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Introduction

The main aim of this booklet is to exemplify standards for those teaching Cambridge O Level Mathematics (Syllabus D) 4024, and to show how candidates' performance (high, middle, low) relate to the subject's curriculum and assessment objectives.

In this booklet candidate responses have been chosen from June 2018 scripts to exemplify a range of answers.

For each question, the response is annotated with a clear explanation of where and why marks were awarded or omitted. This is followed by examiner comments on how the answer could have been improved. In this way, it is possible for you to understand what candidates have done to gain their marks and what they could do to improve their answers. There is also a list of common mistakes candidates made in their answers for each question.

This document provides illustrative examples of candidate work with examiner commentary. These help teachers to assess the standard required to achieve marks beyond the guidance of the mark scheme. Therefore, in some circumstances, such as where exact answers are required, there will not be much comment.

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How to use this booklet

This booklet goes through the paper one question at a time, showing you the high level response for each question. The candidate answers are set in a table. In the left-hand column are the candidate answers, and in the right-hand column are the examiner comments.



How the candidate could have improved their answer

The candidate could have written the two equivalent fractions as the first step. It was not necessary to show the multiplications leading to these fractions.

This section explains how the candidate could have improved each answer. This helps you to interpret the standard of Cambridge exams and helps your learners to refine their exam technique.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

They did not write the fractions with a common denominator and simply subtracted the numerators and denominators separately leading to an answer of 2/4.

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Often candidates were not awarded marks because they misread or misinterpreted the questions.

Lists the common mistakes candidates made in answering each question. This will help your learners to avoid these mistakes and give them the best chance of achieving the available marks.





- (b)(iv) The candidate should have described the required subset, instead of giving the number of elements in a set.
- (c)(ii) The answer would have been improved by connecting the previous answer with this part question and the candidate should have known that it was necessary to have all even powers for a square number, written as a product of its prime factors.





- (b)(ii) The candidate had all the correct elements in the subset, but gave answer as 3 not 4. They might have only counted the elements 2, 6 and 12 as being the correct required elements and disregarded the '4'.
- (b)(iii) The candidate should have given 1 as the answer. It is possible that they mistakenly thought, that the given set notation, they had to identify either of the two empty subsets on his diagram.
- (b)(iv) The correct subset was not identified. The candidate could have given an alternative answer of *A* ∩ *C* ∩ *B*′, which would have identified an empty subset, for his diagram.





- (a) The candidate needed to give correct answer of $(P \cup Q)'$ or $P' \cap Q'$.
- (b)(i) The candidate should have put the element '9', in the correct position on the Venn diagram.
 (iii) The correct answer was 1, as the single element, '3', had been put in the correct subset on the Venn diagram.
 - (iv) The candidate puts the empty set, \emptyset , instead of $A' \cap B \cap C$.
- (c)(i) The correct answer was 2×2 instead of 4.
 - (ii) The candidate did not see the connection with previous part, which was needed here.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

Candidates confused finding the number of elements in a subset with listing all the elements in that particular subset.



How the candidate could have improved their answer

(a) The candidate correctly found the amount \$2110, but did not subtract the original investment of \$2000 to obtain the total interest paid.



- (a) The candidate did not subtract the original investment from the amount, to obtain the total interest paid.
- (b) The candidate correctly obtained \$648, but did not know that the original loan was $x = \frac{648}{1.08}$ or equivalent, which was the next step that was needed.



- (a) The Simple Interest formula was incorrectly used, instead of using Compound Interest.
- (b) The candidate was able to obtain \$648, but did not know that $x = \frac{648}{1.08}$ was the next step that was required.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

- (a) Some candidates did not subtract the original investment of \$2000 from the new amount of \$2110, in order to obtain the total interest paid.
- (b) Some candidates made the error of finding 8% of \$648 and then subtracting this amount from \$648 to obtain their answer.

