$G = 3R$~~   ~~$R = 3G$~~   $R = 3G$ ,  $\therefore B = 6G$ ,

$B : R : G = \frac{6G}{3G} : \frac{2(3G)}{3G} : G$

$= 6 : 3 : 1$

$6 : 3 : 1$

~~$6 : 3 : 1$~~

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(Total 2 marks)

16. Lev writes down the following

$$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{5}{8} = \frac{7}{11}$$

Without doing the exact calculation, explain why Lev's answer cannot be correct.

$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{5}{8} > 1$  AND  $\frac{7}{11} < 1$

(Total 1 mark)

17.

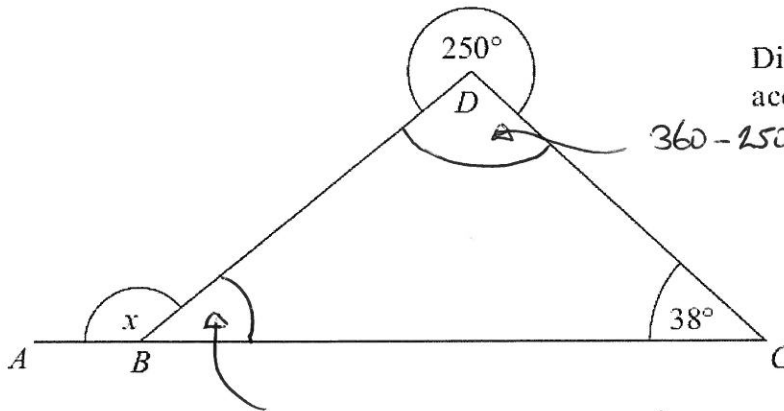


Diagram NOT  
accurately drawn

$360 - 250 = 110$  (ANGLES AT A  
POINT ADD UP  
TO  $360^\circ$ )

$ABC$  is a straight line.

Angle  $BCD = 38^\circ$

The reflex angle  $BCD = 250^\circ$

$180 - 110 - 38 = 32$  (ANGLES IN A TRIANGLE ADD  
UP TO  $180^\circ$ )

Work out the size of the angle marked  $x$ .

Give reasons for your answer.

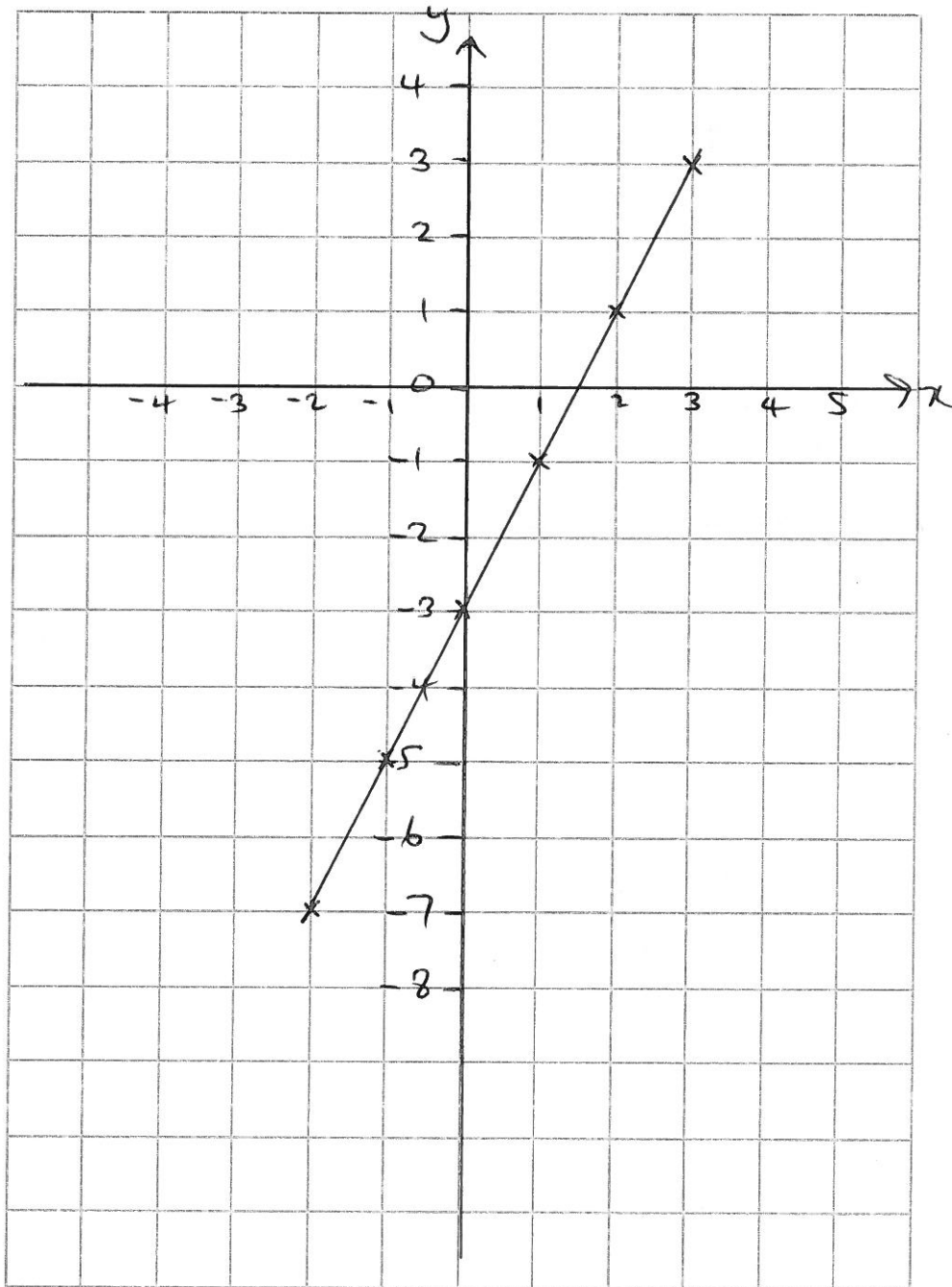
$$x = 180 - 32 = 148^\circ \quad (\text{ANGLES ON A STRAIGHT  
LINE ADD UP TO } 180^\circ)$$

