

NCSE 2015 PAPER 2

Section I

1. (a) **Required to calculate:**  $6\frac{1}{6} - 1\frac{3}{4}$  expressing the answer as a mixed number.

**Calculation:**

$$\begin{aligned} 6\frac{1}{6} - 1\frac{3}{4} &= \frac{(6 \times 6) + 1}{6} - \frac{(4 \times 1) + 3}{4} \\ &= \frac{37}{6} - \frac{7}{4} \\ &= \frac{2(37) - 3(7)}{12} \\ &= \frac{74 - 21}{12} \\ &= \frac{53}{12} \\ &= 4\frac{5}{12} \text{ as a mixed number.} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) **Required to convert:**  $\frac{3}{8}$  to a percent.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3}{8} \text{ as a percent} &= \frac{3}{8} \times 100 \\ &= \frac{300}{8} \\ &= 37\frac{4}{8}\% \\ &= 37\frac{1}{2}\% \end{aligned}$$

- (c) **Required to express:** 7.185 correct to 2 significant figures.

**Solution:**

$$7.1\underset{\uparrow}{8}5$$

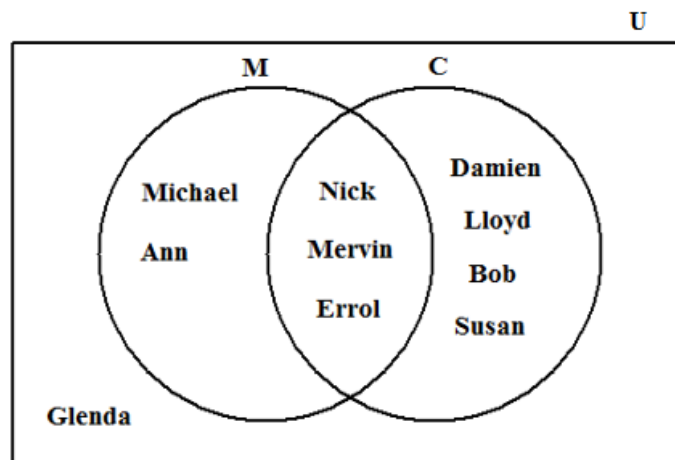
Deciding digit which is  $\geq 5$

So we add 1 to the first decimal and ignore all digits to its immediate right

$$\begin{array}{r} 7.1 \\ + 1 \\ \hline 7.2 \end{array}$$

$\therefore 7.185 \approx 7.2$  correct to 2 significant figures.

2. **Data:** Venn diagram showing friends who are good at Mathematics and friends who play cricket from a group.



- (a) (i) **Required to list:** All the friends who are good at Mathematics.

**Solution:**

$$M = \{\text{Michael, Ann, Nick, Mervin, Errol}\}$$

- (ii) **Required to state:** The number of friends who play cricket ONLY.

**Solution:**

Friends who play cricket only are Damien, Lloyd, Bob and Susan. These number four.

$\therefore$  4 students play cricket only.

- (b) (i) **Required to state:** The number of friends who are neither good at Mathematics nor play cricket.

**Solution:**

Glenda, only, is neither good at Mathematics nor plays cricket.

$\therefore$  1 friend is neither good at Mathematics nor plays cricket.

- (ii) **Required to find:** The probability that a friend is neither good at Mathematics nor plays cricket?

**Solution:**

P(Friend is neither good at Mathematics nor plays cricket)

$$= \frac{\text{No. of friends who are neither good at Mathematics nor plays cricket}}{\text{Total no. of friends}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+2+3+4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{10}$$

It is important to note that, by definition, a set is a clearly defined collection of objects. The description, 'good at mathematics' is a relative term and is not clearly defined. Hence, the statement that defines M, in this question, does not define a set.

- (c) **Required to find:** The probability that a friend is good at Mathematics and plays cricket.

