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Similar Triangles

and other 2D shapes

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Questions

Q1.

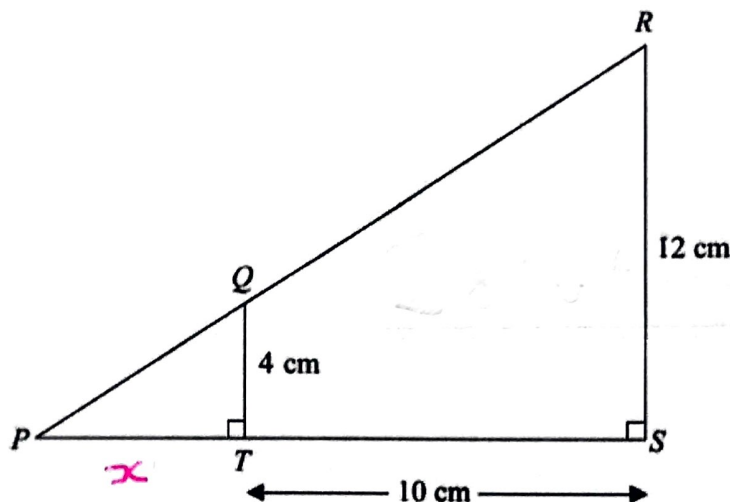


Diagram NOT
accurately drawn

PQ and PT are straight lines.

Angle $PTQ = \text{Angle } PSR = 90^\circ$

$QT = 4 \text{ cm}$

$RS = 12 \text{ cm}$

$TS = 10 \text{ cm}$

(a) Work out the area of the trapezium $QRST$.

$$A = \frac{(a+b)h}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(4+12) \times 10}{2}$$

..... 80 cm^2

(2)

(b) Work out the length of PT .

Let $PT = x$

Δ s PQT are similar
 PRS

Ratio of corresponding sides = $12:4$
= $3:1$

$$x = (x+10) \times \frac{1}{3}$$

$$3x = x + 10$$

$$3x - x = 10$$

$$2x = 10$$

$$x = \frac{10}{2}$$

$$x = 5$$

..... 5 cm

(3)

(Total for Question is 5 marks)

Q2.

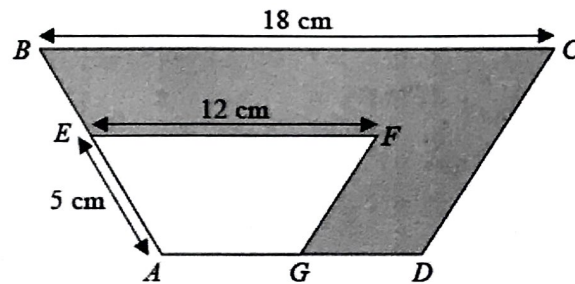


Diagram NOT accurately drawn

$ABCD$ and $AEFG$ are mathematically similar trapeziums.

$AE = 5 \text{ cm}$

$EF = 12 \text{ cm}$

$BC = 18 \text{ cm}$

$$\text{Ratio of corresponding sides} = 18:12 = 3:2$$

$$AB = 5 \times \frac{3}{2} = \frac{15}{2} = 7.5$$

(a) Work out the length of AB .

..... 7.5 cm

(2)

Trapezium $AEFG$ has an area of 36 cm^2 .

(b) Work out the area of the shaded region.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{large trapezium area} &= 36 \times \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 \\ &= 36 \times \frac{9}{4} \\ &= 81 \text{ cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

..... 45 cm²

(3)

(Total for Question is 5 marks)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Shaded Region} &= 81 - 36 \\ &= 45 \text{ cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Q3.

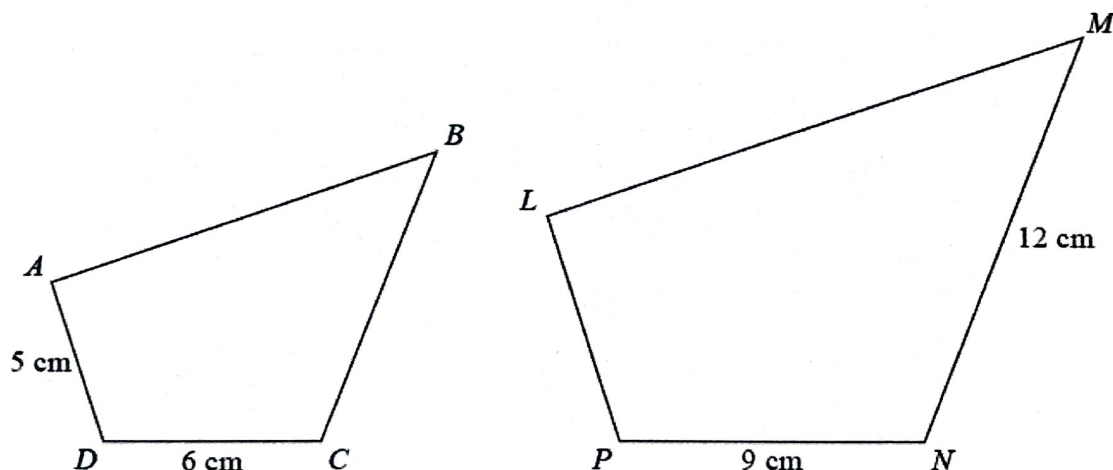


Diagram NOT accurately drawn

Quadrilaterals $ABCD$ and $LMNP$ are mathematically similar.