148°

(Total 4 marks)

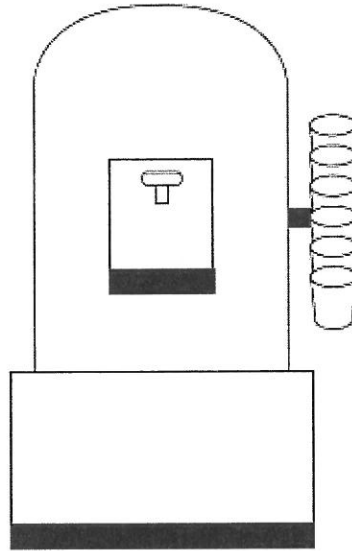
18. On the grid, draw the graph of  $y = 2x - 3$  for values of  $x$  from  $-2$  to  $3$

$x$	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
$y$	-7	-5	-3	-1	1	3



(Total 4 marks)

19.



A water container has 19.5 litres of water in it.  
A cup holds 210 ml of water.

At most 92 cups can be filled completely from the water container.

Explain why.

You must show all your working.

$$1 \text{ LITRE} = 1000 \text{ ml},$$

$$19.5 \text{ LITRES} = 19500 \text{ ml},$$

$$\frac{19500}{210} = 92.86$$

$\therefore$  CAN FILL 92 CUPS COMPLETELY

(Total 3 marks)

20. The total cost of 3 apples and 4 pears is £1.84

The total cost of 5 apples and 2 pears is £1.76

Work out the cost of one apple and the cost of one pear.

$$3A + 4P = 184 \quad (1)$$

$$5A + 2P = 176 \quad (2)$$

MULTIPLY (2) BY 2  $10A + 4P = 352 \quad (3)$

$$(3) - (1) \quad 7A = 168$$

$$\therefore A = 24$$

SUB IN (1)  $3 \times 24 + 4P = 184$

$$\therefore 4P = 112$$

$$\therefore P = 28$$

Cost of one apple ..... 24 .....p

Cost of one pear ..... 28 .....p

(Total 4 marks)



21. There are a total of 120 counters in a box.

There are only red counters and blue counters in the box.

There are three times as many red counters as blue counters in the box.

$$R : B \text{ is } 3 : 1$$
$$\therefore \frac{3}{4} \times 120 = 90$$

ARE  
RED

Carl takes  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the red counters from the box.

Kerry takes 80% of the blue counters from the box.

Work out the ratio of the number of red counters to the number of blue counters now in the box.

Give your ratio in its simplest form.

