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# Junior Cycle Final Examination Sample Paper

## Mathematics

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## Instructions

There are 14 questions on this examination paper. Answer **all** questions.

Questions do not necessarily carry equal marks. To help you manage your time during this examination, a maximum time for each question is suggested. If you remain within these times you should have about 10 minutes left to review your work.

Write your answers in blue or black pen. You may use pencil in graphs and diagrams only.

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You may lose marks if your solutions do not include supporting work.

You may lose marks if you do not include the appropriate units of measurement, where relevant.

You may lose marks if you do not give your answers in simplest form, where relevant.

Write the make and model of your calculator(s) here:

**Question 1**

**(Suggested maximum time: 5 minutes)**

- (a) (i) Write the numbers **3**, **9**, and **25** into the three empty boxes below to make the mathematical statement true. Use each number only once.

$$\frac{\square}{5} + \frac{\square}{\square} = \frac{24}{25}$$

- (ii) Write the numbers **3**, **5**, **9**, and **25** into the empty boxes below so that the **difference** between the two fractions is as large as possible. Use each number only once.

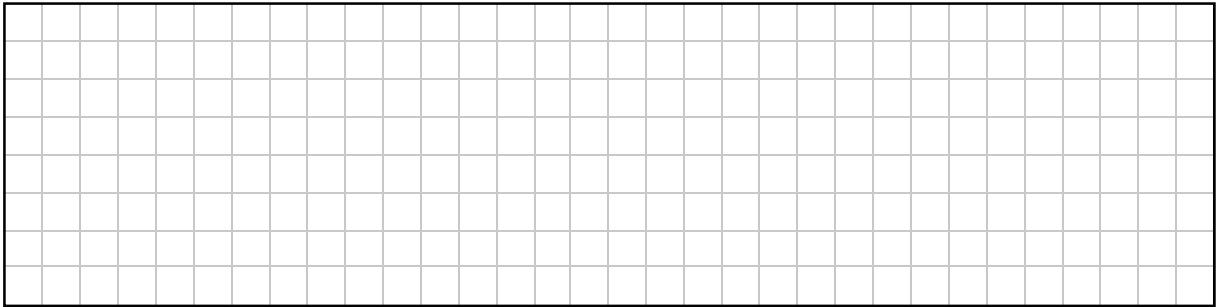
$$\frac{\square}{\square} - \frac{\square}{\square}$$

- (b) A positive whole number has exactly 4 factors. One of the factors is 9. Work out the number.



- (d) Millie sells each cake for €7.50.  
This gives her a profit of 20%.

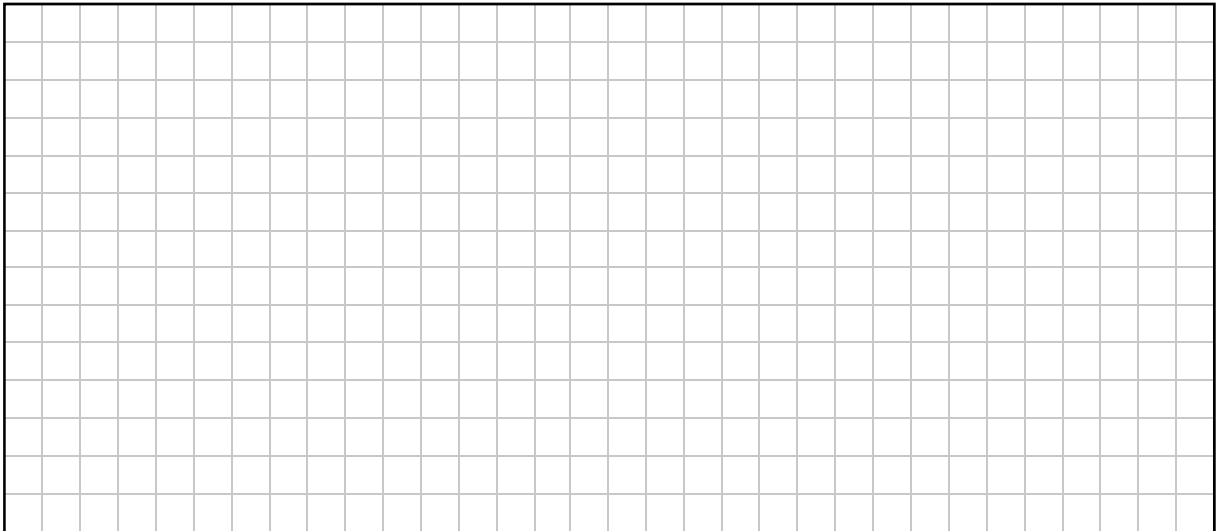
Work out how much it **costs** Millie to make each cake.



- (e) Millie has €3000 in a special savings account.  
It has an interest rate of 2.5% per year for 4 years, compounded annually.  
She does not put any money in or take any money out of the account over the 4 years.

Work out the **total** amount in the account after the 4 years.

