

Forming & Solving Equations (H)

A collection of 9-1 Maths GCSE Sample and Specimen questions from AQA, OCR, Pearson-Edexcel and WJEC Eduqas.

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1. The diagram below shows a composite shape formed by joining two rectangles.

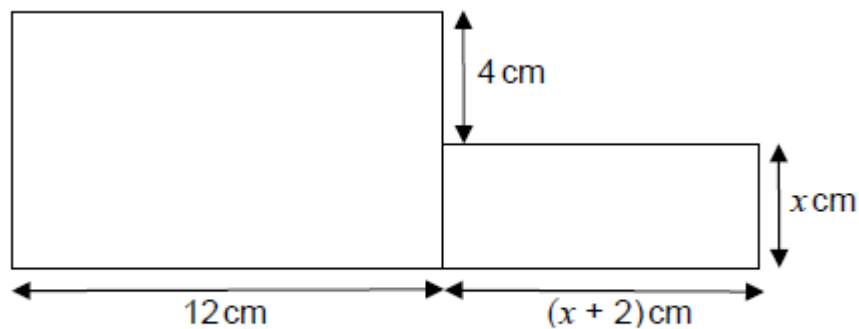


Diagram not drawn to scale

The area of the larger rectangle is 4 times the area of the smaller rectangle.
Calculate the dimensions of the smaller rectangle.
You must justify any decisions that you make.

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2. The diagram shows a square.

All the lengths are measured in centimetres.

Diagram not drawn to scale

Use an algebraic method to find the length of one side of the square.

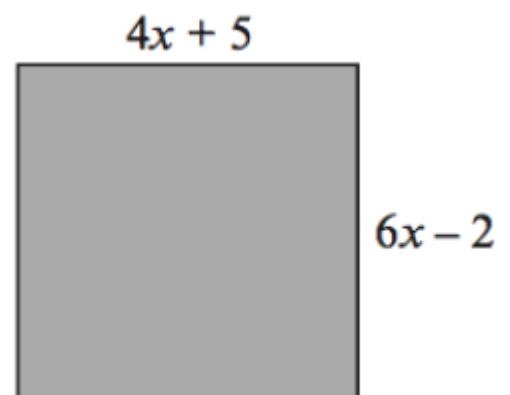


Diagram not drawn to scale

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3. (a) Solve $\frac{3}{x} = 12$

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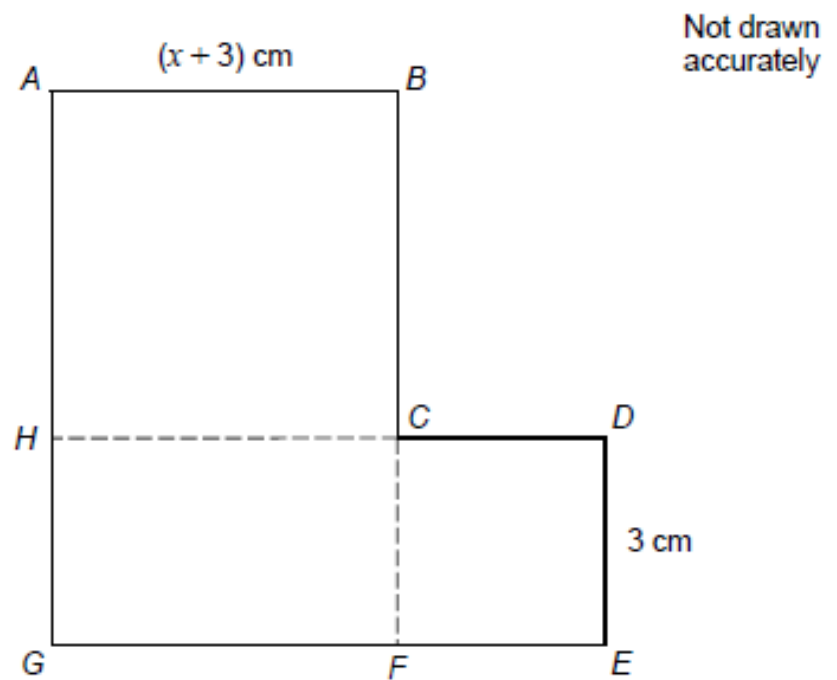
(b) Solve $9x - 4 = 7(x + 2)$.