CARL TAKES  $\frac{1}{3} \times 90 = 30$   $\therefore$  THERE ARE 60 RED LEFT.

NUMBER OF BLUE  $120 - 90 = 30$

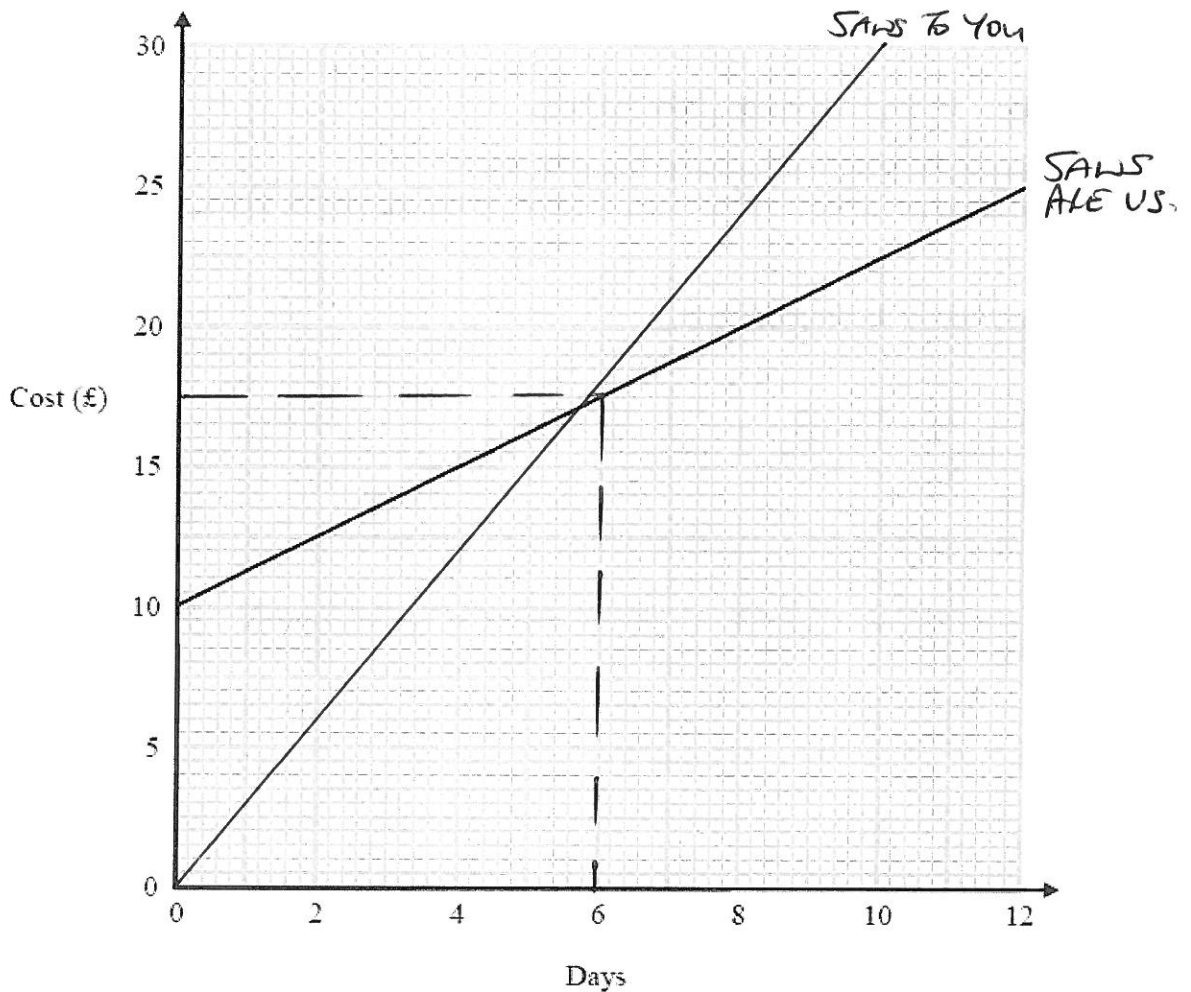
KERRY TAKES  $80\% \times 30 = 24$   $\therefore$  THERE ARE 6 BLUE LEFT

$\therefore$  RATIO OF RED TO BLUE IS NO  $60 : 6$   
 $= 10 : 1$

.....  
 $10 : 1$

(Total 5 marks)

22. Salome hires a chainsaw from the **Saws are Us** company.  
This graph shows the cost of hiring a chainsaw from **Saws are Us** for up to 12 days.



