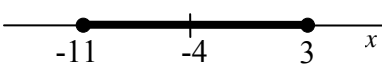


## Question 1

- (a)  $e^5 - 3 \log_e 5 = 143.58...$   
 $= 140$  (2 sig. fig.)
- (b)  $64 - x^3 = 4^3 - x^3$   
 $= (4 - x)(16 + 4x + x^2)$
- (c)  $\int \left( \frac{1}{4x} + e^{2x} \right) dx = \frac{1}{4} \ln x + \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} + C$
- (d)  $\frac{x}{x-2} - \frac{8}{x^2-4} = \frac{x}{x-2} - \frac{8}{(x-2)(x+2)}$   
 $= \frac{x(x+2)-8}{(x-2)(x+2)}$   
 $= \frac{x^2+2x-8}{(x-2)(x+2)}$   
 $= \frac{(x-2)(x+4)}{(x-2)(x+2)}$   
 $= \frac{x+4}{x+2}$
- (e)  $|4+x| \leq 7$   
 $\therefore |x - (-4)| \leq 7$
- 
- $\therefore -11 \leq x \leq 3$
- (f)  $y = x^2 + 4x - 3$   
 becomes  $y = (x+2)^2 - 7$   
 $\therefore$  vertex is  $(-2, -7)$
- Alternatively:  
 Axis of symmetry is at  $x = \frac{-4}{2} = -2$   
 Then  $y = (-2)^2 + 4(-2) - 3 = -7$   
 $\therefore$  vertex is  $(-2, -7)$

## Question 2

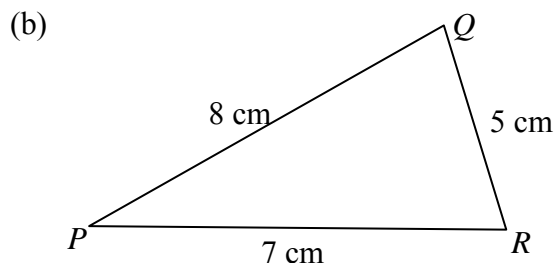
- (a)  $y = \log_e (2x-1)$   
 $y' = \frac{2}{2x-1}$   
 At  $x=1$ :  $y' = \frac{2}{2(1)-1} = 2$   
 and  $y = \ln(2(1)-1)$   
 $= \ln 1$   
 $= 0$   
 $\therefore$  tangent is  $y-0 = 2(x-1)$   
 $y = 2x-2$
- (b)  $\frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{5 + \log_e x} = \frac{d}{dx} (5 + \log_e x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} (5 + \log_e x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right)$   
 $= \frac{1}{2x\sqrt{5 + \log_e x}}$
- (c)  $y = \frac{1 + \sin x}{\cos x}$   
 $y' = \frac{\cos x (\cos x) - (1 + \sin x)(-\sin x)}{\cos^2 x}$   
 $= \frac{\cos^2 x + \sin x + \sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x}$   
 $= \frac{1 + \sin x}{1 - \sin^2 x}$   
 $= \frac{1 + \sin x}{(1 - \sin x)(1 + \sin x)}$   
 $= \frac{1}{1 - \sin x}$
- (d) (i)  $\int 6e^{\frac{x}{2}} dx = 12 \int \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{x}{2}} dx$   
 $= 12e^{\frac{x}{2}} + C$
- (ii)  $\int \frac{x}{1-x^2} dx = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{-2x}{1-x^2} dx$   
 $= -\frac{1}{2} \ln(1-x^2) + C$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(e)} \quad \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} (1 - \sec^2 2x) dx &= \left[ x - \frac{1}{2} \tan 2x \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{\tan \frac{\pi}{3}}{2} - \left( 0 - \frac{\tan 0}{2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(f)} \quad 4\sin^2 \theta - 3 &= 0 \text{ for } -\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi \\
 \sin^2 \theta &= \frac{3}{4} \\
 \sin \theta &= \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\
 \theta &= \frac{\pi}{3}, \pi - \frac{\pi}{3}, -\frac{\pi}{3}, -\pi + \frac{\pi}{3} \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, -\frac{\pi}{3}, -\frac{2\pi}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