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4. ABCH is a square.

HCFG is a rectangle.

CDEF is a square.



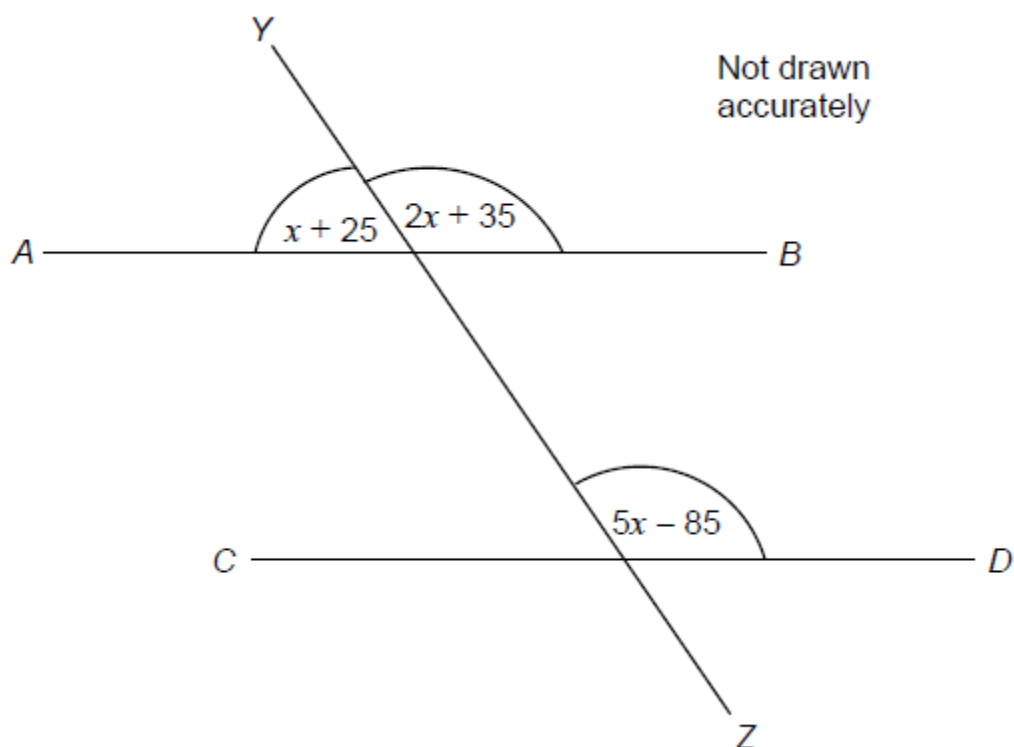
They are joined to make an L-shape.

Show that the total area of the L-shape, in cm^2 , is $x^2 + 9x + 27$

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5. AB, CD and YZ are straight lines.

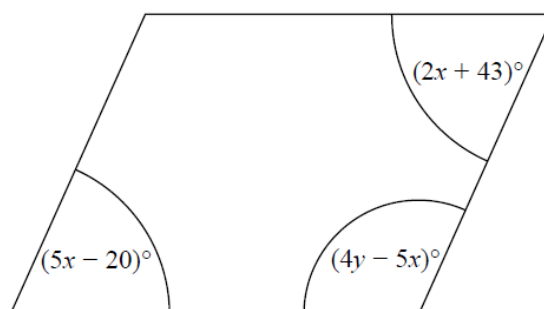
All angles are in degrees.



Show that AB is parallel to CD.

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6. Here is a parallelogram.



Work out the value of x and the value of y .