**Solution:**

P(Friend is good at Mathematics and plays cricket)

$$= \frac{\text{No. of friends who are good at Mathematics and play cricket}}{\text{Total no. of friends}}$$

$$= \frac{3}{1+2+3+4}$$

$$= \frac{3}{10}$$

3. (a) (i) **Required to simplify:**  $6m - 2p - 3m + 4p$

**Solution:**

$$6m - 2p - 3m + 4p = 6m - 3m - 2p + 4p$$

$$= 3m + 2p$$

- (ii) **Required to simplify:**  $3x(5x-5) - 4x^2$

**Solution:**

$$3x(5x-5) - 4x^2 = 15x^2 - 15x - 4x^2$$

$$= 11x^2 - 15x$$

$$= x(11x-15)$$

(b) (i) **Required to factorise:**  $30 + 24p$

**Solution:**

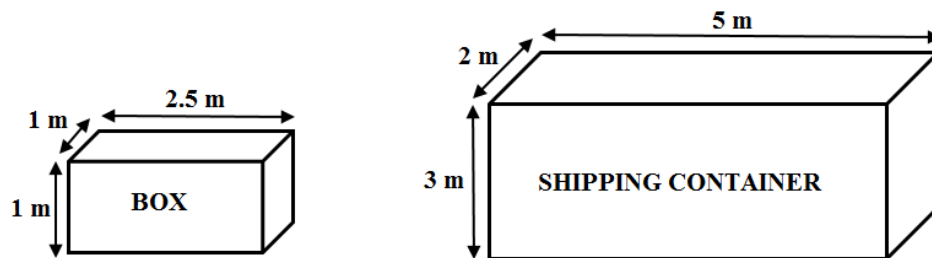
$$\begin{aligned} 30 + 24p &= \underline{6} \times 5 + \underline{6} \times 4 \times p \\ &= 6(5 + 4p) \end{aligned}$$

(ii) **Required to factorise:**  $6p^2 + 19p + 15$

**Solution:**

$$6p^2 + 19p + 15 = (3p + 5)(2p + 3)$$

4. **Data:** Diagrams of cuboid shaped containers, a box and a shipping container. The box has dimensions 2.5 m by 1 m by 1 m and the shipping container has dimensions 3 m by 5 m by 2 m.



(a) **Required to find:** The volume of a box, in cubic metres.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume of a box} &= (2.5 \times 1 \times 1) \text{ m}^3 \\ &= 2.5 \text{ m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

(b) **Required to determine:** The number of boxes that will completely fill the shipping container.

**Solution:**

Number of boxes that will completely fill the shipping container will be

$$= \frac{\text{Volume of shipping container}}{\text{Volume of a box}}$$

$$= \frac{5 \times 2 \times 3}{2.5}$$

$$= 12 \text{ boxes}$$

- (c) **Required to convert:** The volume of a box from cubic metres to cubic centimetres.

**Solution:**

$$1 \text{ m} = 100 \text{ cm}$$

$$\therefore 1 \text{ m}^3 = (100 \times 100 \times 100) \text{ cm}^3$$

$$1 \text{ m}^3 = 1000000 \text{ cm}^3$$

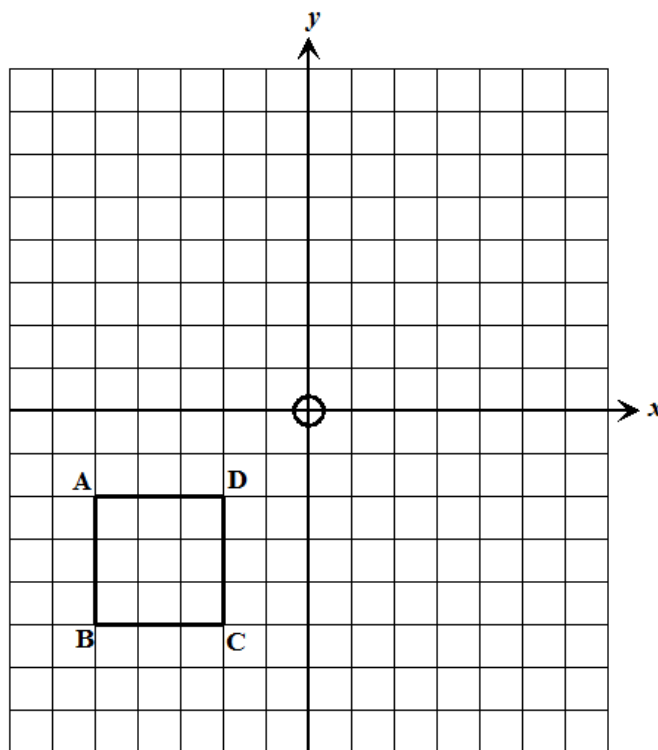
$$\text{Volume of a box} = 2.5 \text{ m}^3$$