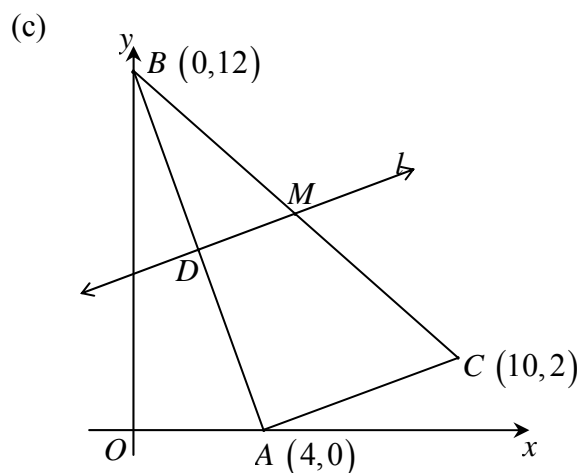
### Question 3

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a)} \quad \sum_{n=5}^{11} (2n-5) &= 5+7+9+11+13+15+17 \\
 &= 77
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(i)} \quad \cos \angle PQR &= \frac{8^2 + 5^2 - 7^2}{2(8)(5)} \quad (\text{cos rule}) \\
 &= \frac{40}{80} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \\
 \therefore \angle PQR &= 60^\circ
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii)} \quad A &= \frac{1}{2}(8)(5)\sin 60^\circ \\
 &= 20 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\
 &= 10\sqrt{3} \\
 \therefore \text{the area of } \triangle PQR &\text{ is } 10\sqrt{3} \text{ cm}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

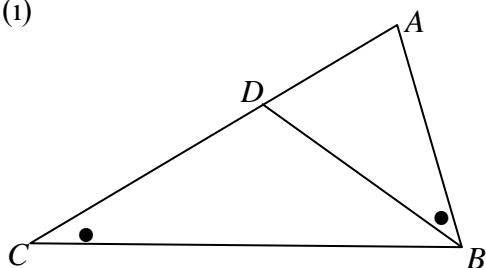


$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(i)} \quad m_{AC} &= \frac{2-0}{10-4} \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \\
 \text{(ii)} \quad D &= (2,6) \\
 \text{(iii)} \quad l: y-6 &= \frac{1}{3}(x-2) \\
 3y-18 &= x-2 \\
 x-3y+16 &= 0 \\
 \text{(iv)} \quad AC \parallel DM &\quad (\text{same gradient}) \\
 \therefore \frac{AD}{DB} &= \frac{CM}{MB} \quad (\text{parallel lines preserve ratios}) \\
 1 &= \frac{CM}{MB} \\
 CM &= MB \\
 \therefore M &\text{ is the midpoint of } CB \\
 \text{(v)} \quad \text{Centre is } (5,7) \\
 d_{MB} &= \sqrt{5^2 + 5^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{50} \\
 &= 5\sqrt{2} \\
 \therefore \text{the circle is } (x-5)^2 + (y-7)^2 &= 50 \\
 \text{(vi)} \quad \text{Substitute } (4,0) &\text{ into} \\
 (x-5)^2 + (y-7)^2 &= 50 \\
 (4-5)^2 + (0-7)^2 &= 1+49 \\
 &= 50 \\
 \text{The point A does lie on the circle}
 \end{aligned}$$

#### Question 4

(a)  $x^2 - 8x + 5 = 0$   
 $\therefore \alpha + \beta = 8$  and  $\alpha\beta = 5$   
 $(\alpha - \beta)^2 = \alpha^2 - 2\alpha\beta + \beta^2$   
 $= \alpha^2 + \beta^2 - 2\alpha\beta$   
 $= (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta - 2\alpha\beta$   
 $= (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta$   
 $= 8^2 - 4(5)$   
 $= 44$

(b) (i)

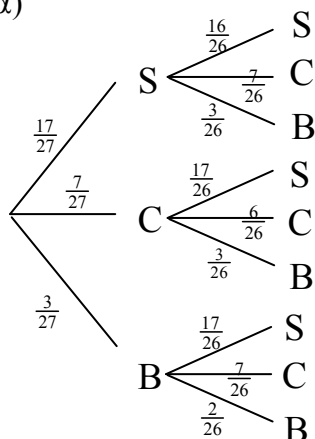


(ii) In  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle ADB$   
 1.  $\angle A$  is common  
 2.  $\angle ACB = \angle ABD$  (given)  
 $\therefore \triangle ABC \parallel \triangle ADB$  (equiangular)