Example Candidate Response	– high	Examiner comments
3 (a) Solve $4(p-3) = 2p+7$. 4p-12 = 2p+7 4p-2p = 12+7 2p = 19 p = 19/2 = 9.5		
	Answer $p =9.5$	Mark for (a) = 2 out of 2
(b) Solve these simultaneous equations.		
$2x \rightarrow y = 5$ $7x + 2y = 1$		
Show your working.		
2x - y = 50 $7x + 2y = 10$ from 0 2x - y = 5 $y = 2x - 55$ put (2) into (2) 7x + 2y = 1 $7x + 2y = 1$	$ \begin{aligned} 2a - y = 5 \\ 2(i) - y = 5 \\ 2 - g = 5 \\ 2 - 5 = y \\ - 5 = g \\ y = -3; \end{aligned} $	
752 + 2(252 - 5) = 1 752 + 452 - 10 = 1 1152 = 10 + 1 1152 = 11		
oc = 1	Answer $x = \dots$ [3]	Mark for (b) = 3 out of 3



(a) The candidate was able to factorise the numerator, but was unable to factorise the quadratic expression and hence could not proceed to cancel the required terms, in order to obtain the final answer.





- (c) The candidate did not show any understanding of what was required in factorising, either the numerator or denominator.
- (a) The candidate correctly used $b = ka^3$, but obtained k = 2 instead of $k = \frac{1}{2}$, from incorrect working. The candidate should have reached the equation of proportionality, $b = \frac{1}{2}(5)^3$ next and from there obtained the correct final answer.

Example Candidate Response	– low	Examiner comments
3 (a) Solve $4(p-3) = 2p+7$. 4p-12 = 2p+7. $\frac{2p}{2} = \frac{102}{5}$. p = -5. p = -5.		
	Answer $p = \frac{9 \cdot 5}{2}$ [2]	Mark for (a) = 2 out of 2
(b) Solve these simultaneous equations.		
2x - y = 5 $7x + 2y = 1$		
Show your working. $7 \times 2x - y > 5 \times 7$ $2 \times 7x + 2y > 1 \times 2$ 14x - 7y = 35 14x - 4y = 2 15 = 16 = 33 = 11 = 31	$4 \times 2x - y = 5204$ $2 \times 70x + 2y = 1x2$ 8x - 4y = 20 $\frac{140c + 4y = 2}{-6xt - 18}$ $\frac{-6xt - 18}{-6x} = 18$	1 The correct method of elimination has been used, but makes arithmetic error by obtaining y = 3 and not $y = -3$. Mark for (b) = 1 out of 3
	Answer $x = \frac{3}{y = \dots 3}$ [3]	



- (b) The candidate used the correct method of elimination in reaching -11y = 33, but then lost accuracy and gave y = 3, so was unable to obtain either of the two correct values for x or y, thus no further marks were earned.
- (a) The candidate did not show any correct factorising of either the numerator of the denominator, so no marks could be awarded.
- (b) The equation of proportionality should have been written, b = ka³, not just b ∝ a³, in order to be awarded marks.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

(a) Some candidates did not always read the question carefully enough. Some gave answers that referred to $b = \frac{1}{a^3}$ or $b = \sqrt[3]{a}$

Example Candidate Response – high	Examiner comments
4 TRIGONOMETRY	
Twelve lettered tiles spelling the word TRIGONOMETRY are placed inside a bag.	
(a) A tile is taken at random from the bag.	
Find the probability that the tile shows a letter R. Give your answer as a fraction in its simplest form, $M_{2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \sum_$	
$\frac{N_0 o 5}{Probability} = \frac{21}{426} = \frac{1}{16}$	
Answer	Mark for (a) = 1 out of 1
(b) All the tiles are placed back in the bag, a tile is then taken at random and placed on the table. A second tile is taken at random and placed to the right of the first tile. A third tile is taken at random and placed to the right of the second tile.	
1st 2nd 3rd	
Find the probability that, in the order the tiles were placed on the table, they spell GET. Probability is without replacement	
$G = \frac{1}{12} = \frac{1}{11} = \frac{1}{10} = \frac{1}{15} = \frac{1}{15}$	
Probability of GET = $\frac{1}{12} \times \frac{1}{11} \times \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{660}$	
Answer[660 [2]	Mark for (b) = 2 out of 2



