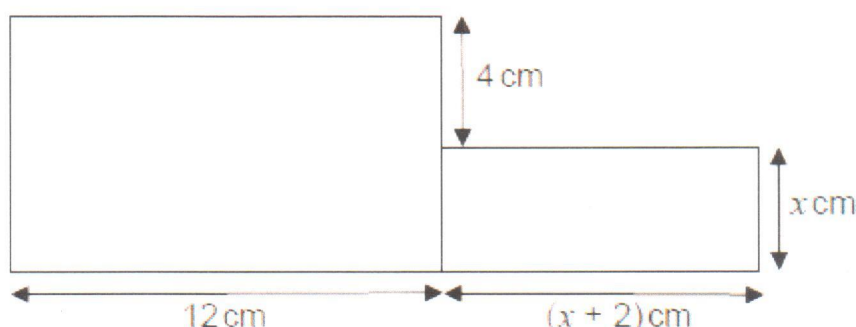


Forming & Solving Equations (H)

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



$$\frac{12(4+x)}{4} = x(x+2)$$

$$3(4+x) = x(x+2)$$

$$12 + 3x = x^2 + 2x$$

$$x^2 - x - 12 = 0 \quad x \text{ cannot be negative}$$

$$(x+3)(x-4) = 0 \quad \therefore x = 4$$

$$x = -3 \quad x = 4$$

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.

Dimensions are 4 cm x 6 cm

check $12 \times 8 = 96$ $4 \times 6 = 24$

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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.

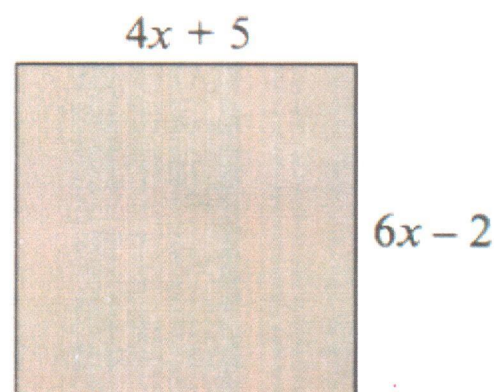


Diagram not drawn to scale

$$4x + 5 = 6x - 2$$

$$(-4x) \quad (-4x)$$

$$5 = 2x - 2$$

$$(+2) \quad (+2)$$

$$2x = 7$$

$$x = 3.5$$

$$\therefore 4x + 5 = 4 \times 3.5 + 5 = 19 \text{ cm}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{3}{x} &= 12 \\ 12x &= 3 \\ x &= \frac{3}{12} \quad \therefore x = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{4}}}\end{aligned}$$

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

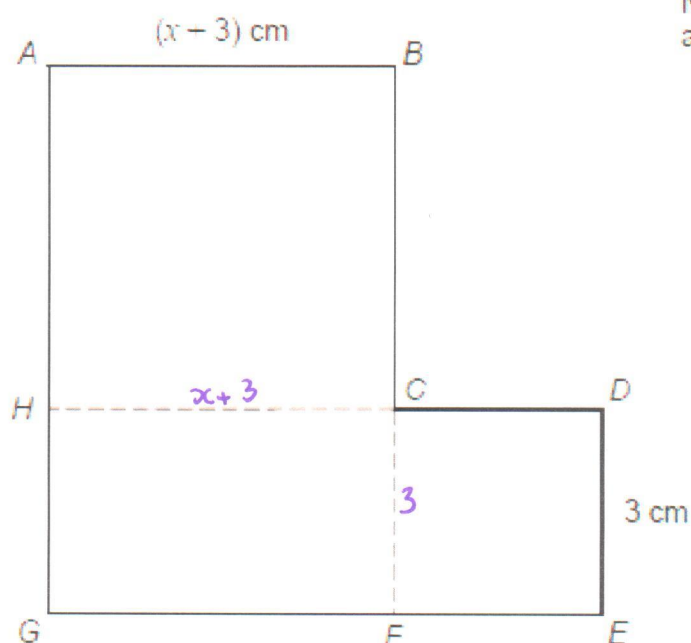
$$\begin{aligned}9x - 4 &= 7x + 14 \\ (-7x) \quad (-7x) \\ 2x - 4 &= 14 \\ (+4) \quad (+4) \\ 2x &= 18 \\ x &= \underline{\underline{9}}\end{aligned}$$

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4. ABCH is a square.

