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## Question 1.

(a) In a triangle $A B C$, the lengths of the sides are $a, b$ and $c$. Using a formula for the area of a triangle, or otherwise, prove that

$$
\frac{a}{\sin \angle A}=\frac{b}{\sin \angle B}=\frac{c}{\sin \angle C} .
$$

(b) In a triangle $X Y Z,|X Y|=5 \mathrm{~cm},|X Z|=3 \mathrm{~cm}$ and $|\angle X Y Z|=27^{\circ}$.
(i) Find the two possible values of $|\angle X Z Y|$. Give your answers correct to the nearest degree.
(ii) Draw a sketch of the triangle $X Y Z$, showing the two possible positions of the point $Z$.
(c) In the case that $|\angle X Z Y|<90^{\circ}$, write down $|\angle Z X Y|$, and hence find the area of the triangle $X Y Z$, correct to the nearest integer.

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## Question 2.

A stand is being used to prop up a portable solar panel. It consists of a support that is hinged to the panel near the top, and an adjustable strap joining the panel to the support near the bottom.

By adjusting the length of the strap, the angle between the panel and the ground can be changed.


The dimensions are as follows:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& |A B|=30 \mathrm{~cm} \\
& |A D|=|C B|=5 \mathrm{~cm} \\
& |C F|=22 \mathrm{~cm} \\
& |E F|=4 \mathrm{~cm} .
\end{aligned}
$$


(a) Find the length of the strap $|D E|$ such that the angle $\alpha$ between the panel and the ground is $60^{\circ}$.
(b) Find the maximum possible value of $\alpha$, correct to the nearest degree.

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## Question 3.

Find all the values of $x$ for which $\sin (3 x)=\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, 0 \leq x \leq 360, x$ in degrees.

Question 4.

Prove that $\tan (A+B)=\frac{\tan A+\tan B}{1-\tan A \tan B}$.

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Question 5. (Question 2, Paper 1, 2000)
(a) Solve for $x, y, z$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 3 x-y+3 z=1 \\
& x+2 y-2 z=-1 \\
& 4 x-y+5 z=4
\end{aligned}
$$

(b) Solve

$$
x^{2}-2 x-24=0
$$

Hence, find the values of $x$ for which

$$
\left(x+\frac{4}{x}\right)^{2}-2\left(x+\frac{4}{x}\right)-24=0 \quad x \in R, \quad x \neq 0
$$

(c) (i) Express $a^{4}-b^{4}$ as a product of three factors
(ii) Factorise $a^{5}-a^{4} b-a b^{4}+b^{5}$

Use your results from (i) and (ii) to show that
$a^{5}+b^{5}>a^{4} b+a b^{4}$
where a and b are positive unequal real numbers.

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Question 6. (Question 1, Paper 2, 2000)
(a) The equation of a circle is $\mathrm{x}^{2}+\mathrm{y}^{2}=130$.

Find the slope of the tangent to the circle at the point $(-7,9)$.
(b) $x^{2}+y^{2}-6 x+4 y-12=0$ is the equation of a circle.

Write down the coordinates of its centre and the length of its radius.
$x^{2}+y^{2}+12 x-20 y+k=0$ is another circle, where $k \in R$.
The two circles touch externally. Find the value of $k$.
(c) A circle intersects a line at the points $a(-3,0)$ and $b(5,-4)$.

The midpoint of $[a b]$ is $m$. Find the coordinates of $m$.
The distance from the centre of the circle to m is V 5 .
Find the equations of the two circles that satisfy these conditions.

Question 7. (Question 1, Paper 2, 2001)
(a) A circle with centre $(-3,7)$ passes through the point $(5,-8)$

Find the equation of the circle.
(b) The equation of a circle is $(x+1)^{2}+(y-8)^{2}=160$

The line $x-3 y+25=0$ intersects the circle at the points $p$ and $q$.
(i) Find the co-ordinates of $p$ and the co-ordinates of $q$.
(ii) Investigate if [pq] is a diameter of the circle.
(c) The circle $x^{2}+y^{2}+2 g x+2$ fy $+c=0$ passes through the points $(3,3)$ and $(4,1)$

The line $3 x-y-6=0$ is a tangent to the circle at $(3,3)$
(i) Find the real numbers $\mathrm{g}, \mathrm{f}$ and c .
(ii) Find the co-ordinates of the point on the circle at which the tangent parallel to $3 x-y-6=0$ touches the circle.

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Question 8. (Question 4, Paper 2, 2001)
(a) The length of an arc of a circle is 10 cm . The radius of the circle is 4 cm . The measure of the angle at the centre of the circle subtended by the arc is . $\theta$
(i) Find in radians. $\theta$
(ii) Find in degrees, correct to the nearest degree. $\theta$
(b)
(i) Write $\cos 2 x$ in terms of $\sin x$
(ii) Hence, find all the solutions of the equation $\cos 2 x-\sin x=1$
in the domain $0^{\circ} \leq x \leq 360^{\circ}$
(c) A triangle has sides $a, b$ and $c$.

The angles opposite $a, b$ and $c$ are A, B and C, respectively.


C
(i) Prove that $a^{2}=b^{2}+c^{2}-2 b c \cos A$
(iii) Show that $c(b \cos A-a \cos B)=b^{2}-a^{2}$

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Question 9. (Question 5 , Paper 2, 2002 )
(a) The area of triangle $a b c$ is $12 \mathrm{~cm} 2 .|a b|=8 \mathrm{~cm}$ and $|\angle a b c|=30^{\circ}$ Find $|b c|$.

(b) (i) Prove that
$\tan (A+B)=\frac{\tan A+\tan B}{1-\tan A \tan B}$
(ii) Hence, or otherwise, prove that $\tan 22.5^{\circ}=\sqrt{ } 2-1$
(c) A vertical radio mast [pq] stands on flat horizontal ground. It is supported by three cables that join the top of the mast, $q$, to the points $a, b$ and $c$ on the ground. The foot of the mast, $p$, lies inside the triangle abc. Each cable is 52 m long and the mast is 48 m high.
(i) Find the (common) distance from p to each of the points $\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}$ and c .
(ii) Given that $|\mathrm{ac}|=38 \mathrm{~m}$ and $|\mathrm{ab}|=34 \mathrm{~m}$, find $|\mathrm{bc}|$ correct to one decimal place.


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Question 10. (Question 4, Paper 2, 2003)
(a) The circumference of a circle is $30 \pi \mathrm{~cm}$. The area of a sector of the circle is $75 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$. Find, in radians, the angle in this sector.
(b) Find all the solutions of the equation $\sin 2 x+\sin x=0$ in the domain $0^{\circ} \leq x \leq 360^{\circ}$.
(c) $\quad \mathrm{C} 1$ is a circle with centre a and radius r .
$C 2$ is a circle with centre $b$ and radius $r$.
C 1 and C 2 intersect at k and $\mathrm{p} . \mathrm{a} \in \mathrm{C} 2$ and $\mathrm{b} \in \mathrm{C} 1$.
(i) Find, in radians, the measure of angle kap.
(iii) Calculate the area of the intersection region. Give your answer in terms of $r$ and $\pi$.


