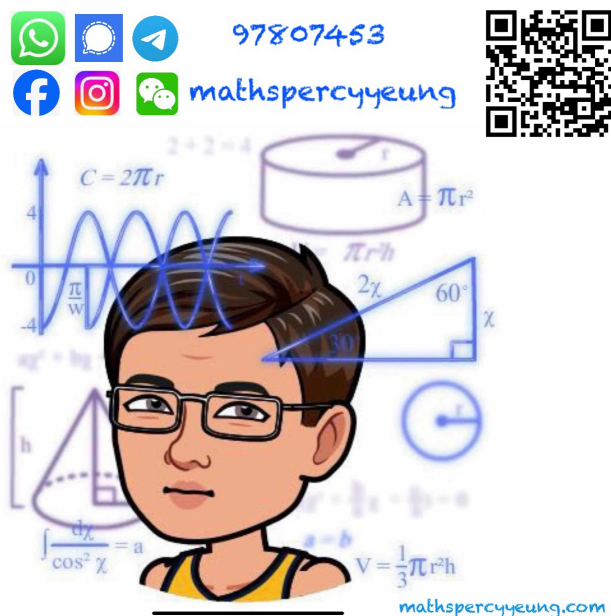


# TT S2 SBE Ch10 Pythagoras Theorem and Irrational Numbers

## S.2 Mathematics

### School-Based Exercise (S.B.E.)

#### Chapter 10 Pythagoras' Theorem and Irrational Numbers



### Square Roots and $n$ th Roots

If  $x^2 = a$ , then  $x$  is a square root of  $a$ .

e.g. : Since  $7^2 = 49$ , 7 is a square root of 49. (i.e.  $7 = \sqrt{49}$  )

Since  $(-7)^2 = 49$ ,  $-7$  is also a square root of 49. (i.e.  $-7 = -\sqrt{49}$  )

$\sqrt{49}$  is called the positive square root of 49 and  $-\sqrt{49}$  is called the negative square root of 49.

#### Exercise 10A

Write down the square roots of each of the following numbers without using a calculator. (3 – 5)

1. (a) 9

(b) 36

(c) 49

2. (a) 64

(b) 121

(c) 400

3. (a) 25

(b) 169

(c) 196

Evaluate each of the following expressions without using a calculator. (4 – 15)

4.  $-\sqrt{24+25}$

5.  $\sqrt{6 \times 24}$

6.  $\sqrt{43-27}$

7.  $\sqrt{64} + \sqrt{9}$

8.  $\sqrt{121} - \sqrt{36}$

9.  $-\sqrt{625} \times \sqrt{4}$

10.  $\sqrt{24^2 + 7^2}$

11.  $\sqrt{17^2 - 15^2}$

12.  $\sqrt{11^2 - 5^2 + 2^2}$

13.  $\sqrt{13^2 + 6^2 - 3^2}$

14.  $\sqrt{2^2 + 4^2 + 5^2 + 6^2}$

15.  $\sqrt{12^2 - 9^2 + 6^2 + 1}$

Find the value of each of the following expressions. (16 – 18)

(Give the answers correct to 3 significant figures.)

16. (a)  $\sqrt{19}$

(b)  $\sqrt{41}$

(c)  $-\sqrt{88}$

17. (a)  $\sqrt{4.4}$

(b)  $\sqrt{8.1}$

(c)  $\sqrt{0.1}$

18. (a)  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{7}}$

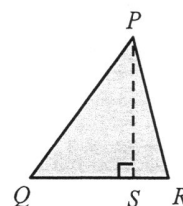
(b)  $\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}$

(c)  $\sqrt{\frac{7}{3}}$

19. The area of a square is  $16 \text{ cm}^2$ . Find the length of a side of the square.

20. In the figure,  $QSR$  is a straight line and  $PS = QR$ .

If the area of  $\triangle PQR$  is  $18 \text{ cm}^2$ , find the length of  $QR$ .



Write down the square roots of each of the following numbers without using a calculator. (21 – 24)

21. (a)  $15^2$  (b)  $1.73^2$  (c)  $(-8)^2$

22. (a)  $\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2$  (b)  $\frac{16}{25}$  (c)  $\frac{100}{441}$

23. (a) 0.25 (b) 5.76 (c) 3.24

24. (a)  $9^3$  (b)  $2^4$  (c)  $\frac{1}{4^3}$

Evaluate each of the following expressions without using a calculator. (25 – 30)

25.  $\frac{\sqrt{36}}{7}$  26.  $\frac{25-\sqrt{16}}{9}$  27.  $\frac{\sqrt{49}+\sqrt{121}}{2}$

28.  $\frac{25+\sqrt{225}}{\sqrt{36}}$  29.  $\frac{\sqrt{25+144}}{\sqrt{17^2}}$  30.  $\frac{\sqrt{29^2-21^2}}{16}$

Find the value of each of the following expressions. (31 – 33)

(Give the answers correct to 3 significant figures.)

31. (a)  $\frac{\sqrt{10}-3}{5}$  (b)  $\frac{\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3}}{4}$  (c)  $\sqrt{5^2-3}$

32. (a)  $5-\sqrt{\frac{3}{7}}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{9}+\sqrt{0.79}$  (c)  $\sqrt{0.7}-\sqrt{0.5}$

33. (a)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}+3}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}-1}$  (c)  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3-\sqrt{7}}$

Write down the cube roots of each of the following numbers. (34 – 35)

34. (a) 19 863 (b) 8 000 (c) 2 744

35. (a)  $\frac{216}{1331}$  (b)  $2\frac{10}{27}$  (c) 6.959

Find the value of each of the following expressions.

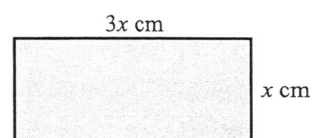
(Give the answers correct to 3 significant figures.)

36. (a)  $\frac{\sqrt[4]{1+2^3}}{3}$

(b)  $\frac{4+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt[3]{-3}}$

(c)  $\frac{\sqrt{20}+\sqrt[5]{-20}}{\sqrt[4]{2+\sqrt{5}}}$

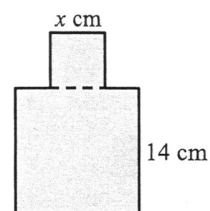
37. In the figure, the area of the rectangle is  $243 \text{ cm}^2$ . Find the value of  $x$ .



38. The polygon in the figure is made up of a larger square and a smaller square. The area of the polygon is  $232 \text{ cm}^2$ .

(a) Find the value of  $x$ .

(b) Find the perimeter of the polygon.



39. The dimensions of a rectangular metal sheet are  $(2x+3) \text{ cm} \times (2x-3) \text{ cm}$ . The area of the metal sheet is  $16 \text{ cm}^2$ .

(a) Find the value of  $x$ .

(b) Find the perimeter of the metal sheet.

40. If  $a > 0$ , simplify  $\sqrt{a^2+2a+1}$ .

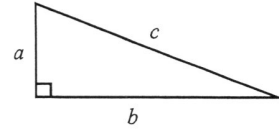
41. If  $\sqrt{x^2+y} = z$ , write down two sets of possible positive integral values of  $x, y, z$ .



