

**HKCEE 1990**  
**Mathematics II**

90  $(a^{2n})^3 =$

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- A.  $a^{6n}$   
 B.  $a^{8n}$   
 C.  $a^{2n^3}$   
 D.  $a^{6n^3}$   
 E.  $a^{8n^3}$

- A.  $f(1)$   
 B.  $f(n)$   
 C.  $\frac{n}{2}$   
 D. 1  
 E.  $n$

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

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

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5. If  $2 = 10^p$ ,  $3 = 10^q$ , express  $\log \frac{1}{6}$  in terms of  $p$  and  $q$ .

- A.  $-p - q$   
 B.  $\frac{1}{pq}$   
 C.  $\frac{1}{p+q}$   
 D.  $pq$   
 E.  $p+q$

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3. If  $x = \frac{ab+1}{a-b}$ , then  $b =$

- A.  $\frac{ax-1}{a+x}$   
 B.  $\frac{ax-1}{a-x}$   
 C.  $\frac{1-ax}{a+x}$   
 D.  $\frac{1-ax}{a-x}$   
 E.  $\frac{ax+1}{a-x}$

- A.  $\frac{1}{a-b}$   
 B.  $\frac{a}{1-b}$   
 C.  $\frac{ab}{b-a}$   
 D.  $\frac{a^2}{a+b}$   
 E.  $\frac{a^2}{a-b}$

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4. If  $f(n) = \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$ , then  $f(n+1) - f(n) =$

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7.  $a^3 + 8a^{-3} =$

- A.  $(a - \frac{2}{a})(a^2 + 2 + \frac{4}{a^2})$

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

90 If  $p$  and  $q$  are the roots of the equation  
 8.  $x^2 - x + 3 = 0$ , then  $(2^{p-2})(2^{q-2}) =$

- A.  $\frac{1}{32}$   
 B.  $\frac{1}{8}$   
 C.  $\frac{1}{2}$   
 D. 8  
 E. 32

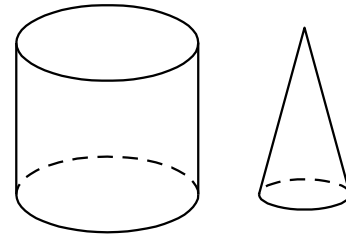
90 If  $a : b = 3 : 4$  and  $b : c = 2 : 5$ , then  
 9.  $a^2 : c^2 =$

- A. 3 : 10  
 B. 9 : 25  
 C. 9 : 100  
 D. 36 : 25  
 E. 36 : 100

90 If 1 U.S. dollar is equivalent to 7.8  
 10. H.K. dollars and 1000 Japanese yen are equivalent to 53.3 H.K. dollars, how many Japanese yen are equivalent to 50 U.S. dollars?

- A. 1463  
 B. 3417  
 C. 7317  
 D. 8315  
 E. 20 787

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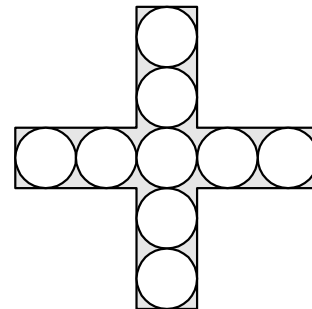
In the figure, the circular cylinder and the circular cone have the same height. The radius of the base of the cylinder is twice that of the cone. If the volume of the cone is  $20 \text{ cm}^3$ , what is the volume of the cylinder?

- A.  $40 \text{ cm}^3$   
 B.  $80 \text{ cm}^3$   
 C.  $120 \text{ cm}^3$   
 D.  $240 \text{ cm}^3$   
 E.  $300 \text{ cm}^3$

90 The length, width and height of a  
 12. cuboid are in the ratios  $3 : 2 : 1$ . If the total surface area of the cuboid is  $88 \text{ cm}^2$ , find its volume.

- A.  $6 \text{ cm}^3$   
 B.  $48 \text{ cm}^3$   
 C.  $48\sqrt{2} \text{ cm}^3$   
 D.  $96\sqrt{2} \text{ cm}^3$   
 E.  $384 \text{ cm}^3$

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In the figure, there are nine circles, each of radius 1. Find the shaded area.