- (a) Find the cost of hiring the chainsaw for 6 days from **Saws are Us**.

$$\text{£ } \dots 17.50 \dots \quad (1)$$

The cost of hiring a chainsaw from **Saws are Us** is £10 plus a daily rate.

- (b) Work out the daily rate.

$$6 \text{ DAYS } \text{£}17.50 = \text{£}10 + \text{DAILY RATE} \times 6$$

$$\therefore 6 \times \text{DAILY RATE} = \text{£}7.50 \quad \text{£ } \dots 1.25 \dots \quad (1)$$

$$\therefore \text{DAILY RATE} = \frac{7.50}{6} = \text{£}1.25$$

Salome wants to compare the cost of hiring a chainsaw from **Saws are Us** and from **Saws to You**.

**Saws to You** charge £3 for each day of hire.

Salome hires chainsaws for different periods of time.  
She wants to use the cheaper company.

- (c) Which of these two companies is the cheaper to hire the chainsaw from?  
You must show your working and explain your answer.

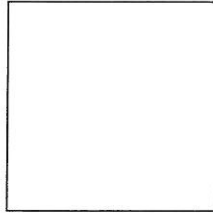
LESS THAN 6 DAYS "SAWS TO YOU" IS CHEAPER,  
MORE THAN 6 DAYS "SAWS ARE US" IS CHEAPER,

.....  
(3)

(Total 5 marks)

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23. A square has sides of length 8.4 cm.



8.4 cm

Work out the length of a diagonal of the square.  
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

$$\text{PYTHAGORAS : } 8.4^2 + 8.4^2 = 141.12$$
$$\sqrt{141.12} = 11.9 \text{ (to 3 s.f.)}$$

..... 11.9 ..... cm

**(Total 3 marks)**

24. The diagram shows a circular pond with a path around it.

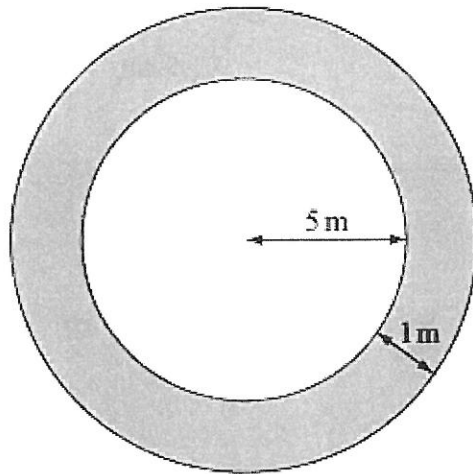


Diagram NOT  
accurately drawn

$$\text{AREA OF CIRCLE} \\ = \pi r^2$$

The pond has a radius of 5m.  
The path has a width of 1m.

Work out the area of the path.  
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

$$\text{AREA OF POND + PATH} = \pi \times 6^2 = 36\pi$$

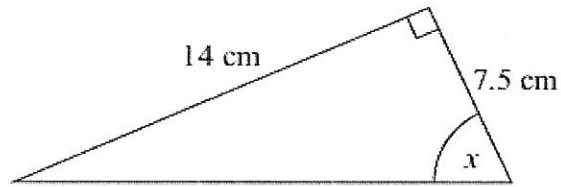
$$\text{AREA OF POND} = \pi \times 5^2 = 25\pi$$

$$\therefore \text{AREA OF PATH} = 36\pi - 25\pi = 11\pi \\ = 34.6$$

$$\dots\dots\dots 34.6 \text{ m}^2$$

(Total 3 marks)

25. Here is a right-angled triangle.



Work out the size of the angle marked  $x$ .  
Give your answer to the nearest degree.

$$\tan x = \frac{14}{7.5}$$

$$\therefore x = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{14}{7.5}\right) = 61.8^\circ$$

62

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(Total 3 marks)

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26. A box is on a table.

The area of the box in contact with the table is  $1500 \text{ cm}^2$ .  
The pressure on the table is  $28 \text{ newtons/m}^2$ .