### Pythagoras' Theorem

For a right-angled triangle with sides  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ , where  $c$  is the length of the side opposite to the right angle,

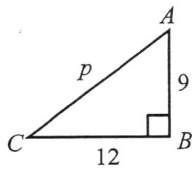
Then  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$  [Reference: *Pyth. theorem*]



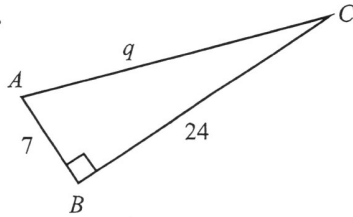
#### Exercise 10B

Find the unknown in each of the following triangles. (1 – 12)

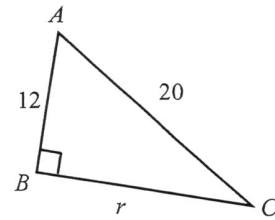
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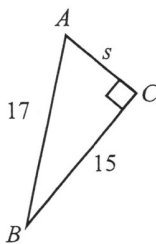
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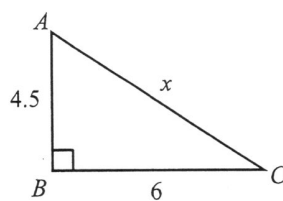
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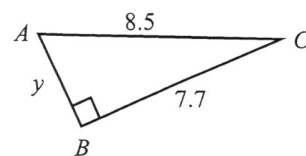
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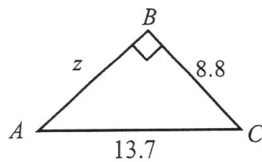
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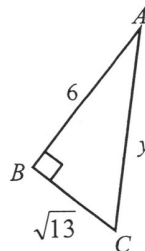
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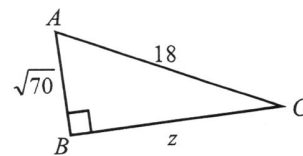
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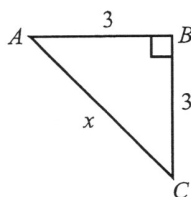
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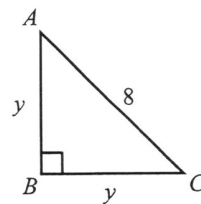
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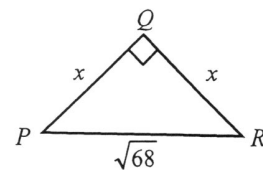
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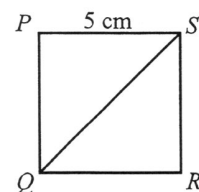
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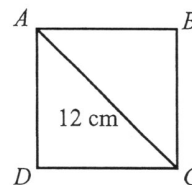
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13. In the figure,  $PQRS$  is a square of side 5 cm. Find the length of diagonal  $QS$ .

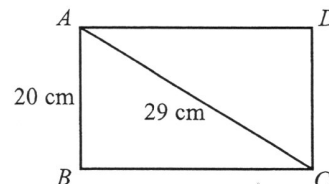


14. In the figure, the length of a diagonal of a square  $ABCD$  is 12 cm. Find the length of a side of the square.



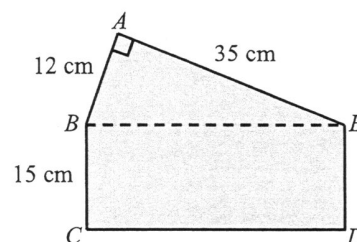
15. In the figure,  $ABCD$  is a rectangle, where  $AB = 20$  cm and  $AC = 29$  cm.

- (a) Find the length of  $BC$ .  
(b) Find the perimeter of the rectangle.



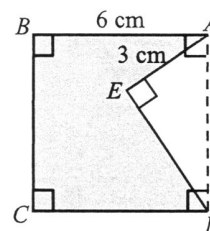
16. The figure on the right is made up of a right-angled triangle  $ABE$  and a rectangle  $BCDE$ .

- (a) Find the length of  $BE$ .  
(b) Find the area of the figure.

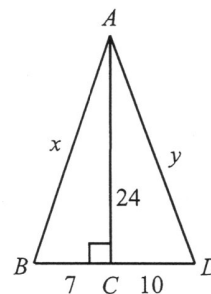


17. In the figure, a pentagon  $ABCDE$  is formed by cutting away a right-angled triangle  $ADE$  from a square  $ABCD$ .

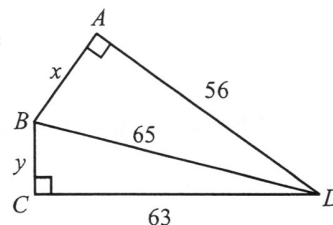
- (a) Find the length of  $ED$ .  
(b) Find the area of  $ABCDE$ .



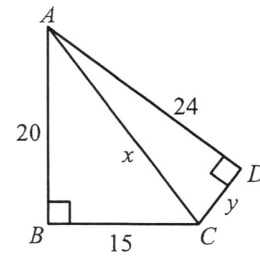
18. In the figure,  $C$  is a point on  $BD$  such that  $AC \perp BD$ ,  $BC = 7$ ,  $CD = 10$  and  $AC = 24$ . Find the values of  $x$  and  $y$ .



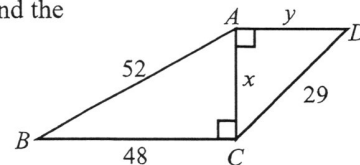
19. In the figure,  $\triangle ABD$  and  $\triangle BCD$  are two right-angled triangles. Find the values of  $x$  and  $y$ .



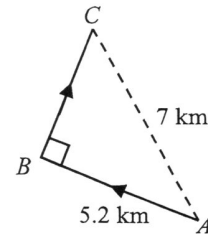
20. In the figure,  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle ACD$  are two right-angled triangles. Find the values of  $x$  and  $y$ .



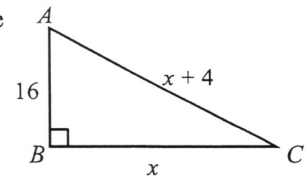
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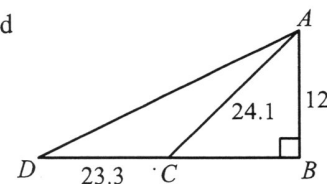
22. The figure shows the walking path of a charity walk which has two sections  $AB$  and  $BC$ . John is one of the participants and his mother sponsors him \$48 for every km he finishes in the walk. It is given that  $A$  and  $C$  are 7 km apart. The first section  $AB$  is 5.2 km long.



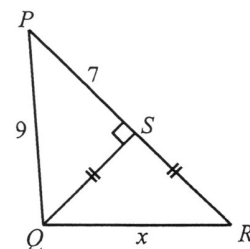
- (a) Find the length of the second section  $BC$ .
- (b) If John finishes the whole walk, find the total amount sponsored by John's mother.
23. In the figure,  $\angle ABC = 90^\circ$ ,  $AB = 16$ ,  $BC = x$  and  $AC = x + 4$ . Find the value of  $x$ .



24. In the figure,  $BCD$  is a straight line.  $\angle ABD = 90^\circ$ ,  $AB = 12$ ,  $AC = 24.1$  and  $CD = 23.3$ .

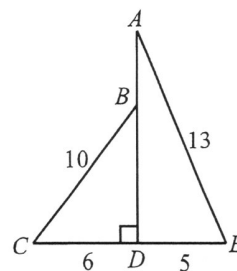


- (a) Find the length of  $BC$ .
- (b) Find the length of  $AD$ .
25. In the figure,  $S$  is a point on  $PR$  such that  $QS \perp PR$  and  $QS = RS$ . If  $PS = 7$  and  $PQ = 9$ , find the value of  $x$ .

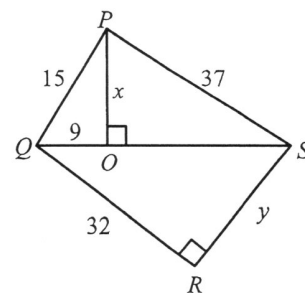


26. In the figure,  $\triangle ADE$  and  $\triangle BCD$  are two right-angled triangles.  $ABD$  and  $CDE$  are straight lines.  $BC = 10$ ,  $CD = 6$ ,  $DE = 5$  and  $AE = 13$ .

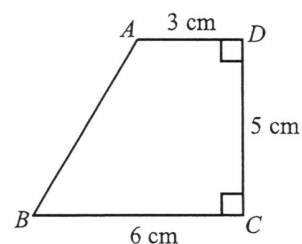
- (a) Find the length of  $BD$ .  
(b) Find the length of  $AB$ .



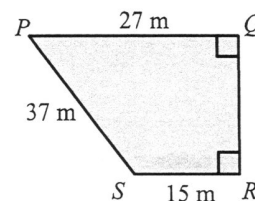
27. In the figure,  $QOS$  is a straight line.  $\angle POS = \angle QRS = 90^\circ$ . Find the values of  $x$  and  $y$ .