(c)(iii) The candidate only used the one route on the tree diagram and needed to use the other route as well. So the calculation $\left(\frac{4}{12} \times \frac{8}{11}\right) + \left(\frac{8}{12} \times \frac{4}{11}\right)$ was needed.





- (b) The candidate had the correct probabilities for the first two tiles drawn, but should have had $\frac{2}{10}$ for the third.
- (c)(iii) The candidate incorrectly used + $\frac{7}{11}$ in the second pair of probabilities, instead of $\times \frac{4}{11}$.

Example Candidate Response – Iow	Examiner comments
4 TRIGONOMBTRY	
Twelve lettered tiles spelling the word TRIGONOMETRY are placed inside a bag.	
(a) A tile is taken at random from the bag.	
Find the probability that the tile shows a letter R. Give your answer as a fraction in its simplest form. $\underbrace{1}_{n=1}^{n-1}$	
$= \frac{1}{6} \qquad \qquad$	Mark for (a) = 1 out of 1
(b) All the tiles are placed back in the bag, a tile is then taken at random and placed on the table. A second tile is taken at random and placed to the right of the first tile. A third tile is taken at random and placed to the right of the second tile.	
lst 2nd 3rd 9 E T	
Find the probability that, in the order the tiles were placed on the table, they spell GET.	1 The candidate needs to use the
1 - 0,05 = 0,92	correct product of $\frac{1}{12} \times \frac{1}{11} \times \frac{2}{10}$ here. Mark for (b) = 0 out of 2
Answer 0, 0 2 [2]	
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- (b) The candidate should have shown the multiplication of the 3 probabilities, $\frac{1}{12} \times \frac{1}{11} \times \frac{2}{10}$.
- (c)(i) The tree diagram was completed inaccurately and did not show an understanding that the probabilities on the pairs of branches must total 1.
- (c)(iii) The candidate needed to use the pair of probabilities on the other route as well.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

- (c)(i) Candidates need to ensure that a pair of probabilities, on the branches of a probability tree diagram, when added together, must total 1.
- (c)(iii) Some candidates did not always identify that there were two possible routes that satisfied the condition for one tile showing a vowel and the other showing a constant.





(b)(ii) The correct answer of $p^2 + 2p + 4$ should have been given.





- (a)(i) The answer contained '6n' so was partly correct, but needed to be 6n 5 for a fully correct answer.
- (a)(ii) An acceptable reason was needed, such as: '256 is not exactly divisible by 6' or '247 is in the sequence and the next one is 253'.
- (b)(ii) The candidate did appreciate that the expression included p^2 , but needed to give the correct answer of $p^2 + 2p + 4$.
- (c)(iii) The candidate did not arrive at an expression containing t^2 , so was unable to gain any mark here.





- (a)(i) The sequence was based on the 6 times table, so the answer should have included the term 6*n*.
- (a)(ii) The candidate needed to give an acceptable reason such as: 256 is not exactly divisible by 6' or 247 is in the sequence and the next one is 253'.
- (b)(i) The correct answer of $p^2 3$ should have been given.
- (b)(ii) The correct answer was $p^2 + 2p + 4$.
- (c)(ii) The candidate needed to give the answer 40 and not 36, in their table.
- (c)(iii) The candidate did not arrive at an expression containing t^2 , so was unable to gain any mark here.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

Candidates should recognise that they may need to work out the differences between the terms in a sequence twice, before the difference becomes constant and that this then shows that the sequence is based on a quadratic expression.