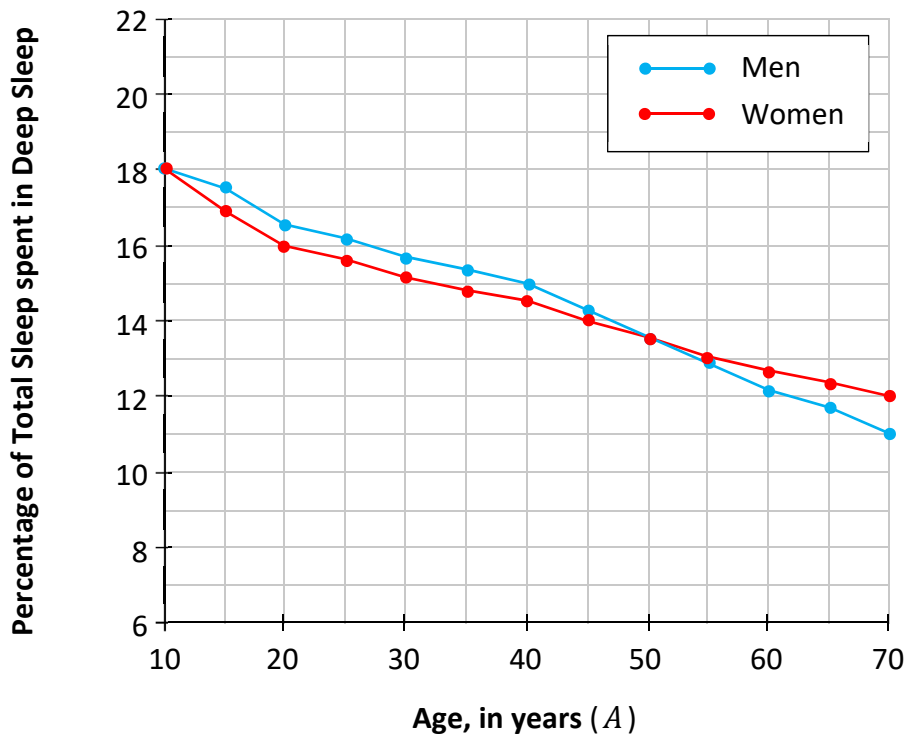
Give your answer correct to the nearest cent.



**Question 3**

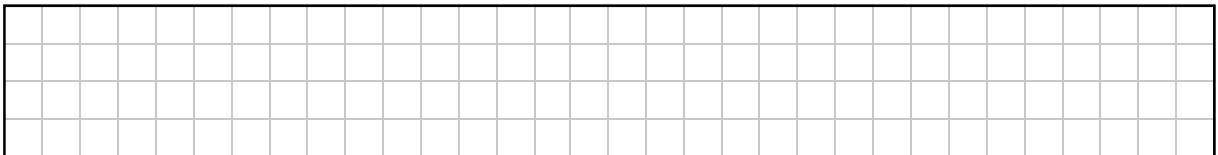
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The diagram below shows the percentage of their total sleep that men and women spend in deep sleep, depending on their age in years,  $A$ .

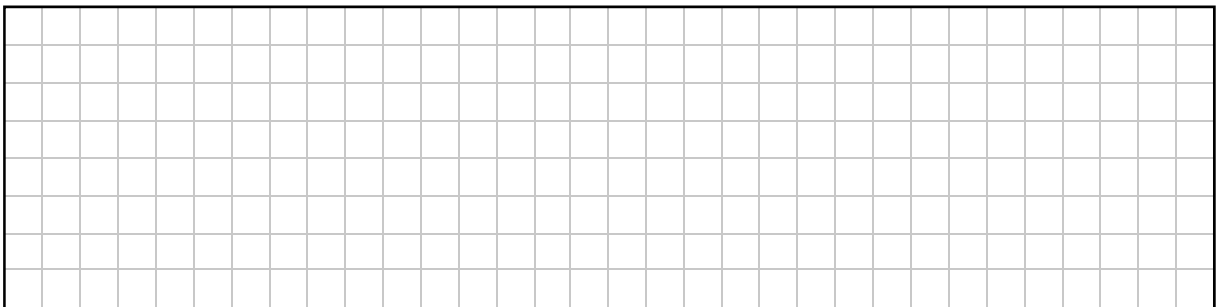


Gina is a 20-year-old woman.

- (a) Use the diagram to estimate the percentage of her total sleep that Gina spends in deep sleep. Show your work on the graph.



- (b) Gina sleeps an average of 8 hours in total each night. Work out how many hours Gina spends in deep sleep on average **each week** (7 nights).

