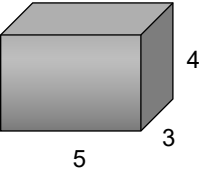
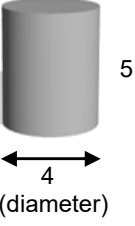
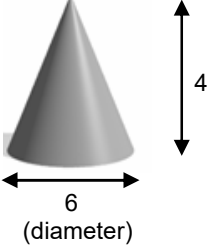
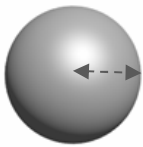


**EXERCISES [MAI 3.1-3.4]**  
**3D GEOMETRY – TRIANGLES**  
**SOLUTIONS**  
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**A. Paper 1 questions (SHORT)**

1. (a)  $d_{AB} = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + 0^2} = 5$   
 (b)  $d_{OB} = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{27} = 3\sqrt{3}$   
 (c)  $M(1/2, -1, 5)$   
 (d)  $C(-4, 5, 5)$
- 2.

Solid	Volume	Surface area
	$V = 5 \times 3 \times 4 = 60$	$S = 2 \times 15 + 2 \times 12 + 2 \times 20 = 94$
	$r = 2$ $h = 5$ $V = \pi r^2 h = \pi 2^2 5 = 20\pi$	$S = 2\pi(2)(5) + 2 \times (\pi 2^2) = 28\pi$
	$r = 3$ $h = 4$ $V = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h = \frac{1}{3} \pi 3^2 4 = 12\pi$	slant height: $l = 5$ $S = \pi(3)(5) + \pi 3^2 = 24\pi$
	$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 = 36\pi$	$S = 4\pi r^2 = 36\pi$

3. (a)  $V = \frac{1}{3} 8^2 3 = 64$   
 (b)  $AM^2 = 4^2 + 3^2 \Rightarrow AM = 5$   
 $S = 8^2 + 4 \times \left( \frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times 5 \right) = 64 + 80 = 144$

4. (a) (i)  $\sin B = \frac{4}{5} \Rightarrow B = 53.1$ , (ii)  $\cos B = \frac{3}{5} \Rightarrow B = 53.1$ , (iii) (i)  $\tan B = \frac{4}{3} \Rightarrow B = 53.1$

(b)  $C = 180 - 90 - 53.1 = 36.9$

(c) (d) just confirm

(e)  $A = \frac{1}{2}(3)(4) = 6$     $A = \frac{1}{2}(3)(5) \sin 53.1 \cong 6$     $A = \frac{1}{2}(4)(5) \sin 36.9 \cong 6$

5. (a) (i)  $A = \frac{1}{2}(7)(5) \sin 40 \cong 11.2$  (ii)  $BC^2 = 5^2 + 7^2 - 2(5)(7) \cos 40 \Rightarrow BC = 4.51$

(iii)  $\frac{\sin 40}{4.51} = \frac{\sin B}{5} \Rightarrow B = 45.4$  and so  $C = 180 - 40 - 45.4 = 94.6$

(b)  $B = 27.3$ ,  $A = 112.7$

(c)  $C = 64.1$ ,  $A = 75.9$  or  $C = 115.9$ ,  $A = 24.1$

6. (a) cosine rule:  $7^2 + 9^2 - 2(7)(9) \cos 120^\circ \Rightarrow AC = 13.9 (= \sqrt{193})$

(b) **METHOD 1**

sine rule.  $\frac{\sin \hat{A}}{9} = \frac{\sin 120}{13.9} \Rightarrow \hat{A} = 34.1^\circ$

**METHOD 2**

cosine rule:  $\cos \hat{A} = \frac{7^2 + 13.9^2 - 9^2}{2(7)(13.9)} \Rightarrow \hat{A} = 34.1^\circ$

7. the largest angle is opposite 7:  $\cos \alpha = \frac{4^2 + 5^2 - 7^2}{2 \times 4 \times 5} = -\frac{1}{5} \Rightarrow \alpha = 101.5^\circ$

8. (a) The smallest angle is opposite the smallest side.

