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Practice Paper for AQA Level 2 Certificate  
**FURTHER MATHEMATICS**  
Paper 2 Calculator

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

**Materials**

For this paper you must have:

- a calculator
- mathematical instruments.

**Instructions**

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Draw diagrams in pencil.
- Answer **all** questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- In all calculations, show clearly how you work out your answer.

**Information**

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- You may ask for more graph paper and tracing paper.  
These must be tagged securely to this answer book.

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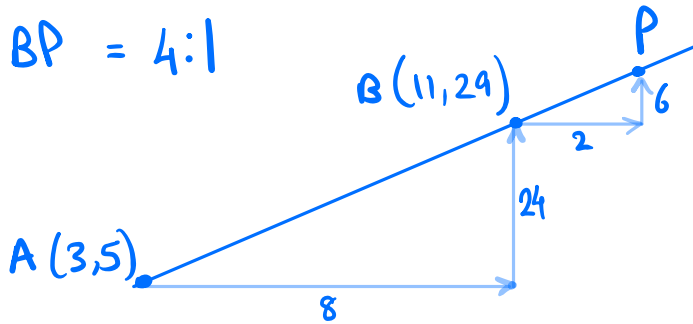
Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

- 1 A has coordinates (3,5) and B has coordinates (11,29). P lies on the line through A and B such that the ratio of the distance AB to the distance AP is 4:5. Find the coordinates of P.

$AB : AP = 4 : 5$

[3 marks]

so  $AB : BP = 4 : 1$



Answer           (13, 35)          

- 2 The first terms of a linear sequence are:

$$9a - 2b, 5a + b, a + 4b, \dots$$

Work out an expression for the *n*th term of this sequence.

[3 marks]

$-4a + 3b$	$-8a + 6b$	$-12 + 9b$
$\downarrow +13a - 5b$	$\downarrow +13a - 5b$	$\downarrow +13a - 5b$
$9a - 2b$	$5a + b$	$a + 4b$
$-4a + 3b$	$-4a + 3b$	

Answer            $(-4a + 3b)n + 13a - 5b$

3  $f(x) = \frac{5x - 4}{7x + 9}$

Which value of  $x$  can **not** be in the domain of  $f(x)$ ?  
Circle your answer.

[1 mark]

$\frac{-9}{7}$

$-\frac{7}{9}$

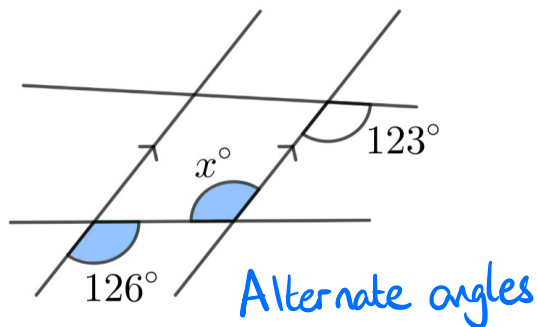
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$\frac{7}{9}$

$\frac{4}{5}$

4 Write down the value of  $x$ .

[1 mark]



$x = \underline{126}$

5  $f(x) = 3x^3 - 4x + 25$

Find the set of values of  $x$  for which  $f(x)$  is decreasing.

→ gradient is negative.

[3 marks]

Say  $y = f(x)$ .

Then  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 9x^2 - 4$

$\frac{dy}{dx} < 0 \Rightarrow 9x^2 - 4 < 0$

$\Rightarrow (3x + 2)(3x - 2) < 0$

Answer  $-\frac{2}{3} < x < \frac{2}{3}$

6 Solve  $\frac{6}{x} = 1 + \frac{1}{x^2}$ , giving your solutions to 3 significant figures.

[2 marks]

$6x = x^2 + 1$

$\Rightarrow 0 = x^2 - 6x + 1$

$\Rightarrow 0 = (x-3)^2 - 8$

$\Rightarrow 8 = (x-3)^2$

$\Rightarrow \pm\sqrt{8} = x-3$

$\Rightarrow 3 \pm \sqrt{8} = x$

Answer  $x = 0.172, x = 2.83$

7 Use **matrix multiplication** to show that, in the  $x$ - $y$  plane,

- a reflection in the line  $y$ -axis, followed by
- a rotation by  $90^\circ$  anti-clockwise about  $(0,0)$  is equivalent

is equivalent to a reflection in the line  $y = -x$

[3 marks]