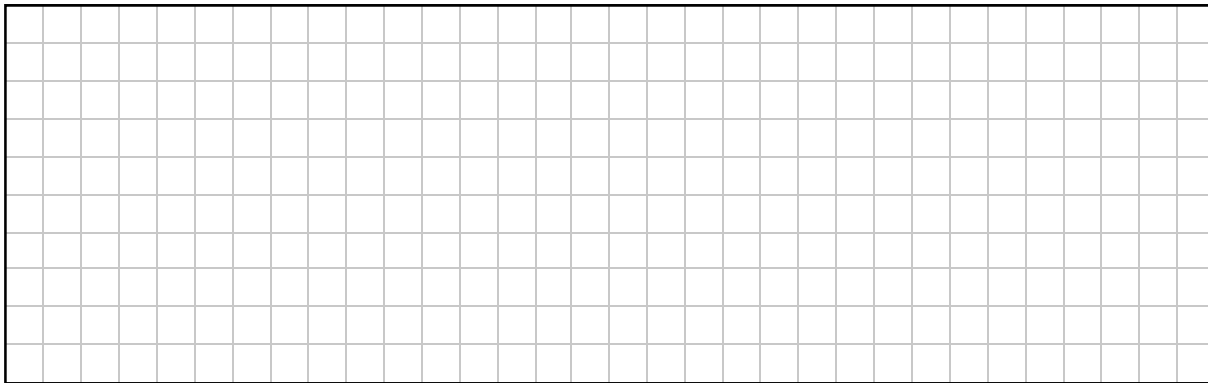






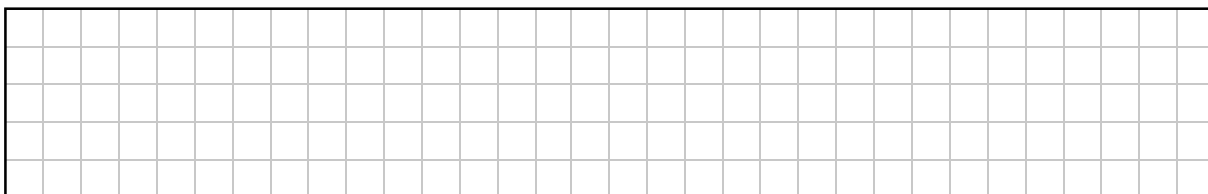


(c) Show that the **area** of the triangle  $ABC$  is 10 square units.



The triangle  $A'B'C'$  is the image of  $ABC$  under **axial symmetry** in the  $x$  axis.

(d) **Draw** the triangle  $A'B'C'$  on the co-ordinate diagram.



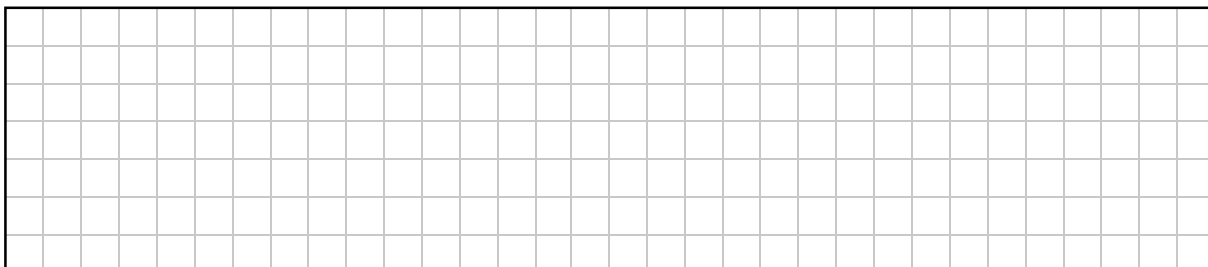
(e) Which of the points  $A$ ,  $B$ , or  $C$  is in the **intersection** of the two triangles  $ABC$  and  $A'B'C'$  ?

Answer =

(f) The point  $(p, s)$  lies **inside** the triangle  $ABC$ , where  $p, s \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Use this fact to write down the co-ordinates of a point that **must lie inside** the triangle  $A'B'C'$ , giving your answer in terms of  $p$  and  $s$ .

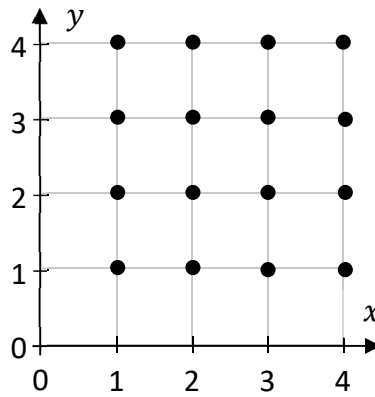
Answer =



**Question 5**

**(Suggested maximum time: 5 minutes)**

In the co-ordinate diagram below, 16 points are marked with a dot (●).



- (a) Louise picks 1 point at random from the 16 points marked with a dot in the diagram. She then finds the equation of the line that goes through this point and through  $(0, 0)$ .

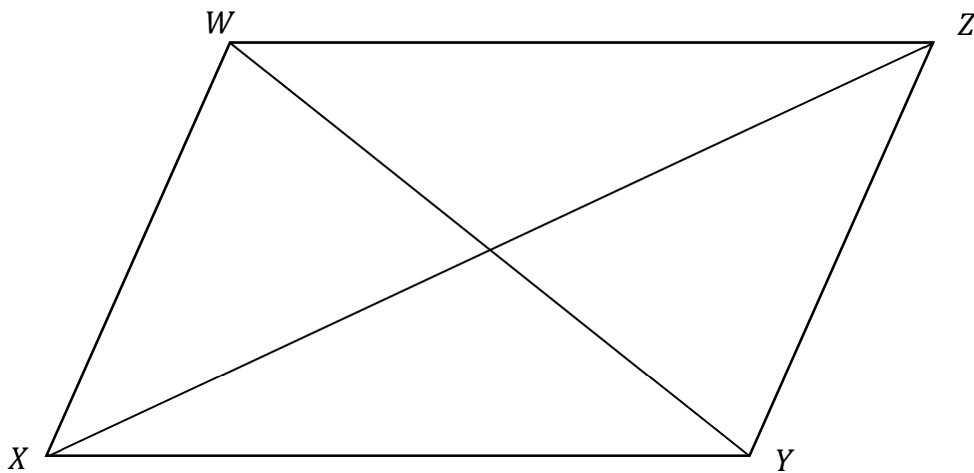
Find the **probability** that Louise's line has a slope that is **greater than 1**.

- (b) How many of the 16 points marked with a dot in the diagram are a distance of **exactly 5 units** from the point  $(0, 0)$ ?

**Question 6**

**(Suggested maximum time: 10 minutes)**

- (a)** The diagram below shows a quadrilateral  $WXYZ$ , as well as its diagonals  $[WY]$  and  $[XZ]$ .  
Without measuring, perform **constructions** on the diagram below to show that the diagonals **bisect** each other. Show any necessary construction lines clearly.



