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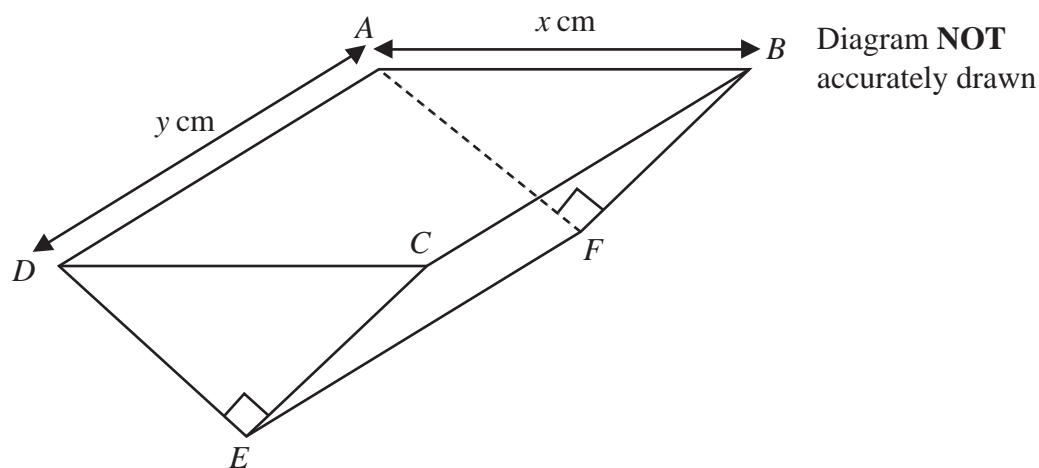


Figure 4

Figure 4 shows a solid right triangular prism  $ABCDEF$

The cross section of the prism is an isosceles triangle.

- $\angle DEC = \angle AFB = 90^\circ$
- $AB = DC = x \text{ cm}$
- $AD = BC = FE = y \text{ cm}$
- $AF = BF = DE = CE$

The triangular faces of the prism are vertical and the edges  $AD$ ,  $BC$  and  $FE$  are horizontal.

The volume of the prism is  $3.6 \text{ cm}^3$

The total external surface area of the prism is  $S \text{ cm}^2$

(a) Show that  $S$  satisfies the equation

$$S = \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{72(\sqrt{2} + 1)}{5x} \quad (4)$$

Given that  $x$  can vary,

(b) use calculus, to find to 3 significant figures, the value of  $x$  for which  $S$  is a minimum.

Justify that this value of  $x$  gives a minimum value of  $S$

(4)

(c) Hence find, to 2 significant figures, the minimum value of  $S$

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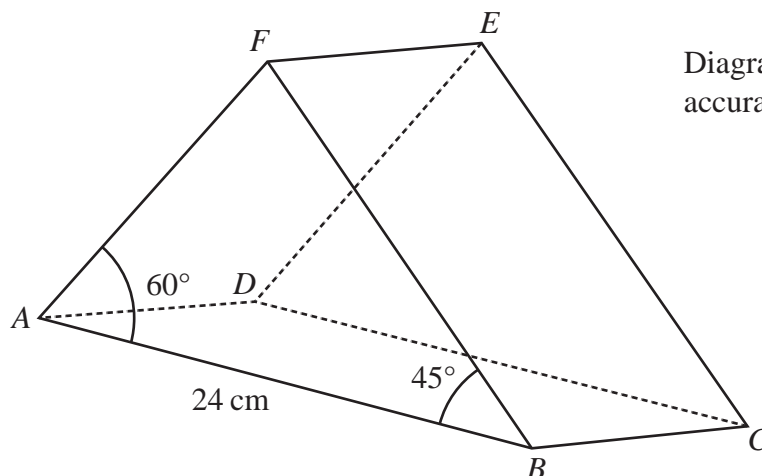
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accurately drawn**Figure 5**

Figure 5 shows a right triangular prism  $ABCDEF$  where  $ABCD$  is a rectangle.

$$AF = DE \quad BF = CE \quad AD = FE = BC \quad AB = DC = 24 \text{ cm}$$

$$\angle ABF = \angle DCE = 45^\circ \quad \angle BAF = \angle CDE = 60^\circ$$

Using a formula from page 2,

(a) show that  $\sin AFB = \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{4}$  (3)

Without using a calculator,

(b) show that  $BF = 12(3\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}) \text{ cm}$  (5)

The angle between the plane  $AEB$  and the plane  $ABCD$  is  $65^\circ$

(c) Find, in cm to 2 significant figures, the length of  $EF$  (3)

(d) Find, in degrees to one decimal place, the size of the angle between the line  $CF$  and the plane  $ABCD$  (4)

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