

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ SCHOOL: _____



CENTRAL WEST EDUCATION DIVISION

2025 MALAWI SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION MOCK EXAMINATION

MATHEMATICS

Subject Number: M131/I

Tuesday, 8 April

Time Allowed: 2 hours

08:00 – 10:00 am

PAPER I

(100 marks)

Instructions

1. This paper contains 13 printed pages. Please check.
2. Answer all the twenty questions in this paper.
3. The maximum number of marks for each answer is indicated against each question.
4. Write your answers in the spaces provided on the question paper.
5. Scientific Calculators may be used
6. All working must be clearly shown
7. Write your **Name and School** at the top of each page of your question paper.
8. In the table provided on the page, tick against the question number you have answered

Question Number	Tick if answered	Do not write in these columns	
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			
15			
16			
17			
18			
19			
20			

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ SCHOOL: _____

2025

Page 2 of 14

M131/I

Answer all twenty questions in the spaces provided.

Factorize $12x - 10xy - 12xy^2$ completely.

(4 marks)

2. Simplify $\frac{\sqrt{252} - \sqrt{28}}{\sqrt{45} + \sqrt{5}}$ leaving the answer with rational denominator.

(4 Marks)

/Continue...

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ SCHOOL: _____
2025 Page 3 of 14 M131/I

Given that $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 6 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, find $5(A - BC)$ (5 marks)

4. Given $Q = \left[\frac{4-2T}{T+1} \right]^{\frac{1}{x}}$. Make T the subject of the formula. (5 marks)

5. Simplify $\frac{2}{x^2+x} - \frac{1}{x^2+3x+2}$ (4 Marks)

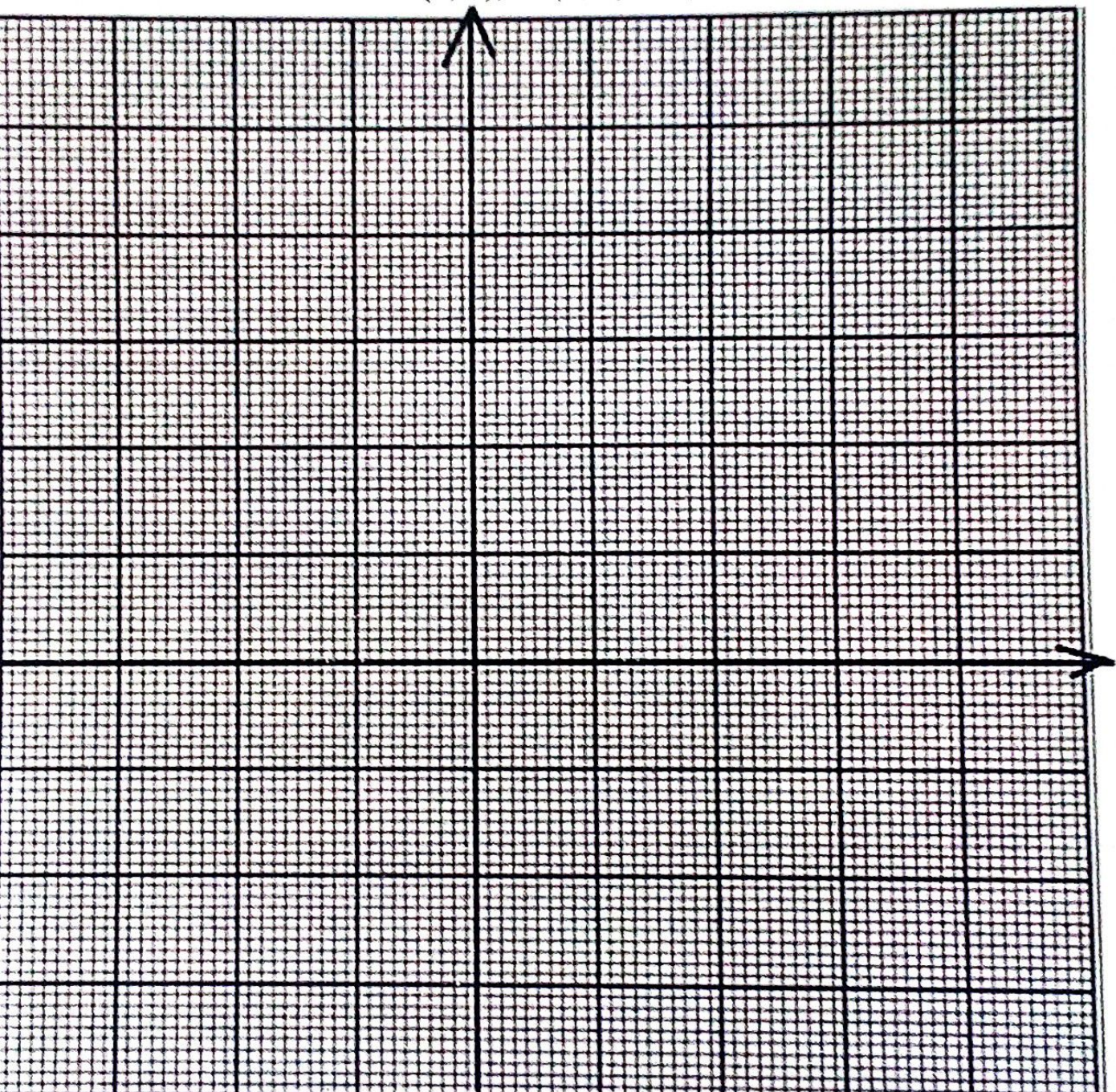
/Continue...