- A.  $9 - 9\pi$   
 B.  $36 - 9\pi$

- C.  $40 - 9\pi$
- D.  $10 - 10\pi$
- E.  $40 - 10\pi$

90 Find the amount (correct to the nearest dollar) of \$10 000 at 12% p.a., compounded monthly, for 2 years.

- A. 10 201
- B. 12 400
- C. 12 544
- D. 12 697
- E. 151 786

90 If a flat is sold for \$720 000, the gain is 15. 20%. Find the percentage loss if the flat is sold for \$540 000.

- A. 5%
- B.  $6\frac{1}{4}\%$
- C. 10%
- D.  $11\frac{1}{9}\%$
- E.  $33\frac{1}{3}\%$

90  $\sin(180^\circ + \theta) + \sin(\theta - 90^\circ) =$   
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- A.  $\sin \theta + \cos \theta$
- B.  $\sin \theta - \cos \theta$
- C.  $\cos \theta - \sin \theta$
- D.  $-\cos \theta - \sin \theta$
- E.  $2\sin \theta$

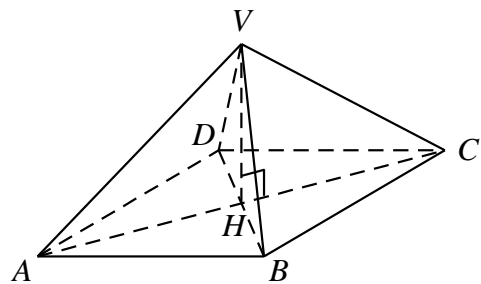
90 If  $0^\circ \leq x < 360^\circ$ , which of the following equations has only one root?  
17.

- A.  $\sin x = 0$
- B.  $\sin x = \frac{1}{2}$
- C.  $\sin x = 2$
- D.  $\cos x = 0$
- E.  $\cos x = -1$

90 If  $\tan \theta = -\frac{4}{3}$  and  $\theta$  lies in the second quadrant, then  $\sin \theta - 2 \cos \theta =$   
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- A. 2
- B. -2
- C.  $\frac{11}{5}$
- D.  $\frac{2}{5}$
- E.  $-\frac{2}{5}$

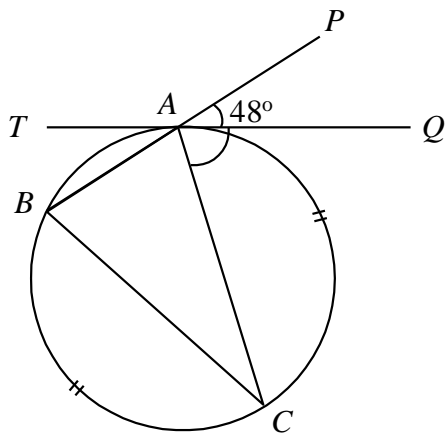
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The figure shows a right pyramid with a square base.  $VAB$ ,  $VBC$ ,  $VCD$  and  $VDA$  are equilateral triangles. Find  $\sin \angle VAH$ .

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

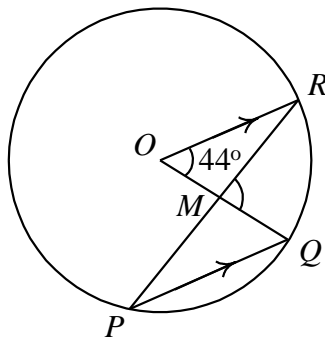
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In the figure,  $TQ$  is the tangent to the circle at  $A$ . If arc  $AC =$  arc  $BC$  and  $\angle PAQ = 48^\circ$ , then  $\angle QAC =$

- A.  $42^\circ$
- B.  $48^\circ$
- C.  $66^\circ$
- D.  $71^\circ$
- E.  $84^\circ$

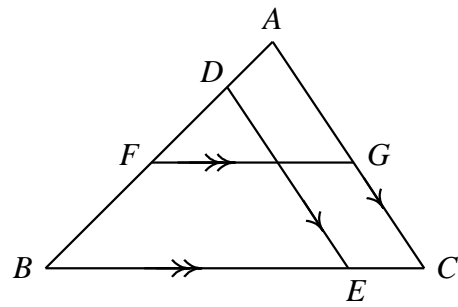
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In the figure,  $O$  is the centre of the circle. If  $OR \parallel PQ$  and  $\angle ROQ = 42^\circ$ , find  $\angle RMQ$ .