HCFG is a rectangle.

CDEF is a square.



Not drawn
accurately

They are joined to make an L-shape.

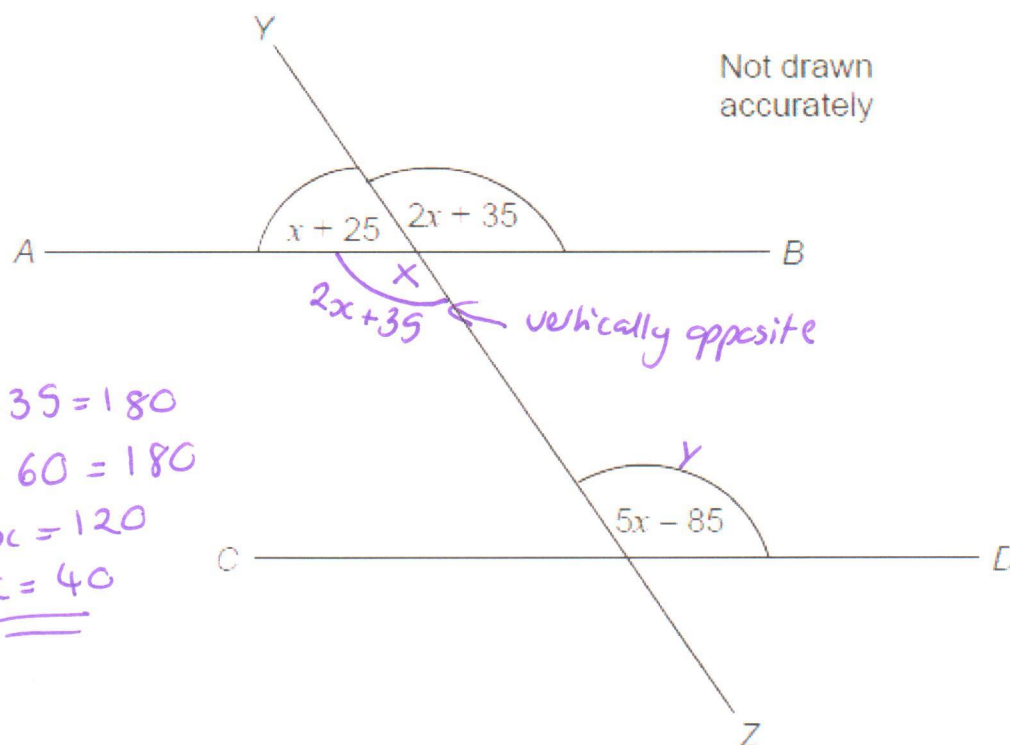
Show that the total area of the L-shape, in cm^2 , is $x^2 + 9x + 27$

$$\begin{aligned}&(x+3)^2 + 3(x+3) + 3^2 \\ &x^2 + 6x + 9 + 3x + 9 + 9 \\ &= \underline{\underline{x^2 + 9x + 27}}\end{aligned}$$

[4]

5. AB, CD and YZ are straight lines.

All angles are in degrees.



$$\begin{aligned} x + 25 + 2x + 35 &= 180 \\ 3x + 60 &= 180 \\ 3x &= 120 \\ x &= 40 \end{aligned}$$

$2x + 35$ ← vertically opposite

Show that AB is parallel to CD. If parallel then $X = Y$ by alternate angles are equal