$\cos \theta = \frac{8^2 + 7^2 - 5^2}{2 \times 8 \times 7} = \frac{88}{112} = \frac{11}{14} \Rightarrow \theta = 38.2^\circ$

(b) Area =  $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times 7 \times \sin 38.2^\circ = 17.3 \text{ cm}^2$

9. (a) cosine rule:  $4^2 + 6^2 - 2 \times 4 \times 6 \cos Q \Rightarrow \hat{PQR} = 55.8^\circ$

(b) Area =  $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times 6 \sin 55.8 = 9.92 \text{ (cm}^2\text{)}$

10. (a) Angle  $A = 80^\circ$

$\frac{AB}{\sin 40^\circ} = \frac{5}{\sin 80^\circ} \Rightarrow AB = 3.26 \text{ cm}$

(b) Area =  $\frac{1}{2} ac \sin B = \frac{1}{2}(5)(3.26) \sin 60^\circ = 7.07 \text{ cm}^2$

11. (a) sine rule,  $\frac{\sin R}{7} = \frac{\sin 75^\circ}{10} \Rightarrow \hat{PRQ} = 42.5^\circ$

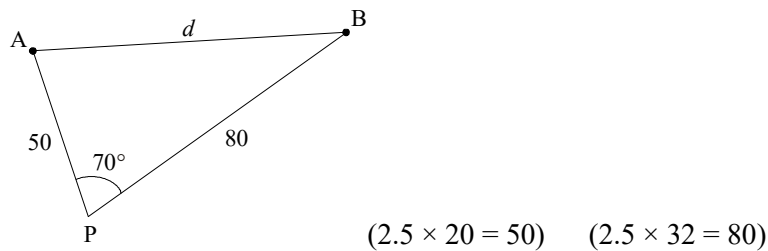
(b)  $P = 180 - 75 - R = 62.5$

area  $\Delta PQR = \frac{1}{2} \times 7 \times 10 \times \sin 62.5 = 31.0 \text{ (cm}^2\text{)}$

12. Using sine rule:  $\frac{\sin B}{5} = \frac{\sin 48^\circ}{7} \Rightarrow \sin B = \frac{5}{7} \sin 48^\circ \Rightarrow B = 32.06^\circ = 32^\circ$  (nearest degree)

13.  $\cos \hat{CAB} = \frac{48^2 + 32^2 - 56^2}{2(48)(32)} \Rightarrow \hat{CAB} \approx 86^\circ$

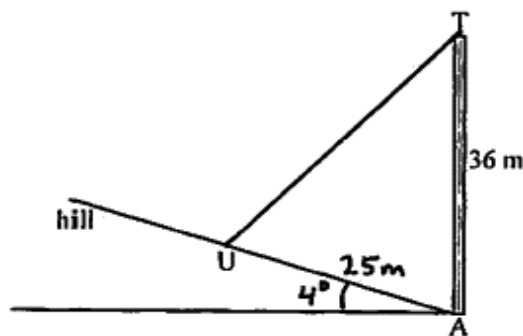
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$$d^2 = 50^2 + 80^2 - 2 \times 50 \times 80 \times \cos 70^\circ \Rightarrow d = 78.5 \text{ km}$$

15. Using area of a triangle:  $20 = \frac{1}{2}(10)(8) \sin Q \Rightarrow \sin Q = 0.5 \Rightarrow \hat{PQR} = 30^\circ$

16. (a)



(b)  $\hat{TAU} = 86^\circ$

cosine rule:  $x^2 = 25^2 + 36^2 - 2(25)(36) \cos 86^\circ \Rightarrow x = 42.4$

(c)  $\frac{42.4}{\sin 86} = \frac{25}{\sin T} \Rightarrow T = 36.028 = 36^\circ$