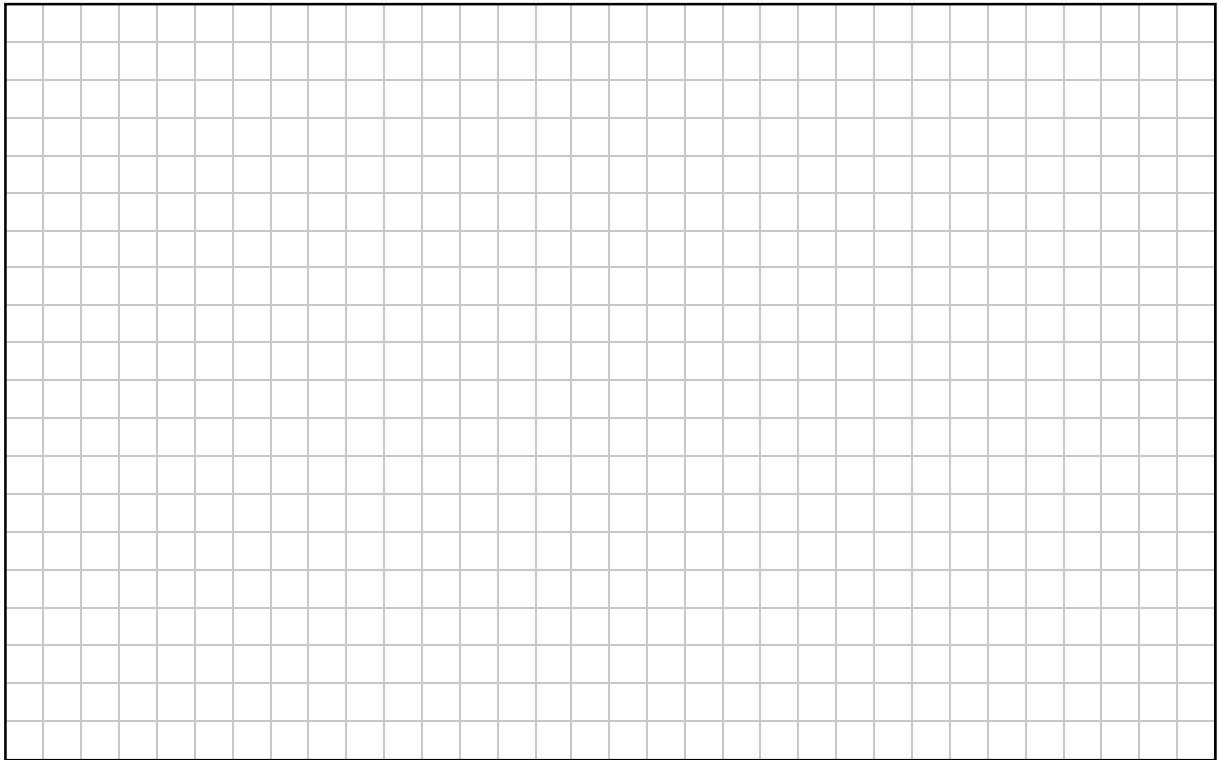
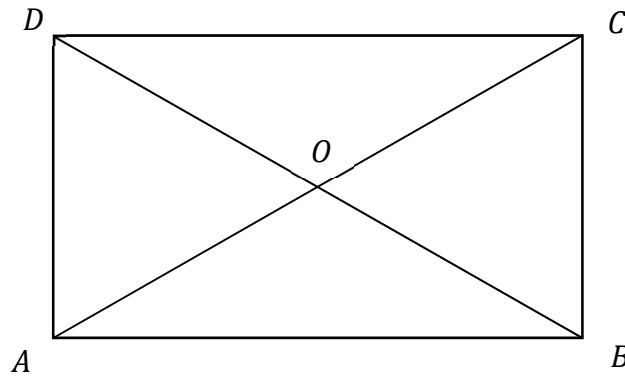
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- (b) The diagram below shows the parallelogram  $ABCD$ . Its diagonals meet at the point  $O$ . In this parallelogram,  $|\angle DAB| = |\angle ABC|$ .

**Prove** that the triangle  $ABO$  is **isosceles**.

Give a reason for each statement that you make in your proof.

*Hint:* it may help to show that the triangles  $DAB$  and  $CBA$  are congruent.