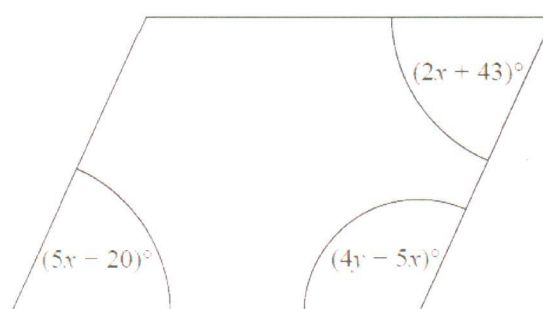
$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 35 \\ 2 \times 40 + 35 &= 115^\circ \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5x - 85 \\ 5 \times 40 - 85 \\ &= 115^\circ \end{aligned}$$

\therefore Lines are parallel

[4]

6. Here is a parallelogram.



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

$$5x - 20 = 2x + 43$$

$$3x - 20 = 43$$

$$3x = 63$$

$$x = 21$$

$$\therefore 4y - 5x = 190$$

$$4y - 5 \times 21 = 190$$

$$4y - 105 = 190$$

$$4y = 295 \therefore y = 73.75$$

$$x = 21$$

$$y = 73.75$$

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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?

$$K = C + 8 \quad \therefore C = K - 8$$

$$J = K + 5$$

$$K + C + J = 72$$

$$K + (K - 8) + (K + 5) = 72$$

$$K + K - 8 + K + 5 = 72$$

$$3K - 3 = 72 \quad 3K = 75$$

8. ABCD is a rectangle.

EFGH is a trapezium.

$$2(3x + 4) + 2(4x) = x - 3 + 5x + 5x + 7x - 3$$

$$6x + 8 + 8x = 18x - 6$$

$$14x + 8 = 18x - 6$$

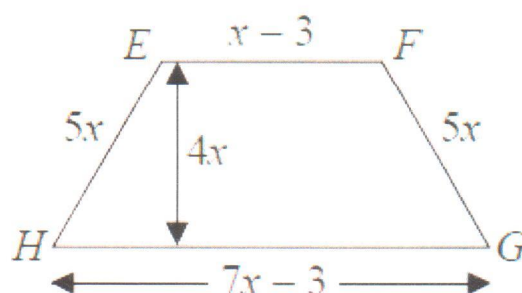
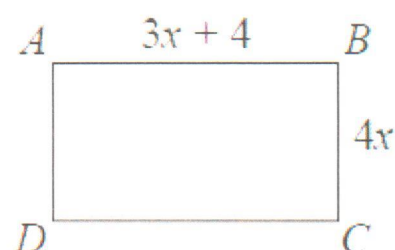
$$8 = 4x - 6$$

$$14 = 4x$$

$$\underline{\underline{x = 3.5}}$$

Kieran 29
 Jermaine 30
 Chris 17

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All measurements are in centimetres.

The perimeters of these two shapes are the same.

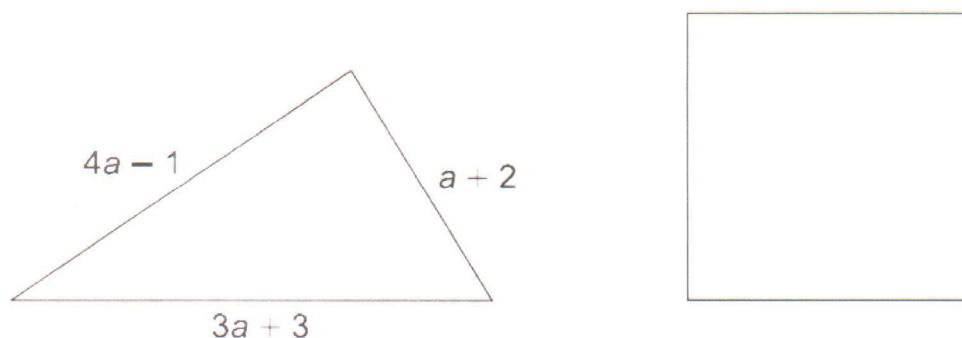
Work out the area of the rectangle.

