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# Leaving Certificate Examination Mathematics

## Paper 1

### Higher Level

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## Instructions

There are **two** sections in this examination paper.

Section A	Concepts and Skills	120 marks	6 questions
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Answer questions as follows:

- any **four** questions from Section A – Concepts and Skills
- any **two** questions from Section B – Contexts and Applications.

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

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**Question 1****(30 marks)**

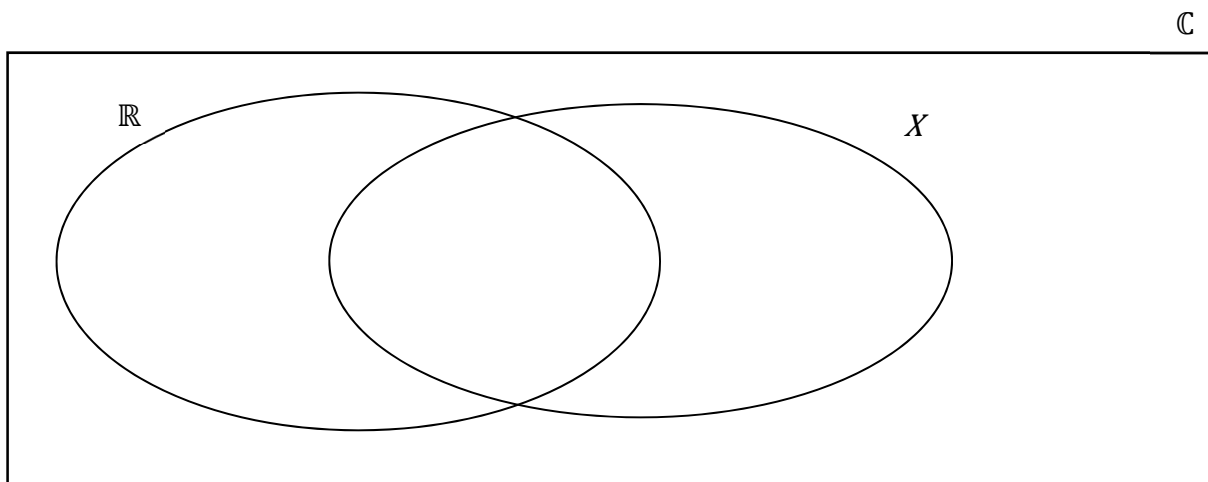
- (a) Write the following complex number in the form  $m + ni$ , where  $m, n \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $i^2 = -1$ :

$$(3 - 5i)(2 + 4i)$$

- (b) Use De Moivre's theorem to write the following complex number in the form  $p + qi$ , where  $p, q \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $i^2 = -1$ :

$$(3 - 3i)^6$$

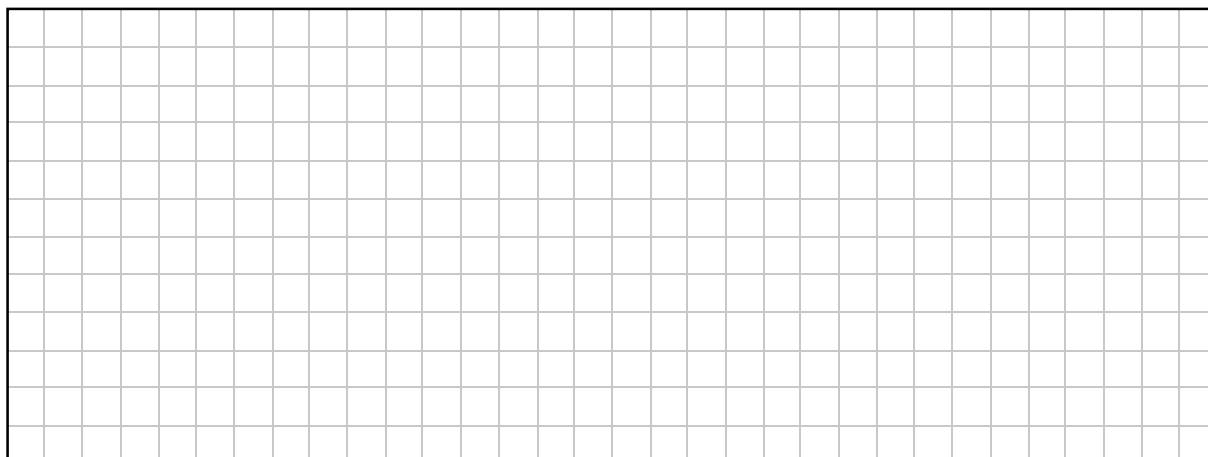
- (c)  $\mathbb{R}$  is the set of real numbers.  $\mathbb{C}$  is the set of complex numbers.  
 $X$  is the set of complex numbers whose real and imaginary parts are both rational.  
 These sets are shown in the Venn diagram below.



Six numbers are shown in the table below, where  $i^2 = -1$ .

Write each number in the correct region on the Venn diagram above, to show which region each number lies in.

$\sqrt{17}$	$3i$	$3 + 2i$
$\pi + 5i$	$2.5$	$\cos 180^\circ + i \sin 180^\circ$



Question 2

(30 marks)

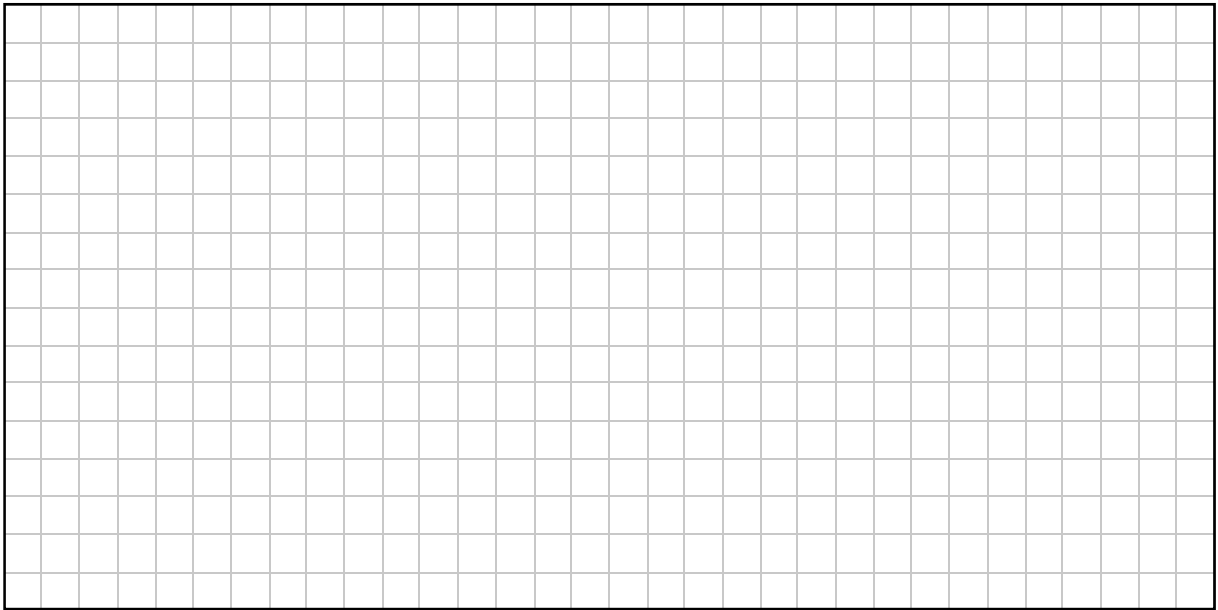
- (a) (i) Multiply out and simplify  $(2m + 1)^2$ .

Any positive odd number can be written in the form  $2k + 1$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $k \geq 0$ , and any number in this form must be odd.

- (ii) Using your answer to **part (a)(i)**, show that the square of any odd number is also an odd number.