$x =$

$y =$

[5]

7. Kieran, Jermaine and Chris play football.

- Kieran has scored 8 more goals than Chris.
- Jermaine has scored 5 more goals than Kieran.
- Altogether they have scored 72 goals.

How many goals did they each score?

Kieran

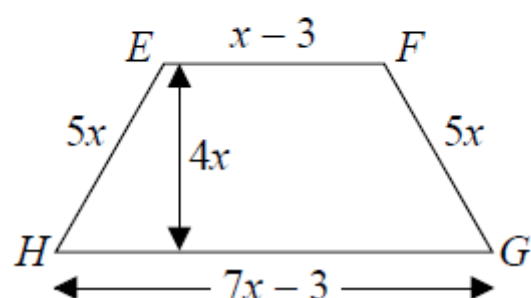
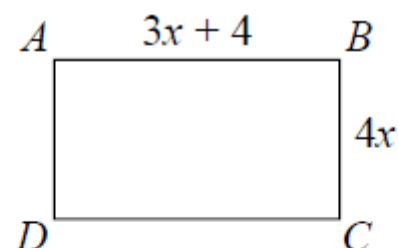
Jermaine

Chris

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8. ABCD is a rectangle.

EFGH is a trapezium.



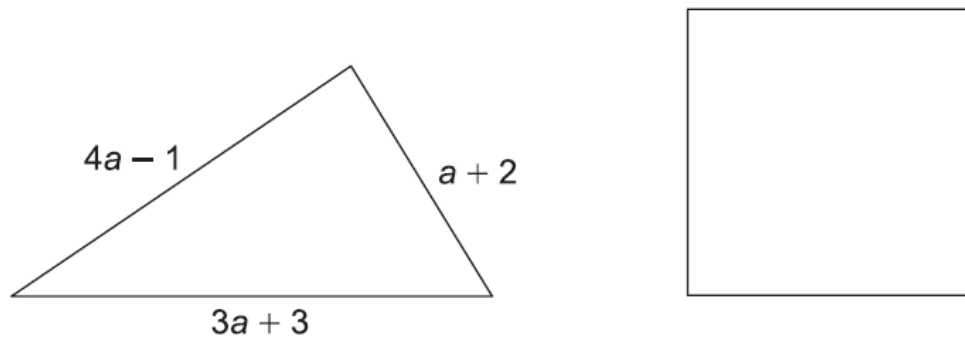
All measurements are in centimetres.

The perimeters of these two shapes are the same.

Work out the area of the rectangle.

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9. The perimeter of the triangle is the same length as the perimeter of the square.



Find an expression for the length of one side of the square in terms of a .

Give your answer in its simplest form.

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10. Alexander, Reiner and Wim each watch a different film.

- Alexander's film is thirty minutes longer than Wim's film.
- Reiner's film is twice as long as Wim's film.
- Altogether the films last 390 minutes.

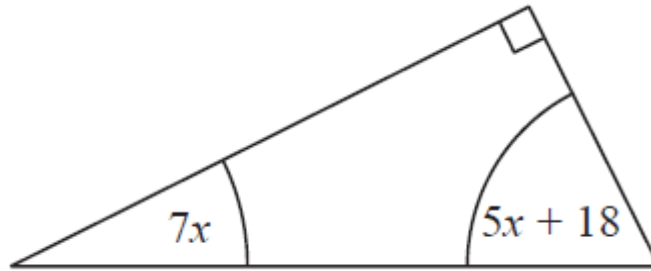
How long is each of their films?

Alexander's film minutes

Reiner's film minutes

Wim's film minutes [4]

11. The diagram shows a right-angled triangle.

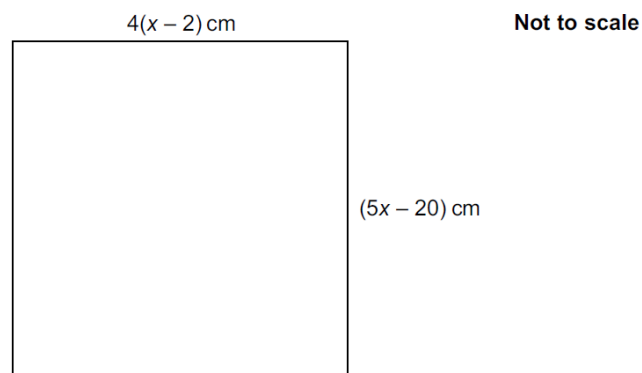


All the angles are in degrees.