17. (a) cosine rule:  $\cos \hat{ACB} = \frac{7^2 + 7^2 - 13^2}{2 \times 7 \times 7} \Rightarrow \hat{ACB} = 136^\circ$

(b) **METHOD 1**

$$\hat{ACD} = 180 - 136.4 = 43.6$$

sine rule in triangle ACD:  $\hat{ADC} = 47.9^\circ$

$$\hat{CAD} = 180 - (43.6... + 47.9...) = 88.5^\circ$$

**METHOD 2**

$$\hat{ABC} = \frac{1}{2}(\pi - 2.381) \left( \frac{1}{2}(180 - 136.4) \right)$$

sine rule in triangle ABD gives  $\hat{ADC} = 47.9...^\circ$

$$\hat{CAD} = 180 - (43.6... + 47.9...) = 88.5^\circ$$

18. (a)  $\frac{PQ}{40} = \tan 36^\circ \Rightarrow PQ \approx 29.1 \text{ m (3 sf)}$

(b)  $\hat{AQB} = 80^\circ$

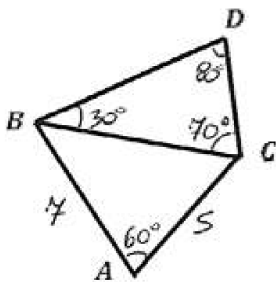
$$\frac{AB}{\sin 80^\circ} = \frac{40}{\sin 70^\circ} \Rightarrow AB = 41.9 \text{ m (3 sf)}$$

19. (a)  $\hat{A}BC = 110^\circ$   
 cosine rule:  $AC^2 = 25^2 + 40^2 - 2(25)(40) \cos 110^\circ \Rightarrow AC = 53.9$  (km)
- (b) either by sine rule or by cosine rule,  $\hat{B}AC = 44.2^\circ$   
 bearing =  $074^\circ$

**B. Paper 2 questions (LONG)**

20. (a) cosine rule  $(AD)^2 = 7.1^2 + 9.2^2 - 2(7.1)(9.2) \cos 60^\circ \Rightarrow AD = 8.35$  (cm)
- (b)  $180^\circ - 162^\circ = 18^\circ$   
 sine rule:  $\frac{DE}{\sin 18^\circ} = \frac{8.35}{\sin 110^\circ} \Rightarrow DE = 2.75$  (cm)
- (c)  $5.68 = \frac{1}{2}(3.2)(7.1) \sin \hat{D}BC \Rightarrow \sin \hat{D}BC = 0.5$   
 $\hat{D}BC = 30^\circ$  and/or  $150^\circ$
- (d)  $\hat{A}BC = (60^\circ + \hat{D}BC) = 90^\circ$   
 $(AC)^2 = 9.2^2 + 3.2^2 \Rightarrow AC = 9.74$  (cm)
- (e) area of triangle ABD =  $\frac{1}{2} \times 9.2 \times 7.1 \sin 60^\circ = 28.28\dots$   
 Area of ABCD =  $28.28\dots + 5.68 = 34.0$  (cm<sup>2</sup>)

21.



- (a)  $BC^2 = 5^2 + 4^2 - 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cos 60^\circ \Rightarrow BC = \sqrt{39}$
- $\frac{BD}{\sin 70^\circ} = \frac{\sqrt{39}}{\sin 80^\circ} \Rightarrow BD = \sqrt{39} \frac{\sin 70^\circ}{\sin 80^\circ} \Rightarrow BD = 5.96$
- (b)  $A = A_{ABC} + A_{BCD} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \sin 60^\circ + \frac{1}{2} (5.96) \sqrt{39} \sin 30^\circ$   
 $\Rightarrow A = 15.16 + 9.31 \Rightarrow A \approx 24.5$
- (c) We need DC:  $\frac{DC}{\sin 30^\circ} = \frac{\sqrt{39}}{\sin 80^\circ} \Rightarrow DC \approx 3.17$
- Perimeter  $\approx 5 + 4 + 5.96 + 3.17 \approx 24.1$
- (d) We need  $\hat{A}BC$
- $\frac{5}{\sin \hat{A}BC} = \frac{\sqrt{39}}{\sin 60^\circ} \Rightarrow \sin \hat{A}BC = \frac{5 \sin 60^\circ}{\sqrt{39}} = 0.693$   
 $\Rightarrow \hat{A}BC = 43.9^\circ$
- Bearing BA =  $70^\circ + 30^\circ + 43.9^\circ = 143.9^\circ$