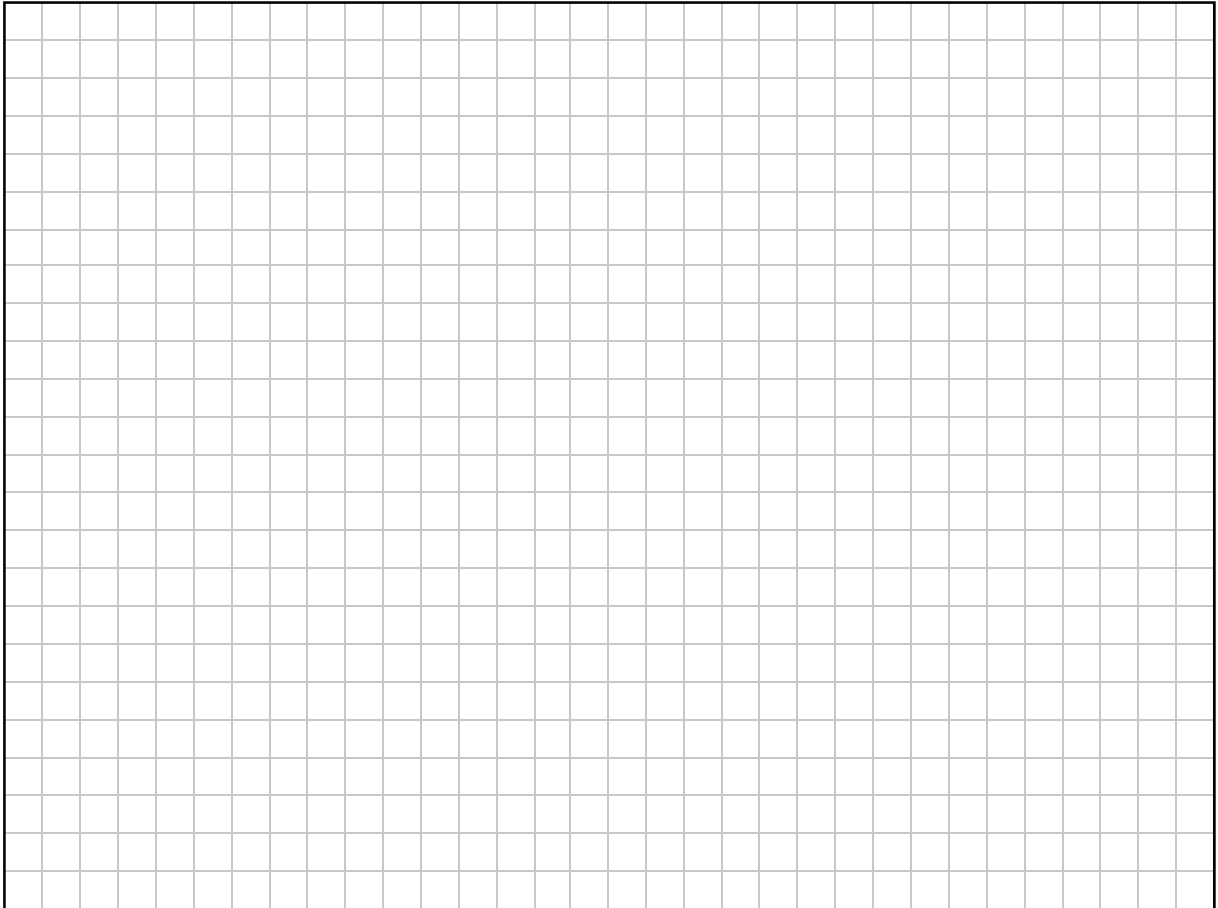


- (d) Jodie makes a solid shape using equilateral triangles as faces. It has  $E$  edges and  $F$  faces, where  $E, F \in \mathbb{N}$ . For Jodie's shape:

$$\frac{8F}{5} - E = 2$$

$$3F = 2E$$

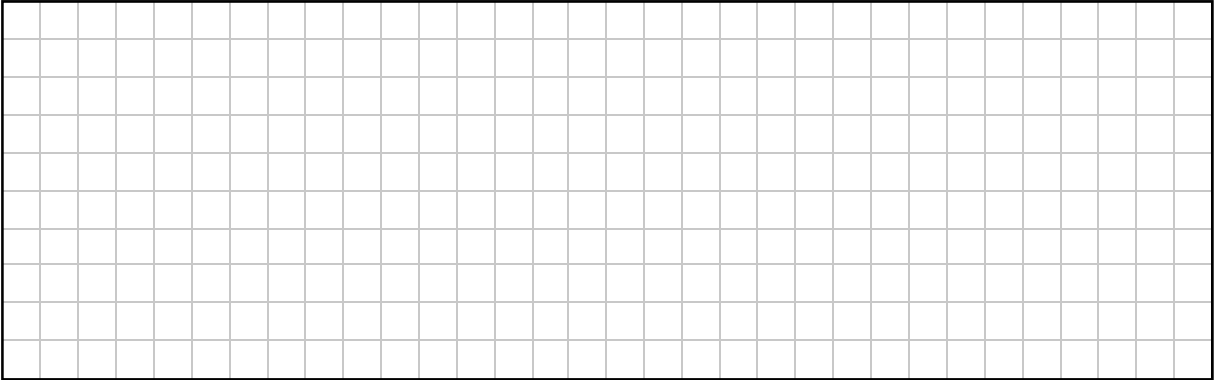
Solve these simultaneous equations to find the value of  $E$  and the value of  $F$ .