Work out the size of the smallest angle of the triangle.

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12. This is a square.

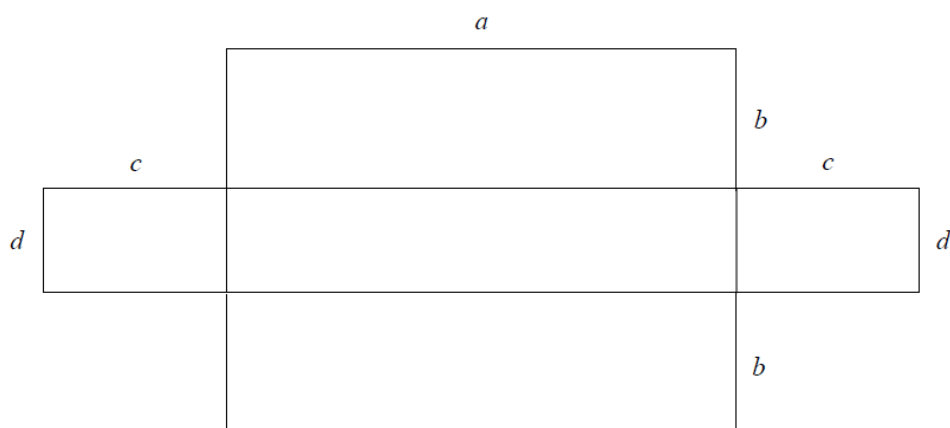


Work out the length of the side of the square.

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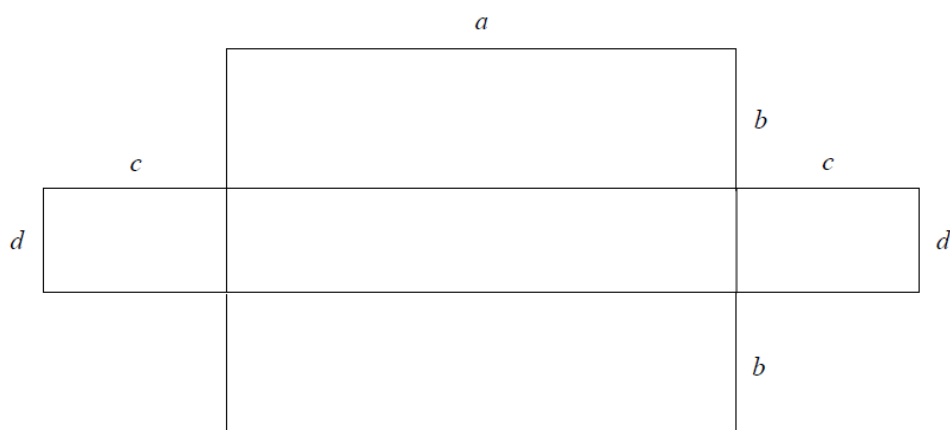
13. A shape is made from rectangles.