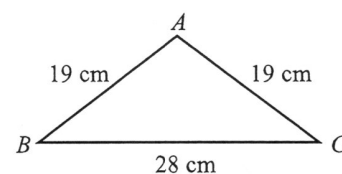
28. The figure shows a trapezium  $ABCD$  with  $AD = 3$  cm,  $BC = 6$  cm and  $DC = 5$  cm. Find the length of  $AB$ .



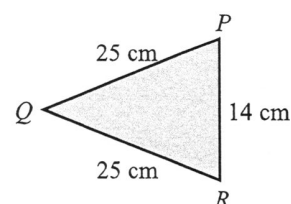
29. In the figure,  $PQRS$  is a trapezium with  $PQ = 27$  m,  $PS = 37$  m and  $SR = 15$  m. Find the area of  $PQRS$ .



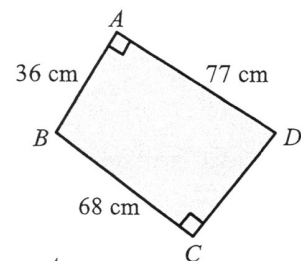
30. In the figure,  $\triangle ABC$  is an isosceles triangle with  $AB = AC = 19$  cm and  $BC = 28$  cm. Find the height of  $\triangle ABC$  with base  $BC$ .



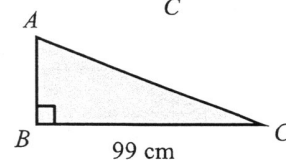
31. In the figure,  $\triangle PQR$  is an isosceles triangle with  $PQ = QR = 25$  cm and  $PR = 14$  cm. Find the area of  $\triangle PQR$ .



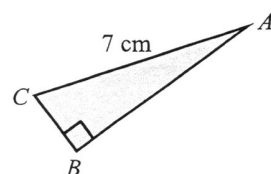
32. In the figure,  $\angle BAD = \angle BCD = 90^\circ$ .  $AB = 36$  cm,  $BC = 68$  cm and  $AD = 77$  cm. Find the area of  $ABCD$ .



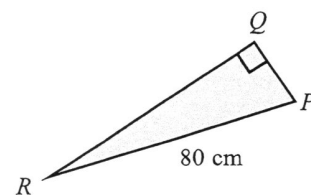
33. In the figure, the area of  $\triangle ABC$  is  $990$   $\text{cm}^2$ .  
 (a) Find the length of the hypotenuse of  $\triangle ABC$ .  
 (b) Find the perimeter of  $\triangle ABC$ .



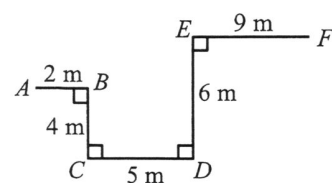
34. In the figure,  $\angle ABC = 90^\circ$ ,  $AB = 3BC$  and  $AC = 7$  cm. Find the area of  $\triangle ABC$ .



35. In the figure,  $\angle PQR = 90^\circ$ ,  $PQ : QR = 7 : 24$  and  $PR = 80$  cm.  
 (a) Find the perimeter of  $\triangle ABC$ .  
 (b) Find the area of  $\triangle ABC$ .



36. The figure shows a framework  $ABCDEF$ .  
 (a) Find the length of a stretched string connecting  $C$  and  $F$ .  
 (b) Find the length of a stretched string connecting  $A$  and  $F$ .

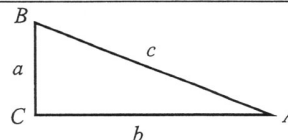


### Converse of Pythagoras' Theorem

For  $\triangle ABC$  with sides  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ ,

if  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$ ,

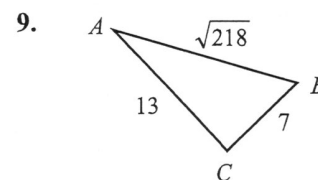
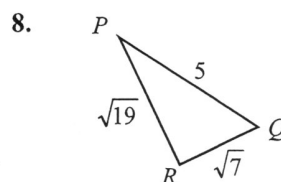
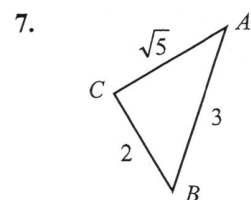
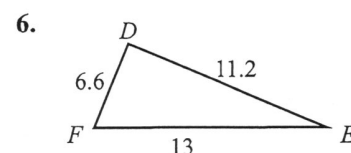
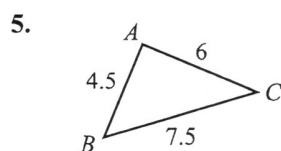
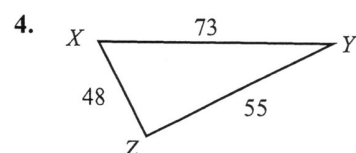
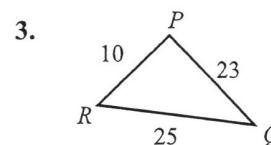
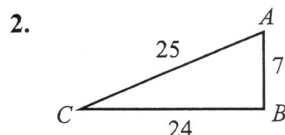
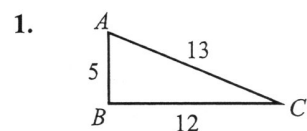
then  $\triangle ABC$  is a right-angled triangle with  $\angle C = 90^\circ$ . [Reference: *converse of Pyth. theorem*]



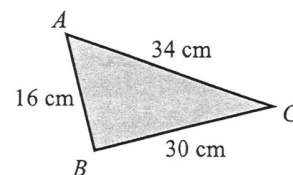
**Note:** In practical, we will check if the square of the length of the longest side of a triangle equals the sum of the squares of the lengths of the other two sides to determine whether it is a right-angled triangle.

#### Exercise 10C

Determine whether each of the following triangles is a right-angled triangle. If it is, identify which angle is the right angle. (1 – 9)

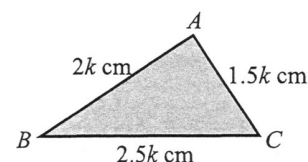


10. In  $\triangle ABC$  as shown on the right,  $AB = 16$  cm,  $BC = 30$  cm and  $AC = 34$  cm.



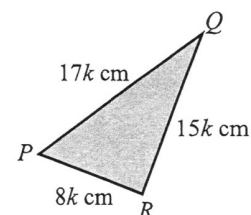
- (a) Show that  $\triangle ABC$  is a right-angled triangle.  
(b) Find the area of  $\triangle ABC$ .

11. In  $\triangle ABC$  as shown on the right,  $AB = 2k$  cm,  $AC = 1.5k$  cm and  $BC = 2.5k$  cm.



- (a) Show that  $\triangle ABC$  is a right-angled triangle.  
(b) Express the area of  $\triangle ABC$  in terms of  $k$ .

12. In  $\triangle PQR$  as shown on the right,  $PQ = 17k$  cm,  $QR = 15k$  cm and  $PR = 8k$  cm, where  $k$  is a positive number.

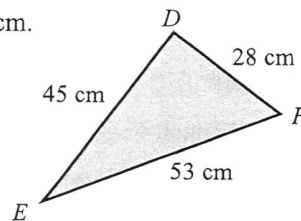


- (a) Show that  $\triangle PQR$  is a right-angled triangle.  
(b) If the area of  $\triangle PQR$  is  $240 \text{ cm}^2$ , find the value of  $k$ .

13. In  $\triangle DEF$  as shown on the right,  $DE = 45$  cm,  $EF = 53$  cm and  $DF = 28$  cm.

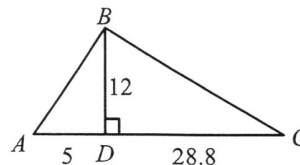
- (a) Show that  $\triangle DEF$  is a right-angled triangle.  
 (b) If the area of a square is equal to that of  $\triangle DEF$ , find the length of a side of the square.