T'S NAME: _____ SCHOOL: _____

Page 4 of 14

M131/I

graph paper below, use a scale of 2 cm to represent 2 unit on both axes, draw
inal triangle XYZ whose vertices are $X(2, 6)$, $Y(-6, -2)$, $Z(-2, -2)$ and its
 $X'Y'Z'$ whose vertices are $X'(4, 0)$, $Y'(6, 4)$, $Z'(4, 4)$.



Page 5 of 14

radius measurements are 729 cm
are in S cm^2 , calculate the volu

A chord 26 cm long is 12 cm from the centre of the circle. Calculate the length of the cord placed 7 cm from the centre of the same circle, correct your answer to 2 significant figures.

10. Figure 2 shows a circle **BPQR** in which **ABC** is a tangent at **B** and **BQ** is a diameter. Angle **BAR** = 110° .

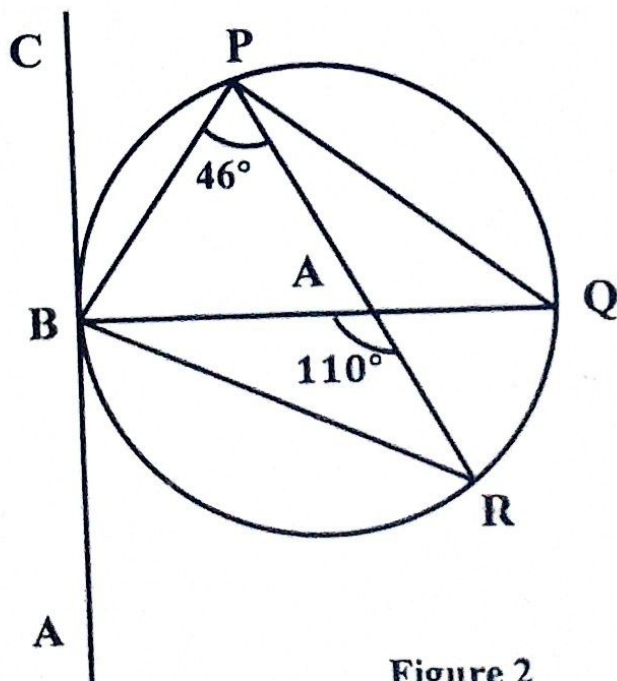


Figure 2

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

2025

1

10.(Continue)