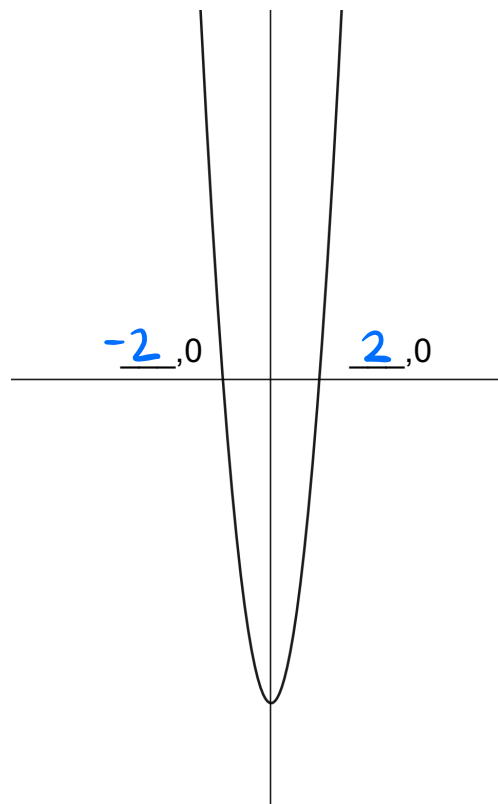
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Rotation  
 $90^\circ$  anticlockwise  
about  $(0,0)$

Reflection  
in  $y$ -axis

Reflection  
in  $y = -x$

- 8 (a) The curve shown has equation  $y = 3x^2 - 12$ .  
Fill in the  $x$ -coordinates of the points where the curve intersects the  $x$ -axis.

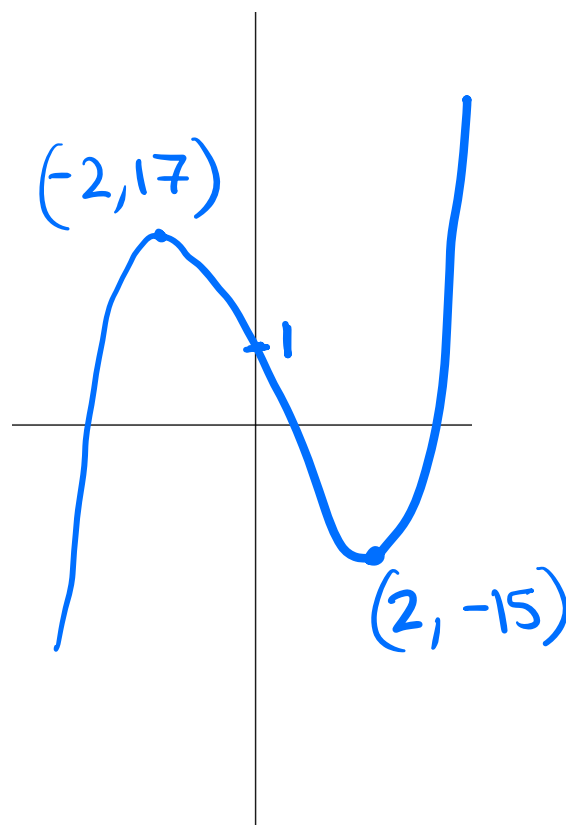


[2 marks]

$$y = 3(x^2 - 4)$$

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

- (b) Hence, or otherwise, sketch the curve with equation  $y = x^3 - 12x + 1$ .  
Clearly show any stationary points and label the coordinates of these points.



[3 marks]

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 12$$

$\Rightarrow$  stationary points at  $x = 2$  and  $x = -2$

9 Show that  $\frac{\cos^2\theta + \tan\theta + \sin^2\theta}{\sin\theta} \equiv \frac{1}{\cos\theta} + \frac{1}{\sin\theta}$

[2 marks]

$$\frac{\cos^2\theta + \tan\theta + \sin^2\theta}{\sin\theta} = \frac{\tan\theta + 1}{\sin\theta}$$

$$= \frac{\tan\theta}{\sin\theta} + \frac{1}{\sin\theta} = \frac{\left(\frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}\right)}{\sin\theta} + \frac{1}{\sin\theta}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cos\theta} + \frac{1}{\sin\theta}$$

10 Rearrange  $v = \sqrt{\frac{3+4w}{u+1}}$  to make  $u$  the subject

[3 marks]

$$v^2 = \frac{3+4w}{u+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow u+1 = \frac{3+4w}{v^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow u = \frac{3+4w}{v^2} - 1$$