(Give the answer correct to 3 significant figures.)



14. In the figure,  $D$  is a point on  $AC$  such that  $BD \perp AC$ .  $AD = 5$ ,  $BD = 12$  and  $CD = 28.8$ .

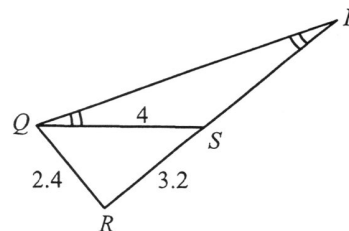
- (a) Find the lengths of  $AB$  and  $BC$ .  
 (b) Is  $\triangle ABC$  a right-angled triangle? Explain your answer.



15. In the figure,  $PSR$  is a straight line.  $QR = 2.4$ ,  $RS = 3.2$ ,  $QS = 4$  and  $\angle PQS = \angle QPS$ .

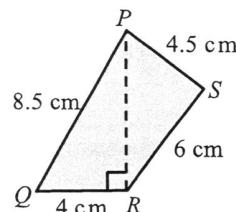
- (a) Show that  $\triangle PQR$  is a right-angled triangle.  
 (b) Find the length of  $PQ$ .

(Give the answer correct to 3 significant figures.)



16. In the figure,  $PQ = 8.5$  cm,  $QR = 4$  cm,  $RS = 6$  cm and  $PS = 4.5$  cm.

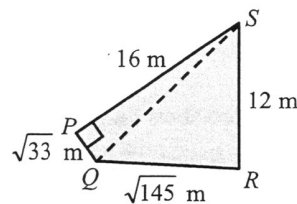
- (a) Find the length of  $PR$ .  
 (b) Show that  $\triangle PRS$  is a right-angled triangle.  
 (c) Find the area of quadrilateral  $PQRS$ .



17. In the figure,  $PQ = \sqrt{33}$  m,  $QR = \sqrt{145}$  m,  $RS = 12$  m and  $PS = 16$  m.

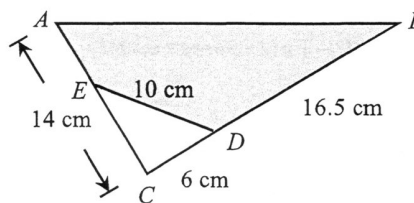
- (a) Show that  $\triangle QRS$  is a right-angled triangle.  
 (b) Find the area of quadrilateral  $PQRS$ .

(Give the answer correct to 3 significant figures.)

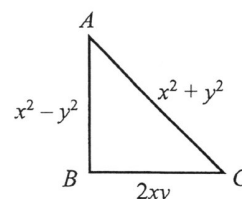


18. In the figure,  $D$  and  $E$  are two points on  $BC$  and  $AC$  respectively.  $AC = 14$  cm,  $BD = 16.5$  cm,  $CD = 6$  cm and  $DE = 10$  cm. It is given that  $AC : AE = 7 : 3$ .

- (a) Show that  $\triangle ABC$  is a right-angled triangle.  
 (b) Find the perimeter and the area of quadrilateral  $ABDE$ .



19. The figure shows a triangle  $ABC$ , where  $x$  and  $y$  are positive numbers. Show that  $\triangle ABC$  is a right-angled triangle.

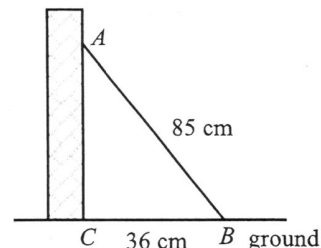


## Applications of Pythagoras' Theorem and its Converse

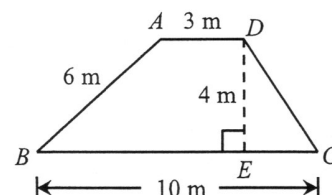
### Exercise 10D

- For a 12-inch 4 : 3 tablet computer, the length of the diagonal of the monitor is 12 inches and the ratio of the length to the width is 4 : 3. By taking 1 inch as 2.54 cm, find the length and the width of the monitor in cm.

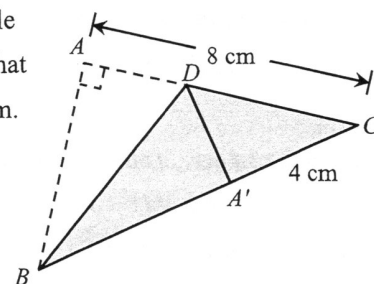
- In the figure, a ladder  $AB$  of length 85 cm leans against a vertical wall. The foot  $B$  of the ladder is on the horizontal ground and it is 36 cm apart from the foot  $C$  of the wall.



- Find the distance between  $A$  and  $C$ .
  - Martin pushes the foot of the ladder in the horizontal direction 23 cm towards the wall. He claims that the top of the ladder will rise by 7 cm. Do you agree? Explain your answer.
- A designer designs a square logo of side 9 cm.
    - Find the length of the diagonal of the logo.
    - The designer makes a photocopy of the logo by enlarging the length of its diagonal to 16 cm. Find the area of the logo of the photocopy.
  - The figure shows a facility  $ABCD$  of height 4 m. The tops of the two slides  $AB$  and  $DC$  are 3 m apart, and their bottoms are 10 m apart. It is given that slide  $AB$  is 6 m long. Find the length of the slide  $DC$ .

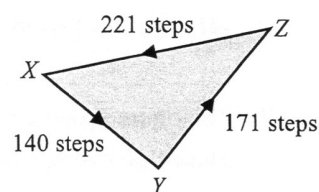


- The figure shows a paper card  $ABC$  in the form of a right-angled triangle with  $AC = 8$  cm. The paper card is folded along a line segment  $BD$  so that the vertex  $A$  falls on the side  $BC$  at a point  $A'$ . It is given that  $A'C = 4$  cm.



- Find the length of  $A'D$ .
- Find the area and the perimeter of  $\triangle BCD$ .

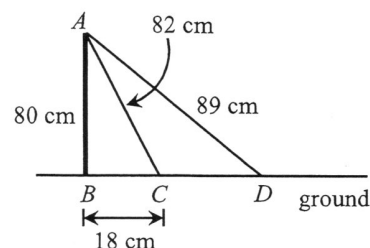
- The figure shows a triangular playground  $XYZ$ . Kelly walks 140 steps from  $X$  to  $Y$  and 171 steps from  $Y$  to  $Z$ , then 221 steps back to  $X$ .



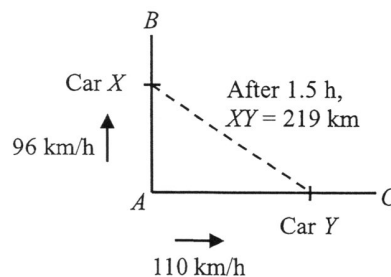
- Is the shape of the playground a right-angled triangle? Explain your answer.
- If Kelly walks a total distance of 212.8 m, find the area of the playground.



7. In the figure, a pole  $AB$  80 cm long is erected on the horizontal ground and its position is fixed by two steel wires  $AC$  and  $AD$  of lengths 82 cm and 89 cm respectively. If  $B$  and  $C$  are 18 cm apart, find the distance between  $C$  and  $D$ .

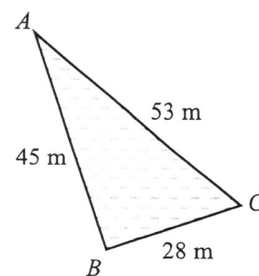


8. Two cars  $X$  and  $Y$  leave a car park  $A$  at the same time. Car  $X$  travels along a straight road  $AB$  at a constant speed of 96 km/h. Car  $Y$  travels along another straight road  $AC$  at a constant speed of 110 km/h. After 1.5 hours, the distance between the two cars is 219 km as shown.



- (a) Are the roads  $AB$  and  $AC$  perpendicular to each other? Explain your answer.  
 (b) If the two cars continue to travel for another 2 hours, find the distance between the two cars.