$$= (2.5 \times 100 \times 100 \times 100) \text{ cm}^3$$

$$= 2\,500\,000 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$= 2.5 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^3$$

5. **Data:** Diagram showing a quadrilateral ABCD on a grid.



- (a) **Data:** ABCD is translated under  $\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$  to produce its image, A'B'C'D'.

**Required to draw:** A'B'C'D' on the same diagram.

**Solution:**

$$ABCD \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}} A'B'C'D'$$

$$A = (-5, -2)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} -5+6 \\ -2+9 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A' = (1, 7)$$

$$B = (-5, -5)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} -5+6 \\ -5+9 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore B' = (1, 4)$$

$$C = (-2, -5)$$

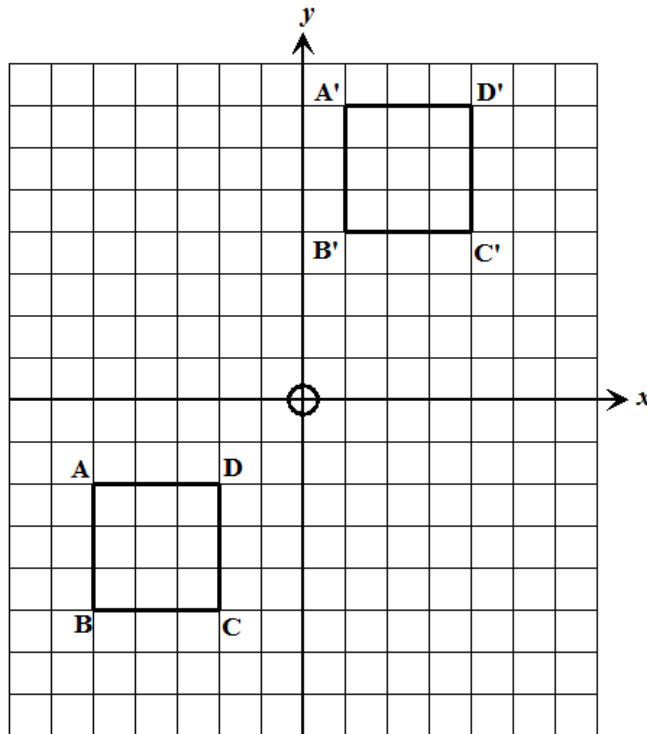
$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} -2+6 \\ -5+9 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore C' = (4, 4)$$

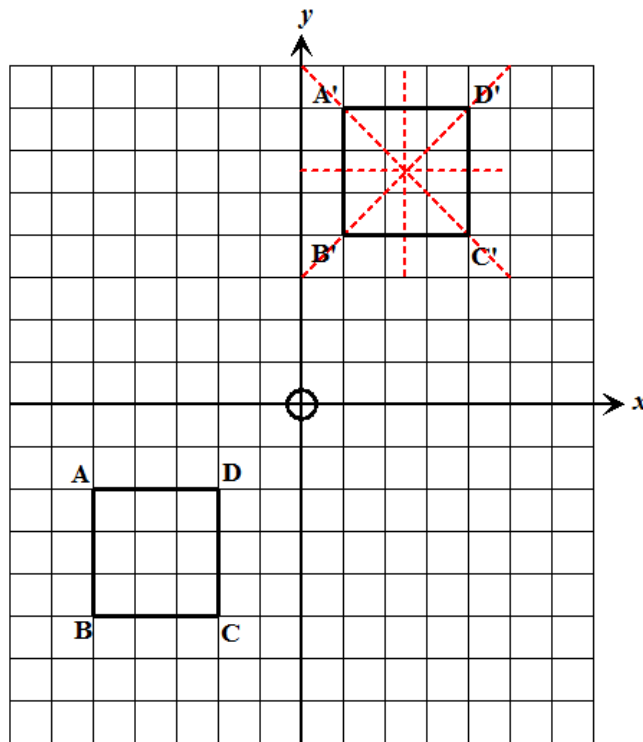
$$D = (-2, -2)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} -2+6 \\ -2+9 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore D' = (4, 7)$$