Answer  $u = \frac{3+4w}{v^2} - 1$

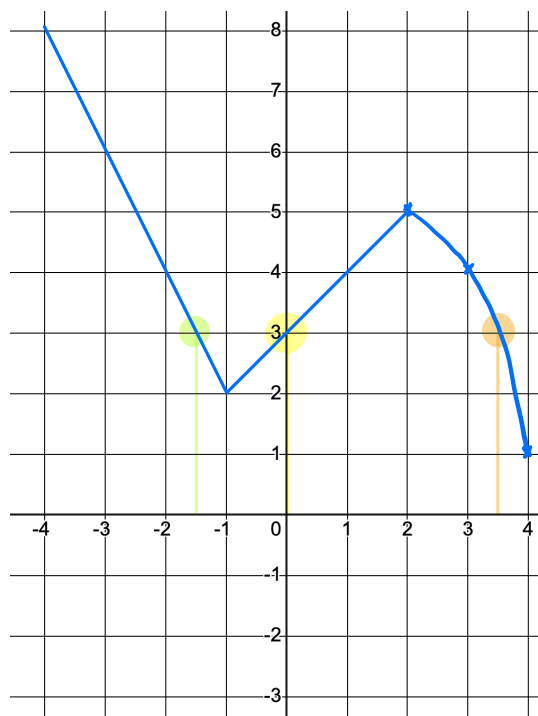
or  $\frac{3+4w-v^2}{v^2}$

11 (a) A function  $f$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= -2x & x < -1 \\ &= x + 3 & -1 \leq x < 2 \\ &= -x^2 + 4x + 1 & x \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

Plot  $y = f(x)$  on the axes given.

[3 marks]



(b) Work out **all** the values of  $x$  for which  $f(x) = 3$ .

[4 marks]

$$\textcircled{1} \quad -2x = 3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad x + 3 = 3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = 0$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad -x^2 + 4x + 1 = 3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 0 = x^2 - 4x + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad x = 2 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

The solution between 3 and 4 is  $2 + \sqrt{2}$   
 $\approx 3.41$

Answer  $x = -\frac{3}{2}, x = 0, x = 2 + \sqrt{2}$



- 12 Given that  $(x + 3)$  is a factor of  $x^3 - 2x^2 - 2px + 3p^2$  where  $p$  is a constant, find the two possible values of  $p$ .

[4 marks]

$(x+3)$  is a factor

$$\Rightarrow (-3)^3 - 2(-3)^2 - 2p(-3) + 3p^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -27 - 18 + 6p + 3p^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3p^2 + 6p - 45 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 + 2p - 15 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (p+5)(p-3) = 0$$

$$p = \underline{-5}, p = \underline{3}$$

13  $f(x) = 2x + 3$

Solve  $f^{-1}(2k) = \frac{k}{5}$

[4 marks]

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x-3}{2}$$

$$\text{So } f^{-1}(2k) = \frac{2k-3}{2}$$

Solving.  $\frac{2k-3}{2} = \frac{k}{5}$

$$\Rightarrow 5(2k-3) = 2k$$

$$\Rightarrow 10k - 15 = 2k$$

$$\Rightarrow 8k = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{15}{8}$$

Answer  $k = \frac{15}{8}$

- 14 The following curve and straight line intersect at two points. Find the midpoint of these two points of intersection.

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 7xy + 4y^2 - 256 &= 0 \\ x - y - 8 &= 0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow x = y + 8$$

Method ①

Do **not** use trial and improvement.  
You **must** show your working.

[6 marks]

$$(y+8)^2 + 7y(y+8) + 4y^2 - 256 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + 16y + 64 + 7y^2 + 56y + 4y^2 - 256 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 12y^2 + 72y - 192 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + 6y - 16 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (y+8)(y-2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} y = -8 \\ x = 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} y = 2 \\ x = 10 \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} y = -8 \\ x = 0 \end{array}} \right\} \text{ since } x = y + 8$$

Midpoint of  $(0, -8)$  and  $(10, 2)$

is  $(5, -3)$

Answer  $(5, -3)$

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[6 marks]

$$x^2 + 7x(x-8) + 4(x-8)^2 - 256 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 7x^2 - 56x + 4(x^2 - 16x + 64) - 256 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8x^2 - 56x + 4x^2 - 64x + 256 - 256 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 12x^2 - 120x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 12x(x-10) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0$$

$$y = -8$$

$$x = 10$$

$$y = 2$$

} since  $y = x - 8$

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Answer  $(5, -3)$

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$PQRS$  is a kite.

