

### **PRACTICE EXAM QUESTIONS (I)**

1. [6 marks]

Plot P  $(2, \pi)$  and Q  $(4, -\frac{\pi}{3})$  and hence, find the exact length of  $\overline{PQ}$ .

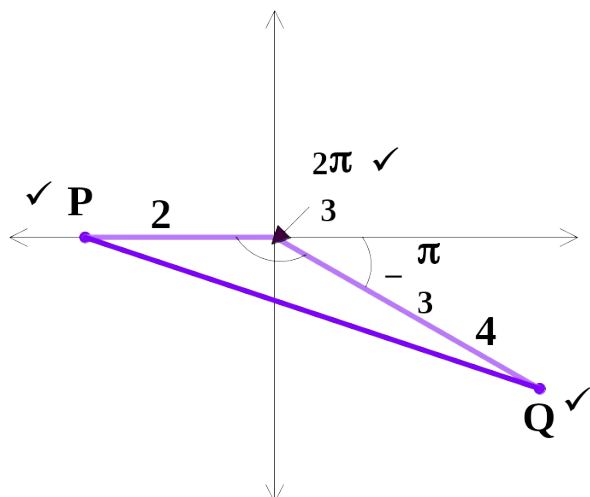
2. [5, 5 = 10 marks]

a) Find the Cartesian co-ordinates of the point with polar co-ordinates  $(2, \frac{\pi}{3})$ .

b) Transform the Cartesian co-ordinates  $(1, -1)$  into polar co-ordinates where  $0 < \theta \leq 2\pi$ .

## PRACTICE EXAM QUESTIONS (I) – SOLUTIONS

1.



$$PQ = \sqrt{2^2 + 4^2 - 2(2)(4) \cos \left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)} \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

$$= 2\sqrt{7} \quad \checkmark$$

2. a) For  $(2, \frac{\pi}{3})$ ,

$$x = r \cos \theta = 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = 1 \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

$$y = r \sin \theta = 2 \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \sqrt{3} \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

$\therefore$  the Cartesian co-ordinates are  $(1, \sqrt{3})$ .  $\checkmark$

b) For  $(1, -1)$ ,

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 = 2 \Rightarrow r = \sqrt{2} \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

As  $(1, -1)$  is in the 4<sup>th</sup> quadrant,  $\theta$  must lie in the 4<sup>th</sup> quadrant.  $\checkmark$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{-1}{1} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{7\pi}{4} \quad \checkmark$$

$\therefore$  the polar co-ordinates are  $(\sqrt{2}, \frac{7\pi}{4})$ .  $\checkmark$