

## HKCEE 1981 Mathematics II

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1.  $\frac{(a^2b^{-3})^2}{a^{-2}b} =$

- A.  $a^2b^{-7}$   
 B.  $a^2b^{-5}$   
 C.  $a^6b^{-2}$   
 D.  $a^6b^{-6}$   
 E.  $a^6b^{-7}$

- A.  $2^{(x^x)}$   
 B.  $2^x \cdot x^x$   
 C.  $2x^x$   
 D.  $2^{2x}$   
 E.  $2^{(x^2)}$

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2.  $\frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{x + \frac{1}{x}}{x - \frac{1}{x}} =$

- A.  $\frac{1}{x+1}$   
 B.  $\frac{1}{x-1}$   
 C.  $\frac{x+1}{x-1}$   
 D.  $\frac{1}{(x+1)(x-1)}$   
 E.  $\frac{x^2 + 4x + 1}{(x+1)(x-1)}$

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5.  $\left( \frac{\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} + 2}{\frac{x}{y} - \frac{y}{x}} \right)^{-1} =$

- A.  $\frac{x-y}{x+y}$   
 B.  $\frac{x+y}{x-y}$   
 C.  $-\frac{x+y}{x-y}$   
 D.  $\frac{x^2 + y^2}{x^2 - y^2}$   
 E.  $\frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}$

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3. If  $x = \frac{-bx + ay - c}{a + by}$ , then  $y =$

- A.  $\frac{ax + bx + c}{a - bx}$   
 B.  $-\frac{ax + bx + c}{a - bx}$   
 C.  $\frac{ax + bx + c}{a + bx}$   
 D.  $-\frac{ax + bx + c}{a + bx}$   
 E.  $\frac{ax - bx - c}{a - bx}$

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6. If  $H = K + \frac{M}{4\pi(r^2 + l^2)^n}$  and  $r > 0$ , then  
 $r =$

- A.  $\left\{ \left[ \frac{M}{4\pi(H - K)} \right]^{-n} - r^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$   
 B.  $\left[ \frac{M}{4\pi(H - K)} \right]^{\frac{n}{2}} - l$   
 C.  $\left\{ \left[ \frac{M}{4\pi(H - K)} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}} - l^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$

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4.  $(2^x)^x =$

D.  $\left[ \frac{M}{4\pi(H-K)} \right]^{\frac{1}{2n}} - l$

E.  $\left\{ \left[ \frac{4\pi}{M(H-K)} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}} - l^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$

81 If  $f(x) = x^2 + x + 1$ , then  $f(x+1) - f(x)$   
7.

- A. 1
- B. 3
- C.  $2x + 1$
- D.  $2x + 2$
- E.  $x^2 + x + 1$

81 If  $\log_{10}x + \log_{10}4 = \log_{10}(x+4)$ , what is  
8. the value of  $x$ ?

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C.  $\frac{4}{3}$
- D. 4
- E.  $x$  may be any positive number

81 It is given that  
9.  $x(2x+3) = x(3x-4)$ .  $x = ?$

- A. 0 only
- B. 7 only
- C. 0 or 7
- D.  $-\frac{3}{2}$  or  $\frac{4}{3}$  only
- E.  $0, -\frac{3}{2}$  or  $\frac{4}{3}$

81  $2y - 3 > 4y + 2x + 5$  is equivalent to  
10.

- A.  $y > x + 4$
- B.  $y < x + 4$
- C.  $y > -x - 4$
- D.  $y < -x - 4$
- E.  $y > x + 1$

81 The  $n$ th term of the arithmetic  
11. progression 2, 6, 10, 14, ... is

- A.  $2n^2$
- B.  $4n$
- C.  $4n - 2$
- D.  $4n + 2$
- E.  $6 - 4n$

81 If  $3x - 2y = x + 3y$ , then  $x^2 : y^2 =$   
12.

- A. 2 : 5
- B. 5 : 2
- C. 4 : 25
- D. 25 : 4
- E. 1 : 4

81 The marked price of a book is  $\$x$ . 30%  
13. of this price is profit. If the book is sold at a discount of 20%, what will the profit then be?