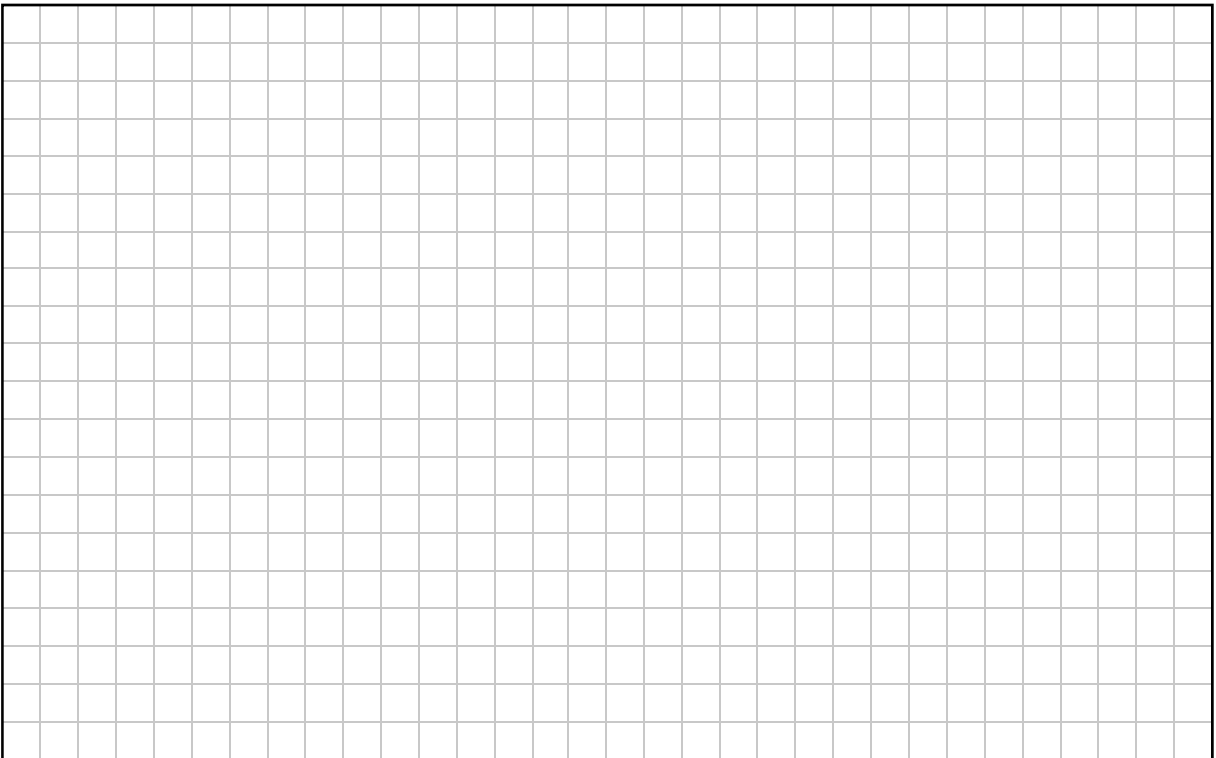
- (iii) Work out the **percentage** of the volume of this box that is taken up by the 24 cans.  
Give your answer correct to one decimal place.



There are a number of different ways of arranging the 24 cans so that they can be packed into a rectangular box. The dimensions of the box may be different for different arrangements.

- (c) Find the dimensions of the rectangular box required for a **different** arrangement of the 24 cans. Show your working out.

height =  length =  width =





**Question 11****(Suggested maximum time: 5 minutes)**

- (a) Find the value of  $\frac{2p-1}{\sqrt{p^2+15}}$  when  $p = -7$ .

- (b) Factorise fully  $5fh - 2h^2 - 6h + 15f$ .

- (c) Write the following as a single fraction.

$$\frac{5}{2x+1} - \frac{x}{4}$$



**Question 13**

(Suggested maximum time: 5 minutes)

The photograph on the right shows a house. Part of the roof of this house is shown in the diagram below.



$AB$  is perpendicular to  $DC$ .

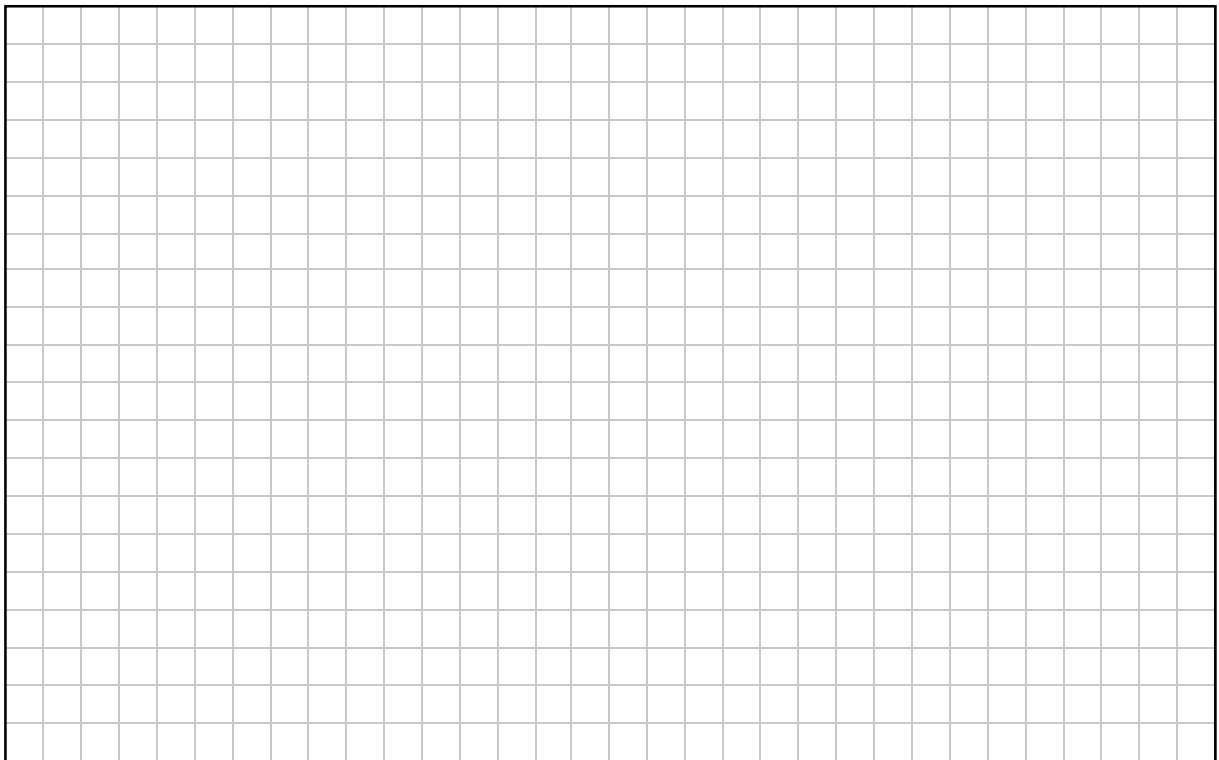
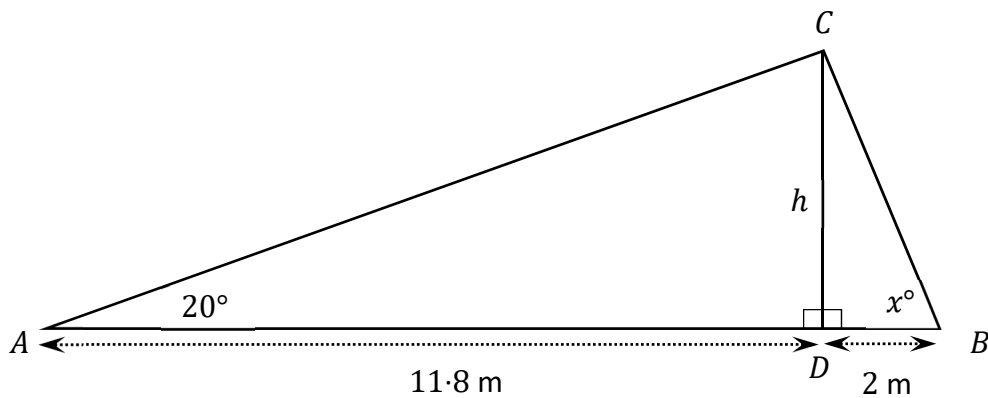
$|AD| = 11.8$  m and  $|DB| = 2$  m.