(a) On the diagram below shade an area represented by the expression ab



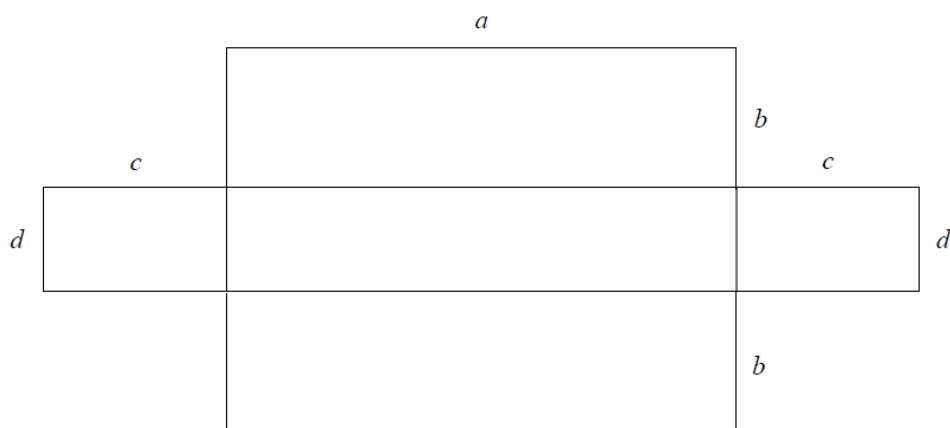
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(b) On the diagram below shade an area represented by the expression $ad + cd$



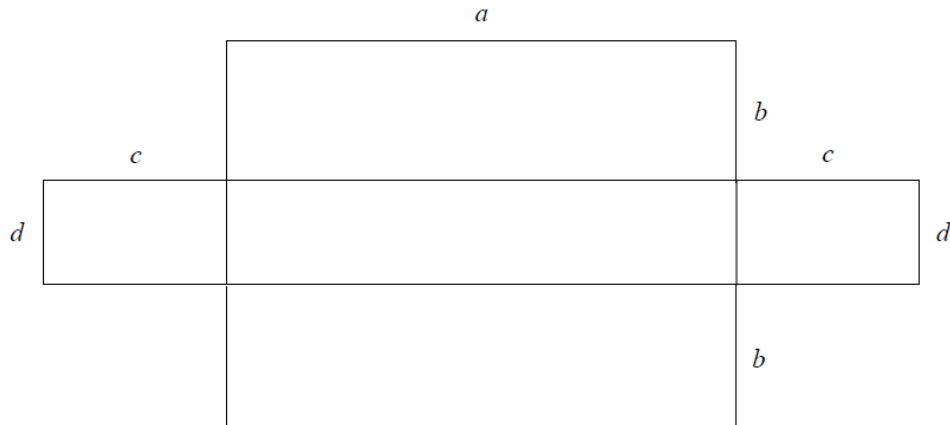
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(c) On the diagram below shade the area represented by the expression $d(a + 2c)$



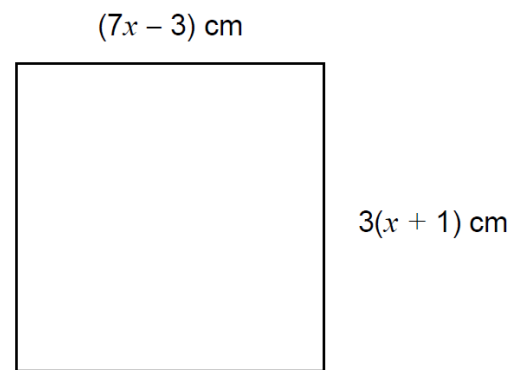
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(d) Write down an expression for the area of the whole shape.



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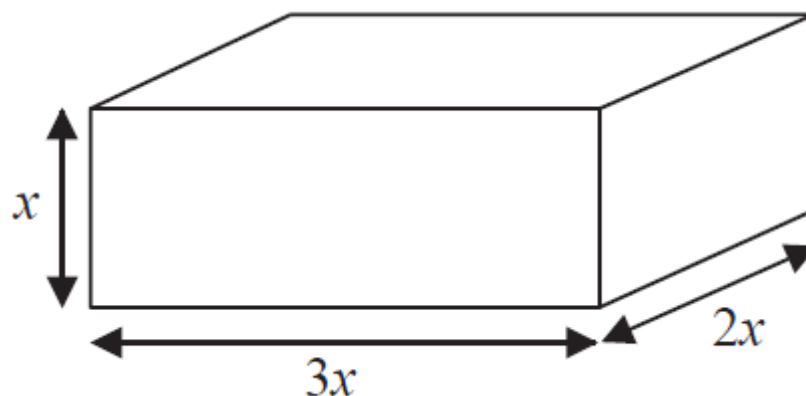
14 The diagram shows a square.