$$[(3 \times 3.5) + 4] \times 4 \times 3.5$$

$$= 203$$

..... 203 cm² [5]

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.

$$4a - 1 + a + 2 + 3a + 3$$

$$8a + 4$$

$$\frac{8a + 4}{4} = 2a + 1$$

$$\dots\dots\dots 2a + 1 \dots\dots\dots [4]$$

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?

$$A = 30 + W$$

$$R = 2W$$

$$A + R + W = 390$$

$$30 + W + 2W + W = 390$$

$$4W = 360$$

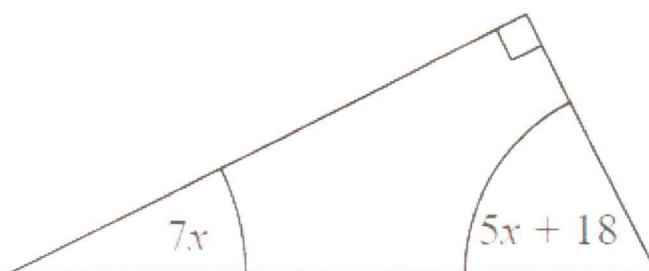
$$\underline{\underline{W = 90}}$$

$$R = 2 \times 90 \\ = 180$$

$$A = 90 + 30 \\ = 120$$

Alexander's film 120 minutes
 Reiner's film 180 minutes
 Wim's film 90 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.

$$7x + 5x + 18 = 90$$

$$12x + 18 = 90$$

$$12x = 72$$

$$x = 6$$

$$7 \times 6 = 42$$

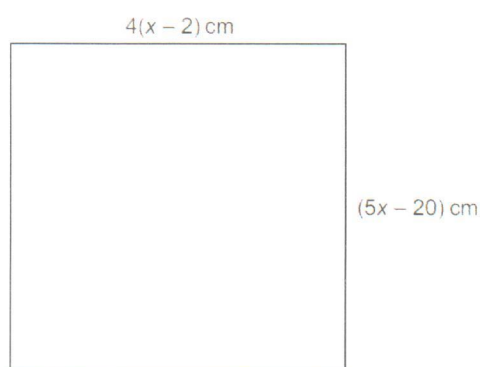
$$5 \times 6 + 18 = 48$$

$5x + 18$ smallest

48

[3]

12. This is a square.



Not to scale

Work out the length of the side of the square.

$$4(x - 2) = 5x - 20$$

$$4x - 8 = 5x - 20$$

$$-8 = x - 20$$

$$12 = x$$

$$5x - 20$$

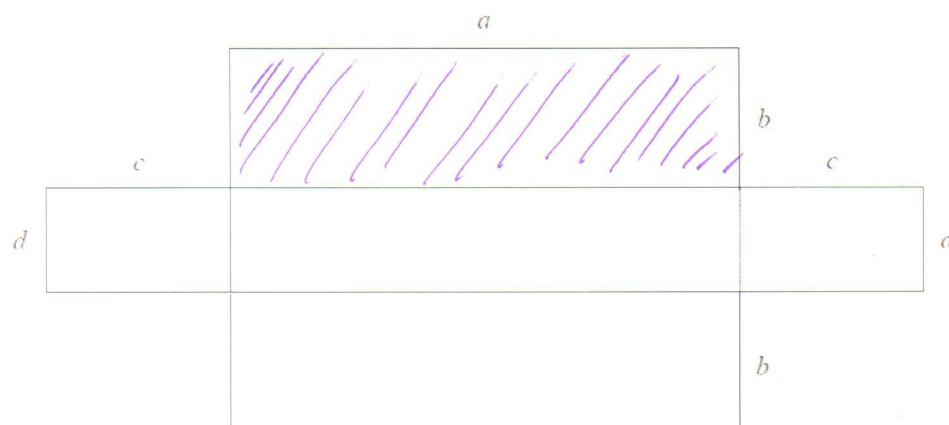
$$5 \times 12 - 20 = 40$$

40

..... cm [5]