(iii)  $\frac{AB}{AD} = \frac{BC}{DB} = \frac{AC}{AB}$   
 (matching sides of similar  $\triangle$ 's)  
 $\frac{12}{9} = \frac{AC}{12}$   
 $AC = \frac{12 \times 12}{9}$   
 $= 16$

(c) (i)  $P(2 \text{ symbols}) = \frac{3}{27} = \frac{1}{9}$

(ii) ( $\alpha$ )



( $\beta$ )(1)  $P(\text{exactly 1 star})$

$$= P(SC) + P(CS) + P(CB) + P(BC)$$

$$= \frac{17}{27} \times \frac{7}{26} + \frac{7}{27} \times \frac{17}{26} + \frac{7}{27} \times \frac{3}{26} + \frac{3}{27} \times \frac{7}{26}$$

$$= \frac{140}{351}$$

(2)  $P(2 \text{ stars})$

$$= P(SS) + P(SB) + P(BS) + P(BB)$$

$$= \frac{17}{27} \times \frac{16}{26} + \frac{17}{27} \times \frac{3}{26} + \frac{3}{27} \times \frac{17}{26} + \frac{3}{27} \times \frac{2}{26}$$

$$= \frac{190}{351}$$

#### Question 5

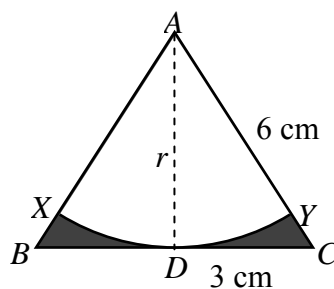
(a) (i) Each face has one less orange than in the row below. There are 4 faces.  $\therefore$  there are 4 fewer oranges than the row on which it rests.

(ii)  $56 + 52 + 48 + \dots + 4$   
 $n = ?$   $T_n = a + (n-1)d$   
 $a = 56$   $4 = 56 + (n-1)(-4)$   
 $T_n = 4$   $4 = 56 - 4n + 4$   
 $d = -4$   $4n = 56$   
 $n = 14$

$\therefore$  there are 14 rows

(iii)  $S_n = \frac{n}{2}[a + l] + 1$   
 $= \frac{14}{2}[56 + 4] + 1$   
 $= 421$   
 $\therefore$  he will use 421 oranges

(b)

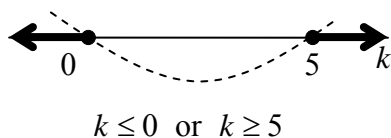


(i)  $6^2 = r^2 + 3^2$   
 $r^2 = 36 - 9$   
 $= 27$   
 $r = 3\sqrt{3}$   
 $\therefore$  the radius is  $3\sqrt{3}$  cm.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii)} \quad A &= \frac{1}{2}bh - \frac{1}{2}r^2\theta \quad \text{where } \theta = \frac{\pi}{3} \\
 A &= \frac{1}{2}(6)(3\sqrt{3}) - \frac{1}{2}(3\sqrt{3})^2\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \\
 &= 9\sqrt{3} - \frac{9\pi}{2} \\
 \therefore \text{the area is } &\left(9\sqrt{3} - \frac{9\pi}{2}\right) \text{ cm}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(c)} \quad \text{(i)} \quad &\text{For } 5x^2 - 2kx + k \\
 \Delta &= (-2k)^2 - 4(5)(k) \\
 &= 4k^2 - 20k
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii)} \quad &\text{For real roots: } \Delta \geq 0 \\
 4k^2 - 20k &\geq 0 \\
 4k(k - 5) &\geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$



### Question 6

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a)} \quad 2 \ln x &= \ln(5 + 4x) \\
 2 \ln x &= \ln(5 + 4x) \\
 \ln x^2 &= \ln(5 + 4x) \\
 x^2 &= 5 + 4x \\
 x^2 - 4x - 5 &= 0 \\
 (x - 5)(x + 1) &= 0 \\
 x &= -1, 5
 \end{aligned}$$