Example Candidate Response – high	Examiner comments
6 (a) ABC is a triangle with $AC = 6 \text{ cm}$ and $BC = 9 \text{ cm}$. $AB \rightarrow 10^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10}$ $AB \rightarrow 10^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10}$ $AB \rightarrow 10^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10}$ (a) ABC is a triangle with $AC = 6 \text{ cm}$ and $BC = 9 \text{ cm}$. (b) $A = 10^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10}$ (c) $A = 10^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10}$ (c) $A = 10^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10}$ (c) $A = 10^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10}$ (c) $A = 10^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10}$ (c) $A = 10^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10}$ (c) $A = 10^{-10} \text{ m}^{-10} m$	Mark for (a)(i) = 2 out of 2 1 The answer is inaccurate and is outside the accepted tolerance for measuring the angle with a protractor. Mark for (a)(ii) = 0 out of 1 Mark for (b) = 2 out of 2

Example Candidate Response – high, continued	Examiner comments
(c) $P \xrightarrow{P} 66^{\circ} \xrightarrow{3} 5 \xrightarrow{79^{\circ}} \xrightarrow{79^{\circ}$	
Answer $P\hat{T}S =6$ because	Mark for (c)(i) = 2 out of 2
(iii) Complete the statements below to show that triangle $P\bar{Q}T$ is congruent to triangle RTQ . 1. Angle PTQ = AngleR. \hat{Q} . T 2. Angle PQT = AngleR. \hat{T} . \hat{Q} . 3. Stde QT = \hat{D} - \hat{Q} . Side \hat{A} \hat{T} \hat{Q} . Triangle PQT is congruent to triangle RTQ .	Mark for (c)(iii) = 3 out of 3
Congruency conditionA. right, Assight, Side [3] AAS	Total mark awarded = 10 out of 11

(a)(ii) The candidate needed to measure the angle more accurately.

6 (a) ABC is a triangle with $AC = 6$ cm and $BC = 9$ cm. AB has been drawn below. (a) ABC is a triangle with $AC = 6$ cm and $BC = 9$ cm. AB has been drawn below. (b) ABC is a triangle with $AC = 6$ cm and $BC = 9$ cm. (c) ABC is a triangle with $AC = 6$ cm and $BC = 9$ cm. (c) ABC is a triangle with $AC = 6$ cm and $BC = 9$ cm. (c) ABC is a triangle with $AC = 6$ cm and $BC = 9$ cm. (c) ABC is a triangle and a pair of compasses only, construct triangle ABC . (c) ABC is a triangle and a pair of compasses only, construct triangle ABC . (c) ABC is a triangle of the formation of the area of the field. $ABWEC = \frac{AB}{25 \times 355 \times 2}$ (c) The correct upper bounds have been multiplied, for both the width and the length of the field, but an incorrect answer has been given. $BBC = \frac{AB}{25 \times 355 \times 2}$	Example Candidate Response – middle	Examiner comments
(i) Using a ruler and a pair of compasses only, construct triangle ABC. [2] (i) Measure BAC . [2] (ii) Measure BAC . [2] (ii) Measure BAC . [2] (ii) Measure BAC . [2] (b) A rectangular field has dimensions 220 m by 350 m, each correct to the nearest 10 metres. Calculate the upper bound for the area of the field. $F \times KJ$ $225 \times 355 \times 2$ Answer 13.125 m²[2] (2) The correct upper bounds have been multiplied, for both the width and the length of the field, but an incorrect answer has been given. Mark for (b) = 1 out of 2	6 (a) ABC is a triangle with $AC = 6 \text{ cm}$ and $BC = 9 \text{ cm}$.	1 The candidate's construction is only showing one arc used from <i>A</i> . Mark for (a)(i) = 1 out of 2 Mark for (a)(ii) = 1 out of 1
<i>Answer</i> 69 [1] (b) A rectangular field has dimensions 220 m by 350 m, each correct to the nearest 10 metres. Calculate the upper bound for the area of the field. $F \times kJ$ $225 \times 355 \times 2$ <i>Answer</i> $73 \cdot 125 \dots m^2$ [2] (2) The correct upper bounds have been multiplied, for both the width and the length of the field, but an incorrect answer has been given. <i>Mark</i> for (b) = 1 out of 2	(i) Using a ruler and a pair of compasses only, construct triangle <i>ABC</i> . [2] (ii) Measure $B\hat{A}C$.	
(b) A rectangular field has dimensions 220 m by 350 m, each correct to the nearest 10 metres. Calculate the upper bound for the area of the field. $1 \le k_3$ $2 \ge 25 \le 355 \le 2$ <i>Answer</i> <u>13.125</u> m ² [2] (2) The correct upper bounds have been multiplied, for both the width and the length of the field, but an incorrect answer has been given. Mark for (b) = 1 out of 2	Answer	
Calculate the upper bound for the area of the field. $1 \times k_{3}$ $225 \times 355 \times 2$ <i>Answer</i> <u>13.125</u> m ² [2] (2) The correct upper bounds have been multiplied, for both the width and the length of the field, but an incorrect answer has been given. <i>Mark for (b) = 1 out of 2</i>	(b) A rectangular field has dimensions 220 m by 350 m, each correct to the nearest 10 metres.	
6 0	Calculate the upper bound for the area of the field.	2 The correct upper bounds have been multiplied, for both the width and the length of the field, but an incorrect answer has been given.
6S 55	60 65 55	Mark for (b) = 1 out of 2