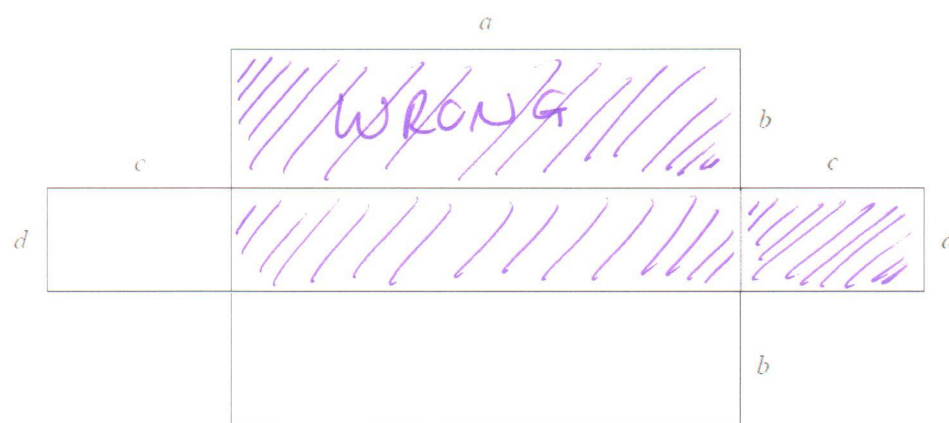
13. A shape is made from rectangles.

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



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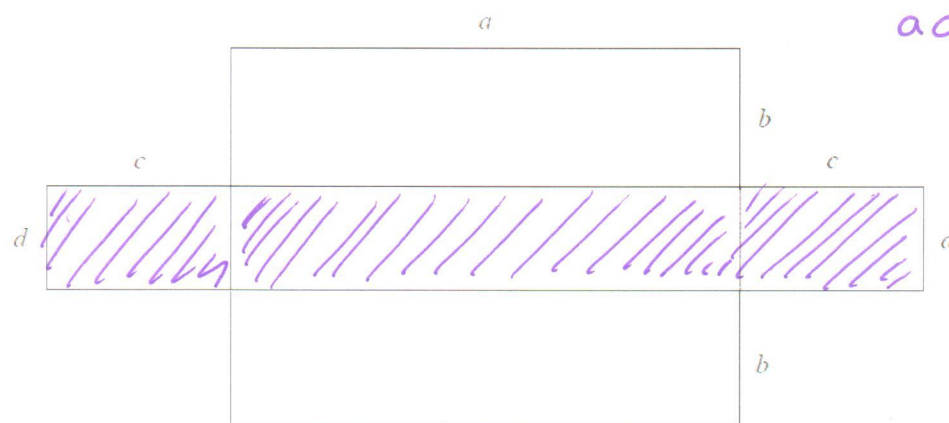
(b) On the diagram below shade an area represented by the expression $ad + cd$