- A.  $\$0.04x$
- B.  $\$0.06x$
- C.  $\$0.1x$
- D.  $\$0.24x$
- E.  $\$0.56x$

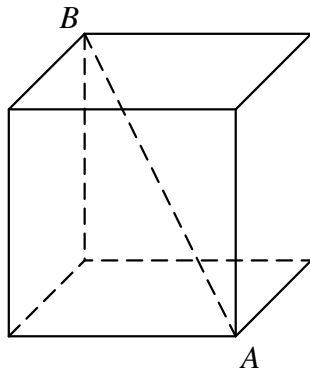
81 A group consists of  $n$  boys and  $n$  girls.  
14. If two of the girls are exceeded by two other boys, then 51% of the group members will be boys. What is  $n$ ?

- A. 50
- B. 51
- C. 52
- D. 100
- E. 102

81 If the surface area of a spherical soap  
15. bubble increases by 44%, its volume increases by

- A. 20%
- B. 33.1%
- C. 60%
- D. 66%
- E. 72.8%

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The total area of the six faces of the solid cube in the figure is  $96 \text{ cm}^2$ . What is the length of the diagonal  $AB$ ?

- A.  $6\sqrt{2} \text{ cm}$
- B.  $4\sqrt{3} \text{ cm}$
- C.  $4\sqrt{2} \text{ cm}$
- D.  $2\sqrt{6} \text{ cm}$
- E.  $4 \text{ cm}$

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17. A merchant sold 100 chairs. 80 of them were sold at a profit of 30% on each chair, while 20 of them were sold at a loss of 40% on each chair. What is his percentage gain or loss on the whole stock?

- A. A loss of 8%
- B. A loss of 10%
- C. A gain of 8%
- D. A gain of 16%
- E. A gain of 24%

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18. If  $0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$  and  $\sin \theta = \frac{k}{2}$ , then  $\cos \theta =$

- A.  $1 - \frac{k}{2}$
- B.  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{4+k^2}}$
- C.  $\frac{\sqrt{4+k^2}}{2}$

- D.  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{4-k^2}}$
- E.  $\frac{\sqrt{4-k^2}}{2}$

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19.  $\tan \theta \sin \theta - \frac{1}{\cos \theta} =$

- A. 0
- B.  $\cos \theta$
- C.  $-\cos \theta$
- D.  $\frac{-1}{\cos \theta}$
- E.  $-\tan \theta \sin \theta$

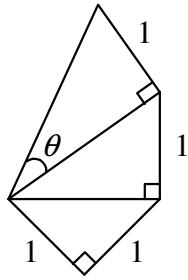
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20. If  $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$ , the number of roots of the equation  $2 \sin \theta \cos \theta - \cos \theta = 0$  is

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3
- E. 4

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21. An angle measures  $x$  radians. What is its measure in degrees?

- A.  $\left(\frac{\pi x}{180}\right)^\circ$
- B.  $\left(\frac{180x}{\pi}\right)^\circ$
- C.  $\left(\frac{\pi}{180x}\right)^\circ$
- D.  $\left(\frac{\pi x}{360}\right)^\circ$
- E.  $\left(\frac{360x}{\pi}\right)^\circ$

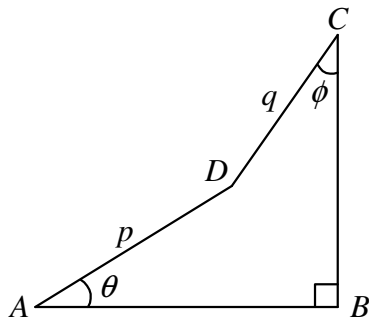
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In the figure,  $\cos \theta =$