- (a)(i) The candidate needed to draw the other arc from *B* as well and join the points to form the triangle.
- (b) The correct upper bounds were used for both the width and the length, but the candidate did not multiply them correctly to get the correct answer.
- (c)(i) The correct reason should have been given here for 'alternate angles'.
- (c)(iii) The candidate needed to mention that side QT was a common side.



Example Candidate Response – low, continued	Examiner comments
(c) $\frac{p}{66^{\circ}} + \frac{p}{79^{\circ}} +$	 3 The answer is incorrect. It should be 66 degrees. 4 The answer is incorrect. It should be alternate angles. Mark for (c)(i) = 0 out of 2 5 Follow Through answer of 35 degrees is incorrect. Mark for (c)(ii) = 0 out of 1 6 The candidate correctly completes statements 1 and 2.
(ii) Find $P\hat{T}Q$. Answer	This statement is incorrect and should be identifying the fact that, QT is a common side.
 (iii) Complete the statements below to show that triangle PQT is congruent to triangle RTQ. 1. Angle PTQ = Angle	 The candidate needs to give the case of congruency, which is AAS. Mark for (c)(iii) = 1 out of 3 Total mark awarded = 3 out of 11

- (a)(i) The candidate needed to draw a second arc and form the triangle.
- (b) The candidate did not give either of the correct bounds needed.
- (c)(i) The correct angle was not given, 66 degrees, nor stated the correct reason for 'alternate angles'.
- (c)(ii) The candidate did not give a correct Follow Through angle from his '66 degrees'.
- (c)(iii) The answer needed to mention that side QT was a common side and that the case of congruency was AAS.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

- (a)(ii) Measuring the obtuse angle at A, instead of the angle BAC.
- (b) Some candidates did not use the correct upper bounds for either the width or the length.
- (c)(iii) The majority of candidates did not show an appreciation of the difference, between congruent triangles and similar triangles. Many candidates thought that showing that the triangles had 3 pairs of equal angles, was sufficient for congruency to be proven.





(c)(iii) The candidate read the width, 2.36, from the graph correctly. However, they did not obtain the value for the length from the graph, but from the calculation $\frac{15}{2.36}$, which gave a value of 6.36, which was outside the range of the correct answer. If the candidate had given the value of the length, read from the graph, which was correct, then full marks would have been obtained.