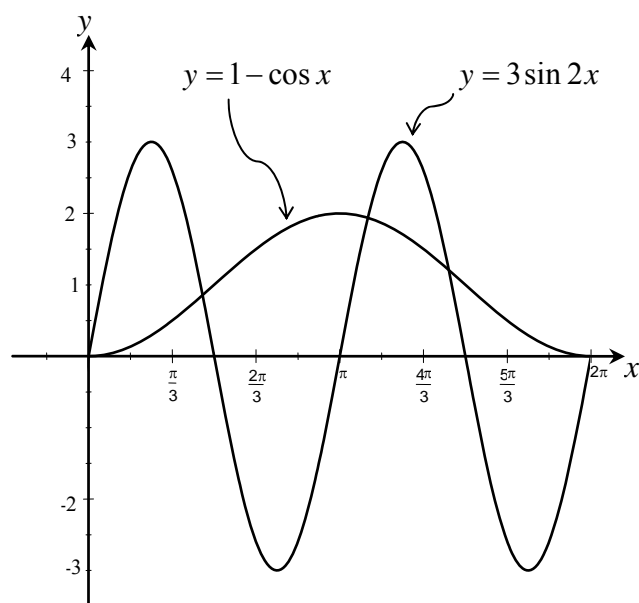
But  $x > 0$  and  $4x + 5 > 0$  for the logs to exist

$\therefore x = 5$  is the only solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b)} \quad A &= \int_{-1}^4 [x + 1 - (x^2 - 2x - 3)] dx \\
 &= \int_{-1}^4 (3x + 4 - x^2) dx \\
 &= \left[ \frac{3x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} + 4x \right]_{-1}^4 \\
 &= 24 - \frac{64}{3} + 16 - \left( \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - 4 \right) \\
 &= 20\frac{5}{6} \\
 \therefore \text{the area is } &20\frac{5}{6} \text{ unit}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b)} \quad &\text{For } y = e^{3x}, \quad y' = 3e^{3x} \\
 &\text{For } y = 6x, \quad m = 6 \\
 \therefore 3e^{3x} &= 6 \\
 e^{3x} &= 2 \\
 3x &= \ln 2 \\
 x &= \frac{1}{3} \ln 2
 \end{aligned}$$

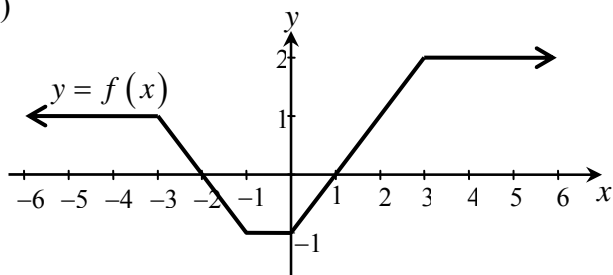
(c) (i) and (ii)



(iii) There are 5 solutions because the curves intersect in 5 different points.

## Question 7

(a)



$$(i) \quad \int_0^5 f(x) dx = -\frac{1}{2} + 2 + 4 = 5\frac{1}{2}$$

(ii) If  $\int_a^5 f(x) dx = 4$  we need values of  $a$  for which the signed area gives a result of 4. This occurs when  $a = 3$  or  $-2$

$$(b) \quad (i) \quad \frac{d(\sin^2 x - \cos 4x)}{dx} = 2 \sin x \cos x + 4 \sin 4x$$

$$(ii) \quad \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\sin x \cos x + 2 \sin 4x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (2 \sin x \cos x + 4 \sin 4x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sin^2 x - \cos 4x \right]_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2} - \cos 2\pi - \left( \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{4} - \cos \pi \right) \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 - 1 - \left( \frac{1}{2} - (-1) \right) \right] = -\frac{3}{4}$$

(c) (i) 8% pa = 2% every  $\frac{1}{4}$  year;  
investment periods =  $4 \times 15 - 1 = 59$   
(no interest for the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 months)  
 $A = 500(1 + 0.02)^{59} = 1608.348426$   
 $\therefore$  The amount = \$1608.35

(ii)(a) 1<sup>st</sup> payment grows to  $500(1.02)^3$

2<sup>nd</sup> payment grows to  $500(1.02)^2$

3<sup>rd</sup> payment grows to  $500(1.02)^1$

Last payment remains as 500

$\therefore$  Value on the day after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday is

$$A = 500(1.02)^3 + 500(1.02)^2 + 500(1.02)^1 + 500 = 500[1 + 1.02 + 1.02^2 + 1.02^3]$$

(b) 1<sup>st</sup> payment now grows to  $500(1.02)^{59}$

$$A = 500(1.02)^{59} + 500(1.02)^{58} + \dots + 500 = 500[1 + 1.02 + \dots + 1.02^{58} + 1.02^{59}] = 500 \left[ \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} \right] \text{ where } a = 1; r = 1.02; n = 60 = 500 \left[ \frac{1((1.02)^{60} - 1)}{1.02 - 1} \right] = 57025.769\dots$$

$\therefore$  Total in the account on Emily's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday is \$57025.77.