- (b) **Required to draw:** Lines of symmetry for  $A'B'C'D'$  on the diagram.  
**Solution:**



$A'B'C'D'$  is a square.

There are 4 lines of symmetry, shown broken on the diagram.

6. **Data:** List of the numbers of occupants in each of 25 cars passing the lighthouse travelling towards Port of Spain during a 2 minute period.

2	2	5	4	2
5	2	3	1	5
2	1	2	3	3
3	2	4	2	6
3	4	3	2	4

- (a) **Required to complete:** The frequency table given using the data.  
**Solution:**

Number of occupants per car	Tally	Frequency
1		2
2	 /	9
3	 /	6
4		4
5		3
6		1

$$\sum f = 25$$

- (b) **Required to find:** The modal number of occupants per car.

**Solution:**

The modal number of occupants per car is 2, since this number of occupants in a car occurs most often in accordance with the data.

- (c) **Required to calculate:** The mean number of occupants per car.

**Calculation:**

The mean number of occupants per car is  $\bar{x}$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x} &= \frac{\sum fx}{\sum f} \quad \Sigma = \text{sum of, } f = \text{frequency, } x = \text{number of occupants per car} \\ &= \frac{(2 \times 1) + (9 \times 2) + (6 \times 3) + (4 \times 4) + (3 \times 5) + (1 \times 6)}{25} \\ &= \frac{2 + 18 + 18 + 16 + 15 + 6}{25} \\ &= \frac{75}{25} \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$



Section II

7. (a) **Data:** The exchange rate between TT dollars and Euros is TT\$1.00 = €0.125.

(i) **Required to convert:** €1 to TT dollars.

**Solution:**

$$\text{TT\$1.00} = \text{€0.125}$$

$$\text{€0.125} = \text{TT\$1.00}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{€1.00} &= \text{TT\$} \frac{1.00}{0.125} \\ &= \text{TT\$8.00} \end{aligned}$$

(ii) **Data:** A painting costs € 250 000.

**Required to find:** The cost of the painting in TT dollars

**Solution:**

Painting costs € 250 000

$$\therefore \text{Cost in TT dollars} = 250\,000 \times 8$$

$$= \text{TT\$2\,000\,000}$$

(b) **Data:** Mary invests \$12 000 at a bank which pays 3% simple interest. After a certain number of years, the total amount she receives is \$15 240.

(i) **Required to find:** The amount of interest Mary received.

**Solution:**

Principal = \$12 000

Rate = 3% per annum

Total received = \$15 240

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Interest received} &= \text{Amount received} - \text{Principal} \\ &= \$15\,240 - \$12\,000 \\ &= \$3\,240 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) **Required to calculate:** The number of years in which Mary invested her money.