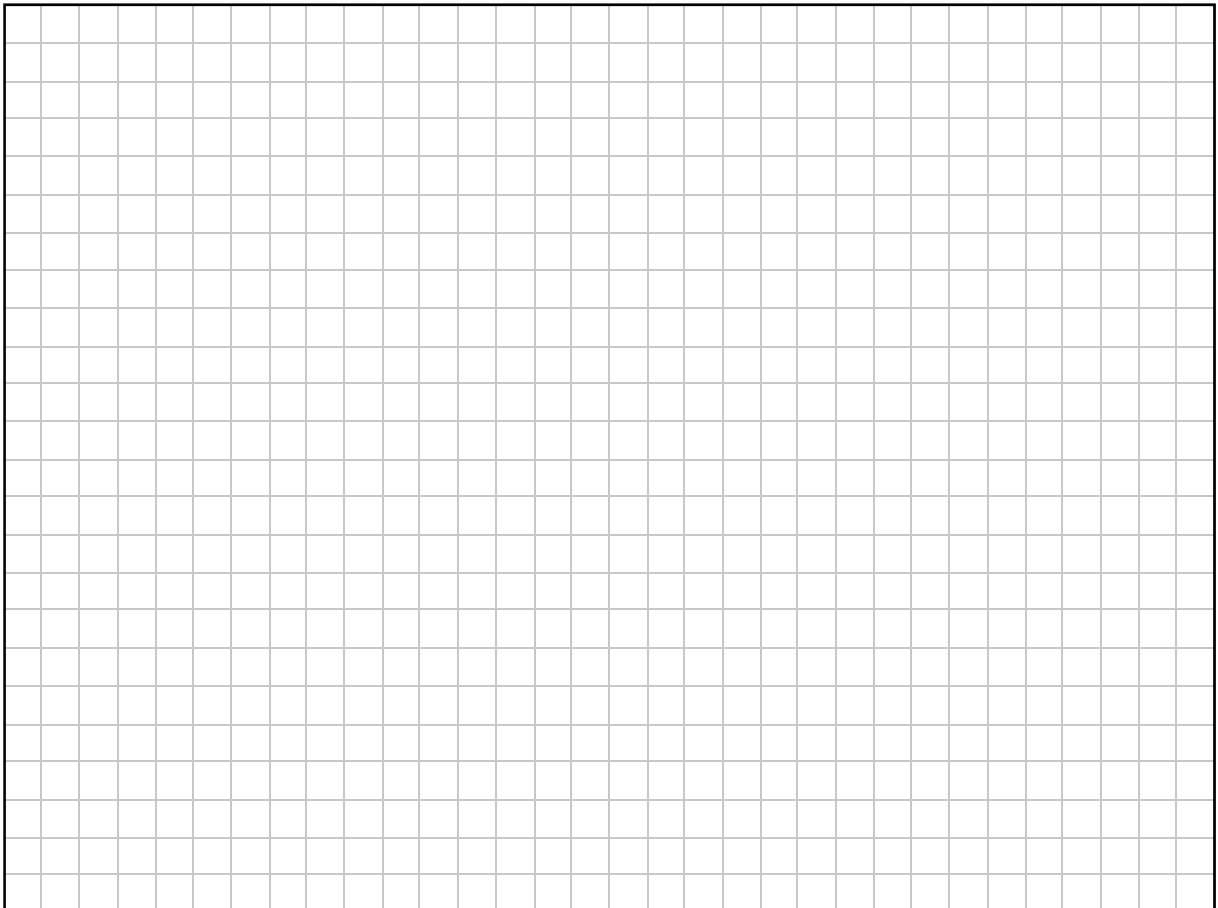
- (iii) Assume that  $t$  is a positive odd number.  
Prove by induction that  $t^n$  is odd, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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(b) Write the following expression as a single fraction in its simplest form, where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\frac{2}{3x-5} - \frac{6}{x}$$



**Question 3**

**(30 marks)**

- (a)  $-5$  and  $\frac{3}{2}$  are the solutions of the following equation, where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$ :

$$x^2 + bx + c = 0$$

Find the value of  $b$  and the value of  $c$ .

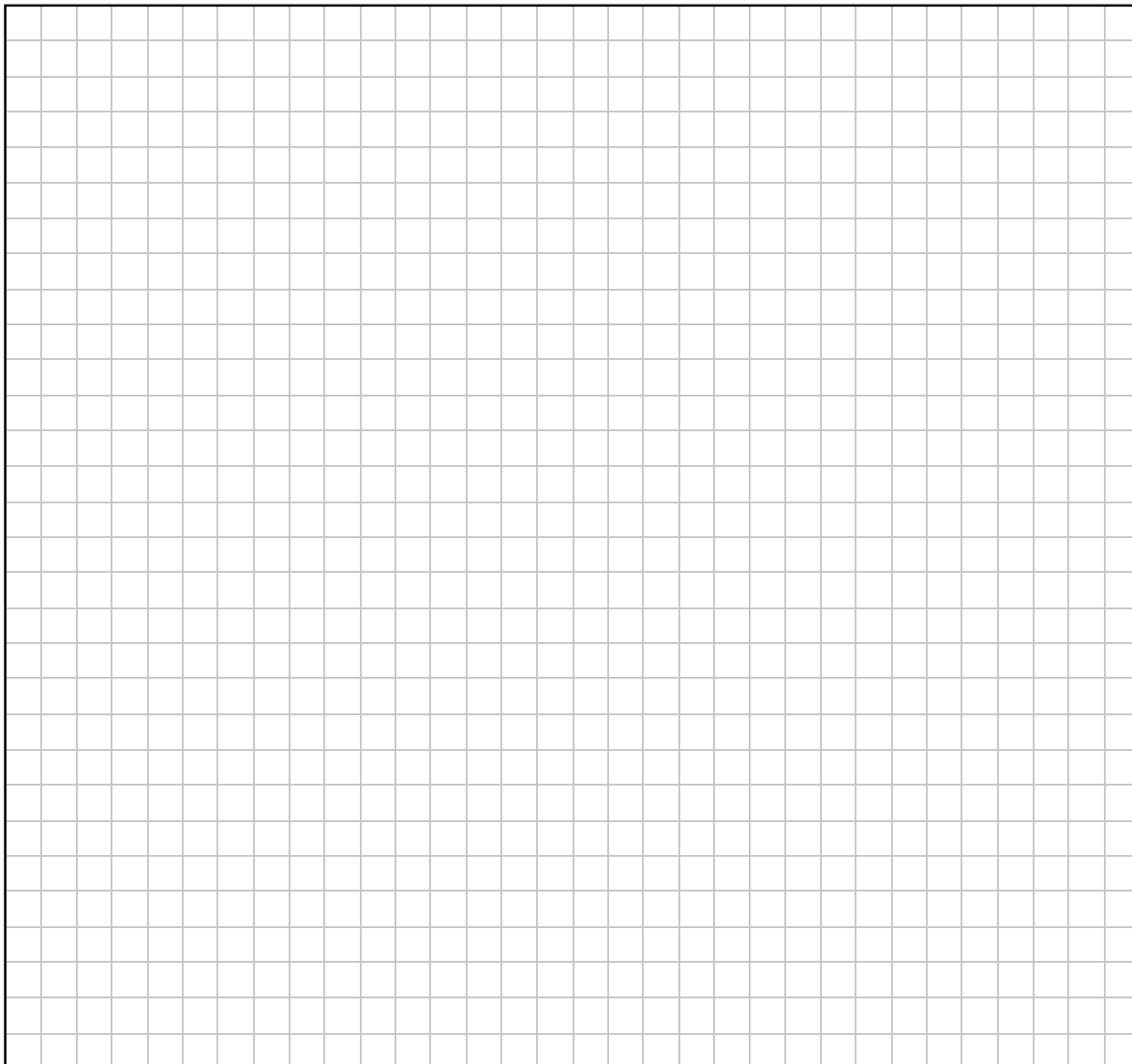
$b =$  \_\_\_\_\_       $c =$  \_\_\_\_\_

- (b) Divide  $-6x^3 - 4x^2 + 44x + 56$  by  $2x + 4$ .



(c) Solve the following inequality for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x \neq \frac{3}{2}$ :