- (b) The candidate needed to form the quadratic equation which was required.
- (c)(ii) The answer needed to be more accurate with the plot of the point at (8, 74.25), which was outside of the allowed tolerance.





(a) There should have been more explanation of how the constituent areas of the net were arrived at. A good answer would have been:

A = 15 + 2(3x) + 2
$$\left(3\left(\frac{15}{x}\right)\right)$$

- (b) The candidate needed to arrive at the quadratic equation required at this stage.
- (c)(ii) The plot at point (4, 61.5) was inaccurate.
- (c)(iii) The reading from the graph of 2.4 was accurate, but the other reading for the length was not.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

- (a) Weaker responses from candidates did not give sufficient explanation of how the constituent areas of the net, were arrived at. For example, it was not sufficient to state that $2 \times \frac{45}{x} = \frac{90}{x}$ without showing that $\frac{45}{x}$ comes from $3 \times \frac{15}{x}$.
- (c)(iii) Candidates need to ensure that when they are asked to give readings from their graph, then they should do
 so. Some candidates correctly gave one reading, but then used this value in a calculation to obtain the other. This
 resulting value did not always fall within the allowed accuracy range for a reading taken from the graph.



How the candidate could have improved their answer

(c) The answer correctly stated that transformation was a reflection, but needed to give the line as y = x and not y = -x.



- (a) Only the top row of the matrix correct.
- (c) The answer correctly stated that it was a reflection transformation, but needed to give the line as y = x and not y = -x.





- (a) The candidate gave a 2×2 matrix for the answer, but neither a row nor column was correct.
- (b) The candidate drew a triangle of the same size and correct orientation, but it was a reflection in the line x = -0.5 and not the y axis.
- (c) The correct answer was single transformation and the reflection in the line y = x.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

(c) The most common mistake was for candidates to give the incorrect line y = -x, for the equation of the line of reflection.





The candidate achieved full marks.





- (a) The formulae for the area of a sector and the area of a triangle was correct, but in the working out stage, there was early approximation, before the final answer was reached. This led to the latter being inaccurate.
- (b) The correct answer was 1.45 or 1446 to 1.447 so the height of the chocolate prism is less than 1.5 cm.



Example Candidate Response – low, continued

(b) 16 3 The candidate does not show an understanding of what is required here. Namely, that it is A piece of chocolate is in the shape of a prism with the shaded area from part (a) being its necessary to show that the height cross section. of the shaded cross section must The rectangular base of the chocolate is $16 \,\mathrm{cm}$ by x cm. The piece of chocolate is to be placed in a box which is a cuboid of size 16 cm by 2 cm by 1.5 cm. be less than 1.5 cm. Mark for (b)(i) = 0 out of 3 (i) Show that the chocolate will fit inside the box. Box = 16xx x1.5 - 24x. chocolate = 16 xx = 16x. 77 F 24 × 61.4 - 1473.6 box chocolate = 16×61.4 = 9 82.4 chocolate. [3] These boxes are to be packed in cartons in the shape of a cuboid. (ii) The size of each carton is 48 cm by 4x cm by 24 cm. 4 The candidate correctly Find the maximum number of boxes that can be packed inside one carton. evaluates the size of a carton, $4608x \,\mathrm{cm}^3$, but does not then 48 × 4× × 24 = 4603× Lm3 . × G(14 = 28293),2 divide this by $16 \times 1.5 x \,\mathrm{cm}^3$. 982.4 Mark for (b)(ii) = 0 out of 2 288 288 boxa [2] Total mark awarded = Answer 1 out of 9

Examiner comments

How the candidate could have improved their answer

- (a) The candidate should have used the correct method for finding the area of the triangle.
- (b)(i) The candidate should have shown that the height of the chocolate bar was less than 1.5 cm.
- (b)(ii) The candidate did not see the connection between the volume of the box and the volume of the carton was $3 \times 4 \times 16$.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

- (a) Some candidates lost the accuracy in their answers because of too early approximation in the method.
- (b)(i) The majority of candidates misunderstood that the requirement of this question was to find the height, *h* cm, of the piece of chocolate and show that it was less than 1.5 cm. Very few candidates used the correct trigonometry, *h* = 8 □ 8 cos 35°, which showed *h* = 1.45 cm to 3 significant figures. The vast majority of candidates tried to compare the volume of the box to the volume of the carton.