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

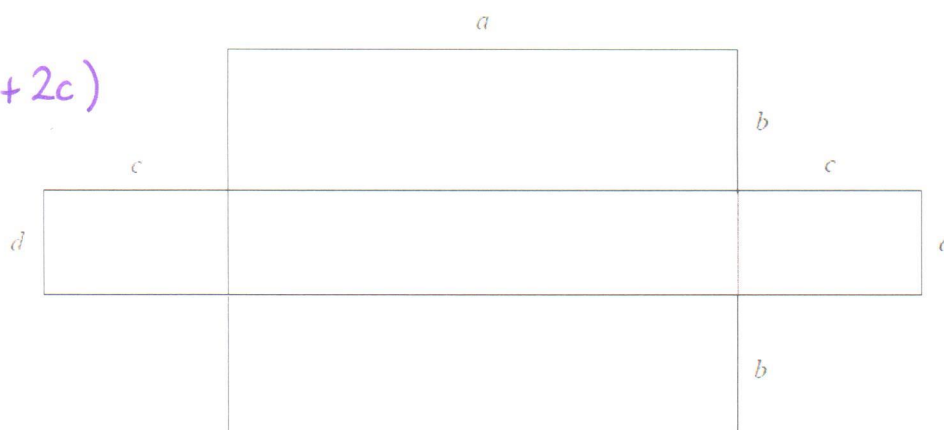
$$ad + 2cd$$



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

$$2ab + d(a + 2c)$$



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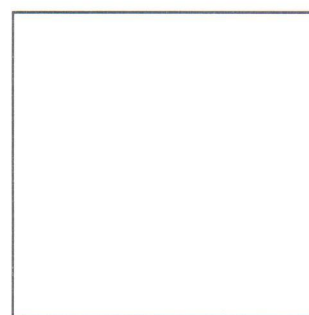
14 The diagram shows a square.

$$7x - 3 = 3x + 3$$

$$4x = 6$$

$$x = 1.5$$

$$(7x - 3) \text{ cm}$$



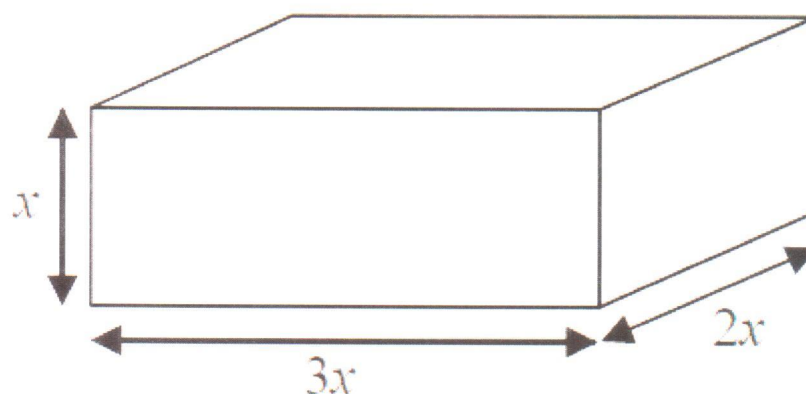
$$3(x + 1) \text{ cm}$$

Work out the length of one side of the square.

$$3 \times 2.5 = \underline{\underline{7.5 \text{ cm}}}$$

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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 $x \leq 5$

$$x \times 3x \times 2x < 900$$

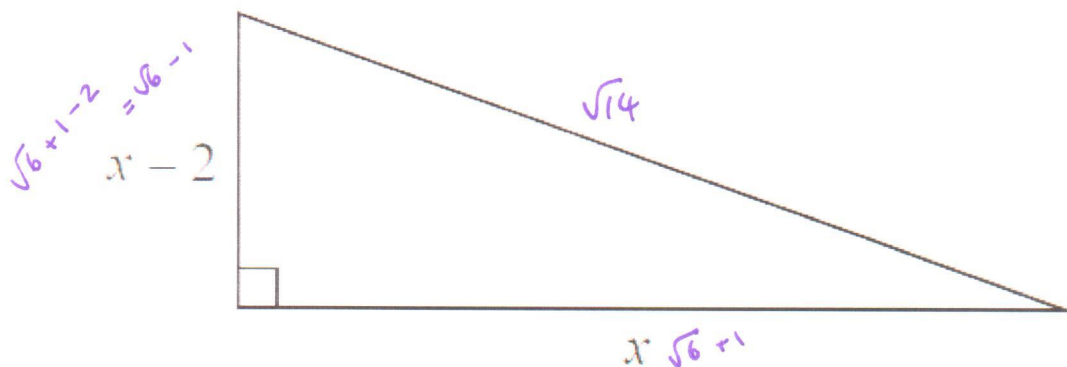
$$6x^3 < 900$$

$$x^3 < 150$$

$$x < \sqrt[3]{150}$$

$x < 5.31329 \therefore$ as x is an integer it must be ≤ 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.