9. The figure shows a triangular swimming pool  $ABC$ , where  $AB = 45$  m,  $BC = 28$  m and  $AC = 53$  m.



- (a) Find the area of the swimming pool.  
 (b) Now, a lane rope is placed to connect  $B$  and a point  $D$  on  $AC$  in the swimming pool. Find the shortest length of the lane rope.  
 (Give the answer correct to 3 significant figures.)

### Properties of Surd

For any positive numbers  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $\sqrt{a \times b} = \sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b}$  and  $\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}$ .

(e.g.  $\sqrt{4 \times 9} = \sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{9} = 2 \times 3 = 6$        $\sqrt{\frac{16}{49}} = \frac{\sqrt{16}}{\sqrt{49}} = \frac{4}{7}$ )

A surd is said to be in its *simplest* form  $p\sqrt{q}$  ( $q$  is an integer) if  $q$  has no square number factor other than 1.

(e.g.  $3\sqrt{5}$  is a surd in its simplest form but  $3\sqrt{8}$  is not.)

#### Exercise 10F(1)

Express each of the following surds in its simplest form. (1 – 7)

- |                                      |                                  |                                     |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. (a) $\sqrt{20}$                   | (b) $\sqrt{75}$                  | (c) $\sqrt{99}$                     |
| 2. (a) $\sqrt{147}$                  | (b) $\sqrt{180}$                 | (c) $\sqrt{252}$                    |
| 3. (a) $\sqrt{200}$                  | (b) $\sqrt{294}$                 | (c) $\sqrt{432}$                    |
| 4. (a) $\sqrt{48} \times \sqrt{3}$   | (b) $\sqrt{12} \times \sqrt{75}$ | (c) $\sqrt{18} \times \sqrt{32}$    |
| 5. (a) $\sqrt{24} \times \sqrt{27}$  | (b) $\sqrt{33} \times \sqrt{55}$ | (c) $5\sqrt{52} \times 2\sqrt{39}$  |
| 6. (a) $\frac{\sqrt{150}}{\sqrt{6}}$ | (b) $\sqrt{180} \div \sqrt{80}$  | (c) $-\frac{\sqrt{112}}{2\sqrt{7}}$ |
| 7. (a) $\frac{\sqrt{128}}{4}$        | (b) $\frac{\sqrt{125}}{15}$      | (c) $\frac{\sqrt{90}}{30}$          |

Evaluate each of the following expressions without using a calculator. (8 – 9)

- |                        |                            |                             |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 8. (a) $\sqrt{784}$    | (b) $\sqrt{1024}$          | (c) $\sqrt{0.0004}$         |
| 9. (a) $\sqrt{0.0121}$ | (b) $\sqrt{8\frac{1}{36}}$ | (c) $\sqrt{2\frac{34}{81}}$ |

Express each of the following surds in its simplest form. (10 – 13)

- |  |  |                             |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
| 10. (a) $\sqrt{800}$                                   | (b) $\sqrt{360}$                                   | (c) $\sqrt{864}$            |
| 11. (a) $\sqrt{\frac{125}{36}}$                        | (b) $\sqrt{1\frac{7}{25}}$                         | (c) $\sqrt{3\frac{53}{64}}$ |
| 12. (a) $\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{0.06} \times \sqrt{27}$ | (b) $\sqrt{24} \times \sqrt{15} \times \sqrt{20}$  |                             |
| 13. (a) $\frac{\sqrt{21}}{\sqrt{6} \times \sqrt{32}}$  | (b) $\frac{\sqrt{14} \times \sqrt{50}}{\sqrt{63}}$ |                             |

### Rationalization of denominators and addition/subtraction of surds

Given an expression with  $\sqrt{a}$  in the denominator, we can rationalize the denominator of the expression as follow:

$$\frac{K}{\sqrt{a}} = \frac{K \times \sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{a}} = \frac{K\sqrt{a}}{a}$$

(e.g.  $\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{5}} \times \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{5}$  )

If the numbers inside the radical signs of surds in their simplest form are the same, they are called **like surds**

The result of addition and subtraction of like surds can be simplified :  $a\sqrt{p} \pm b\sqrt{p} = (a \pm b)\sqrt{p}$

(e.g.  $2\sqrt{5} + 4\sqrt{5} = (2 + 4)\sqrt{5} = 6\sqrt{5}$  )

#### Exercise 10F(2)

- |                                 |                              |                                |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. (a) $3\sqrt{2} + 5\sqrt{2}$  | (b) $8\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{3}$   | (c) $\sqrt{11} - 6\sqrt{11}$   |
| 2. (a) $\sqrt{72} + \sqrt{50}$  | (b) $\sqrt{125} - \sqrt{80}$ | (c) $\sqrt{112} - \sqrt{448}$  |
| 3. (a) $7\sqrt{12} + \sqrt{27}$ | (b) $13\sqrt{18} - \sqrt{8}$ | (c) $8\sqrt{63} + 3\sqrt{175}$ |

Rationalize the denominator of each of the following expressions. (4 – 6)

- |                              |                             |                            |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 4. (a) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{15}}$ | (b) $\frac{10}{\sqrt{10}}$  | (c) $\frac{7}{\sqrt{21}}$  |
| 5. (a) $\frac{8}{\sqrt{12}}$ | (b) $-\frac{25}{\sqrt{45}}$ | (c) $\frac{98}{\sqrt{28}}$ |
| 6. (a) $\sqrt{\frac{20}{7}}$ | (b) $\sqrt{\frac{8}{17}}$   | (c) $\sqrt{3\frac{1}{5}}$  |
7. (a) Rationalize the denominator of  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

(b) It is given that  $\sqrt{2} \approx 1.414$ . Estimate the value of  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  without using a calculator.

8. (a) Rationalize the denominator of  $\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}$ .

(b) It is given that  $\sqrt{10} \approx 3.162$ . Estimate the value of  $10 \times \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}$  without using a calculator.

Simplify each of the following expressions. (9 – 12)

9. (a)  $\sqrt{28} + 3\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{63}$

(b)  $5\sqrt{27} - \sqrt{48} - \sqrt{108}$

10. (a)  $\sqrt{162} - \sqrt{98} + 4\sqrt{50}$

(b)  $6\sqrt{54} + 2\sqrt{150} - 7\sqrt{24}$

11. (a)  $2\sqrt{245} - 4\sqrt{125} + 3\sqrt{180}$

(b)  $3\sqrt{224} - 7\sqrt{126} - 5\sqrt{350}$

12. (a)  $\sqrt{98} \times \sqrt{104} + \sqrt{52}$

(b)  $\frac{3\sqrt{132}}{\sqrt{66}} - \sqrt{32}$

In each of the following, simplify the expression and rationalize the denominator of the result if necessary. (13 – 21)

13. (a)  $(\sqrt{12} + \sqrt{27})\sqrt{3}$

(b)  $\sqrt{18}(\sqrt{54} - \sqrt{24})$

14. (a)  $\sqrt{125}(\sqrt{20} + 2\sqrt{45})$

(b)  $(3\sqrt{48} - \sqrt{75})\sqrt{135}$

15. (a)  $\frac{4\sqrt{52} + \sqrt{117}}{5\sqrt{13}}$

(b)  $\frac{\sqrt{224} - 3\sqrt{126}}{\sqrt{28}}$

16. (a)  $(\sqrt{8} + \sqrt{3})(\sqrt{8} - \sqrt{3})$

(b)  $(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{10})(\sqrt{15} - \sqrt{9})$

17. (a)  $(1 + \sqrt{3})^2$

(b)  $(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5})^2$

18. (a)  $(\sqrt{7} - 4)^2$

(b)  $(\sqrt{10} - \sqrt{6})^2$

19. (a)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + \sqrt{5}$


(b)  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} + \frac{6}{\sqrt{3}}$

20. (a)  $\frac{6}{\sqrt{3}} + \sqrt{108}$

(b)  $\sqrt{117} - \frac{26}{\sqrt{52}}$

21. (a)  $\frac{8}{\sqrt{15}} + \frac{\sqrt{60}}{3}$

(b)  $\frac{\sqrt{20}}{4} - \frac{9}{\sqrt{180}}$

 22. Write down two possible values of  $q$  such that the value of  $\sqrt{12} \times \sqrt{q} \times \sqrt{18}$  is a rational number.