Work out the force exerted by the box on the table.  
Give your answer correct to the nearest whole number.

$$\begin{aligned} 100\text{cm} &= 1\text{m} \\ \therefore 10000\text{cm}^2 &= 1\text{m}^2 \\ \therefore 1500\text{cm}^2 &= 0.15\text{m}^2 \\ F &= pA = 28 \times 0.15 \\ &= 4.2 \end{aligned}$$

$$p = \frac{F}{A}$$

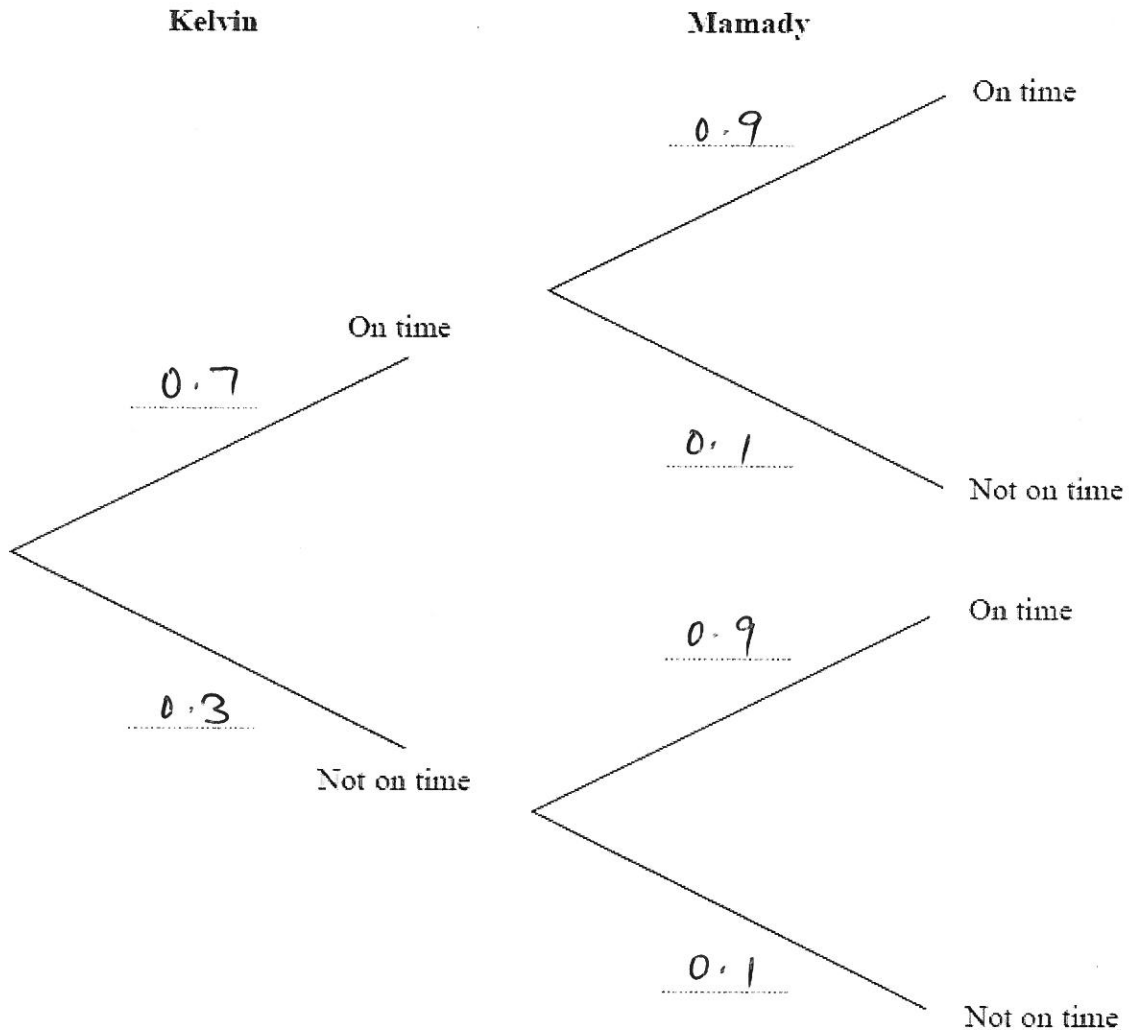
$p$  = pressure  
 $F$  = force  
 $A$  = area

.....<sup>4</sup>.....newtons

**(Total 3 marks)**

27. Kelvin and Mamady are in the same class.  
 The probability that Kelvin arrives on time is 0.7.  
 The probability that Mamady arrives on time is 0.9.

Complete the probability tree diagram.



(2)

- (b) Work out the probability that Kelvin and Mamady both arrive on time.

$$0.7 \times 0.9 = 0.63$$

..... 0.63 .....

(2)

(Total 4 marks)

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