If angle $\mathbf{BPR} = 46^0$, calculate angle \mathbf{RBA}

11. The first three terms of a G.P are $\frac{1}{64}, \frac{1}{32}, \frac{1}{16}, \dots$ Find the n th term.

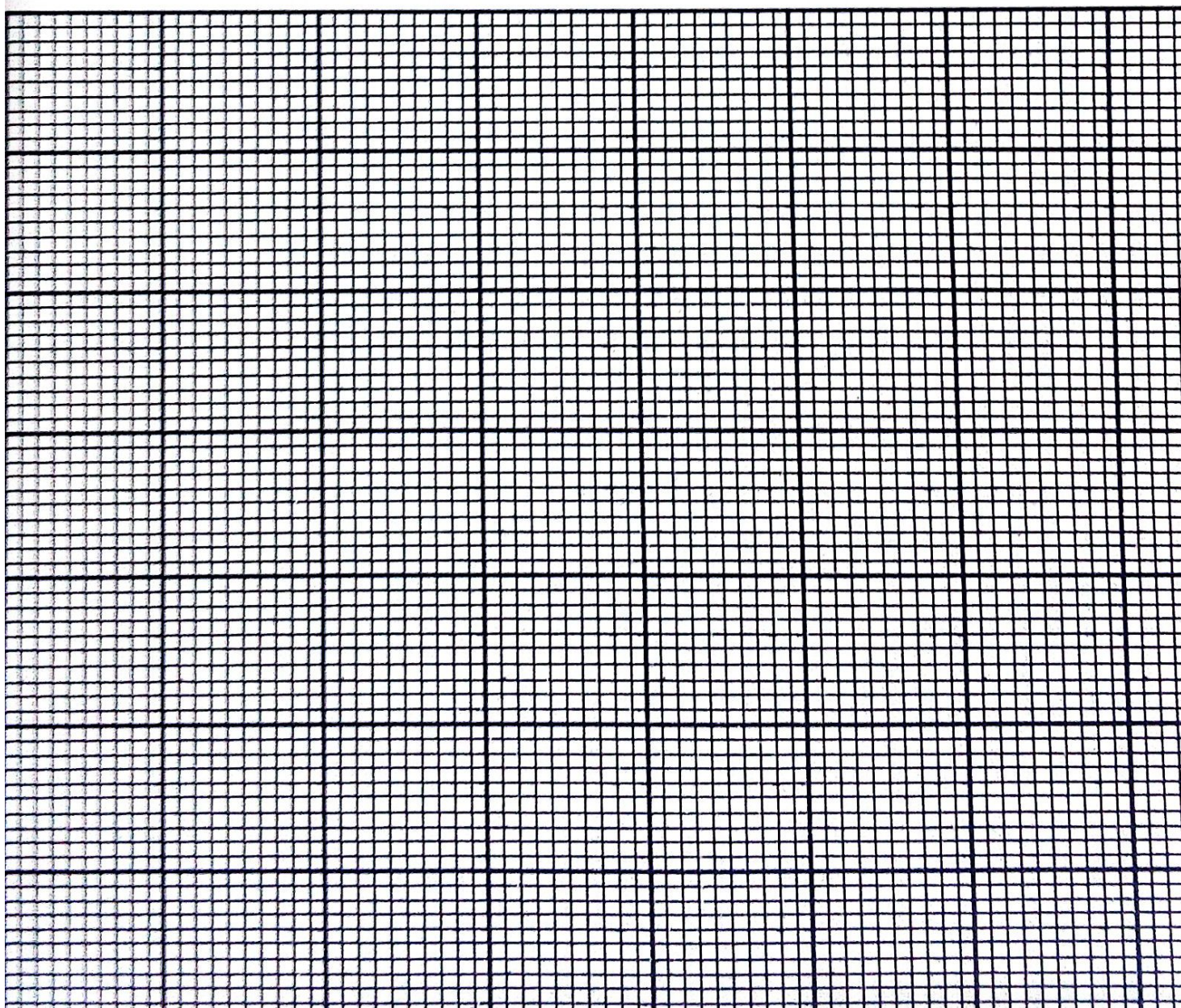
STUDENT'S NAME: _____ SCHOOL: _____

2025

Page 8 of 14

12. A straight line l passes through $(a, 4)$ and $(3a, 3)$ with an equation $x + 6y - c = 0$. Find the values of a and c .

13. A car starts from rest and accelerates to 8m/s in 2 seconds. It then maintains this speed for 2 seconds before accelerating at 5m/s^2 in the next 3 seconds.
- i. Using a scale of 2cm to represent 2 units on the graph paper provided below, draw the velocity time graph to represent this information.



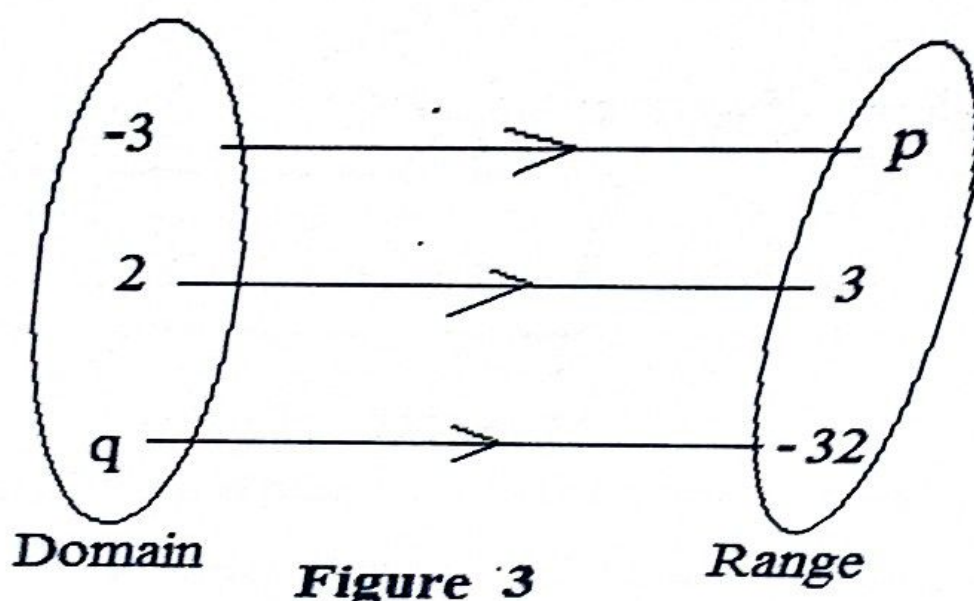
STUDENT'S NAME: _____

2025

Page 9 of 10

3. (Continue)

ii. Use your graph to find the maximum velocity reached.