(iii) During the year, interest is paid 4 times  
 $A = 57025.76971 \times (1.02)^4 = 61726.527\dots$

$\therefore$  Amount = \$61726.53 (to nearest cent)

(iv) Interest earned = \$61726.53 - \$57025.77 = \$4700.76

If she withdraws \$4 000, the account will continue to grow.

If she withdraws \$5 000, the money will eventually run out.

### Question 8

(a) (i)  $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 5x + 1$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 2x - 5$$

$$f''(x) = 6x - 2$$

Stat points if  $f'(x) = 0$

i.e.  $3x^2 - 2x - 5 = 0$

$$(3x - 5)(x + 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = -1 \text{ or } \frac{5}{3}$$

If  $x = -1$ :  $f''(-1) = 6(-1) - 2$

$$< 0$$

$$f(-1) = (-1)^3 - (-1)^2 - 5(-1) + 1$$

$$= 4$$

$\therefore$  a maximum at  $(-1, 4)$

If  $x = \frac{5}{3}$ :  $f''(\frac{5}{3}) = 6(\frac{5}{3}) - 2$

$$> 0$$

$$f(\frac{5}{3}) = (\frac{5}{3})^3 - (\frac{5}{3})^2 - 5(\frac{5}{3}) + 1$$

$$= -5\frac{13}{27}$$

$\therefore$  a minimum at  $(1\frac{2}{3}, -5\frac{13}{27})$

(ii) Points of inflexion when

$$f''(x) = 0 \text{ and concavity changes}$$

i.e.  $6x - 2 = 0$

$$x = \frac{1}{3}$$

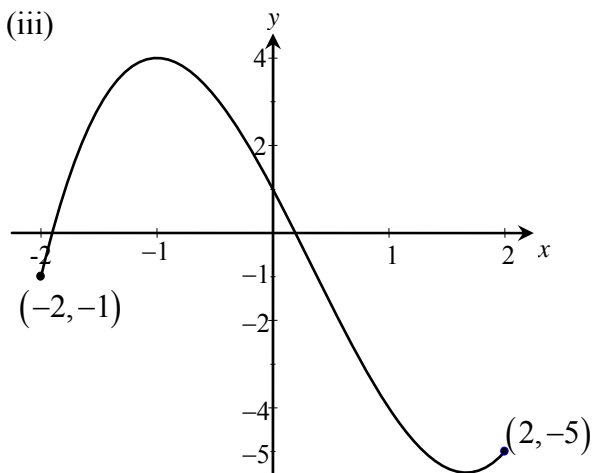
$x$	$\frac{1}{3}^-$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}^+$
$f''(x)$	$-$	$0$	$+$

If  $x = \frac{1}{3}$ :  $f(\frac{1}{3}) = (\frac{1}{3})^3 - (\frac{1}{3})^2 - 5(\frac{1}{3}) + 1$

$$= -\frac{20}{27}$$

$\therefore$  an inflection at  $(\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{20}{27})$

(iii)



(iv)  $y = f(x)$  decreasing but concave up  
when  $\frac{1}{3} < x < \frac{5}{3}$

(b) (i)  $y = e^{1-x^2}$

$$\log_e y = 1 - x^2$$

$$\therefore x^2 = 1 - \log_e y$$

(ii)  $V = \pi \int_1^e (1 - \ln y) dy$

(iii)

$y$	1	$\frac{1+e}{2}$	$e$
$1 - \ln y$	$1 - \ln 1$ $= 1$	$1 - \ln\left(\frac{1+e}{2}\right)$	$1 - \ln e$ $= 0$

$$V = \pi \int_1^e (1 - \ln y) dy$$

$$= \pi \frac{(e-1)}{6} \left[ 1 + 4 \left( 1 - \ln\left(\frac{1+e}{2}\right) + 0 \right) \right]$$

$$= 2.2668...$$

$\therefore$  the volume is  $2.3 \text{ unit}^3$  (2 sig. fig.)