- A.  $21^\circ$
- B.  $42^\circ$
- C.  $63^\circ$
- D.  $84^\circ$
- E.  $126^\circ$

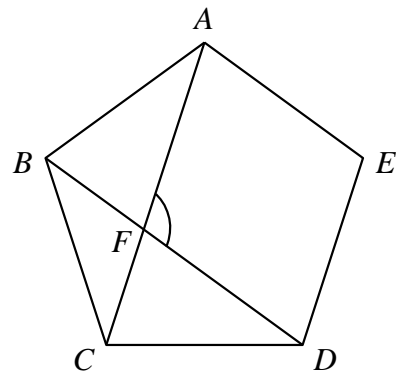
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In the figure,  $AC \parallel DE$ ,  $FG \parallel BC$  and  $AD : DF : FB = 1 : 2 : 3$ . If  $BE = 10$ , find  $FG$ .

- A. 5
- B. 6
- C. 8
- D. 9
- E. 10

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In the figure,  $ABCDE$  is a regular pentagon. Find  $\angle AFD$ .

- A.  $120^\circ$
- B.  $112^\circ$
- C.  $110^\circ$
- D.  $108^\circ$
- E.  $100^\circ$

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24. If the mean of the numbers 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6,  $x$  is also  $x$ , which of the following is/are true?

- I. Mean = Median
- II. Mode = Range
- III. Median = Mode

- A. I and II only

- B. I and III only
- C. II and III only
- D. None of them
- E. All of them

90 Ten years ago, the mean age of a band of 11 musicians was 30. One of them is now leaving the band at the age of 40. What is the present mean age of the remaining 10 musician?

- A. 40
- B. 39
- C. 37
- D. 30
- E. 29

90 There are 7 bags, 3 of which are empty and the remaining 4 each contains a ball. An additional ball is now put into one of the bags at random. After that a bag is randomly selected. Find the probability of selecting an empty bag.

- A.  $\frac{2}{7}$
- B.  $\frac{3}{7}$
- C.  $\frac{6}{49}$
- D.  $\frac{12}{49}$
- E.  $\frac{18}{49}$

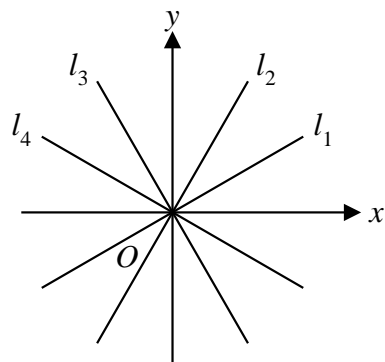
90  $ABCD$  is a line segment.  $AB : BC : CD = 3 : 2 : 1$ . If  $A = (4, 5)$ ,  $D = (10, 11)$ , find  $C$ .

- A. (5, 6)
- B. (6, 7)
- C. (7, 8)
- D. (8, 9)
- E. (9, 10)

90 28. If the line  $y = mx + b$  and  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$  are perpendicular, find  $m$ .

- A.  $\frac{a}{b}$
- B.  $\frac{b}{a}$
- C.  $ab$
- D.  $-\frac{a}{b}$
- E.  $-\frac{b}{a}$

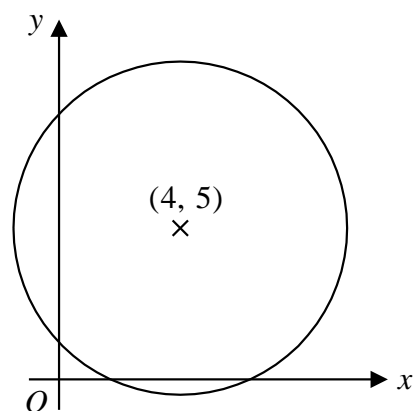
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In the figure, the slopes of the straight lines  $l_1, l_2, l_3,$  and  $l_4$  are  $m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4$  respectively. Which of the following is true?