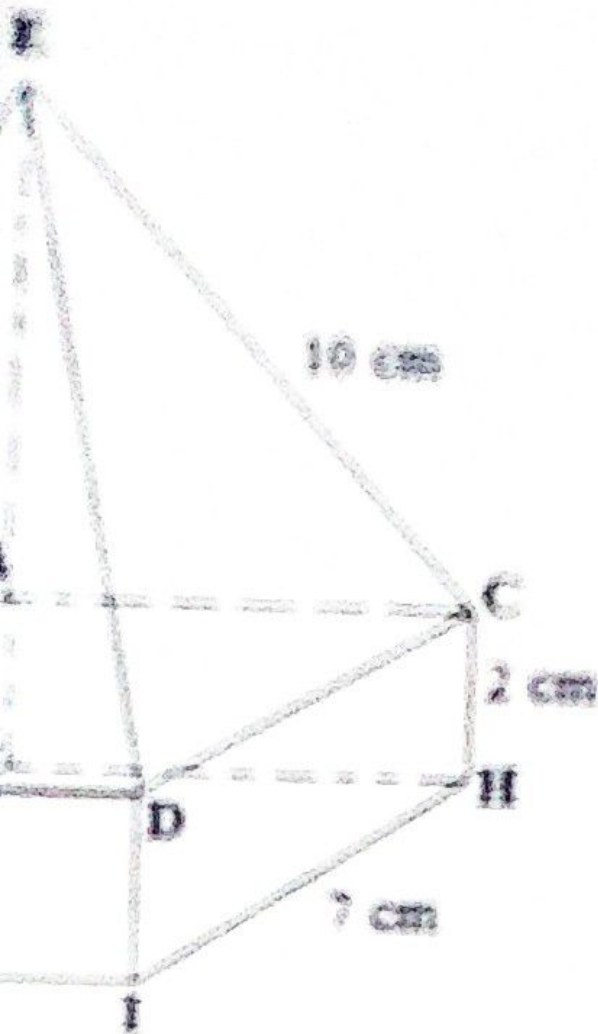


Figure 4

on top of a square based cuboid.

and $CH = 2$ cm, calculate the total surface area of the

(6 marks)

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ SCHOOL: _____
2025 Page 11 of 14 M131/I

17. The mean of the numbers 5, 7, p , 13, and 16 is 10.

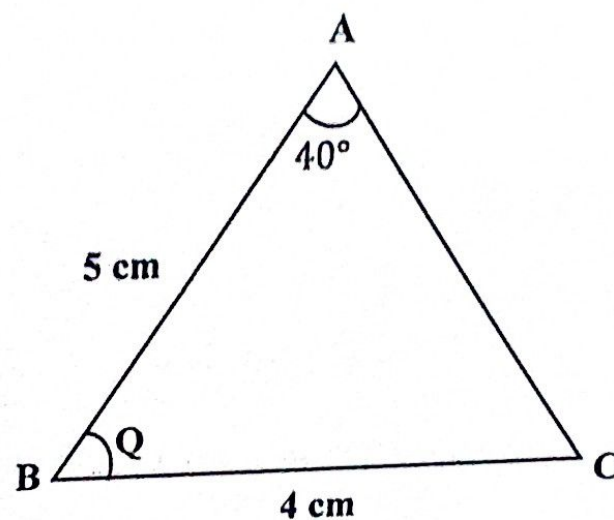
If the standard deviation of this data is 6, calculate the possible values of p (6 Marks)

18. Using a scale of 2 cm to represent 2 units on both axes, show the region W represented by the following system of inequalities by shading the unwanted region on the graph paper on

9. The variable P varies jointly as the cube of x and inversely as the square root of the product of yz . $P = 54$, when $x = 6$, $y = 4$ and $z = 16$. Find the product of yz when $x = 3$ and P is maintained its value. (6 Marks)

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ SCHOOL: _____

The figure below is a triangle ABC . $AB = 5\text{ cm}$, $BC = 4\text{ cm}$ and $\angle BAC = 40^\circ$.



Find the value of the Q (Write your answer to the nearest degree)

(5 marks)

END OF QUESTION PAPER