### Question 9

(a) (i)  $1000\,000 + 1000\,000(0.8) + 1000\,000(0.8)^2 + \dots$  to 7 prizes  
 $7^{\text{th}} \text{ prize} = \$1000\,000(0.8)^6$   
 $= \$262144$

(ii)  $20^{\text{th}} \text{ prize} = \$262144 - 13 \times \$20\,000$   
 $= \$2144$

(iii) 
$$\text{Total} = \underbrace{\frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}}_{\text{for the first 7 terms}} + \underbrace{\frac{N}{2}[A+L]}_{\text{For the next 13 terms}}$$

$$= \frac{\$1000\,000[1-(0.8)^7]}{1-0.8} + \frac{13}{2}[\$262144 + \$2144]$$

$$= \$5539\,296$$

- (b) Let  $P(F \text{ second test when passed first test}) = x$   
and  $P(F \text{ second test when failed first test}) = y$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{at least one } P) &= P(PF) + P(FP) + P(PP) \\ &= 1 - P(FF) \\ &= 97\% \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore P(FF) = 3\%$$

$$\therefore 15\% \times y = 3\%$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \frac{3\%}{15\%} \\ &= 20\% \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(P \text{ only one test}) &= P(PF) + P(FP) \\ &= 85\% \times x + 15\% \times 20\% \\ &= 0.85x + 0.03 \end{aligned}$$

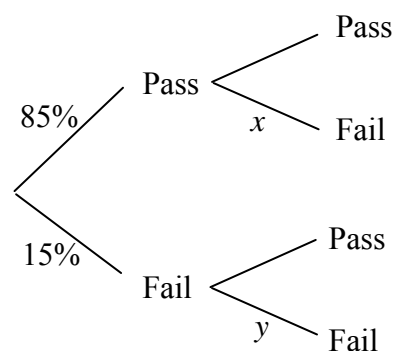
$$\therefore 17.1\% = 85\% \times x + 15\% \times 20\%$$

$$0.171 = 0.85x + 0.03$$

$$x = 0.06$$

$$= 6\%$$

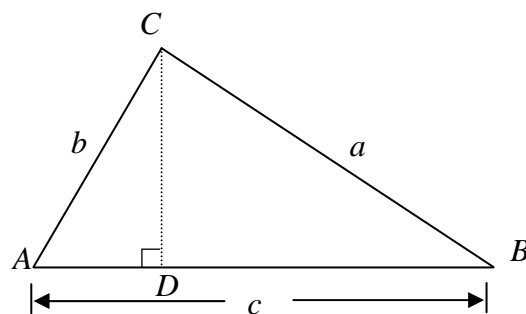
$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{passes first and fails second}) &= P(PF) \\ &= 85\% \times 6\% \\ &= 5.1\% \end{aligned}$$



(c)

(i) In  $\triangle ADC$  :  $CD = b \sin A$   
In  $\triangle CDB$  :  $CD = a \sin B$   
 $\therefore b \sin A = a \sin B$

(ii) In  $\triangle ADC$  :  $AD = b \cos A$   
In  $\triangle CDB$  :  $DB = a \cos B$   
 $c = AB$   
 $= AD + DB$   
 $= a \cos B + b \cos A$



(iii)  $c = a \cos B + b \cos A \Rightarrow c^2 = (a \cos B + b \cos A)^2$   
But  $c^2 = a^2 \cos^2 B + 2ab \cos A \cos B + b^2 \cos^2 A$   
 $\therefore a^2 \cos^2 B + 2ab \cos A \cos B + b^2 \cos^2 A = 4ab \cos A \cos B$   
 $a^2 \cos^2 B + 2ab \cos A \cos B + b^2 \cos^2 A - 4ab \cos A \cos B = 0$   
 $a^2 \cos^2 B - 2ab \cos A \cos B + b^2 \cos^2 A = 0$   
 $(a \cos B - b \cos A)^2 = 0$   
 $\therefore a \cos B - b \cos A = 0$   
 $\therefore a \cos B = b \cos A$  \*

$\therefore AD = DB$   
 $\therefore \triangle ABC$  isosceles [CD perpendicular bisector of AB]  
 $\therefore a = b$

Alternatively:

$a \cos B = b \cos A$  from \*

$a \sin B = b \sin A$  from (i)