$$\frac{x(x-2)}{2} = 2.5$$

$$x(x-2) = 5$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 5 = 0$$

$$(x-1)^2 - 6 = 0$$

$$x-1 = \pm\sqrt{6}$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{6} + 1$$

must be $+\sqrt{6}$ since x can't be negative

$$x = \sqrt{6} + 1$$

$$\text{missing side } \sqrt{(\sqrt{6}+1)^2 + (\sqrt{6}+1-2)^2} = \sqrt{14}$$

$$\sqrt{14} + \sqrt{6} + 1 + \sqrt{6} - 1$$

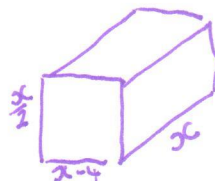
$$8.64$$

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

$$2\left(\frac{x}{2} \times (x-4)\right) + 2\left(\frac{x}{2} \times x\right) + 2\left(x \times (x-4)\right) = 90$$

$$x^2 - 4x + x^2 + 2x^2 - 8x = 90$$

$$4x^2 - 12x = 90$$

$$4x^2 - 12x - 90 = 0 \quad (\div 2)$$

$$2x^2 - 6x - 45 = 0$$

b) Work out the volume of the cuboid.

find x first

$$2x^2 - 6x - 45 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 + 360}}{4}$$

$$x = 6.475 \quad x = -3.475 \text{ (can't be negative)}$$

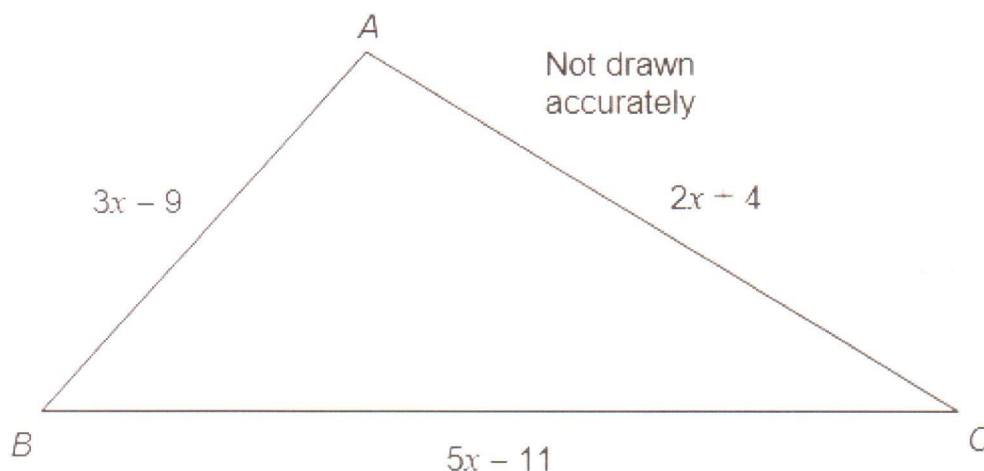
$$\therefore \text{Volume} = x \times \frac{x}{2} \times (x-4)$$

$$= \frac{x^3}{2} - 2x^2$$

$$= \frac{6.475^3}{2} - 2(6.475)^2 = 51.88$$

$$(b) \dots\dots\dots 51.9 \text{ cm}^3 [6]$$

18. In this question all lengths are in centimetres.



Given $AB : BC = 1 : 2$

show that $AC : BC = 3 : 4$

$$\frac{2}{3} (3x - 9) = \frac{1}{3} (5x - 11)$$

$$6x - 18 = 5x - 11$$

$$x - 18 = -11$$

$$x = 7$$

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$$AC = 2x + 4$$

$$= \underline{\underline{18}}$$

$$BC = 5x - 11$$

$$= \underline{\underline{24}}$$

$$AC : BC$$

$$18 : 24$$

$$\underline{\underline{3 : 4}}$$