**Calculation:**

Let the number of years of investment be  $T$ .

$$\text{Recall: Simple Interest} = \frac{\text{Principal} \times \text{Rate} \times \text{Time}}{100}$$

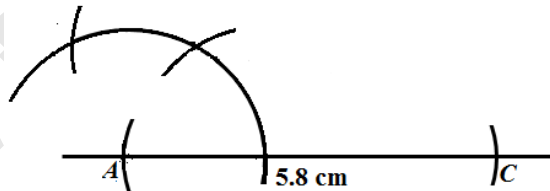
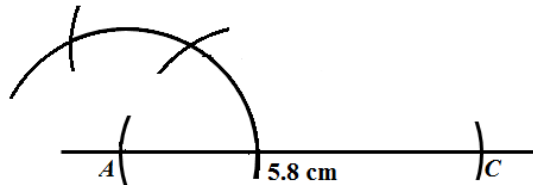
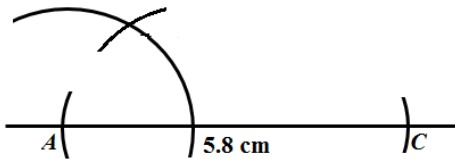
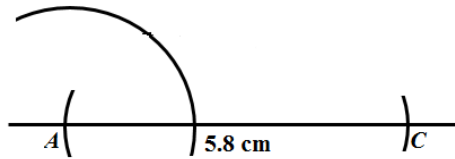
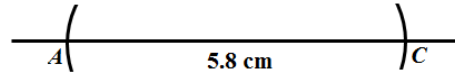
$$\therefore 3\,240 = \frac{12\,000 \times 3 \times T}{100}$$

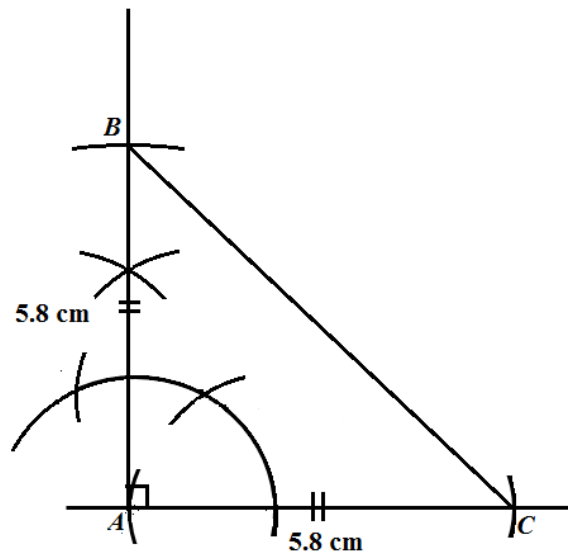
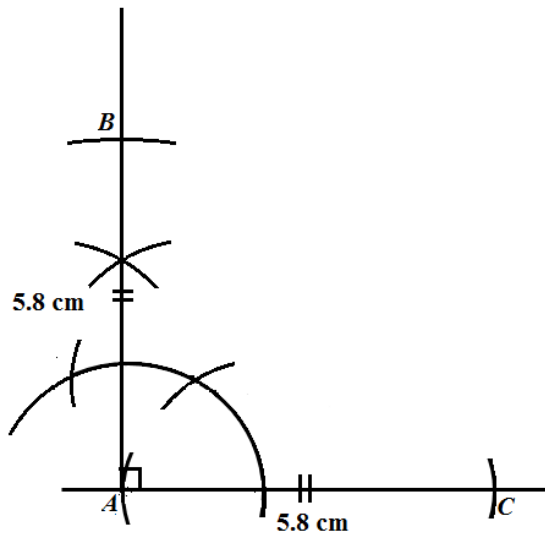
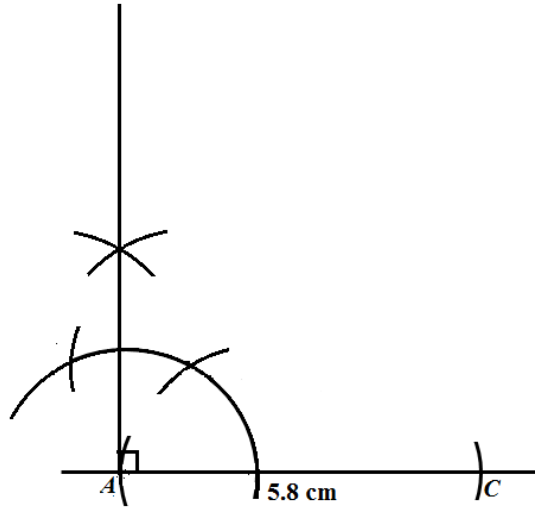
$$T = \frac{3\,240 \times 100}{12\,000 \times 3} = 9$$

$$= 9 \text{ years}$$

- (c) (i) **Required to construct:** An isosceles triangle with  $AB = AC = 5.8$  cm and angle  $BAC = 90^\circ$  and state the length of BC correct to 1 decimal place.