$$-4 \leq \frac{3x + 5}{2x - 3}$$



**Question 4**

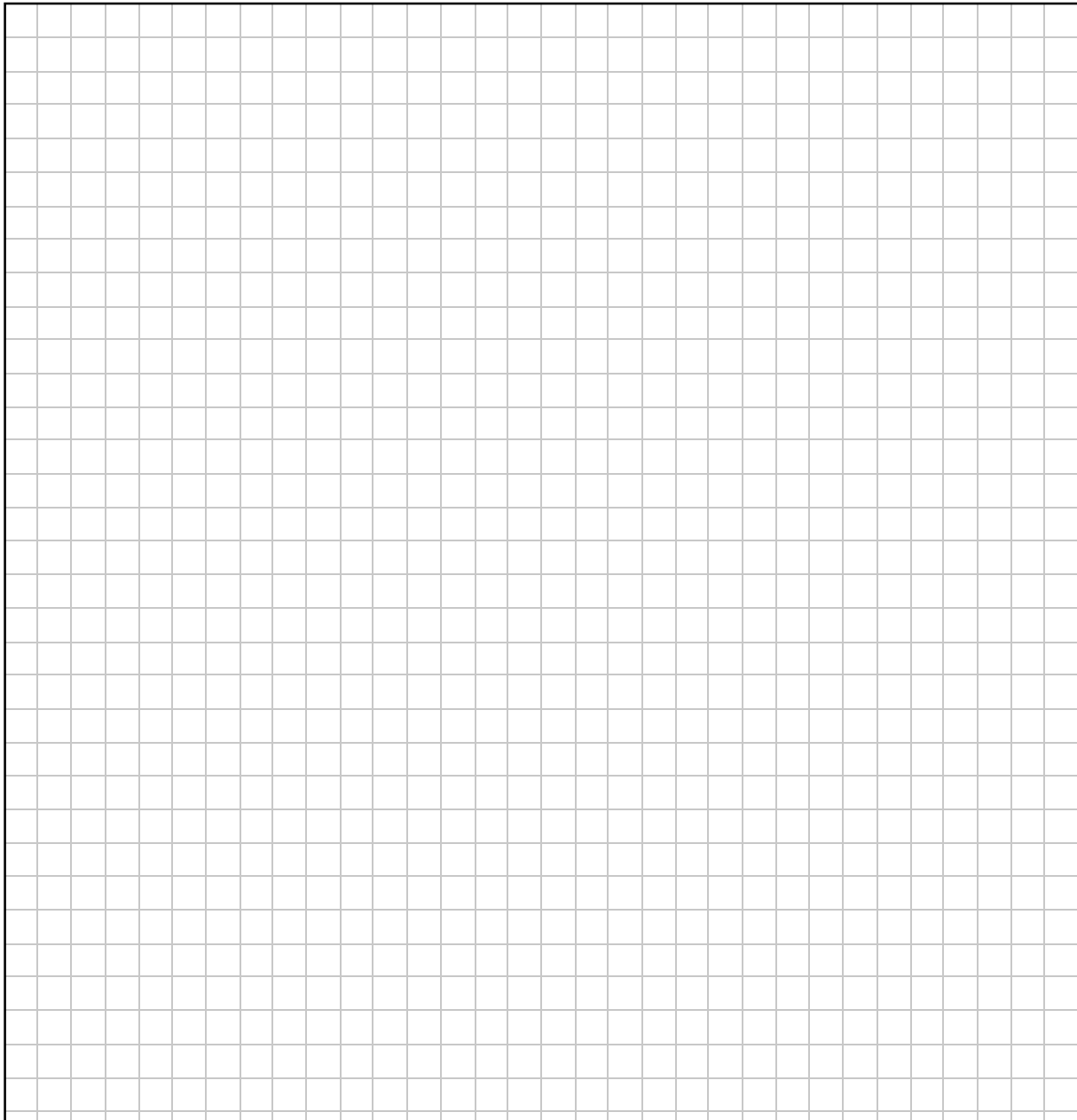
**(30 marks)**

**(a)** A line  $l$  and a curve  $c$  have equations as follows, where  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$l: \quad x - 3y - 1 = 0$$

$$c: \quad x^2 + 4y^2 = 1$$

Find the co-ordinates of the points of intersection of  $l$  and  $c$ .



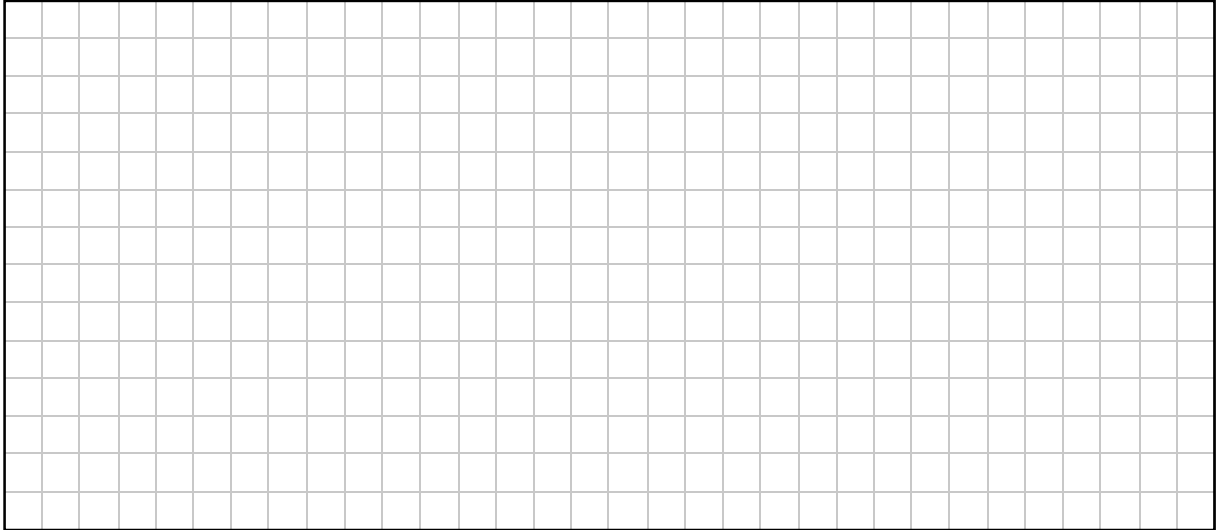
Points of intersection: (      ,      ) and (      ,      )

(b) The functions  $g$  and  $h$  are as follows, for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$g(x) = x(2x - 1) + 3$$

$$h(x) = 5x + 7$$

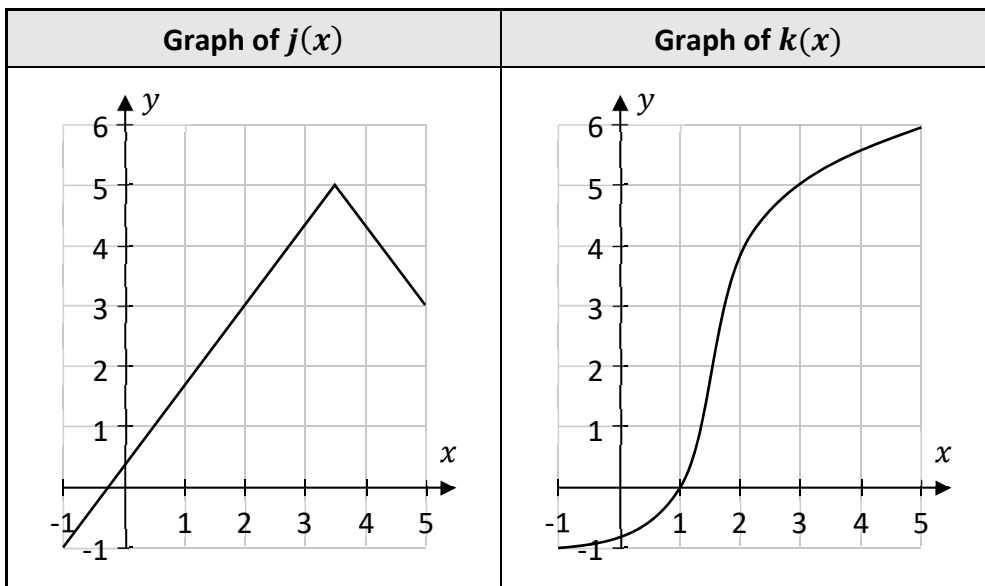
Write the composite function  $h(g(x))$  in the form  $ax^2 + bx + c$ , where  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ .



(c) The graphs of two functions,  $j(x)$  and  $k(x)$ , are shown below, for  $-1 \leq x \leq 5$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Use the graphs to estimate the value of  $k(j(2))$ .

Show your work on the graphs.



$k(j(2)) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 5****(30 marks)**

The function  $g(x)$  is defined as follows, for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$g(x) = 2 - \frac{1}{e^x}$$

- (a) Find the value of  $g(4)$ . Give your answer correct to 4 decimal places.

- (b) Find the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x)$ .