22. (a)  $BD = \sqrt{4^2 + 8^2 - 2 \times 4 \times 8 \cos \theta}$   
 $BD = \sqrt{16(5 - 4 \cos \theta)} = 4\sqrt{5 - 4 \cos \theta}$

(b) (i)  $BD = 5.5653 \dots$

$$\frac{\sin \hat{C}BD}{12} = \frac{\sin 25}{5.5653}$$

$$\sin \hat{C}BD = 0.911$$

(ii)  $\hat{C}BD = 65.7^\circ$

$$\hat{B}DC = 89.3^\circ$$

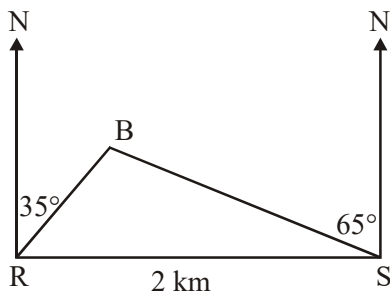
$$\frac{BC}{\sin 89.3} = \frac{5.5653}{\sin 25} \text{ or } \frac{BC}{\sin 89.3} = \frac{12}{\sin 65.7} \text{ (or cosine rule)}$$

$$BC = 13.2$$

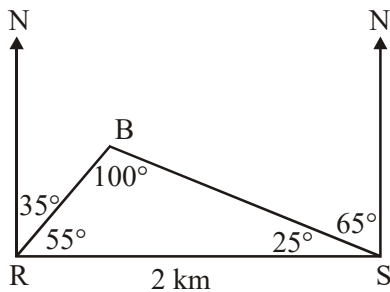
$$\text{Perimeter} = 4 + 8 + 12 + 13.2 = 37.2$$

(c)  $\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times 8 \times \sin 40^\circ = 10.3$

23. (a)



(b)

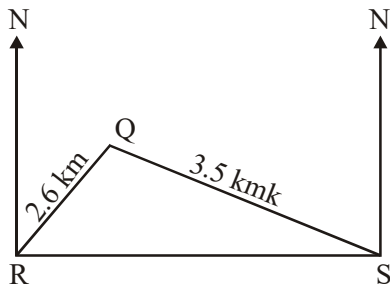


(i)  $\hat{R}BS = 100^\circ$

(ii)  $\hat{R}SB = 25^\circ$

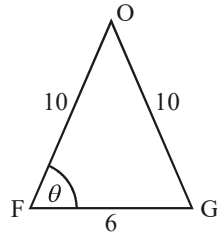
$$\text{Using sine rule, } \frac{RB}{\sin 25^\circ} = \frac{2}{\sin 100^\circ} \Rightarrow RB = 0.858 = 0.9 \text{ km or } 900 \text{ m}$$

(c)



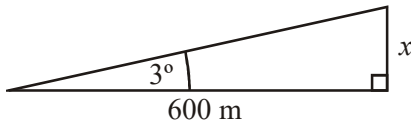
$$2^2 = 2.6^2 + 3.5^2 - 2(2.6)(3.5)\cos Q \Rightarrow \hat{Q} = 34.4^\circ = 34^\circ \text{ (to nearest degree)}$$

24.