- A.  $\frac{1}{2}$
- B.  $\frac{2}{3}$
- C.  $\frac{3}{4}$
- D.  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
- E.  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$

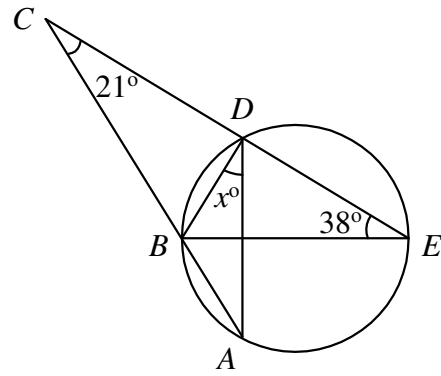
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In the figure,  $AD = p$ ,  $DC = q$ ,  $\angle B = 90^\circ$ .  $AB =$

- A.  $p \sin \theta + q \sin \phi$
- B.  $p \cos \theta + q \cos \phi$
- C.  $p \sin \theta + q \cos \phi$
- D.  $p \cos \theta + q \sin \phi$
- E.  $(p + q)(\cos \theta + \cos \phi)$

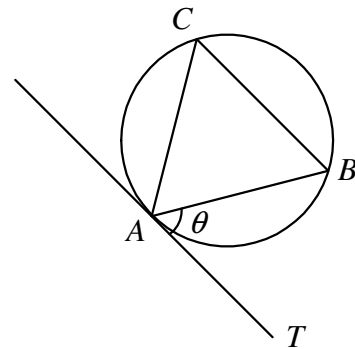
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In the figure,  $BE$  is a diameter of the circle.  $ABC$  and  $EDC$  are straight lines.  $x^\circ =$

- A.  $21^\circ$
- B.  $31^\circ$
- C.  $38^\circ$
- D.  $52^\circ$
- E.  $59^\circ$

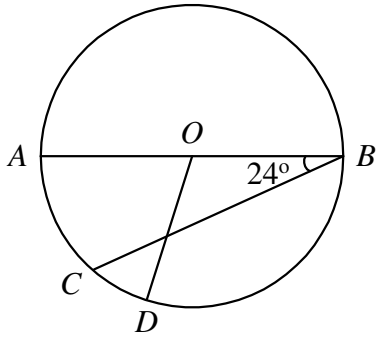
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In the figure,  $AT$  touches the circle at  $A$ . In  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $\angle A : \angle B : \angle C = 2 : 3 : 4$ .  $\theta =$

- A.  $40^\circ$
- B.  $50^\circ$
- C.  $60^\circ$
- D.  $70^\circ$
- E.  $80^\circ$

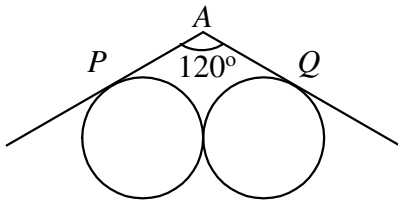
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In the figure,  $AB$  is a diameter of the circle with centre at  $O$ . The length of the minor arc  $AC$  is twice the length of the minor arc  $CD$ .  $\angle BOD =$

- A.  $72^\circ$
- B.  $90^\circ$
- C.  $108^\circ$
- D.  $132^\circ$
- E.  $144^\circ$

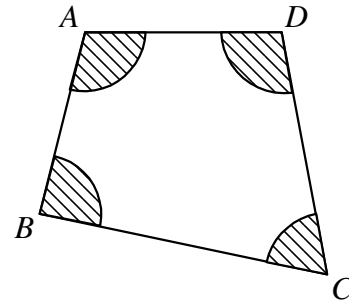
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In the figure, two circles both with radius 2 cm touch each other externally.  $AP$  and  $AQ$  are equal tangents to the two circles.  $AP = ?$

- A.  $\sqrt{3}$  cm
- B.  $2\sqrt{3}$  cm
- C. 4 cm
- D.  $4\sqrt{3}$  cm
- E.  $\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3}$  cm