$\therefore \frac{a \sin B}{a \cos B} = \frac{b \sin A}{b \cos A}$

$\therefore \tan B = \tan A$

but both angles are acute as they are in  $\triangle ABC$

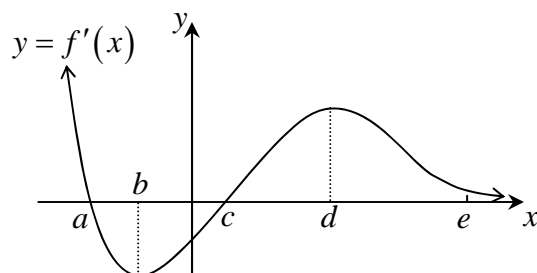
$\therefore A = B$

$\therefore a = b$  (opposite equal angles in  $\triangle ABC$ )



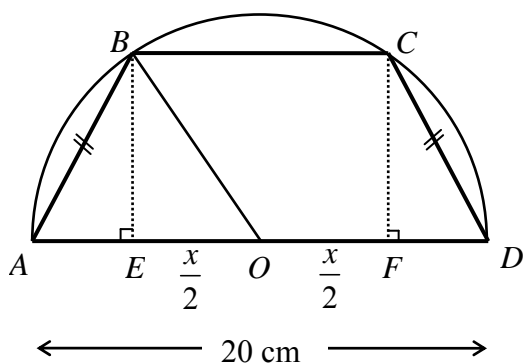
### Question 10

- (a) The graph below represents  $y = f'(x)$ . Specific  $x$ -values  $a, b, c, d$  and  $e$  are as indicated in the diagram.



- (i) The graph of  $y = f(x)$  have a stationary point when  $x = a$  or  $c$ .
- (ii) The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is increasing when  $x < a$  or  $x > c$ .
- (iii) The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is concave up when  $f''(x) > 0$   
i.e. when the gradient graph is increasing.  
This is when  $b < x < d$ .
- (iv) As  $x \rightarrow \infty$  the graph of  $y = f(x)$  approaches a horizontal tangent.

(b)



- (i) In  $\triangle OBE : OB^2 = BE^2 + OE^2$  (Pythagoras)

$$\therefore 10^2 = BE^2 + \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2$$

$$BE^2 = 100 - \frac{x^2}{4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(400 - x^2)$$

$$\therefore BE = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{400 - x^2} \quad (\text{length positive})$$

$$(ii) \quad A = \frac{1}{2}h[a+b]$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{1}{2}(BE)[BC + AD] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{400 - x^2} [x + 20] \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(x + 20)\sqrt{400 - x^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$(iii) \quad A = \frac{1}{4}(x + 20)\sqrt{400 - x^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{1}{4}(x + 20)(400 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ A' &= \frac{1}{4}(x + 20) \cdot \frac{1}{2}(400 - x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(-2x) + (400 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \\ &= -\frac{x}{4}(x + 20)(400 - x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{4}(400 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Max/min occurs when  $A' = 0$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad -\frac{x}{4}(x + 20)(400 - x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{4}(400 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

$$x(x + 20)(400 - x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - (400 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

$$\frac{x(x + 20)}{(400 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} - (400 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

$$x(x + 20) - (400 - x^2) = 0$$

$$x^2 + 20x - 400 + x^2 = 0$$

$$2x^2 + 20x - 400 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 10x - 200 = 0$$

$$(x - 10)(x + 20) = 0$$

$$x = 10, -20$$

$$\text{But } x > 0 \quad \therefore x = 10$$

$x$	$10^-$	$10$	$10^+$
$A'$	$+$	$0$	$-$

$\therefore$  the maximum occurs when  $x = 10$

i.e. when  $BC = 10$  cm

Alternatively:

$$\begin{aligned}A' &= -\frac{x}{4}(x+20)(400-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{4}(400-x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\&= -\frac{1}{4}(400-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}[x^2+20x+400-x^2] \\&= -\frac{1}{4}(400-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}[20x+400] \\&= -(400-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(5x+100) \\A'' &= -(400-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}[5] + (5x+100)\left[\frac{1}{2}(400-x^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}}(-2x)\right] \\&= -5(400-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - x(5x+100)(400-x^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}}\end{aligned}$$

If  $x = 10$ :

$$\begin{aligned}A'' &= -5(400-10^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - 10(50+100)(400-10^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\&< 0\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  the maximum occurs when  $x = 10$

i.e. when  $BC = 10$  cm

**End of solutions**