Work out the length of one side of the square.

[4]

15 Here is a cuboid.



All measurements are in centimetres.

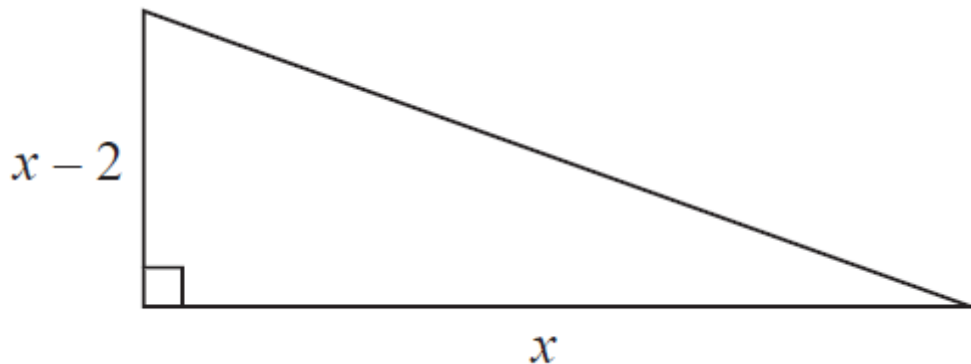
x is an integer.

The total volume of the cuboid is less than 900 cm^3

Show that $x \leq 5$

[3]

16. Here is a right-angled triangle.



All measurements are in centimetres.

The area of the triangle is 2.5 cm^2 .

Find the perimeter of the triangle.

Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

You must show all of your working.

..... cm [6]

17. A cuboid has length $x \text{ cm}$.

The width of the cuboid is 4 cm less than its length.

The height of the cuboid is half of its length.

a) The surface area of the cuboid is 90 cm^2 .

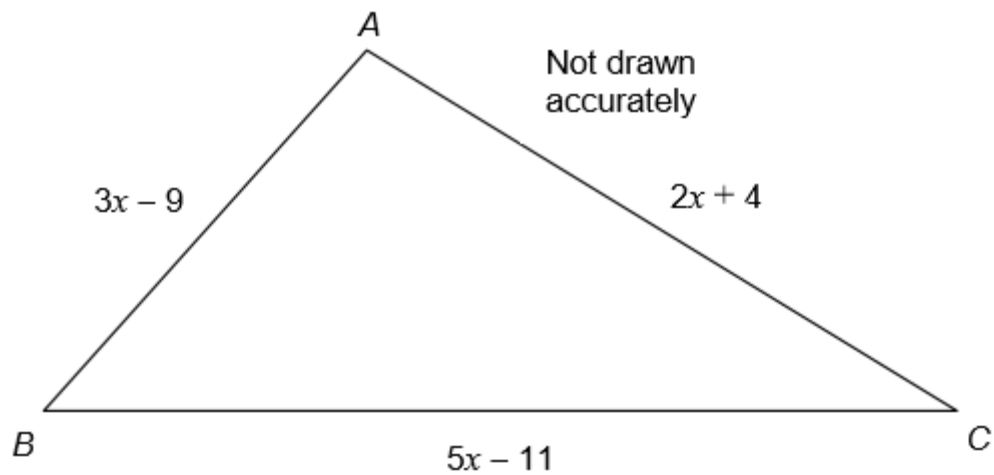
Show that $2x^2 - 6x - 45 = 0$.

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b) Work out the volume of the cuboid.

(b) cm^3 [6]

18. In this question all lengths are in centimetres.



Given $AB : BC = 1 : 2$

show that $AC : BC = 3 : 4$

[5]

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Pearson Edexcel <http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/mathematics-2015.html>

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