- (c) Solve the following equation in  $x$ :

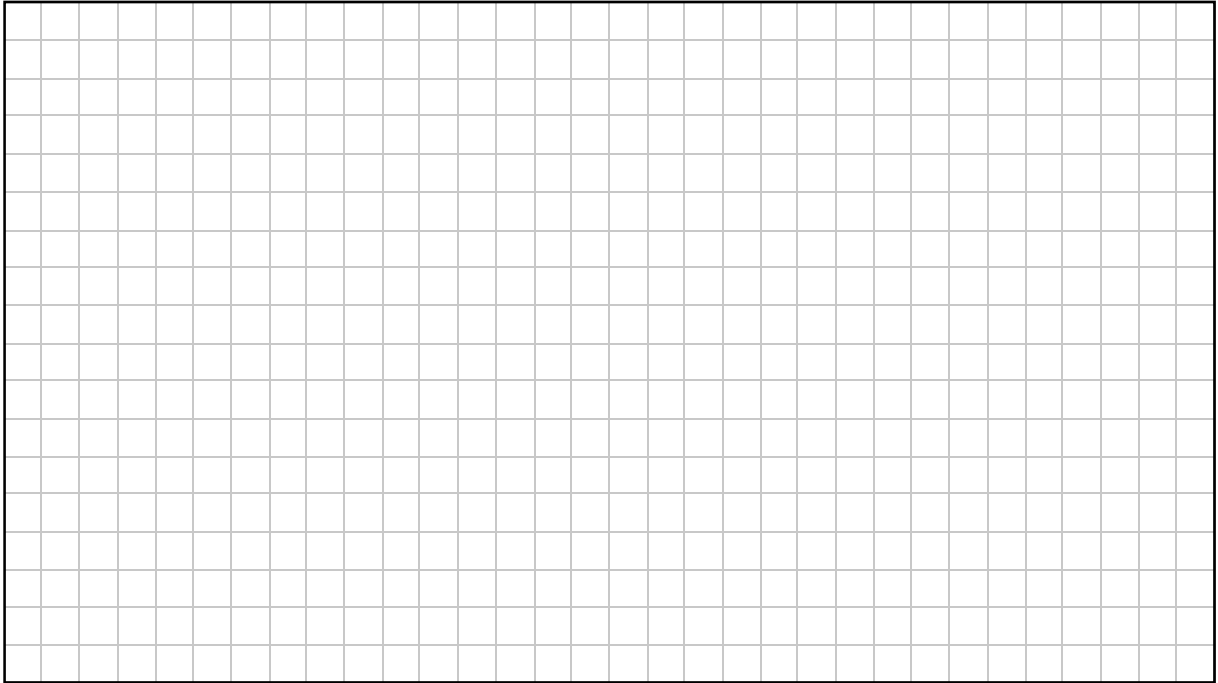
$$g(x) = \frac{1}{4}$$

Give your answer in the form  $\ln a - \ln b$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(d) Find the value of the following integral:

$$\int_0^5 g(x) dx$$

Give your answer in the form  $a + e^{-b}$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ .



**Question 6**

**(30 marks)**

**(a)** The function  $f$  is defined as follows, for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$f: x \mapsto x^3 - 6x^2 + 3$$

Use calculus to find the co-ordinates of each of the following points:

- (i)** the local minimum point of  $f$
- (ii)** the local maximum point of  $f$
- (iii)** the point of inflection of  $f$

**(i)** Local minimum: (     ,     ) \_\_\_\_\_

**(ii)** Local maximum: (     ,     ) \_\_\_\_\_

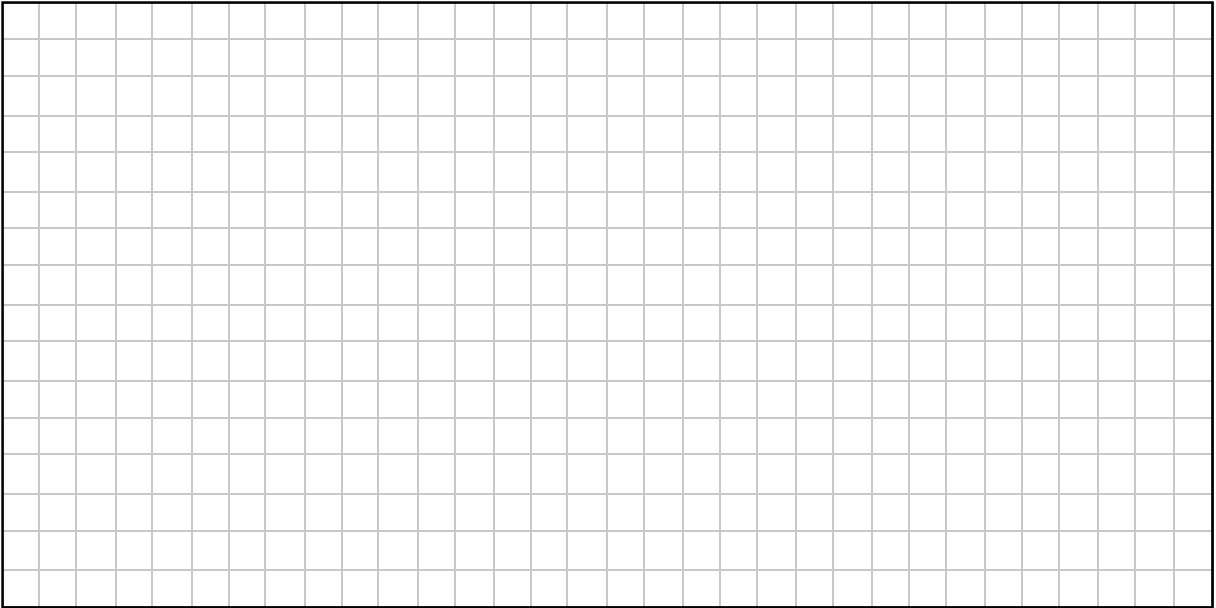
**(iii)** Point of inflection: (     ,     ) \_\_\_\_\_







- (iv) Use the formula for the sum of a geometric series to find the total amount of money paid for the car over the first 20 years of the model. Do **not** include the price for Year 20 in your solution. Give your answer correct to the nearest ten euro.

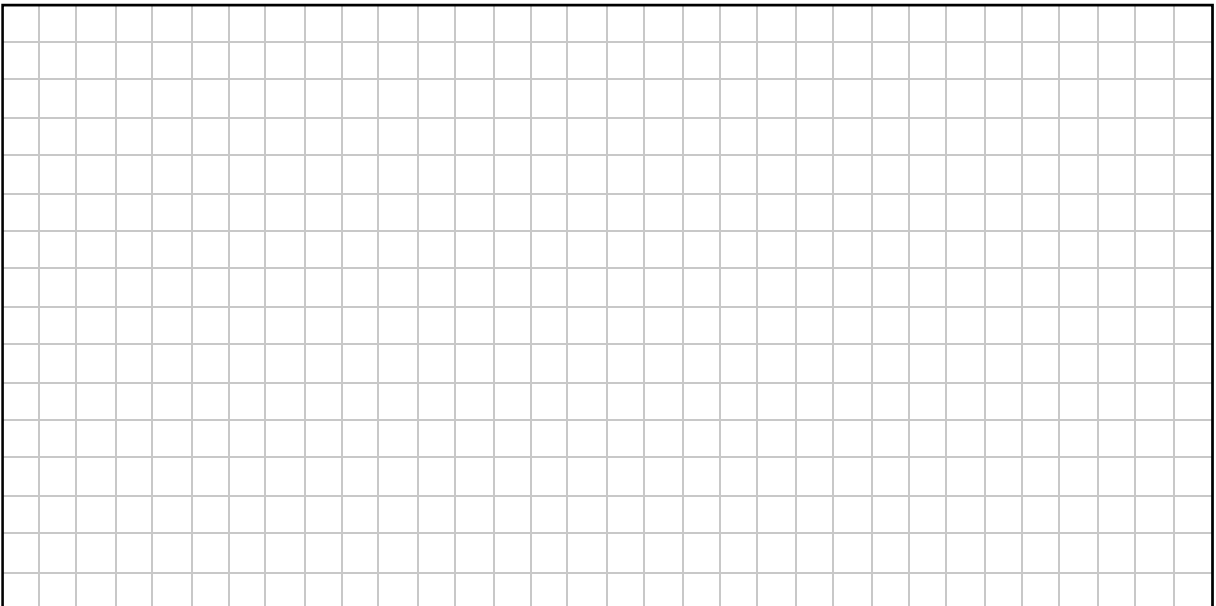


- (b) The price of a different car,  $x$  years after it was initially sold, is given by:

$$P(x) = 25\,000 \times (0.8^x)$$

where  $P(x)$  is the price in euro, and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Use integration to work out the average price of this car over the first 10 years after it was initially sold. Give your answer correct to the nearest euro.



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- (c) Explain what is meant by the present value,  $P$ , of a payment of  $F$  euro to be received in  $t$  years' time, where the annual rate of interest is  $i$  (and  $P, F, t, i \in \mathbb{R}$ ).

- (d) Mark and Aisha buy a house for €280 000.