- (a) (i)  $\cos \theta = 3/10$  or cosine rule for  $\triangle OFG \Rightarrow \theta = 72.5^\circ$  (3 s.f.)  
 (ii)  $\tan \theta = h/3 \Rightarrow h = 3 \tan \theta = 9.53939\dots = 9.54$  m (3 s.f.)  
 (iii) Area of  $\triangle OFG = \frac{1}{2}(10)(6)(\sin \theta) = 30 \sin \theta$   
 total surface area of roof =  $4 \times 30 \sin \theta = 114.4727\dots = 114$  m<sup>2</sup> (3 s.f.)  
 (iv)  $\cos \phi = 3/h \Rightarrow \phi = 71.7^\circ$  (3 s.f.)  
 (v)  $H = \text{Height of tower from base to O} = 40 + \sqrt{h^2 - 3^2} = 49.055385\dots = 49.1$  m
- (b) Height (BP) =  $\frac{6 \sin 79^\circ}{\sin(90^\circ - 79^\circ)} = 30.9$  m

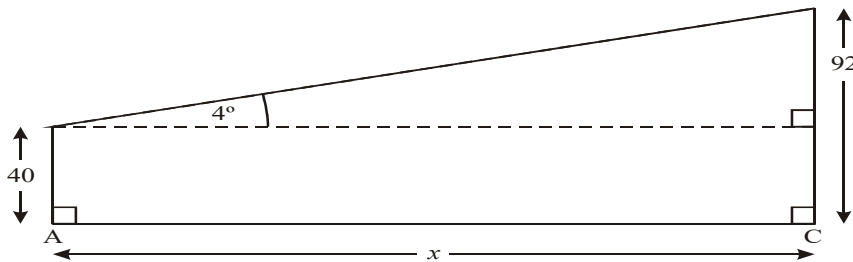
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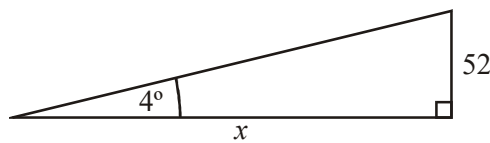
$$\tan 3^\circ = \frac{x}{600} \Rightarrow x = 600 \tan 3^\circ = 31.4447 = 31.4 \text{ m}$$

Therefore, height = 40 m + 31.4 m = 71.4 m

(b) (i)

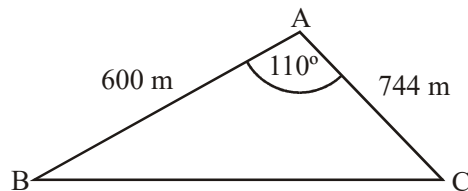


(ii)



$$\tan 4^\circ = \frac{52}{x} \Rightarrow x = \frac{52}{\tan 4^\circ} = 743.6346453 = 744 \text{ m}$$

(c) (i)



$$BC^2 = 600^2 + 744^2 - 2 \times 600 \times 744 \cos 110^\circ \Rightarrow BC = 1104$$

(ii)  $\frac{\sin c}{600} = \frac{\sin 110^\circ}{1104} \Rightarrow \sin c = \frac{600 \times \sin 110^\circ}{1104} \Rightarrow c = 30.710635^\circ = 30.7^\circ$

(iii) area =  $\frac{1}{2} \times 600 \times 744 \sin 110^\circ = 209739.393 = 210000$  m<sup>2</sup> (3 s.f.)