23. (a) Simplify  $(3 + \sqrt{5})(3 - \sqrt{5})$ .

(b) Rationalize the denominator of  $\frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{3 - \sqrt{5}}$ .

24. (a) If  $a$  is a positive number, simplify  $(\sqrt{a+1} + \sqrt{a})(\sqrt{a+1} - \sqrt{a})$ .

(b) Simplify each of the following expressions.

(i)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1} + \sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4}}$

(ii)  $\frac{1}{6 + \sqrt{37}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{37} + \sqrt{38}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{62} + \sqrt{63}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{63} + 8}$

### Multiple Choice Questions

1. Which of the following is a surd?

A.  $\sqrt{16}$

B.  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{49}}$

C.  $\sqrt{\frac{81}{1\,000}}$

D.  $\sqrt{0.09}$

2. Which of the following is a surd?

A.  $\sqrt{289}$

B.  $\sqrt{0.36}$

C.  $\sqrt{\frac{12}{27}}$

D.  $\sqrt{\frac{111}{400}}$

3. Which of the following has the smallest value?

A.  $\sqrt{13}$

B.  $\sqrt{\frac{100}{7}}$

C.  $\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2}$

D.  $\sqrt{10^2 - 9^2}$

4. Which of the following has the greatest value?

A.  $-\sqrt{85}$

B.  $-\sqrt{\frac{1\,010}{11}}$

C.  $-\sqrt{4^2 + 8^2}$

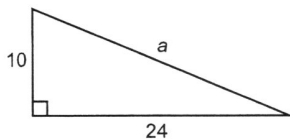
D.  $-\frac{26}{\sqrt{3^2 - 1^2}}$

5. Which of the following pairs of numbers have the same integral part?
- $\sqrt{90}$  and  $\sqrt{101}$
  - $\sqrt{123}$  and  $\sqrt{143}$
  - $\sqrt{201}$  and  $\sqrt{226}$
  - $\sqrt{689}$  and  $\sqrt{759}$
6. Between which two consecutive numbers does  $\sqrt{147}$  lie?
- 11 and 12
  - 12 and 13
  - 13 and 14
  - 14 and 15
7. Which of the following numbers lie between 20 and 21?
- $\sqrt{414}$
  - $\sqrt{440}$
  - $\sqrt{444}$
- I and II only
  - I and III only
  - II and III only
  - I, II and III
8. Without using a calculator, arrange the following numbers in ascending order.
- $$17, \sqrt{290}, \sqrt{\frac{577}{2}}$$
- $17 < \sqrt{290} < \sqrt{\frac{577}{2}}$
  - $\sqrt{290} < 17 < \sqrt{\frac{577}{2}}$
  - $\sqrt{\frac{577}{2}} < 17 < \sqrt{290}$
  - $\sqrt{\frac{577}{2}} < \sqrt{290} < 17$

9. Without using a calculator, arrange the following numbers in descending order.

16,  $\sqrt{248}$ , 17,  $\sqrt{254}$

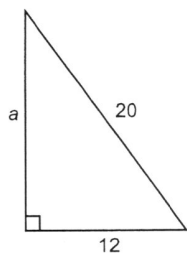
- A.  $17 > \sqrt{254} > \sqrt{248} > 16$   
B.  $17 > 16 > \sqrt{254} > \sqrt{248}$   
C.  $\sqrt{254} > 17 > 16 > \sqrt{248}$   
D.  $\sqrt{254} > 17 > \sqrt{248} > 16$
10. If the area of a square is  $256 \text{ cm}^2$ , find the length of the side of the square.
- A. 14 cm  
B. 16 cm  
C. 32 cm  
D. 64 cm
11. If the area of a square poster is  $841 \text{ cm}^2$ , find the perimeter of the poster.
- A. 29 cm  
B. 58 cm  
C. 116 cm  
D. 210.25 cm
12. Find the value of  $a$  in the figure.



- A. 17  
B. 24  
C. 26  
D. 34

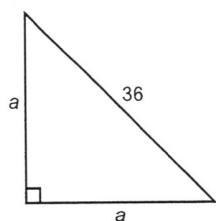


13. Find the value of  $a$  in the figure.



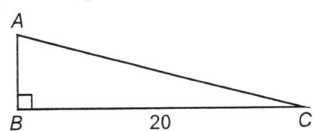
- A. 13
- B. 16
- C. 20
- D. 23

14. Find the value of  $a$  in the figure.



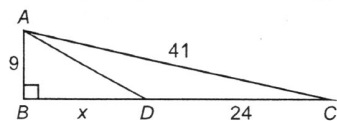
- A. 6
- B. 18
- C. 25.4 (corr. to 3 sig. fig.)
- D. 25.5 (corr. to 3 sig. fig.)

15. In the figure,  $AC = 4AB$ ,  $AC =$

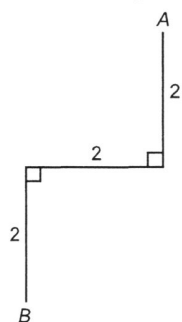


- A. 20.7 (corr. to 3 sig. fig.).
- B. 24.
- C. 25.
- D. 46.2 (corr. to 3 sig. fig.).

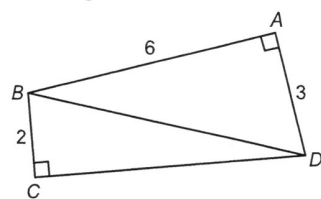
16. In the figure,  $BDC$  is a straight line. Find the value of  $x$ .



- A. 8  
 B. 16  
 C. 39.7 (corr. to 3 sig. fig.)  
 D. 40
17. Find the length of  $AB$  in the figure correct to 3 significant figures.

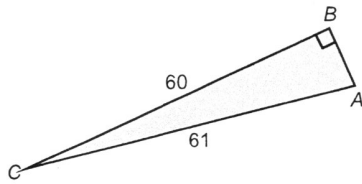


- A. 3.46  
 B. 4.47  
 C. 5.66  
 D. 8.49
18. In the figure,  $CD =$



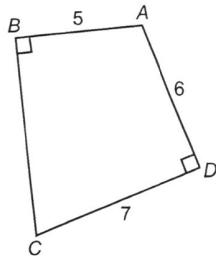
- A.  $\sqrt{23}$ .  
 B.  $\sqrt{31}$ .  
 C.  $\sqrt{41}$ .  
 D. 7.

19. Find the area of  $\triangle ABC$  in the figure.



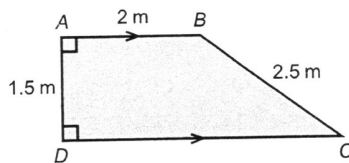
- A. 330
- B. 335.5
- C. 660
- D. 1830

20. In the figure, find the perimeter of  $ABCD$  correct to 3 significant figures.



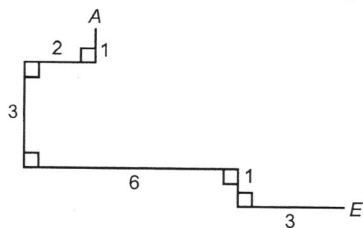
- A. 23.4
- B. 25.7
- C. 26.2
- D. 28.5

21. Find the area of trapezium  $ABCD$  in the figure.



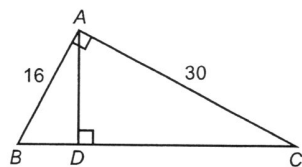
- A.  $4.25 \text{ m}^2$
- B.  $4.5 \text{ m}^2$
- C.  $6 \text{ m}^2$
- D.  $7.5 \text{ m}^2$

22. Find the length of  $AE$  in the figure correct to 3 significant figures.



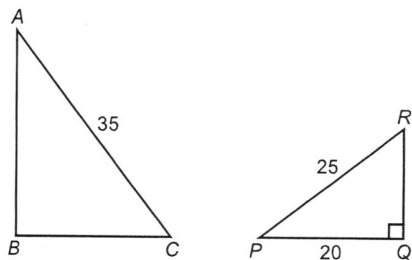
- A. 8.60
- B. 10.4
- C. 14.2
- D. 16.0

23. In the figure,  $D$  is a point on  $BC$  such that  $AD \perp BC$ . Find the length of  $AD$ .



- A. 12
- B. 14
- C. 14.1 (corr. to 3 sig. fig.)
- D. 18.9 (corr. to 3 sig. fig.)