$|\angle CAD| = 20^\circ$  and  $|\angle DBC| = x^\circ$ .

Note:  $\angle ACB$  is **not** a right angle.

Use **trigonometry** to work out the value of  $x$ .

Give your answer correct to the nearest whole number.

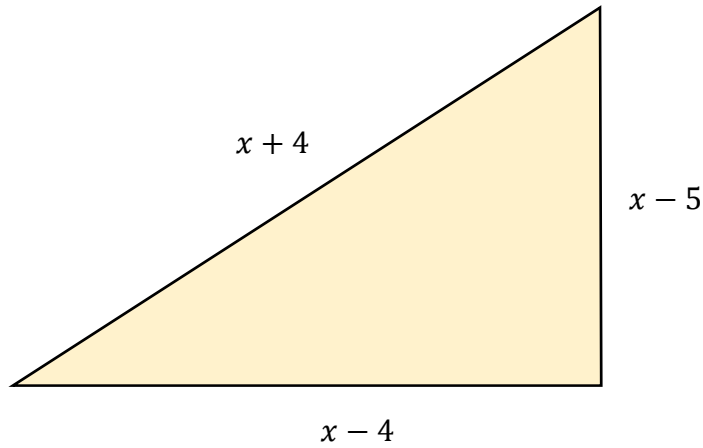


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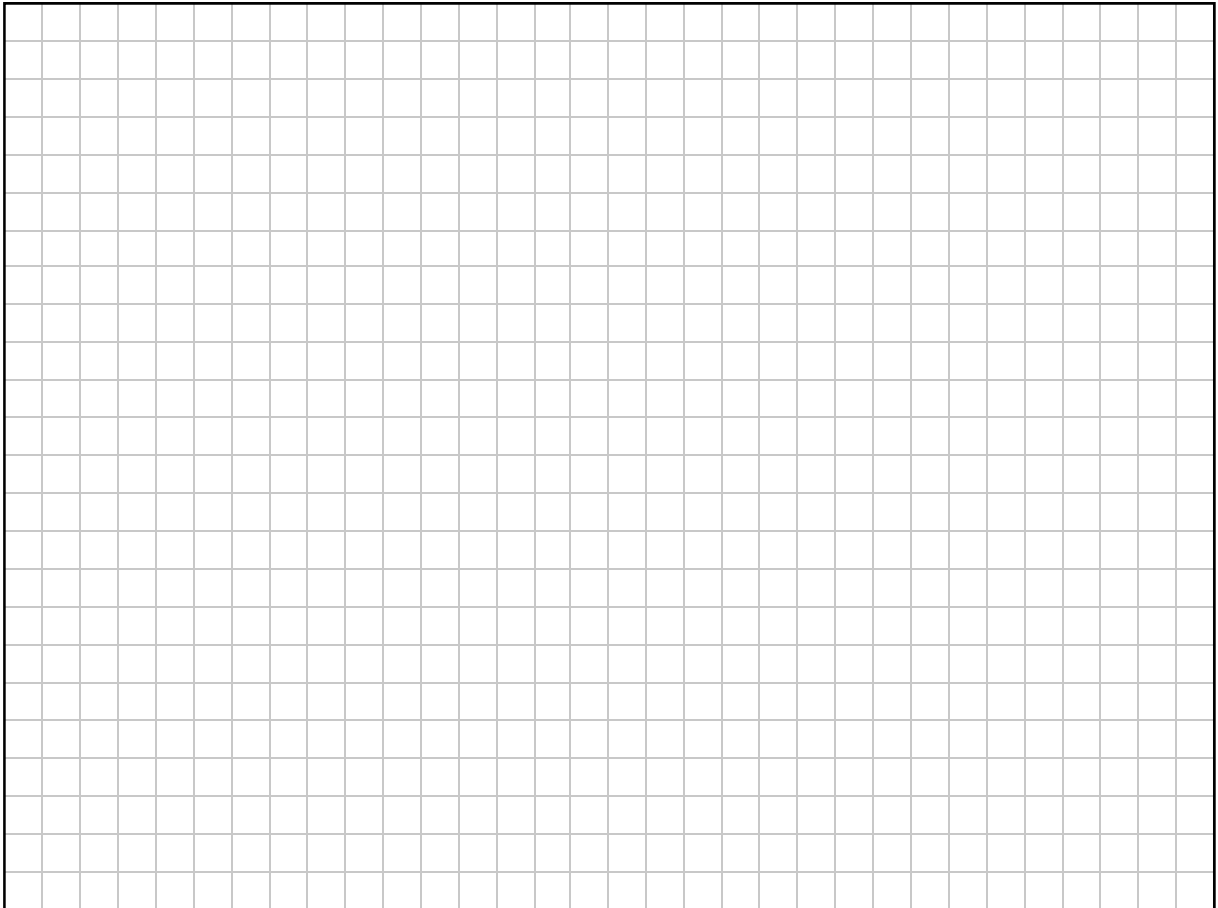
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In the diagram below, the length of each of the sides is given in terms of  $x$ , where  $x \in \mathbb{N}$ .