26. (a) Sine rule  $\frac{PR}{\sin 35} = \frac{9}{\sin 120} \Rightarrow PR = \frac{9 \sin 35}{\sin 120} = 5.96 \text{ km}$
- (b) **EITHER** Sine rule  $PQ = \frac{9 \sin 25}{\sin 120} = 4.39 \text{ km}$   
**OR** Cosine rule:  $PQ^2 = 5.96^2 + 9^2 - (2)(5.96)(9) \cos 25 = 19.29 \Rightarrow PQ = 4.39 \text{ km}$   
Time for Tom =  $\frac{4.39}{8}$  Time for Alan =  $\frac{5.96}{a}$   
 $\frac{4.39}{8} = \frac{5.96}{a} \Rightarrow a = 10.9$
- (c)  $RS^2 = 4QS^2 \Rightarrow 4QS^2 = QS^2 + 81 - 18 \times QS \times \cos 35 \Rightarrow QS = -8.20$  **or**  $QS = 3.29$   
therefore  $QS = 3.29$   
**OR**  $\frac{QS}{\sin \hat{SR}Q} = \frac{2QS}{\sin 35} \Rightarrow \sin \hat{SR}Q = \frac{1}{2} \sin 35 \Rightarrow \hat{SR}Q = 16.7^\circ$   
 $\hat{QSR} = 180 - (35 + 16.7) = 128.3^\circ$   
 $\frac{9}{\sin 128.3} = \frac{QS}{\sin 16.7} \Rightarrow QS = 3.29$
27. (a)  $AC^2 = 5^2 + 4^2 - 2 \times 4 \times 5 \cos x$   
 $AC = \sqrt{41 - 40 \cos x}$
- (b)  $\frac{AC}{\sin x} = \frac{4}{\sin 30} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} AC = 4 \sin x \Rightarrow AC = 8 \sin x$
- (c) (i)  $8 \sin x = \sqrt{41 - 40 \cos x}$   
 $x = 8.682\dots$ , or  $x = 111.317\dots$  hence  $x = 111.32$  to 2 dp (obtuse)
- (ii)  $AC = 8 \sin 111.32 = 7.45$
- (d) (i)  $7.45^2 = 32 - 32 \cos y \Rightarrow \cos y = -0.734\dots \Rightarrow y = 137$
- (ii) Area =  $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times 4 \times \sin 137 = 5.42$
28. (a) (i)  $AP = \sqrt{(x-8)^2 + (10-6)^2} = \sqrt{x^2 - 16x + 80}$   
(ii)  $OP = \sqrt{(x-0)^2 + (10-0)^2} = \sqrt{x^2 + 100}$
- (b)  $\cos \hat{O}PA = \frac{AP^2 + OP^2 - OA^2}{2AP \times OP} = \frac{(x^2 - 16x + 80) + (x^2 + 100) - (8^2 + 6^2)}{2\sqrt{x^2 - 16x + 80}\sqrt{x^2 + 100}}$   
 $= \frac{2x^2 - 16x + 80}{2\sqrt{x^2 - 16x + 80}\sqrt{x^2 + 100}} = \frac{x^2 - 8x + 40}{\sqrt{\{(x^2 - 16x + 80)(x^2 + 100)\}}}$
- (c) For  $x = 8$ ,  $\cos \hat{O}PA = 0.780869 \Rightarrow \hat{O}PA = 38.7^\circ$  (3 sf)  
**OR**  $\tan \hat{O}PA = \frac{8}{10} \Rightarrow \hat{O}PA = 38.7^\circ$  (3 sf)
- (d)  $\hat{O}PA = 60^\circ \Rightarrow 0.5 = \frac{x^2 - 8x + 40}{\sqrt{\{(x^2 - 16x + 80)(x^2 + 100)\}}} \Rightarrow x = 5.63$
- (e)  $\hat{O}PA = 0$ .
- (f)  $x = \frac{40}{3}$  (= 13.333)
- OR** The line (OA) has equation  $y = \frac{3x}{4}$ . When  $y = 10$ ,  $x = \frac{40}{3}$

29. (a)  $BC^2 = 65^2 + 104^2 - 2(65)(104)\cos 60^\circ \Rightarrow BC = 91 \text{ m}$
- (b)  $\text{area} = \frac{1}{2}(65)(104)\sin 60^\circ = 1690\sqrt{3}$  (Accept  $p = 1690$ )
- (c) (i)  $A_1 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(65)(x)\sin 30^\circ = \frac{65x}{4}$
- (ii)  $A_2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(104)(x)\sin 30^\circ = 26x$
- (iii)  $A_1 + A_2 = A \Rightarrow \frac{65x}{4} + 26x = 1690\sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \frac{169x}{4} = 1690\sqrt{3} \Rightarrow x = 40\sqrt{3}$