24. In the figure,  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle PQR$ .

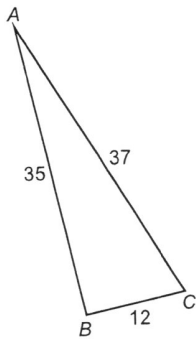


Which of the following must be true?

- I.  $\angle ABC = 90^\circ$
- II.  $AB = 28$
- III. Perimeter of  $\triangle ABC = 84$

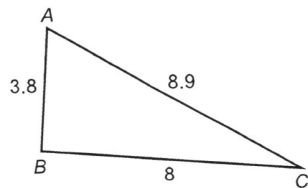
- A. I and II only
- B. I and III only
- C. II and III only
- D. I, II and III

25. In the figure, which of the following is a right angle?



- A.  $\angle BAC$
- B.  $\angle ABC$
- C.  $\angle ACB$
- D. None of the above

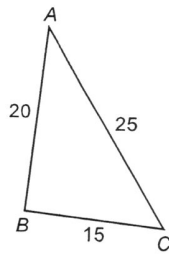
26. In the figure, which of the following is a right angle?



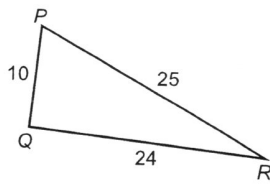
- A.  $\angle BAC$
- B.  $\angle ABC$
- C.  $\angle ACB$
- D. None of the above

27. Which of the following is/are right-angled triangle(s)?

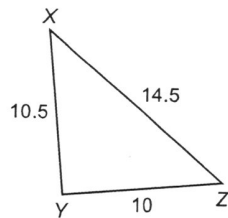
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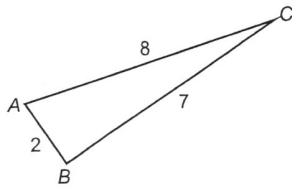
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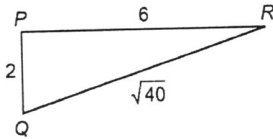
- A. I only
- B. I and II only
- C. I and III only
- D. II and III only

28. Which of the following is/are right-angled triangle(s)?

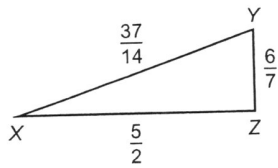
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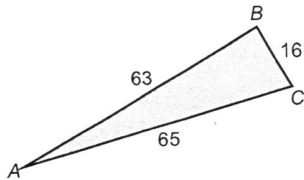


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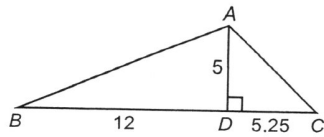
- A. II only
- B. III only
- C. I and II only
- D. II and III only

29. Find the area of  $\triangle ABC$  in the figure.



- A. 504
- B. 520
- C. 1 008
- D. 2 047.5

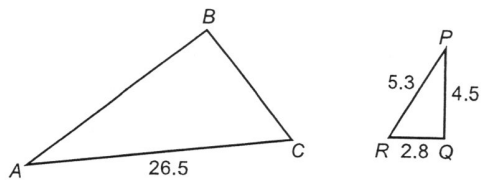
30. In the figure,  $D$  is a point on  $BC$  such that  $AD \perp BC$ .



Which of the following must be true?

- I.  $AB = 13$
  - II.  $AC = 7.25$
  - III.  $\triangle ABC$  is a right-angled triangle.
- A. I and II only
  - B. I and III only
  - C. II and III only
  - D. I, II and III

31. In the figure,  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle PQR$ .

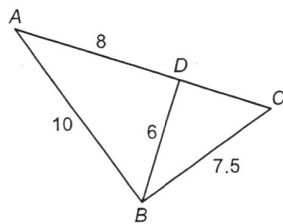


Which of the following must be true?

- I.  $\angle PQR = 90^\circ$
  - II.  $BC = 14$
  - III. Area of  $\triangle ABC = 315$
- A. I and II only
  - B. I and III only
  - C. II and III only
  - D. I, II and III



32. In the figure,  $ADC$  is a straight line. Which of the following is/are right-angled triangle(s)?



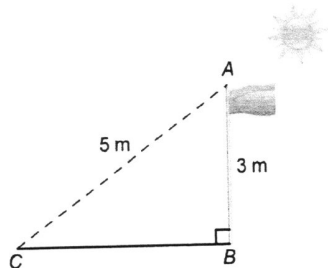
- I.  $\triangle ABD$
  - II.  $\triangle BCD$
  - III.  $\triangle ABC$
- A. I only
  - B. II only
  - C. I and II only
  - D. I, II and III

33. Which of the following can be put inside a rectangular box of length 20 cm and width 10 cm horizontally?

- I. A rod of length 22 cm
- II. A rod of length 22.5 cm
- III. A rod of length 23 cm

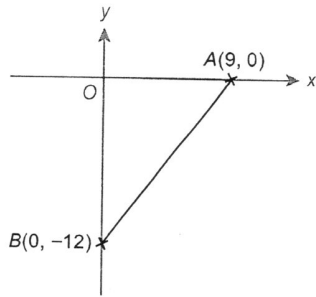
- A. I only
- B. I and II only
- C. I, II and III
- D. None of the above

34. In the figure, a flagpole  $AB$  of 3 m high is perpendicular to the ground. Find the length of the shadow  $CB$  of the flagpole.

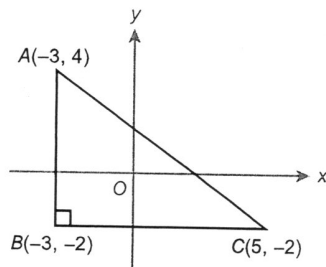


- A. 3 m
- B. 4 m
- C. 5 m
- D. 5.83 m (corr. to 3 sig. fig.)

35. Find the length of  $AB$  in the figure.

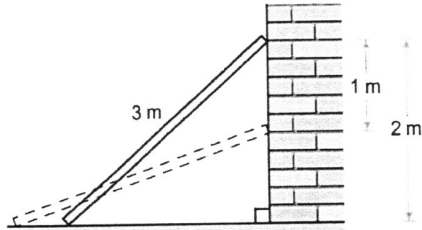


- A. 7.94 units (corr. to 3 sig. fig.)  
B. 9 units  
C. 12 units  
D. 15 units
36. In the figure,  $A(-3, 4)$ ,  $B(-3, -2)$  and  $C(5, -2)$  are vertices of a right-angled triangle  $ABC$ . Find the perimeter of  $\triangle ABC$ .

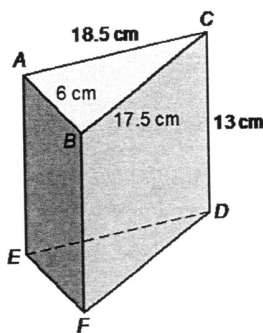


- A. 10 units  
B. 24 units  
C. 30 units  
D. 40 units
37. The diagonal of a square lawn is  $\sqrt{18}$  km. Find the area of the lawn.
- A.  $6 \text{ km}^2$   
B.  $9 \text{ km}^2$   
C.  $17.0 \text{ km}^2$  (corr. to 3 sig. fig.)  
D.  $18 \text{ km}^2$

38. A ladder of 3 m long leans against a vertical wall and its upper end is 2 m above the ground. If the upper end of the ladder slides down by 1 m, find the distance moved by the lower end of the ladder to the left correct to 2 decimal places.