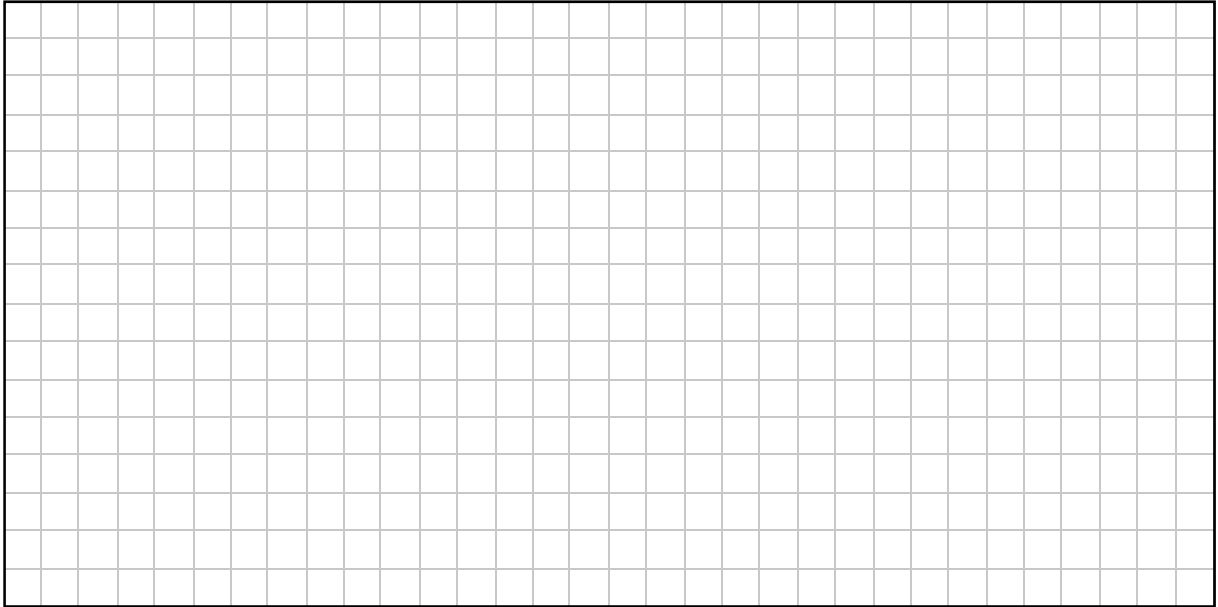
- (i) They pay 15% of the price of the house from their savings.  
They take out a mortgage to pay for the remainder of the price.  
Their mortgage is for 25 **years**, at an interest rate of 0.36% per **month**.

Work out their monthly repayments, given that they will make an equal repayment at the end of each month. Give your answer in euro, correct to the nearest cent.

- (ii) The value of the house is expected to increase at a rate of  $r\%$  each year, where  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ . Ten years after Mark and Aisha buy the house for €280 000, it is estimated that it will have a value of €350 000.

Use this to work out the value of  $r$ .

Give your answer as a percentage, correct to 2 decimal places.



**Question 8**

**(50 marks)**

A factory makes open rectangular boxes (with no lid) of various lengths, widths, and heights.

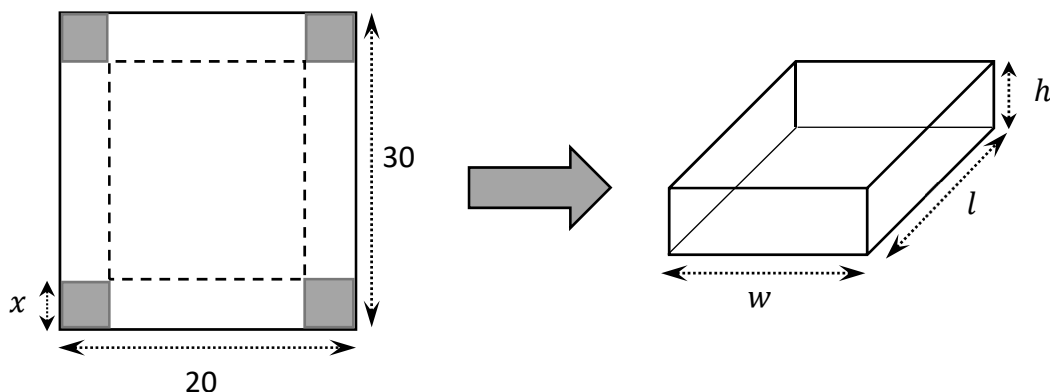
Each box is made from a rectangular sheet of cardboard.

A square of side  $x$  cm, where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , is removed from each corner of the cardboard.

The cardboard is then folded along the dotted lines, as shown in the diagram below.

Boxes of different dimensions ( $l$ ,  $w$ , and  $h$ ) can be made by using sheets of cardboard of different dimensions, or by using different values of  $x$ .

The diagram (not to scale) shows a sheet of cardboard with dimensions  $20 \text{ cm} \times 30 \text{ cm}$ , and the resulting box.



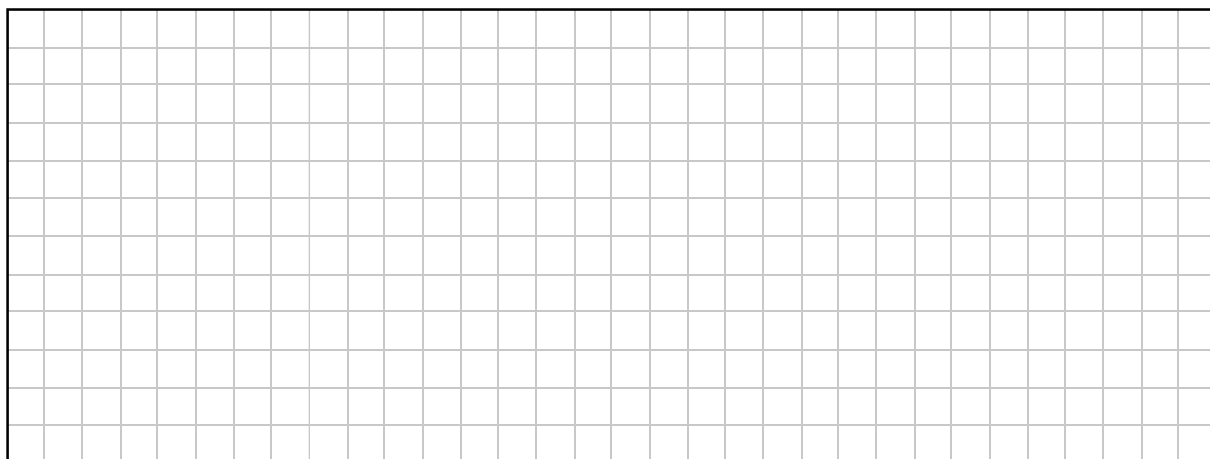
- (a) (i) Fill in the boxes below to show the height ( $h$ ), width ( $w$ ), and length ( $l$ ) of this box, in terms of  $x$ . The width is already done.

$h =$    $\text{ cm}$      
  $w =$    $\text{ cm}$      
  $l =$    $\text{ cm}$

- (ii) Write the volume,  $V(x)$ , of this box in the form:

$$V(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx$$

where  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $0 < x < 10$ , and  $V(x)$  is in  $\text{cm}^3$ .



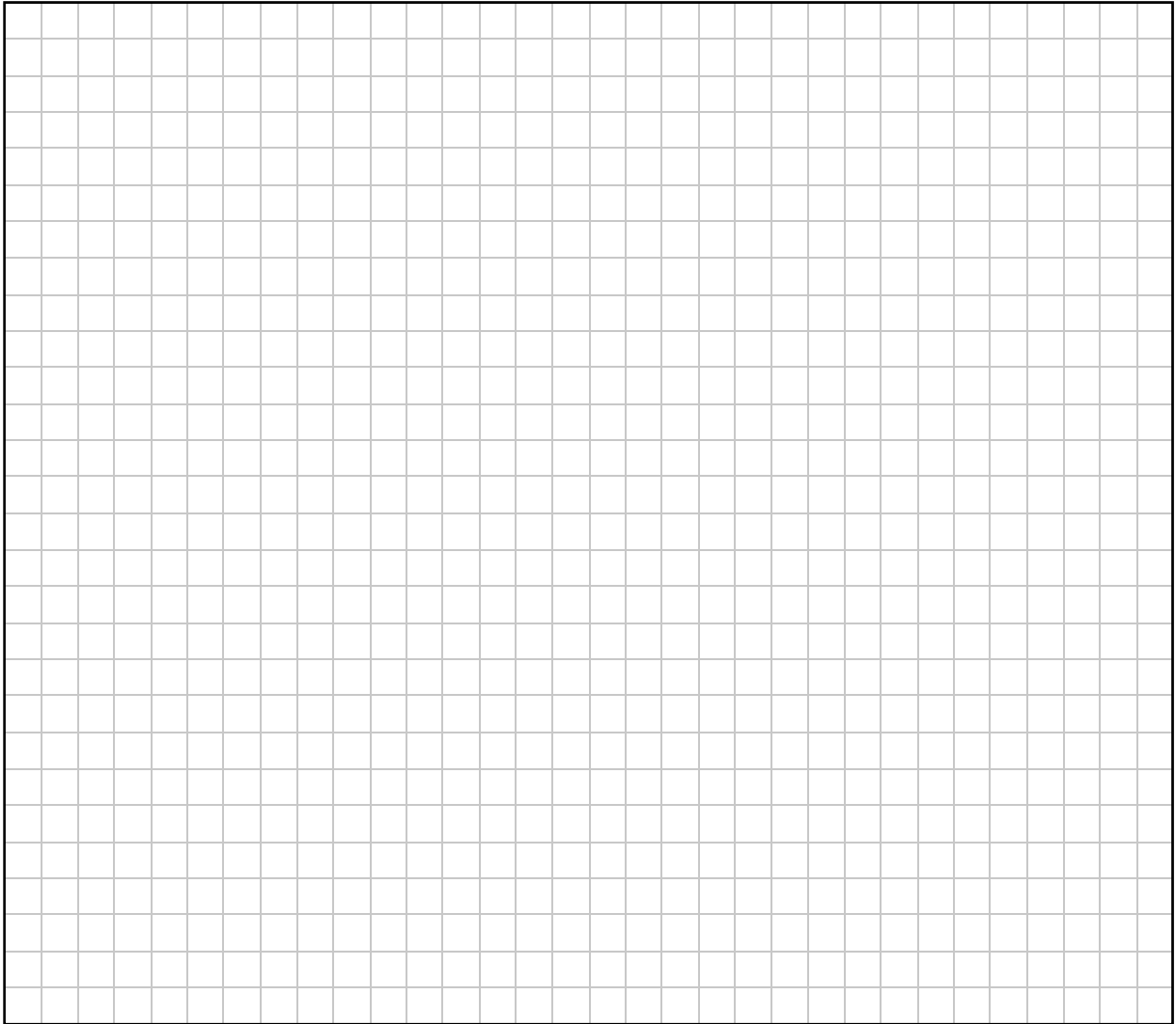
- (b) A second box is being made from a rectangular sheet of cardboard with different dimensions. The volume of this box,  $W(x)$ , is given by:

$$W(x) = 4x^3 - 64x^2 + 240x$$

where  $0 < x < 6$  and  $W(x)$  is in  $\text{cm}^3$ .

Use calculus to find the value of  $x$  that gives a maximum value of  $W(x)$ .

Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.

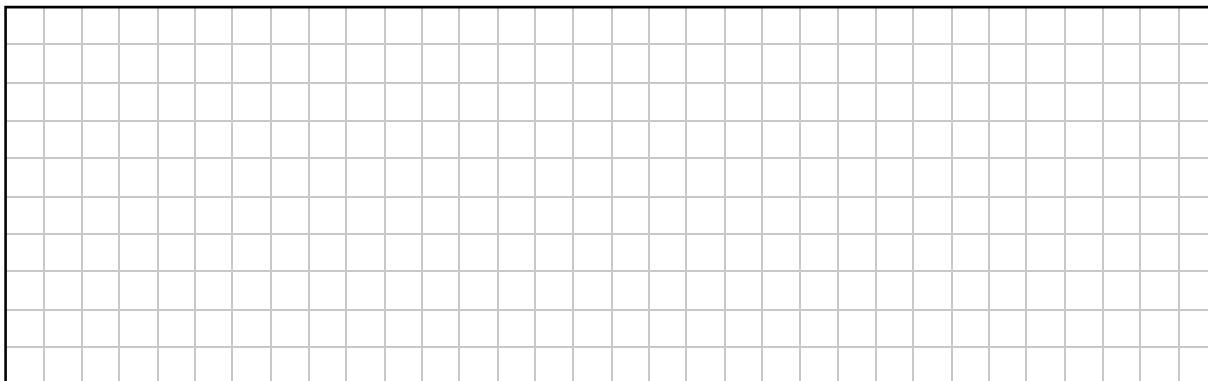


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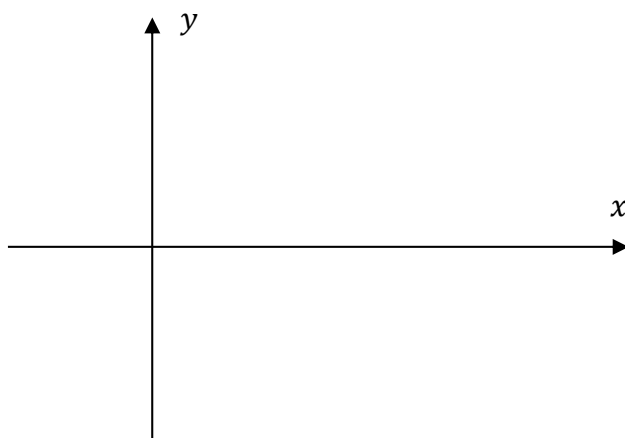
- (c) A third box is made from a rectangular sheet of different dimensions. The volume, in  $\text{cm}^3$ , of this box is given by  $U(x)$ , for an appropriate range of values of  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , where:

$$U(x) = x(42 - 2x)(30 - 2x)$$

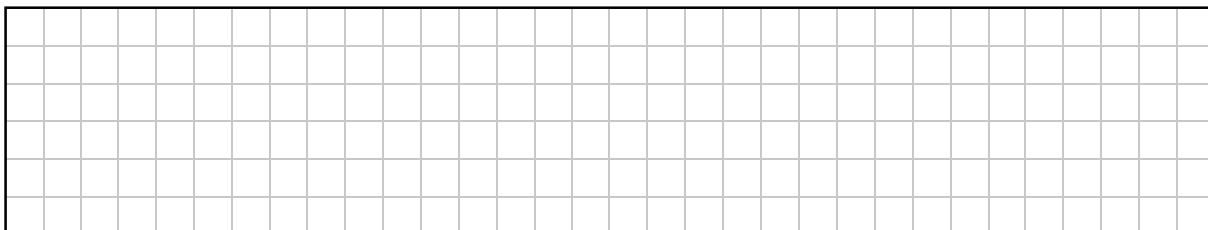
- (i) Write down the three roots of  $U(x) = 0$ .



- (ii) Sketch the graph of  $y = U(x)$  on the axes below.  
On your sketch, show all three roots of  $U(x) = 0$  **and** mark in the value of each root.



- (iii) The function  $U(x)$  gives the volume of this third box for a particular range of values of  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Write down this range of values of  $x$ .

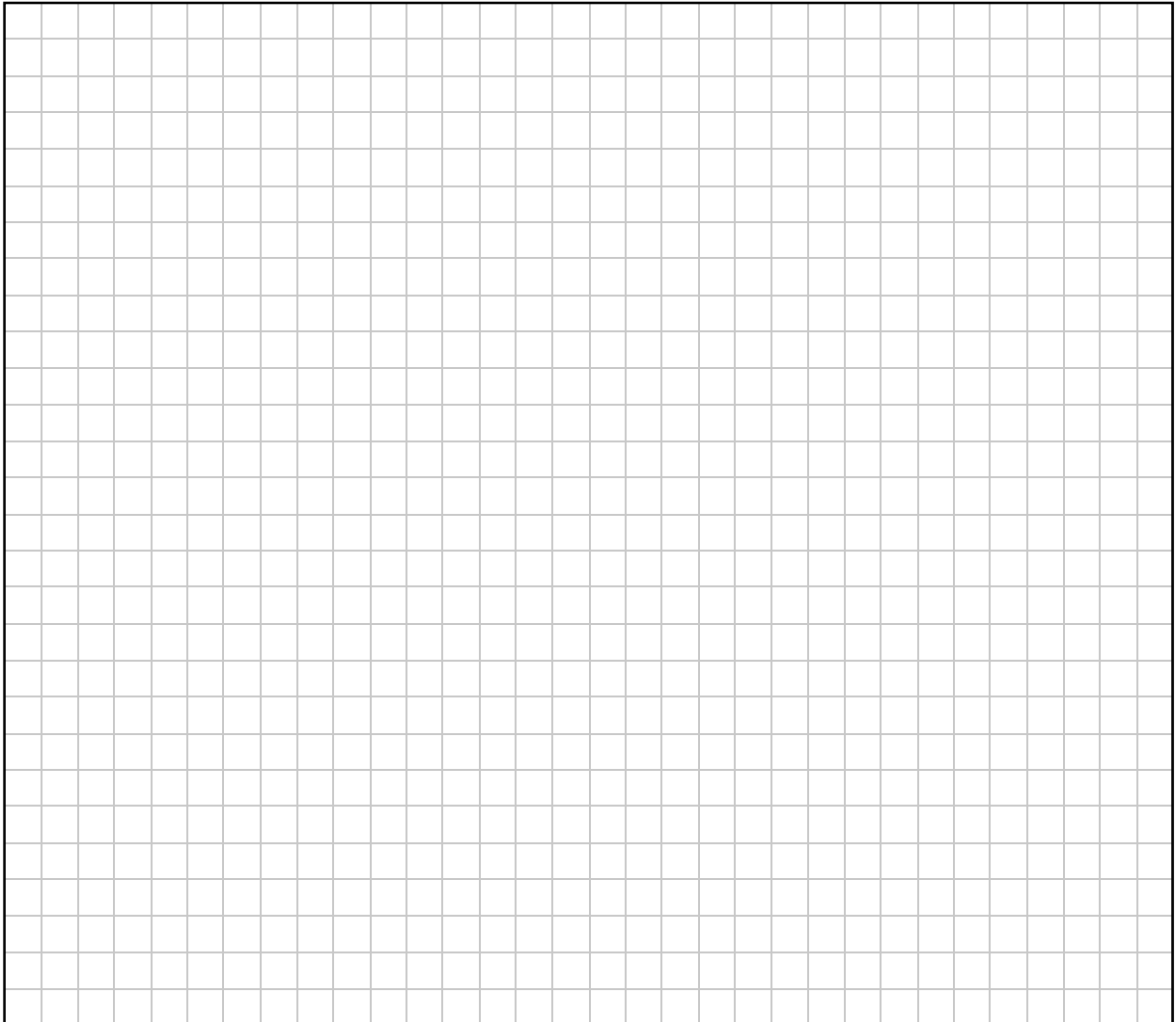


(d) A fourth box is made from a square sheet of cardboard.