- A.  $m_1 > m_2 > m_3 > m_4$
- B.  $m_2 > m_1 > m_3 > m_4$
- C.  $m_1 > m_2 > m_4 > m_3$
- D.  $m_2 > m_1 > m_4 > m_3$
- E.  $m_4 > m_3 > m_2 > m_1$

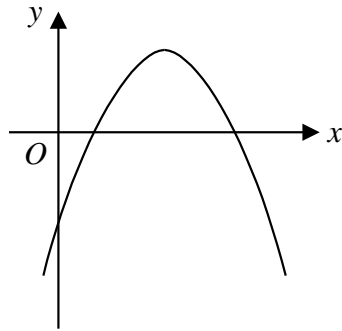
90 30.



In the figure, a circle cuts the  $x$ -axis at two points 6 units apart. If the circle has centre  $(4, 5)$ , then its equation is

- A.  $(x - 4)^2 + (y - 5)^2 = 25$
- B.  $(x - 4)^2 + (y - 5)^2 = 34$
- C.  $(x - 4)^2 + (y - 5)^2 = 52$
- D.  $(x + 4)^2 + (y + 5)^2 = 34$
- E.  $(x + 4)^2 + (y + 5)^2 = 25$

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The graph of  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$  is given as shown. Which of the following is/are true?

- I.  $a < 0$
  - II.  $b < 0$
  - III.  $c < 0$
- A. I only
  - B. I and II only
  - C. I and III only
  - D. II and III only
  - E. I, II and III only

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$x$	Sign of $f(x)$
1.22	+
1.23	+
1.24	+
1.25	-
1.245	+

From the table, a root of the equation  $f(x) = 0$  must be

- A. 1.20, correct to 2 decimal places
- B. 1.24, correct to 2 decimal places
- C. 1.25, correct to 2 decimal places

- D. 1.245, correct to 3 decimal places
- E. 1.2475, correct to 4 decimal places

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$$\frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{4} + \sqrt{5}} =$$

- A.  $\frac{1}{1 - \sqrt{5}}$
- B.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5} - 1}$
- C.  $1 + \sqrt{5}$
- D.  $1 - \sqrt{5}$
- E.  $-1 + \sqrt{5}$

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34. Let  $f(x) = 3x^3 - 4x + k$ . If  $f(x)$  is divisible by  $x - k$ , find the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x + k$ .

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

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35. Let  $m$  be a constant. Find the value of  $x$  such that 
$$\begin{cases} x^2 + x + 1 = m \\ x - 1 = \frac{26}{m} \end{cases}$$

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
- E. 5

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36. If  $a < b < 0$ , which of the following must be true?

- A.  $-a < -b$
- B.  $\frac{a}{b} < 1$
- C.  $a^2 < b^2$
- D.  $10^a < 10^b$

E.  $a^{-1} < b^{-1}$

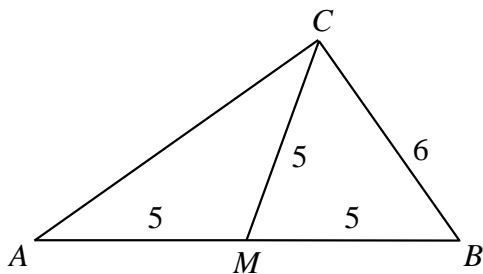
90 The H.C.F. and L.C.M. of three expressions are  $xyz^2$  and  $x^3y^5z^4$  respectively. If two of the expressions are  $x^2y^3z^3$  and  $x^3yz^2$ , find the third expression.