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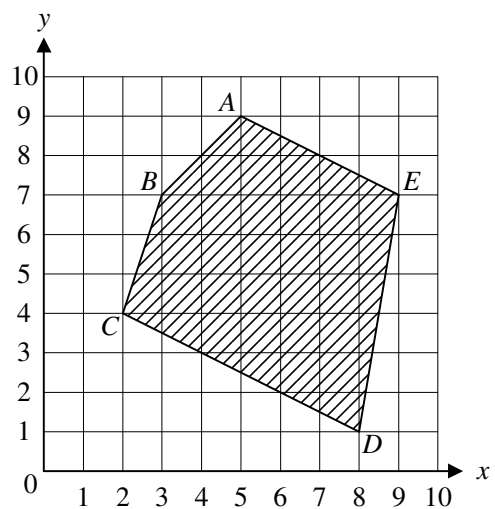
In the figure,  $ABCD$  is a quadrilateral. The shaded portions are four sectors with centres at  $A, B, C$  and  $D$ . Their radii are all equal to  $a$ . What is the total area of the four sectors?

- A.  $\pi a^2$
- B.  $2\pi a^2$
- C.  $4\pi a^2$
- D.  $\sqrt{2} \pi a^2$
- E. It cannot be determined

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29.  $2x^2 - 2 \leq 0$  is equivalent to

- A.  $x \leq 1$
- B.  $x \geq -1$
- C.  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$
- D.  $x \geq 1$  or  $x \leq -1$
- E.  $x \leq 1$  or  $x \geq -1$

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In the figure, which point in the shaded region will make the value of  $x - 2y$  a minimum

- A. *A*
- B. *B*
- C. *C*
- D. *D*
- E. *E*

81  $6x^2 + kx + 6 = 0$  is a quadratic equation  
31. in which  $k$  is a constant. Its roots  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are positive.  $\log_{10}\alpha + \log_{10}\beta =$

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C.  $\log_{10}6$
- D.  $\log_{10}(-k)$
- E.  $\log_{10}\left(-\frac{k}{6}\right)$

81  $-3x^2 - 3x \equiv -3(x + a)^2 + b$  is an identity  
32. in  $x$ . What are the values of the constants  $a$  and  $b$ ?

- A.  $a = 1$  and  $b = 0$
- B.  $a = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $b = \frac{3}{4}$
- C.  $a = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $b = \frac{3}{4}$
- D.  $a = -\frac{1}{2}$  and  $b = \frac{3}{4}$
- E.  $a = -\frac{1}{2}$  and  $b = -\frac{3}{4}$

81 The H.C.F. and L.C.M. of three  
33. expressions are  $a^2b^2c$  and  $a^4b^6c^4$  respectively. Two of the expressions are  $a^2b^3c^4$  and  $a^3b^2c^2$ . The third expression is

- A.  $a^3b^3c$
- B.  $a^3b^6c^4$
- C.  $a^4b^2c$
- D.  $a^4b^6c$
- E.  $a^4b^6c^2$

81 The sum of the first five terms of an  
34. arithmetic progression is 15. If the fourth term is 7, the first term is

- A. -5
- B. -3
- C. -1
- D. 1
- E. 10

81 Which of the following can be summed  
35. to infinity?

- I. The arithmetic progression  
4, 3, 2, 1, .....
- II. The geometric progression  
27, 9, 3, 1, .....
- III. The geometric progression  
16, -8, 4, -2, .....