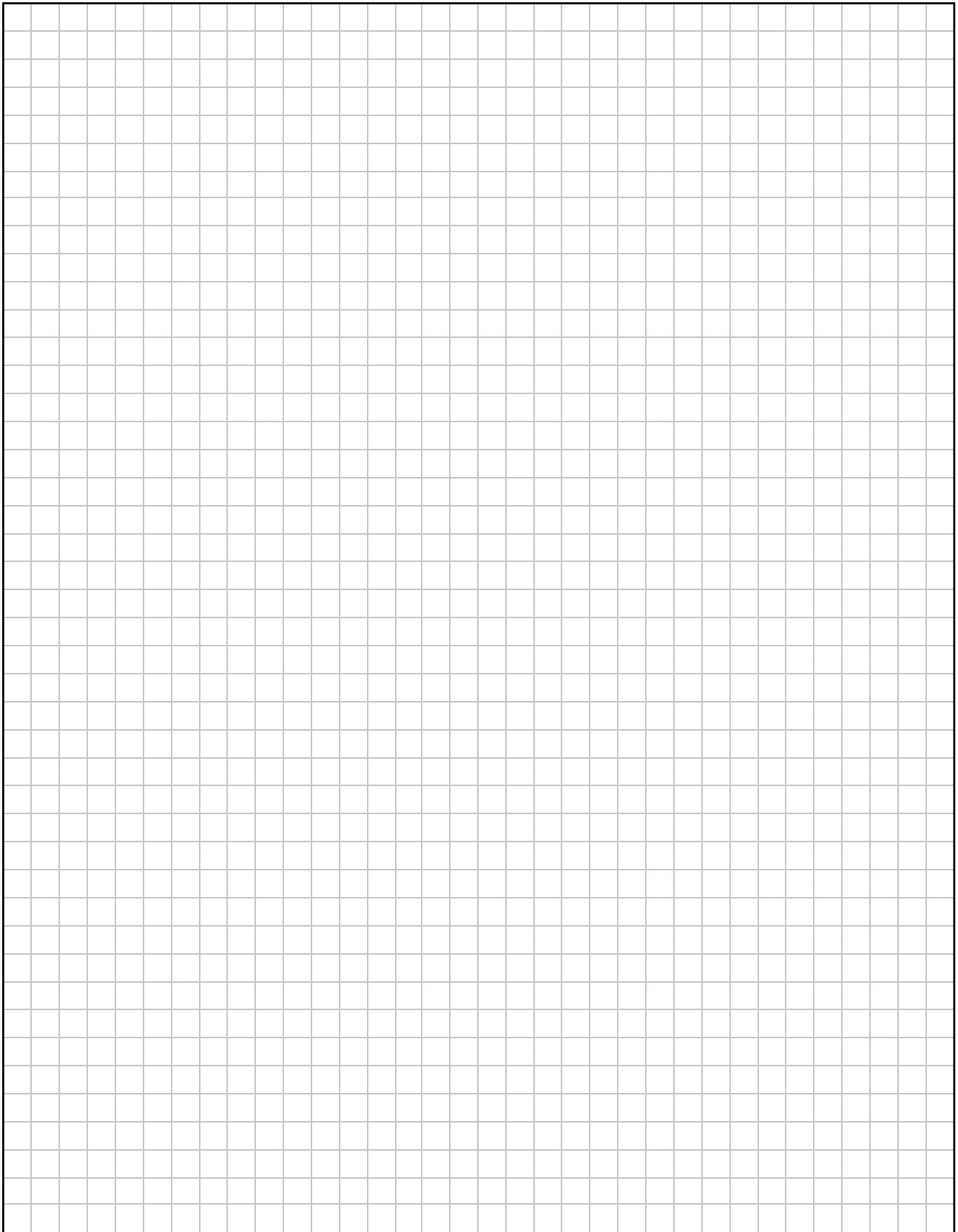


Show that there is only **one** value of  $x$  for which this triangle is right-angled.



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