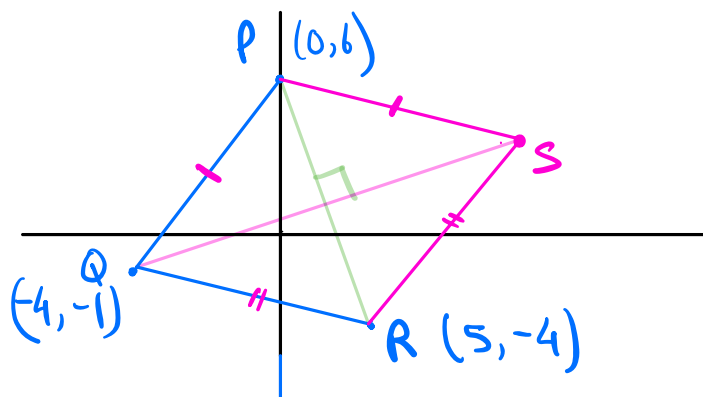
$P$  has coordinates  $(0,6)$ .

$Q$  has coordinates  $(-4,-1)$ .

$R$  has coordinates  $(5,-4)$ .

Find the equation of the straight line that passes through  $Q$  and  $S$ , giving your answer in the form  $ax + by + c = 0$ .

[4 marks]



$$PR \text{ has gradient } \frac{-4-6}{5-0} = \frac{-10}{5} = -2$$

Diagonals of a kite are perpendicular.

So  $QS$  has gradient  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

$$\text{Line through } QS: y - 1 = \frac{1}{2}(x - 4)$$

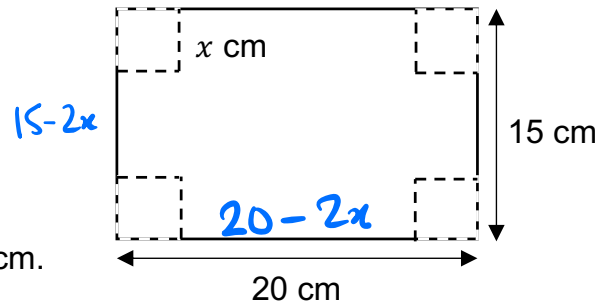
$$\Rightarrow y + 1 = \frac{1}{2}x + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2y + 2 = x + 4$$

$$\text{Answer } -x + 2y - 2 = 0$$

$$\text{or } x - 2y + 2 = 0$$

- 16 Squares of side length  $x$  cm are cut from a 20 cm by 15 cm rectangular piece of cardboard. The cardboard is then folded to create an open-topped box.



- (a) Explain why  $x$  must be less than 7.5 cm.

[1 mark]

The shorter side of the cardboard is 15 cm.

- (b) Show that  $V = 4x^3 - 70x^2 + 300x$ , for  $x < 7.5$ , where  $V$  is the volume of the box in  $\text{cm}^3$ .

[2 marks]

$$\begin{aligned} V &= x(15-2x)(20-2x) \\ &= x(300 - 40x - 30x + 4x^2) \\ &= 4x^3 - 70x^2 + 300x \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Use calculus to work out the maximum possible volume of the box, giving your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

[4 marks]

$$\frac{dV}{dx} = 12x^2 - 140x + 300$$

$$\frac{dV}{dx} = 0 \text{ when } 12x^2 - 140x + 300 = 0$$

$$\text{Solutions } x = 2.829\dots, \quad x = 8.838\dots$$

$$x \geq 7.5, \text{ so}$$

reject

$$V = 379 \text{ cm}^3$$

Answer 379 cm<sup>3</sup>

- 17 The first term of a quadratic sequence is 4.  
 The second term of this sequence is 3.  
 The fourth term of this sequence is 7.  
 The fifth term of this sequence is 12.

Method ①

Find an expression for the  $n$ th term of this sequence.

[6 marks]

4    3    4    7    12

-1    1    3    5    1st differences

2    2    2    2nd differences

The 1st differences must form a linear sequence, so the blanks must be 1 and 3, so the third term of the quadratic sequence must be 4.

The second difference is therefore 2, so the coefficient of  $n^2$  is half of 2 i.e. 1.