- A. II only
- B. I and II only
- C. I and III only
- D. II and III only
- E. I, II and III

81 The running speeds of three boys  $A$ ,  $B$   
36. and  $C$  are in the ratios  $a : b : c$ . The times that  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  take to complete a 1500 m race are in the ratios

- A.  $a : b : c$
- B.  $c : b : a$
- C.  $b + c : a + c : a + b$
- D.  $\frac{1}{a} : \frac{1}{b} : \frac{1}{c}$
- E.  $\frac{a}{b} : \frac{b}{c} : \frac{c}{a}$

81 If  $n$  is a positive integer, which of the  
37. following numbers is/are odd?

- I.  $2^{2n+1}$
- II.  $3(2^n)$
- III.  $(2n+1)^2$

- A. II only
- B. III only
- C. I and III only
- D. II and III only
- E. I, II and III

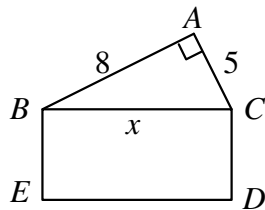
- 81 A factory employs  $x$  workers each  
38. working  $n$  hours a day. The whole  
factory produces  $k$  watches per day. If  
 $y$  workers go on leave, then how many  
hours a day should the remaining  
workers work in order to produce the  
same number of watches per day?

- A.  $\frac{nx}{y}$   
B.  $\frac{ny}{x}$   
C.  $\frac{nx}{4y}$   
D.  $\frac{nx}{x-y}$   
E.  $\frac{n(x-y)}{x}$

- 81 The daily wages of a man and a boy are  
39. in the ratio 2 : 1. In a day a man has to  
work 8 hours but a boy only 6 hours.  
The hourly wages of a man and a boy  
are in the ratio

- A. 8 : 3  
B. 2 : 1  
C. 3 : 2  
D. 4 : 3  
E. 1 : 1

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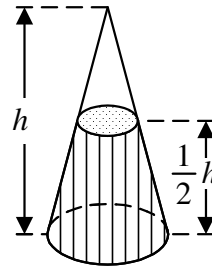


In the figure,  $\angle BAC = 90^\circ$ ,  $AB = 8$ ,  
 $AC = 5$  and  $AX \perp BC$ .  $BCDE$  is a  
rectangle with  $CD = AX$ . What is the  
area of the rectangle  $BCDE$ ?

- A. 20  
B. 40  
C. 80  
D. 89

- E.  $4\sqrt{89}$

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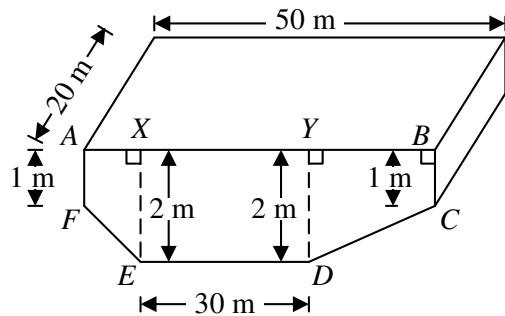


The height of the cone in the figure is  
 $h$ . It contains water to a depth of  $\frac{1}{2}h$ .

$\frac{\text{Volume of water}}{\text{Capacity of the cone}} =$

- A.  $\frac{1}{8}$   
B.  $\frac{1}{4}$   
C.  $\frac{1}{2}$   
D.  $\frac{3}{4}$   
E.  $\frac{7}{8}$

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The figure above represents a  $50\text{m} \times$   
 $20\text{m}$  swimming pool. The pool is in  
the shape of a prism with a rectangular  
surface and four vertical walls. The  
dimensions of the sidewall  $ABCDEF$   
are as shown in the figure. What is the  
capacity of the pool in  $\text{m}^3$ ?

- A. 1200  
B. 1500

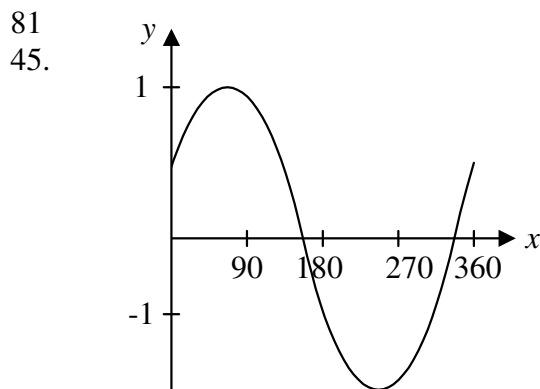
- C. 1800
- D. 2000
- E. It cannot be determined

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43. Given that  $\sin \theta - \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ , what is the value of  $\sin \theta \cos \theta$ ?