The volume, in  $\text{cm}^3$ , of this box is given by  $T(x)$ , where  $0 < x < \frac{A}{2}$  and  $A \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$T(x) = x(A - 2x)(A - 2x)$$

Use calculus to show that the maximum value of  $T(x)$  is at  $x = \frac{A}{6}$ .



**Question 9**

**(50 marks)**

**(a)** As part of his work, Fred monitors the number of visitors to various websites. One particular website has:

- 2506 unique visitors on one week (Week 0), and
- 2734 unique visitors the following week (Week 1).

It is possible to model  $V(x)$ , the number of unique visitors to this website in Week  $x$ , using different types of function, for  $x \in \mathbb{Z}, x > 0$ . Each of these models uses the fact that  $V(0) = 2506$ , and that there were 2734 unique visitors in Week 1. These models will usually give different values of  $V(x)$  for values of  $x$  other than 0 or 1.

**(i)** Use a **linear** function to model the number of unique visitors per week to this website. That is, write  $V(x)$  in the form  $V(x) = ax + b$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**(ii)** Use a **quadratic** function to model the number of unique visitors per week to this website. That is, write  $V(x)$  in the form  $V(x) = cx^2 + dx + f$ , where  $c, d, f \in \mathbb{R}$ . (Note that there are an infinite number of different possible quadratic functions.)



- (iii) Use an **exponential** function to model the number of unique visitors per week to this website. That is, write  $V(x)$  in the form  $V(x) = k \times e^{px}$ , where  $k, p \in \mathbb{R}$ .  
Give the value of  $p$  correct to 3 decimal places.

- (b) Fred drives to work. It is 12 km from Fred's home to work.  
His average speed on the way to work is 40 km/h.  
Because of traffic, his average speed on the way home is less than this.  
His overall average speed for the two journeys (to work and home again) is 25 km/h.  
Work out Fred's average speed on the way home from work.  
Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.

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- (iv) Fred continues to drive on the motorway at a constant speed of 120 km/h. At the instant that the display changes from 116 km/h to 117 km/h, Fred has travelled a total of 174.75 km in 1.5 hours.

$x$  minutes later, the display changes to 118 km/h, as shown in the following equation, where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$1.5 + \frac{x}{60} = \frac{174.75 + 120 \left( \frac{x}{60} \right)}{117.5}$$

Solve this equation to find the value of  $x$ , **and** hence find the total distance travelled by Fred when the display changes to 118 km/h.

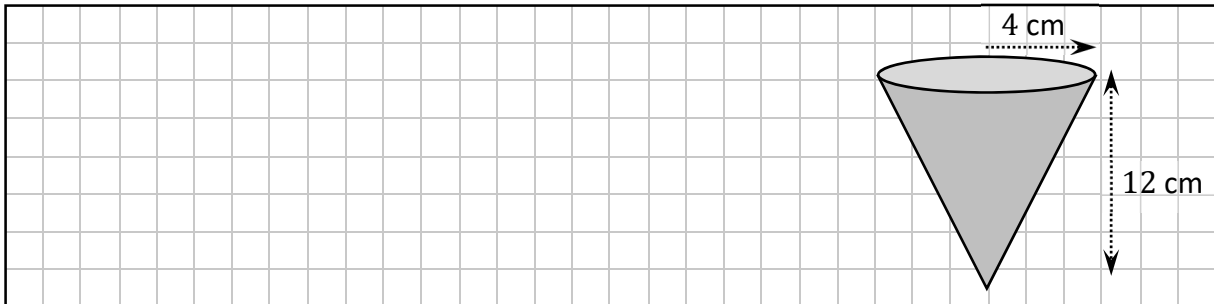


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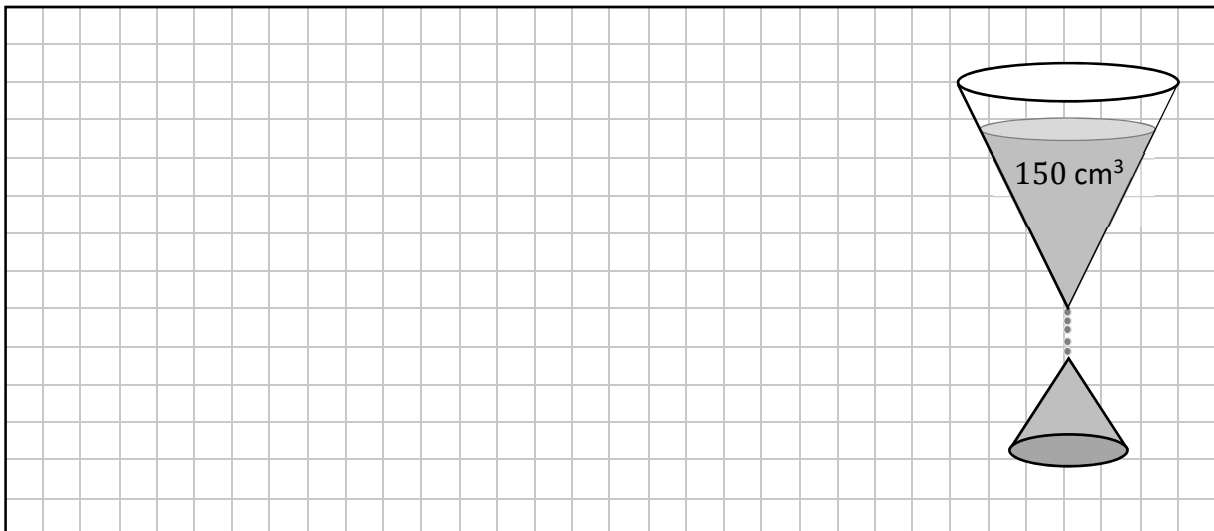
A funnel in the shape of an inverted right circular cone has a height of 12 cm and a radius of 4 cm.

- (a) The funnel is full of sand. Find the volume of sand in the funnel, correct to the nearest  $\text{cm}^3$ .



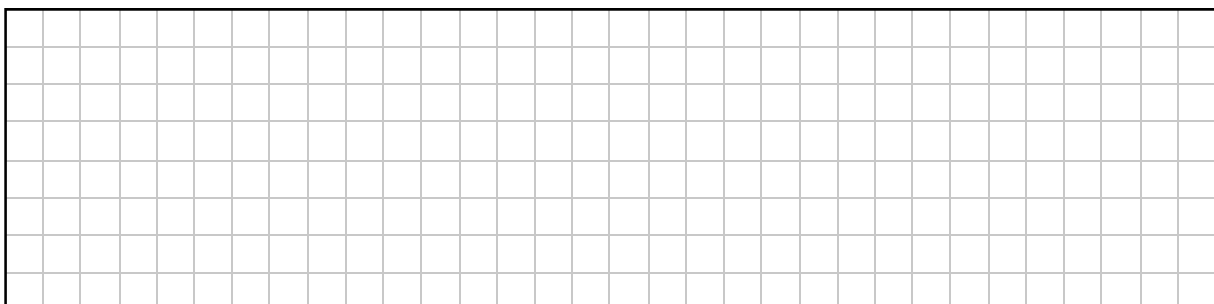
- (b) The sand drains from the funnel as shown below.  
As the sand falls, it forms a right circular cone on a level surface under the funnel.  
The height of the cone of fallen sand is equal to its diameter.

Find the height of the cone of fallen sand, when there are  $150 \text{ cm}^3$  of sand left in the funnel.  
Give your answer correct to 2 decimal places.