- A.  $x^2y^3z^3$
- B.  $x^2y^5z^3$
- C.  $xy^3z^3$
- D.  $xy^5z^4$
- E.  $xy^3z^4$

90 Let  $a, x_1, x_2, b$  and  $a, y_1, y_2, y_3, b$  be two arithmetic progressions.  $\frac{x_2 - x_1}{y_3 - y_2} =$

- A.  $\frac{3}{4}$
- B.  $\frac{4}{3}$
- C. 1
- D.  $\frac{4}{5}$
- E.  $\frac{5}{4}$

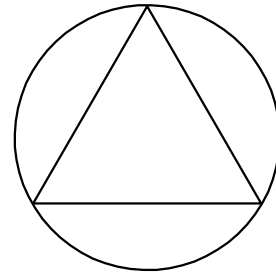
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In the figure,  $AM = MB = MC = 5$  and  $BC = 6$ . The area of triangle  $ABC =$

- A. 12
- B. 16
- C. 24
- D. 30
- E. 48

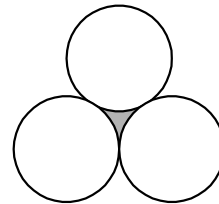
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In the figure, an equilateral triangle is inscribed in a circle of radius 1. The circumference of the circle is greater than the perimeter of the triangle by

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

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Three equal circles of radii 1 touch each other as shown in the figure.

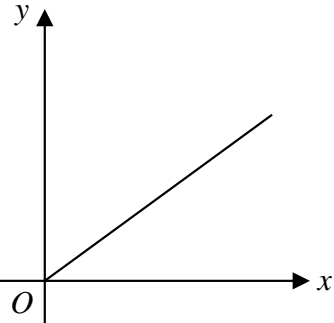
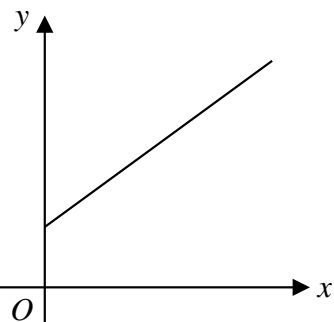
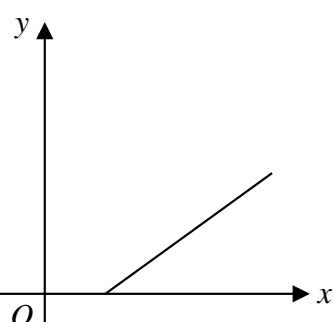
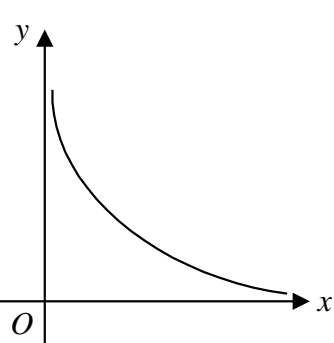
- A.  $1 - \frac{\pi}{2}$
- B.  $\sqrt{3} - \frac{\pi}{2}$
- C.  $2\sqrt{3} - \frac{\pi}{2}$
- D.  $\sqrt{3} - \frac{\pi}{6}$
- E.  $2\sqrt{3} - \frac{\pi}{6}$

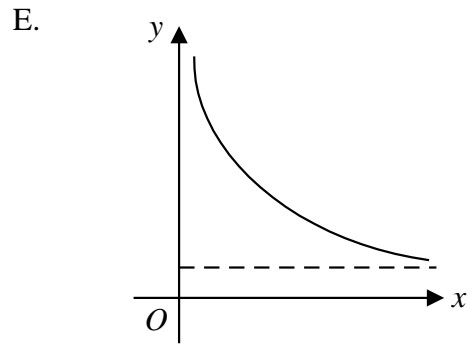
90 If  $A$  is 30% greater than  $B$  and  $B$  is 30% less than  $C$ , then

- A.  $A$  is 9% less than  $C$

- B.  $C$  is 9% less than  $A$
- C.  $A = C$
- D.  $A$  is 9% greater than  $C$
- E.  $C$  is 9% greater than  $A$