$n^2$	1	4	9	16	25
$-4n + 7$	3	-1	-5	-9	-13

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$n^2 - 4n + 7$	4	3	4	7	12
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[6 marks]

$$n^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = an^2 + bn + c$$

$$\underline{\text{1st term}} \quad a + b + c = 4 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\underline{\text{2nd term}} \quad 4a + 2b + c = 3 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$\underline{\text{4th term}} \quad 16a + 4b + c = 7 \quad \textcircled{3}$$

$$\textcircled{2} - \textcircled{1} \quad 3a + b = -1 \quad \textcircled{4}$$

$$\textcircled{3} - \textcircled{2} \quad 12a + 2b = 4 \quad \textcircled{5}$$

$$2 \times \textcircled{4} \quad 6a + 2b = -2 \quad \textcircled{6}$$

$$\textcircled{5} - \textcircled{6} \quad 6a = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 1$$

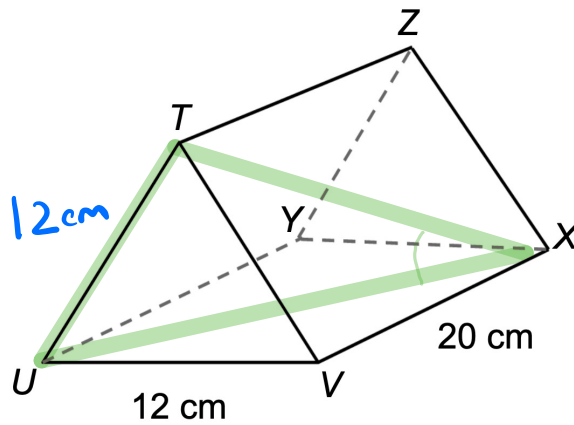
$$\Rightarrow b = -4 \quad \text{sub } a=1 \text{ into } \textcircled{4} \text{ or } \textcircled{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 7 \quad \text{sub } a=1, b=-4 \text{ into } \textcircled{1}, \textcircled{2}, \text{ or } \textcircled{3}$$

Answer  $n^2 - 4n + 7$

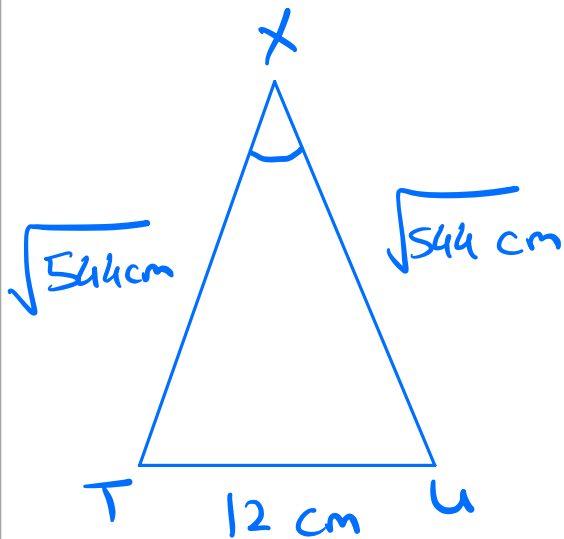


- 18 Here is a triangular prism. The triangular faces are equilateral.  
 $UV$  has length 12 cm and  $VX$  has length 20 cm.  
 Work out the size of angle  $TXU$ , giving your answer to the nearest  $0.1^\circ$ .



$$\begin{aligned} TX &= UX \\ &= \sqrt{12^2 + 20^2} \\ &= \sqrt{544} \end{aligned}$$

[5 marks]