**Solution:**

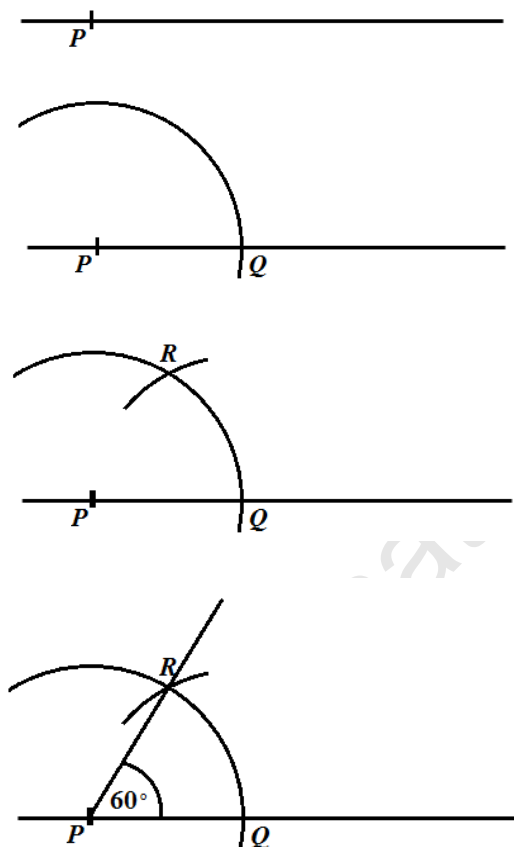




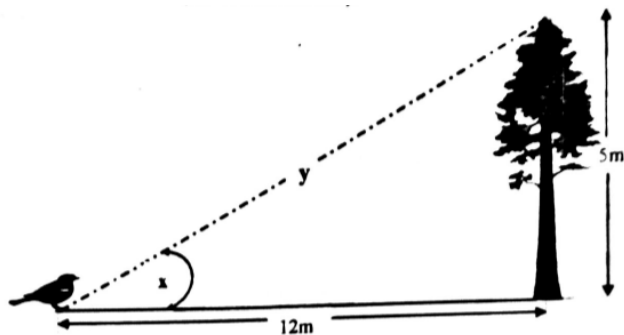
$BC = 8.2$  cm measured correct to 1 decimal place.

- (ii) **Required To Construct:** An angle  $PQR = 60^\circ$ .

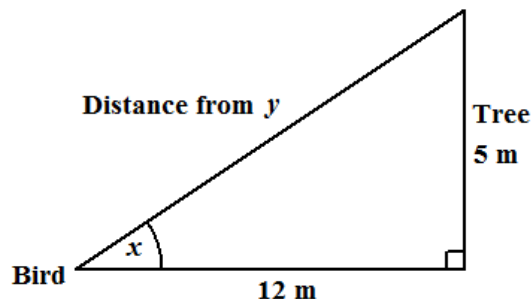
**Solution:**



8. (a) **Data:** Diagram showing a bird on the ground 12 m away from the base of a tree flying directly to the top of the tree that is 5 m tall.