(c) It was necessary to convert metres to kilometres, or kilometres into metres first of all, before proceeding with the calculation.





- (a) The candidate correctly identified that it was necessary to use the Cosine rule to calculate side AC, but lost the accuracy required, in order to be able to obtain the correct answer.
- (c) It was necessary to use tan⁻¹ DBC.





- (a) The candidate correctly evaluated the time taken for the journey as 0.8 hr, but did not correctly convert this to minutes and add it onto the start time of the journey, in order to find the arrival time.
- (b) The candidate needed to use the Cosine rule here to calculate the length of *AC*, but tried to use right-angled triangle trigonometry instead.
- (c) The candidate correctly used the inverse tan *DBC*, but then subtracted this value from 180 degrees to obtain the final answer, which was unnecessary.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

- (a) Some candidates incorrectly gave the time taken for the journey as $\frac{\text{distance}}{\text{speed}}$
- (b) Candidates often did not convert the 105m and 2km to a common unit, before proceeding with the calculation.



How the candidate could have improved their answer

(b)(ii) The candidate correctly found the coordinates of the midpoint of AB and knew that the product of the gradients of the two perpendicular lines was –1. The candidate needed to obtain the correct gradient of $\Box 3$ for the perpendicular line, in order to progress further.

Example Candidate Response – middle



Examiner comments

- (a) The candidate correctly drew the line x = 1, but could not draw the other required line correctly, so could not identify the correct region required.
- (b)(ii) The candidate correctly found the midpoint of *AB*, but was unable to evaluate the gradient of the perpendicular line and consequently find the equation of the perpendicular line, as required.

Example Candidate Response – Iow	Examiner comments
11 (a) $y = \frac{1}{2} + $	1 The region labelled R is incorrect. The candidate needs to draw a ruled line at $x = 1$ and the ruled line for the equation x + y = 5, then label, R, the region bounded by these two lines and the given line. Mark for (a) = 0 out of 3
(i) Calculate the length AB. $AB^2 = 2^2 + 6^3$ $Ay_2 5 - 3 = 2$ a = 5 - (-1) = 5 + 1 = 6 $AB^2 = 4 + 36$ $AB^2 = 4 - 324$ $AB^2 = 5 - (-1) = 5 + 1 = 6$ $AB^2 = 40$ $AB^2 = 5 - (-1) = 5 + 1 = 6$ $AB^2 = 40$ $AB^2 = 5 - (-1) = 5 + 1 = 6$ $AB^2 = -324$ Answer (Mark for (b)(i) = 2 out of 2
(ii) Find the equation of the line perpendicular to AB that passes through the midpoint of AB. $\frac{1}{2}(x_2 - z_1) *_1 \frac{1}{2}(y_2 - y_1)$ $\frac{1}{2}(5 - (-1)), \frac{1}{2}(5 - 3)$ $\frac{1}{2}(6), \frac{1}{2}(2)$ $3, 12$	The candidate works out the correct displacement of the midpoint, relative to point A (-1, 3). But now needs to do (-1, 3) + (3, 1) which gives the correct midpoint (2, 4). Mark for (b)(ii) = 0 out of 4 Total mark awarded = 2 out of 9
Answer	

- (a) The candidate needed to draw a longer line at x = 1 in order to score the mark for this line.
- (b)(ii) The candidate did not add on the movement of X = 3 units and y = 1 unit, to the point A (-1, 3), in order to obtain the correct midpoint (2, 4).

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

(b)(ii) Candidates should remember that the product of the gradients of two perpendicular lines is -1.

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