- A.  $\frac{1}{2}$
- B.  $\frac{1}{4}$
- C.  $\frac{3}{8}$
- D.  $\frac{3}{4}$
- E. It cannot be determined

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44. If  $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$ , the minimum value of  $1 + 2\cos \frac{\theta}{2}$  is

- A. -2
- B. -1
- C. 0
- D. 1
- E. 2



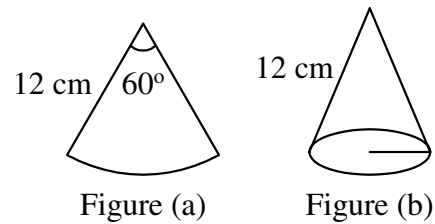
The figure above shows the graph of

- A.  $y = \sin(x^\circ + 30^\circ)$
- B.  $y = \sin(x^\circ - 30^\circ)$
- C.  $y = \sin(x^\circ + 150^\circ)$
- D.  $y = \sin(x^\circ - 150^\circ)$
- E.  $y = \sin(x^\circ + 60^\circ)$

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46. The radius of a sector is 3 cm and the perimeter is 10 cm. What is the area of the sector?

- A.  $6 \text{ cm}^2$
- B.  $12 \text{ cm}^2$
- C.  $15 \text{ cm}^2$
- D.  $18 \text{ cm}^2$
- E.  $45 \text{ cm}^2$

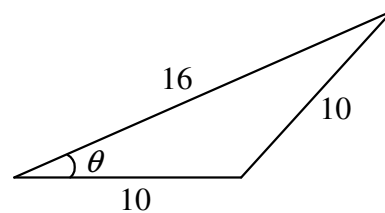
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The cone in Figure (b) is formed by bending the sector in Figure (a). The angle of the sector is  $60^\circ$  and the radius is 12 cm. The radius of the base of the cone is

- A. 2 cm
- B. 4 cm
- C. 6 cm
- D.  $2\pi$  cm
- E.  $\frac{360}{\pi}$  cm

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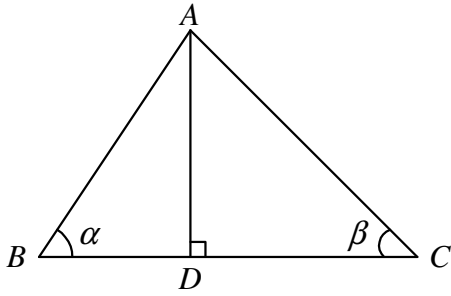


In the figure,  $\sin \theta =$

- A. 0.5
- B. 0.6
- C. 0.625
- D. 0.75
- E. 0.8



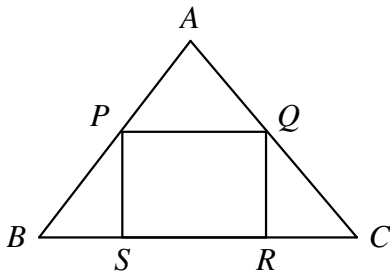
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In the figure,  $AD \perp BC$ .  $CD =$

- A.  $h \sin \alpha \tan \beta$
- B.  $h \cos \alpha \tan \beta$
- C.  $h \tan \alpha \sin \beta$
- D.  $\frac{h \cos \alpha}{\tan \beta}$
- E.  $\frac{h \sin \alpha}{\tan \beta}$

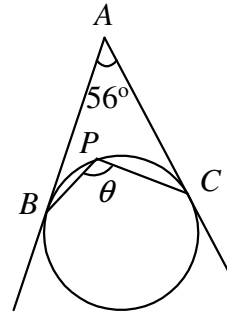
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In the figure,  $ABC$  is an equilateral triangle of side  $2a$ .  $P$  and  $Q$  are the mid-points of  $AB$  and  $AC$  respectively.  $PQRS$  is a rectangle. What is the area of  $PQRS$ ?