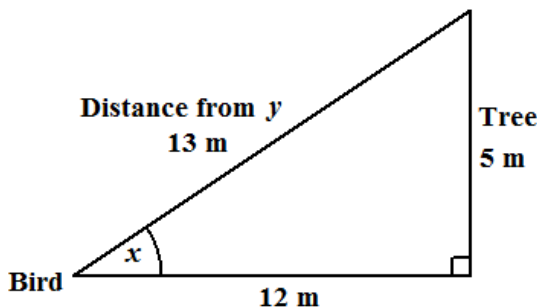
- (i) **Required to calculate:** The distance,  $y$ , flown by the bird.  
**Calculation:**



$$y^2 = (12)^2 + (5)^2 \quad (\text{Pythagoras' Theorem})$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \sqrt{(12)^2 + (5)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{144 + 25} \\ &= \sqrt{169} \\ &= 13 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

- (ii) **Required to calculate:**  $x$  correct to 2 decimal places.  
**Calculation:**



$$\begin{aligned} x &= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{12}\right) \\ &= 22.619^\circ \\ &= 22.62^\circ \text{ correct to 2 decimal places} \end{aligned}$$

**Alternative Method:**

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{13}\right) \\ &= 22.619^\circ \\ &= 22.62^\circ \text{ correct to 2 decimal places} \end{aligned}$$

**Alternative Method:**

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{12}{13}\right) \\ &= 22.619^\circ \\ &= 22.62^\circ \text{ correct to 2 decimal places} \end{aligned}$$

**(b) Data:** Airplane departs Piarco International Airport at 2:35 p.m. and arrives at the Arthur Napoleon Raymond Robinson International Airport at 3:05 p.m. The distance between the airports is 83 km.

**(i) Required to calculate:** The actual distance between the airports in centimetres.

**Calculation:**

Distance between the two airports = 83 km

$$1 \text{ km} = 100\,000 \text{ cm}$$

$$\therefore 83 \text{ km} = (83 \times 100\,000) \text{ cm}$$

$$= 8\,300\,000 \text{ cm}$$

$$= 8.3 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}$$

**(ii) Required to find:** The distance between the two airports, in metres.

**Solution:**

$$1 \text{ km} = 1000 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore 83 \text{ km} = (83 \times 1000) \text{ m}$$

$$= 83\,000 \text{ m}$$

$$= 8.3 \times 10^4 \text{ m}$$

**(iii) Required to find:** The time taken to arrive at the Arthur Napoleon Raymond Robinson International Airport, in minutes.

**Solution:**

$$\text{Arrival time} = 3:05 \text{ p.m.}$$

$$\text{Departure time} = \underline{2:35 \text{ p.m.}}$$

$$\text{Time of flight} = \underline{\quad :30 \text{ minutes}}$$

$\therefore$  Time taken to arrive at the Arthur Napoleon Raymond Robinson International Airport is 30 minutes.

- (iv) **Required to find:** The time taken to arrive at the Arthur Napoleon Raymond Robinson International Airport, in hours.

**Solution:**

$$1 \text{ minute} = \frac{1}{60} \text{ hour}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence, the time taken, in hours} &= \frac{30}{60} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \text{ hour} \end{aligned}$$

- (v) **Required to find:** The average speed of travel for the journey in kilometres per hour.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Average speed} &= \frac{\text{Total distance}}{\text{Time taken}} \\ &= \frac{83 \text{ km}}{\frac{1}{2} \text{ hour}} \\ &= 166 \text{ kmh}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

9. (a) **Data:** Indra bought 3 cups of coffee and 2 pieces of cake for a total of \$12.00 and Carol bought 2 cups of coffee and 3 pieces of cake for a total of \$13.00.  $x$  represents the cost of one cup of coffee and  $y$  represents the cost of a piece of cake.

- (i) **Required to write:** An equation using  $x$  and  $y$  to represent the total cost of cups of coffee and pieces of cake that Indra bought.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cost of 3 cups of coffee at } \$x \text{ each and 2 pieces of cake at } \$y \text{ dollars each} \\ &= (3 \times x) + (2 \times y) \\ &= 3x + 2y \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence, } 3x + 2y = 12 \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