$$\cos(\angle TXU)$$

$$= \frac{544 + 544 - 144}{2 \times \sqrt{544} \times \sqrt{544}}$$

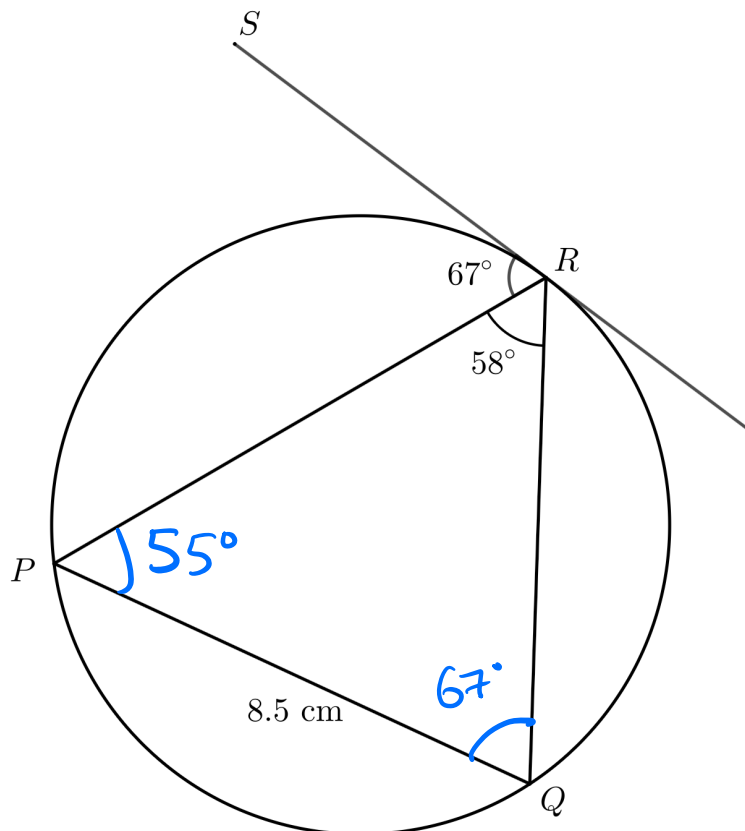
$$= \frac{944}{1088}$$

$$\angle TXU = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{944}{1088}\right)$$

$$= 29.8^\circ$$

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

- 19 The diagram shows a circle with points  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$  on its circumference. The line shown is tangent to the circle at the point  $R$ .  
 Angle  $SRP = 67^\circ$   
 Angle  $PRQ = 58^\circ$   
 Chord  $PQ$  has length 8.5 cm.  
 Find the length of chord  $QR$ , giving your answer correct to 3 significant figures.



Not drawn accurately.

[4 marks]

$$\angle RQP = 67^\circ \text{ (alternate segment theorem)}$$

$$\angle QPR = 65^\circ \text{ (angles in a triangle sum to } 180^\circ)$$

$$\frac{QR}{\sin 55} = \frac{8.5}{\sin 58}$$

$$\Rightarrow QR = \frac{8.5 \sin 55}{\sin 58} = 8.21$$

Answer 8.21 cm

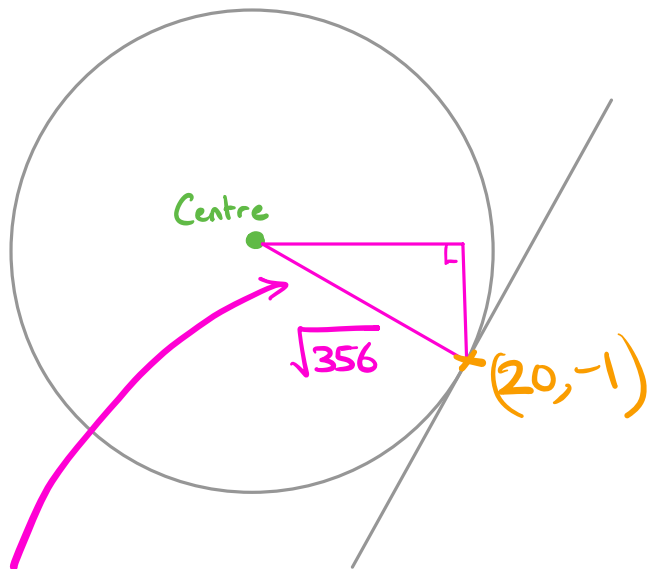
- 20 A circle has a radius of  $\sqrt{356}$ . The line with equation  $y = \frac{8}{5}x - 33$  is tangent to this circle at the point  $(20, -1)$ .

Find the coordinates of the centre of the circle.

$$\text{Gradient} = \frac{8}{5}$$

[6 marks]

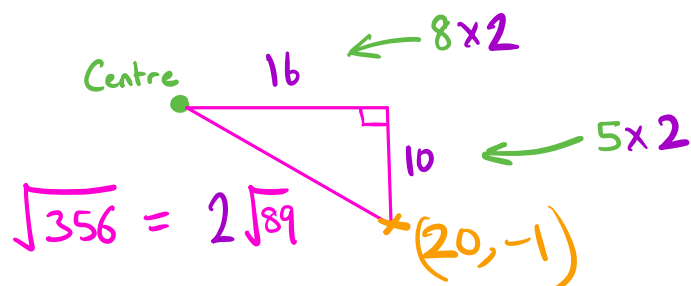
Gradient of radius to  $(20, -1)$  is  $-\frac{5}{8}$



This must be a similar triangle to

for the radius to have gradient  $-\frac{5}{8}$

$\sqrt{356} = 2\sqrt{89}$ , so we have:



Answer (4, 9)