- A.  $a^2$
- B.  $\frac{1}{2}a^2$
- C.  $\frac{2}{3}a^2$
- D.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}a^2$
- E.  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a^2$

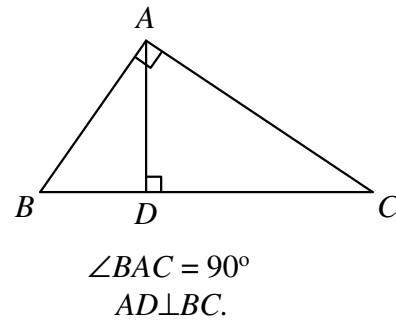
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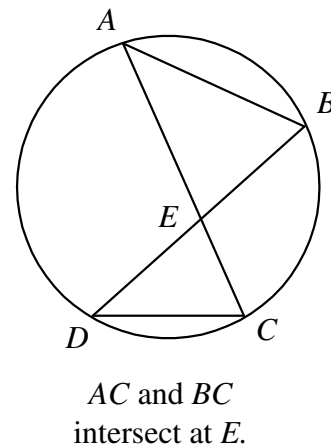
In the figure,  $AB$  and  $AC$  touch the circle at  $B$  and  $C$ . If  $P$  is any point on the minor arc  $BC$ , what is  $\theta$ ?

- A.  $112^\circ$
- B.  $118^\circ$
- C.  $124^\circ$
- D.  $146^\circ$
- E. It cannot be determined

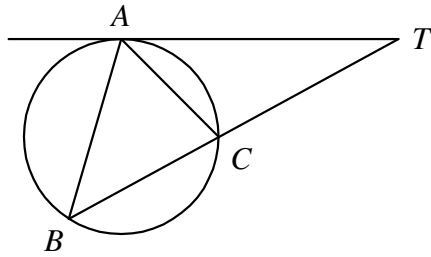
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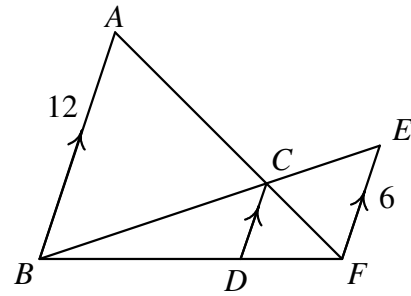


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$BC$  produced meets the tangent  $AT$  at  $T$ .

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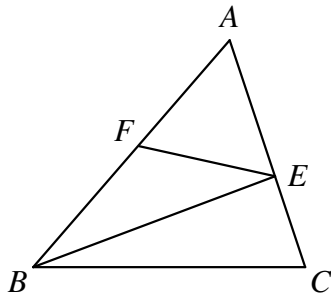
In the figure,  $AB \parallel CD \parallel EF$ .  $ACF$ ,  $BCE$  and  $BDF$  are straight lines.  
 $AB = 12$ ,  $EF = 6$ .  $CD = ?$

Which of the above figures contains one or more pairs of similar triangles?

- A. I only
- B. I and II only
- C. I and III only
- D. II and III only
- E. I, II and III

- A. 4.5
- B. 4
- C. 3.6
- D. 3
- E. 2

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In the figure,  $P$  is the mid-point of  $AB$ .  
 $E$  is a point on  $AC$  such that

$$AE : EC = 2 : 1. \quad \frac{\text{Area of } \triangle BFE}{\text{Area of } \triangle BCE} =$$

- A.  $\frac{1}{2}$
- B.  $\frac{2}{3}$
- C. 1
- D.  $\frac{3}{2}$
- E. 2