- (ii) **Required To Find:** The cost of one cup of coffee and one piece of cake.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cost of 2 cups of coffee at } \$x \text{ each and 3 pieces of cake at } \$y \text{ dollars each} \\ &= (2 \times x) + (3 \times y) \\ &= 2x + 3y \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence, } 2x + 3y = 13 \quad \dots \textcircled{2}$$

$$3x + 2y = 12 \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$2x + 3y = 13 \quad \dots \textcircled{2}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \text{Equation ①} \times 3 & 9x + 6y = 36 & \dots \text{③} \\
 \text{Equation ②} \times -2 & \underline{-4x - 6y = -26} & \dots \text{④} \\
 \text{Equation ③} + \text{Equation ④} & \underline{5x = 10} & \\
 & \therefore x = 2 &
 \end{array}$$

Substitute  $x = 2$  into equation ①:

$$3(2) + 2y = 12$$

$$2y = 6$$

$$y = 3$$

Hence, 1 cup of coffee costs \$2 and 1 piece of cake costs \$3.

**Alternative Method:**

$$3x + 2y = 12 \quad \dots \text{①}$$

$$2x + 3y = 13 \quad \dots \text{②}$$

Make  $y$  the subject in equation ①:

$$2y = 12 - 3x$$

$$y = \frac{12 - 3x}{2}$$

Substitute in equation ②:

$$2x + 3\left(\frac{12 - 3x}{2}\right) = 13$$

$$\times 2$$

$$4x + 3(12 - 3x) = 26$$

$$4x + 36 - 9x = 26$$

$$-5x = -10$$

$$x = \frac{-10}{-5}$$

$$= 2$$

Substitute  $x = 2$  in the expression,  $y = \frac{12 - 3x}{2}$ :

$$y = \frac{12 - 3(2)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{6}{2}$$

$$= 3$$

Hence, 1 cup of coffee costs \$2 and 1 piece of cake costs \$3.



(b) **Data:** The  $y = 2x + 1$  gives the relationship between  $x$  and  $y$ .

(i) **Required to complete:** The table of values given for this equation.

**Solution:**

$$y = 2x + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } x = 2 & & y &= 2(2) + 1 \\ & & &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

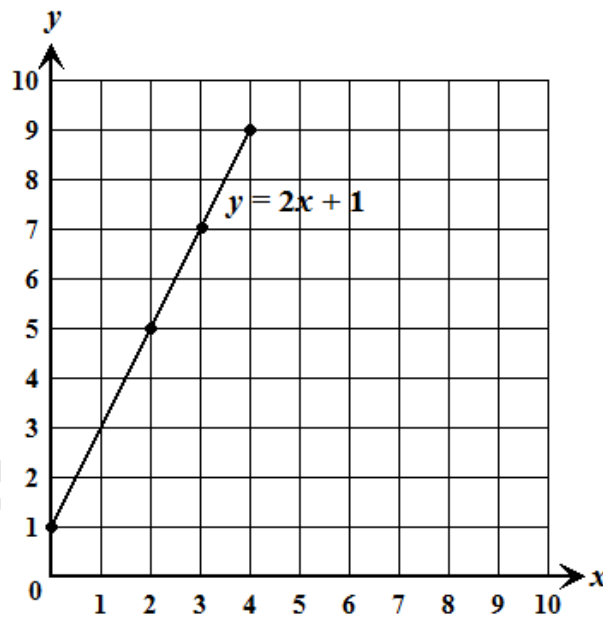
$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } x = 4 & & y &= 2(4) + 1 \\ & & &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

The completed table is

$x$	0	2	3	4
$y$	1	5	7	9

(ii) **Required to draw:** The graph of  $y = 2x + 1$  on the grid provided.

**Solution:**



(iii) **Required to state:** The  $y$  – intercept for the graph of  $y = 2x + 1$ .

**Solution:**

From the graph the intercept on the  $y$  – axis can be read off as  $(0, 1)$ .

From the table, the  $y$  – intercept can be seen as  $(0, 1)$ , that is, when

$$x = 0, y = 1.$$

Also, we may substitute  $x = 0$  to find

$$y = 2(0) + 1$$

$$= 1$$

$\therefore y$  – intercept is 1 and the line cuts the vertical axis at  $(0, 1)$ .

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