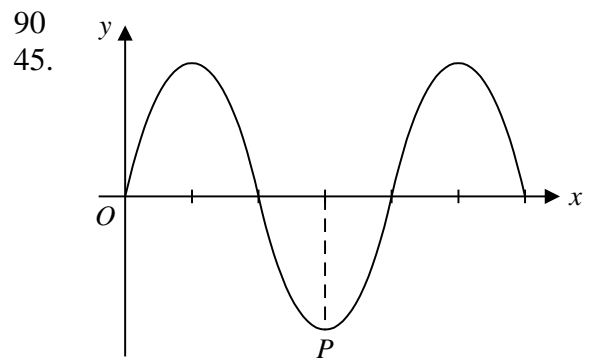
90 Which of the following graphs shows that  $y$  is partly constant and partly varies inversely as  $x$ ?

- A. 
- B. 
- C. 
- D. 



90 If  $\sin \theta$  and  $\cos \theta$  are the roots of the equation  $x^2 + k = 0$ , then  $k =$

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

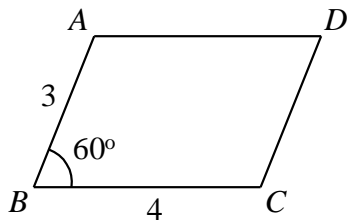


The figure shows the graph of  $y = 3 \sin 2x$ . The point  $P$  is

- A.  $(\frac{4\pi}{3}, -3)$
- B.  $(\frac{3\pi}{4}, -3)$
- C.  $(\frac{4\pi}{3}, -1)$
- D.  $(\frac{3\pi}{4}, -1)$
- E.  $(\frac{3\pi}{2}, -1)$



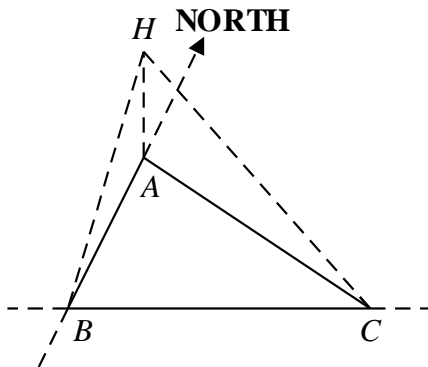
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In the figure,  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram.  
 $BD =$

- A. 5
- B. 7
- C.  $\sqrt{13}$
- D.  $\sqrt{27}$
- E.  $\sqrt{37}$

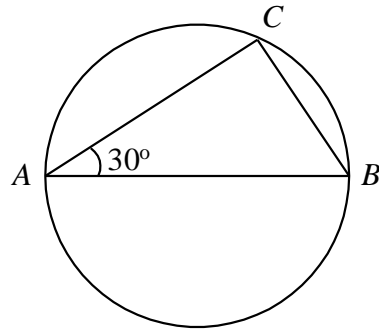
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In the figure,  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are three points on the same horizontal plane.  $A$  is due north of  $B$ ,  $C$  is due east of  $B$  and  $H$  is a point vertically above  $A$ . Which of the following angles is/are  $90^\circ$ ?

- I.  $\angle HAC$
  - II.  $\angle ABC$
  - III.  $\angle HBC$
- A. I only
  - B. II only
  - C. I and II only
  - D. I and III only
  - E. I, II and III

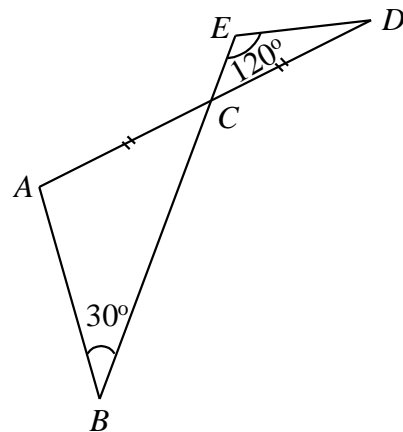
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In the figure,  $AB$  is a diameter and  $\angle BAC = 30^\circ$ . If the area of  $\triangle ABC$  is  $\sqrt{3}$ , then the radius of the circle is