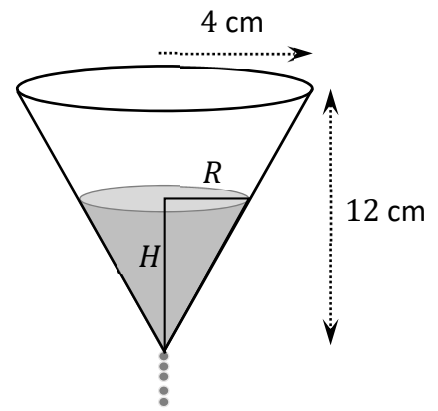
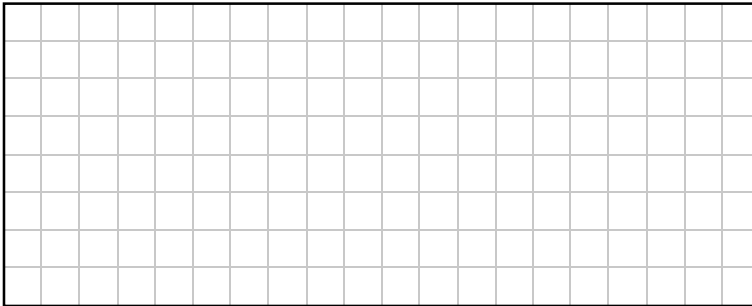
- (c) The curved surface area of the cone of fallen sand,  $A$ , is given by  $A = \pi r^2 \sqrt{5} \text{ cm}^2$ ,  
where  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  is the radius of the cone of fallen sand, in cm.

Find the rate at which this curved surface area is increasing with respect to  $r$ ,  
when  $r = 3 \text{ cm}$ .



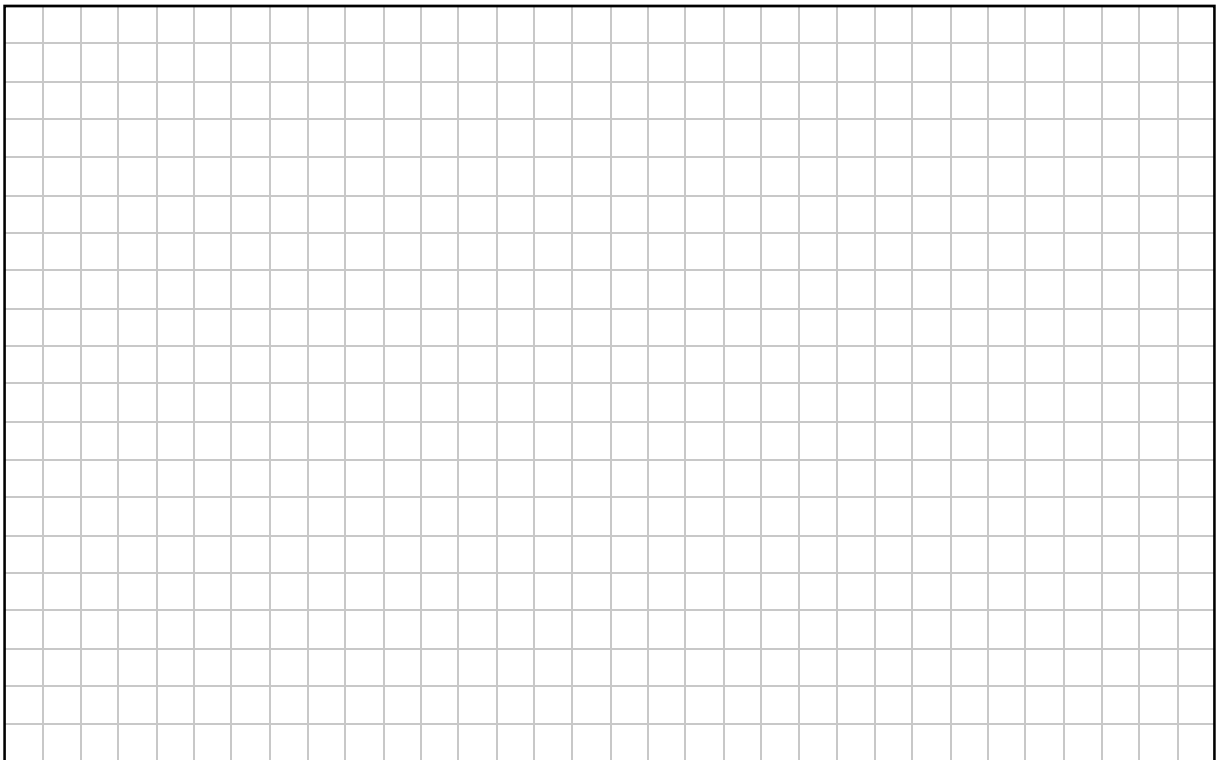
- (d) After a certain time, the remaining sand in the funnel is in the shape of a cone with a height of  $H$  cm and a radius of  $R$  cm.

Write  $H$  in terms of  $R$ .



- (e) The sand drains from the funnel at a steady rate of  $3 \text{ cm}^3$  per second.

Find the rate at which the radius of the remaining sand in the funnel is decreasing when there are  $8\pi \text{ cm}^3$  of sand left in the funnel. Give your answer in  $\text{cm}^3$  per second.

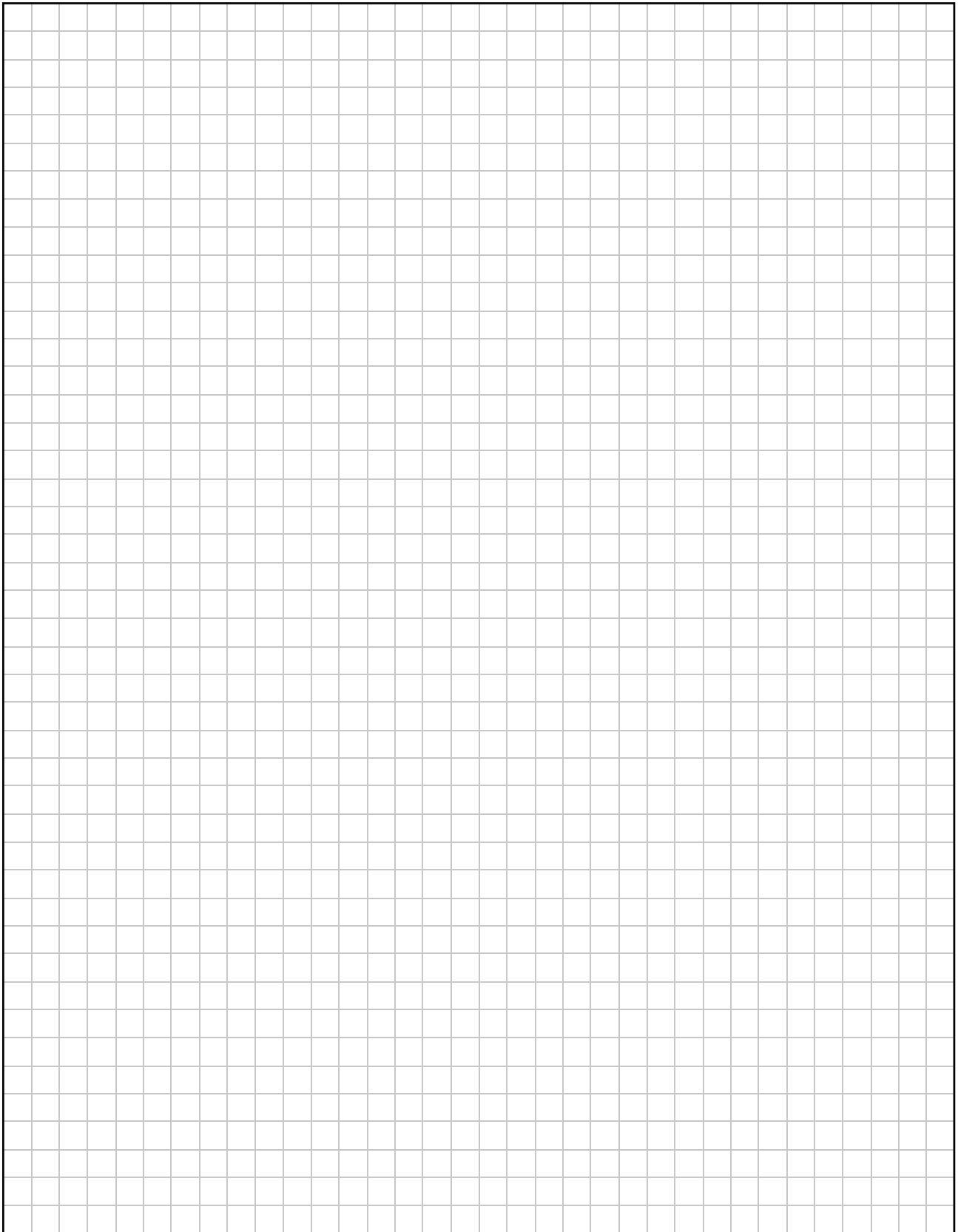


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