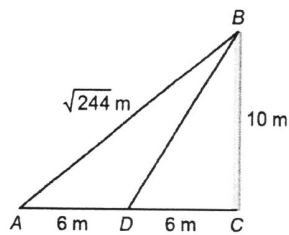


- A. 0.59 m  
 B. 1.00 m  
 C. 2.24 m  
 D. 2.83 m
39. At 10 a.m., a train is 20 km due north of a building. The train travels due west at a constant speed and it will be 100 km away from the building at noon. Find the speed of the train correct to the nearest integer.
- A. 40 km/h  
 B. 49 km/h  
 C. 51 km/h  
 D. 98 km/h
40. The figure shows a right prism  $ABCDEF$ . The base  $ABC$  is a triangle with  $AB = 6$  cm,  $BC = 17.5$  cm and  $AC = 18.5$  cm. If  $CD = 13$  cm, find the volume of the prism.



- A.  $546 \text{ cm}^3$   
 B.  $682.5 \text{ cm}^3$   
 C.  $721.5 \text{ cm}^3$   
 D.  $2104.375 \text{ cm}^3$

41. The perimeter of a rectangular carpet is 56 cm and the ratio of the length to the width is 4 : 3. Find the length of the diagonal of the carpet.
- A. 5 cm  
B. 20 cm  
C. 28 cm  
D. 40 cm
42. In the figure,  $ADC$  is a straight line on the horizontal ground. Two ropes are fixed at points  $A$  and  $D$ , and connected to the top of a rod  $BC$ .



Which of the following must be true?

- I.  $BC \perp AC$   
II.  $AB = 2BD$   
III. The shortest distance from  $C$  to  $BD$  is 5 m.
- A. I only  
B. I and III only  
C. II and III only  
D. I, II and III

43. Simplify  $\sqrt{13^3}$ .

- A.  $\sqrt{13}$   
B.  $13\sqrt{13}$   
C. 169  
D.  $169\sqrt{13}$

44. Simplify  $\sqrt{6^8}$ .

- A. 216  
B.  $216\sqrt{6}$   
C. 1296  
D.  $1296\sqrt{6}$

45. Simplify  $\sqrt{3^5 \cdot 7^4}$ .

- A.  $21\sqrt{3}$
- B.  $441\sqrt{3}$
- C.  $441\sqrt{7}$
- D.  $194\,481\sqrt{21}$

46. Simplify  $\sqrt{1\,296}$ .

- A.  $12\sqrt{3}$
- B.  $18\sqrt{2}$
- C.  $18\sqrt{3}$
- D. 36

47. Simplify  $\sqrt{147}$ .

- A.  $3\sqrt{7}$
- B.  $7\sqrt{3}$
- C.  $9\sqrt{7}$
- D.  $49\sqrt{3}$

48. Simplify  $\sqrt{\frac{2}{98}}$ .

- A.  $\frac{1}{7}$
- B.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}}$
- C.  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{7}$
- D.  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{7}}$

49. Simplify  $\sqrt{\frac{99}{64}}$ .

A.  $\frac{9}{8}$

B.  $\frac{33}{8}$

C.  $\frac{3\sqrt{11}}{8}$

D.  $\frac{9\sqrt{11}}{8}$

50. Simplify  $\sqrt{121a^6}$  where  $a > 0$ .

A.  $11a^2$

B.  $11a^3$

C.  $121a^2$

D.  $121a^3$

51. Simplify  $\sqrt{\frac{a^3}{900}}$  where  $a > 0$ .

A.  $\frac{a}{30}$

B.  $\frac{a\sqrt{a}}{30}$

C.  $\frac{a}{90}$

D.  $\frac{a\sqrt{a}}{90}$

52. Simplify  $\sqrt{6} \times \sqrt{24}$ .

A. 12

B. 15

C. 24

D.  $12\sqrt{6}$

53. Simplify  $\frac{\sqrt{108}}{\sqrt{6}}$ .

- A.  $2\sqrt{3}$
- B.  $3\sqrt{2}$
- C. 9
- D. 18

54. Simplify  $\frac{\sqrt{28} \times \sqrt{14}}{\sqrt{7}}$ .

- A.  $2\sqrt{14}$
- B. 8
- C.  $4\sqrt{14}$
- D. 28

55. Which of the following must be correct?

I.  $\sqrt{111} = 3\sqrt{37}$

II.  $\frac{\sqrt{500}}{\sqrt{25}} = 20$

III.  $\sqrt{2^5} = \sqrt{10}$

- A. I only
- B. I and II only
- C. II and III only
- D. None of the above

56. If  $a = \sqrt{3}$  and  $b = \sqrt{30}$ , which of the following must be correct?

I.  $b\sqrt{10} = a$

II.  $a\sqrt{10} = b$

III.  $ab = 9\sqrt{10}$

- A. I only
- B. II only
- C. II and III only
- D. I, II and III

57. Rationalize the denominator of  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ .
- A.  $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$
  - B.  $\sqrt{6}$
  - C.  $2\sqrt{6}$
  - D.  $6\sqrt{3}$
58. Rationalize the denominator of  $\frac{10}{\sqrt{2}}$ .
- A.  $\sqrt{5}$
  - B.  $2\sqrt{5}$
  - C.  $5\sqrt{2}$
  - D.  $10\sqrt{2}$
59. Rationalize the denominator of  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{26}}$ .
- A.  $\frac{1}{13}$
  - B.  $\frac{\sqrt{13}}{13}$
  - C.  $\sqrt{13}$
  - D. 13
60. Rationalize the denominator of  $\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{20}}$ .
- A.  $\frac{3}{4}$
  - B.  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
  - C.  $\frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}$
  - D.  $10\sqrt{15}$



61. Rationalize the denominator of  $\sqrt{\frac{8}{11}}$ .

A.  $\frac{2\sqrt{22}}{11}$

B.  $\frac{2\sqrt{11}}{11}$

C.  $\frac{\sqrt{22}}{11}$

D.  $\frac{\sqrt{11}}{11}$

62. Rationalize the denominator of  $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{6}}$ .

A.  $\frac{5}{12}$

B.  $\frac{\sqrt{15}}{6}$

C.  $\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{6}$

D.  $2\sqrt{15}$

63. Simplify  $\sqrt{80} + \sqrt{20}$ .

A. 10

B.  $4\sqrt{5}$

C.  $6\sqrt{3}$

D.  $6\sqrt{5}$

64. Simplify  $\sqrt{384} - \sqrt{216}$ .

A.  $2\sqrt{6}$

B.  $8\sqrt{2}$

C.  $2\sqrt{42}$

D.  $28\sqrt{6}$

65. Simplify  $2\sqrt{338} - 15\sqrt{2}$ .
- A.  $9\sqrt{2}$   
B.  $11\sqrt{2}$   
C.  $52 - 15\sqrt{2}$   
D.  $323\sqrt{2}$
66. Simplify  $\frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5} - 10\sqrt{\frac{1}{125}}$ .
- A. 0  
B.  $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}$   
C.  $\frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5}$   
D.  $\frac{3\sqrt{5}}{5}$
67. Simplify  $\sqrt{300} - \sqrt{75} + \sqrt{27}$ .
- A.  $2\sqrt{6}$   
B.  $8\sqrt{3}$   
C.  $6\sqrt{7}$   
D.  $84\sqrt{3}$
68. Simplify  $\sqrt{18a} + \frac{2\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{2}}$  where  $a > 0$ .
- A.  $8\sqrt{a}$   
B.  $4\sqrt{2a}$   
C.  $10\sqrt{2a}$   
D.  $2\sqrt{5a}$
69. Simplify  $(\sqrt{343} - \sqrt{32})(\sqrt{175} + \sqrt{2})$ .
- A. 55  
B.  $237 - 13\sqrt{14}$   
C. 237  
D.  $1\,699 - 13\sqrt{14}$