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

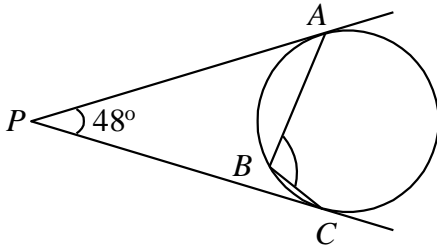
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In the figure,  $AC = CD$ ,  $\angle ABC = 30^\circ$  and  $\angle CED = 120^\circ$ .  $\frac{AB}{DE} =$

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

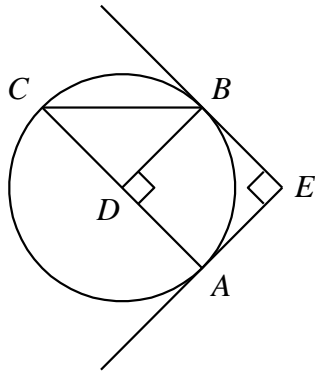
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In the figure,  $PA$  and  $PC$  are tangents to the circle  $ABC$ . If  $\angle P = 48^\circ$ , then  $\angle ABC =$

- A.  $84^\circ$
- B.  $96^\circ$
- C.  $106^\circ$
- D.  $114^\circ$
- E.  $132^\circ$

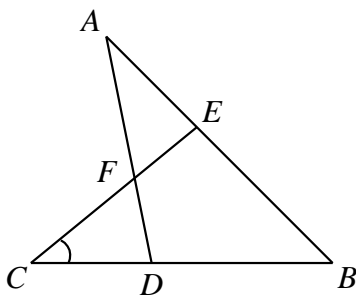
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In the figure,  $TA$  and  $TB$  are tangents to the circle  $ABC$ . If  $TA \perp TB$  and  $BD \perp AC$ , find  $\angle CBD$ .

- A.  $30^\circ$
- B.  $40^\circ$
- C.  $45^\circ$
- D.  $50^\circ$
- E.  $60^\circ$

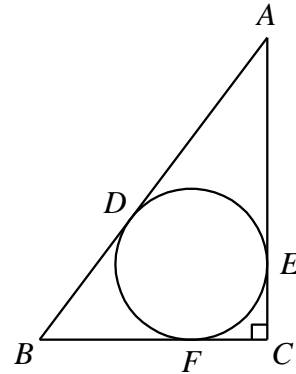
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In the figure, if  $CD = CF$ ,  $CE = BE$  and  $DA = DB$ , then  $\angle C =$

- A.  $30^\circ$
- B.  $36^\circ$
- C.  $40^\circ$
- D.  $45^\circ$
- E.  $60^\circ$

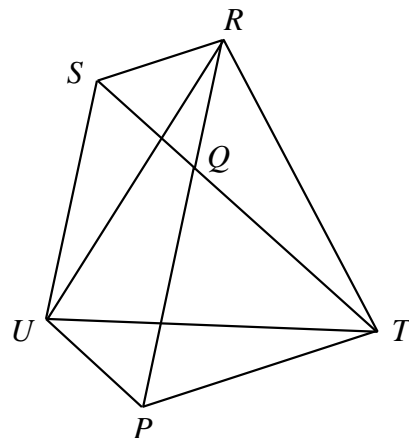
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In the figure  $AB$ ,  $AC$  and  $BC$  are three tangents touching the circle at  $D$ ,  $E$  and  $F$  respectively. If  $AC = 24$ ,  $BC = 18$  and  $\angle ACB = 90^\circ$ , find the radius of the circle.

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 6
- E. 7

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54.



In the figure,  $\triangle PTQ$ ,  $\triangle SQR$  and  $\triangle RUT$  are equilateral triangles. Which of the following is/are true?

- I.  $\triangle UPT \cong \triangle RQT$
  - II.  $PU = QS$
  - III.  $PQSU$  is a parallelogram
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- A. All of them
  - B. None of them
  - C. I and II only
  - D. I and III only
  - E. II and III only