Angle A = angle L
 Angle B = angle M
 Angle C = angle N
 Angle D = angle P

Ratio of corresponding sides
 = 6 : 4
 = 3 : 2

(a) Work out the length of LP.

$$LP = 5 \times \frac{3}{2} = \frac{15}{2} = 7.5$$

..... 7.5 cm

(2)

(b) Work out the length of BC.

$$BC = 12 \times \frac{2}{3} = 8$$

..... 8 cm

(2)

(Total for Question is 4 marks)

Q4.

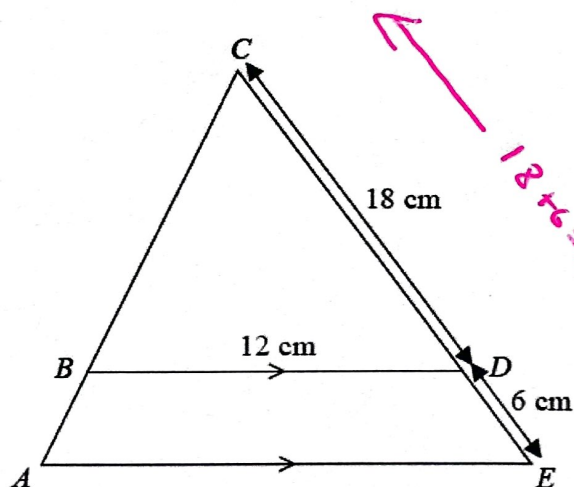


Diagram NOT
 accurately drawn

$\Delta s CBD$ similar
 CAE
 side ratio
 $18 : 24$
 $= 3 : 4$

ABC and CDE are straight lines.

BD and AE are parallel.

BD = 12 cm, CD = 18 cm, DE = 6 cm.

Work out the length of AE.

$$AE = 12 \times \frac{4}{3} = 16$$

..... 16 cm

(Total for question = 2 marks)

Q5.

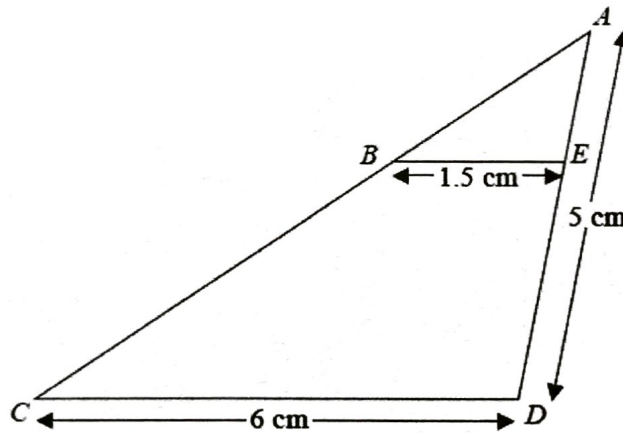


Diagram NOT
accurately drawn

Δs ABE similar
ACD

side ratio $1.5 : 6$
 $= 1 : 4$

ABC and AED are straight lines.
BE and CD are parallel.
BE = 1.5 cm.
CD = 6 cm.
AD = 5 cm.

$$AE = 5 \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{5}{4} = 1.25$$

$$ED = AD - AE = 5 - 1.25$$

Calculate the length of ED.

3.75

..... cm

(Total for question = 3 marks)

Q6.

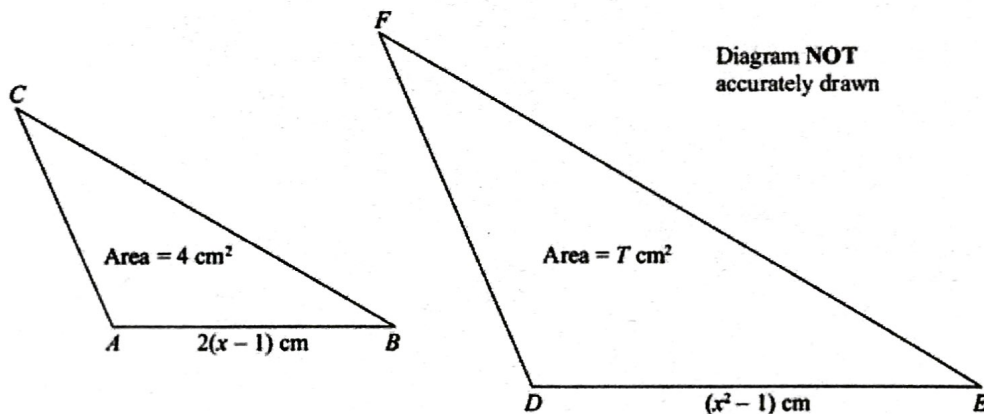


Diagram NOT
accurately drawn

Triangles ABC and DEF are mathematically similar.

The base, AB, of triangle ABC has length $2(x-1)$ cm
The base, DE, of triangle DEF has length (x^2-1) cm

The area of triangle ABC is 4 cm^2
The area of triangle DEF is $T \text{ cm}^2$

Prove that

$$T = x^2 + 2x + 1$$

$\Delta s \begin{matrix} ABC \\ DEF \end{matrix}$ similar

$$\begin{aligned} \text{side ratio} &= 2(x-1) : (x^2-1) \\ &= 2(x-1) : (x+1)(x-1) \\ &= 2 : (x+1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area ratio} &= 2^2 : (x+1)^2 \\ &= 4 : (x+1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Large Area } T = \text{small area} \times \frac{(x+1)^2}{4}$$

$$T = 4 \times \frac{(x+1)^2}{4}$$

$$T = (x+1)^2 = x^2 + 2x + 1$$

(Total for Question is 4 marks)

Q7.

ABC is a triangle.

$\Delta s \begin{matrix} ADE \\ ABC \end{matrix}$ similar
Side Ratio $4 : 10$
 $= 2 : 5$

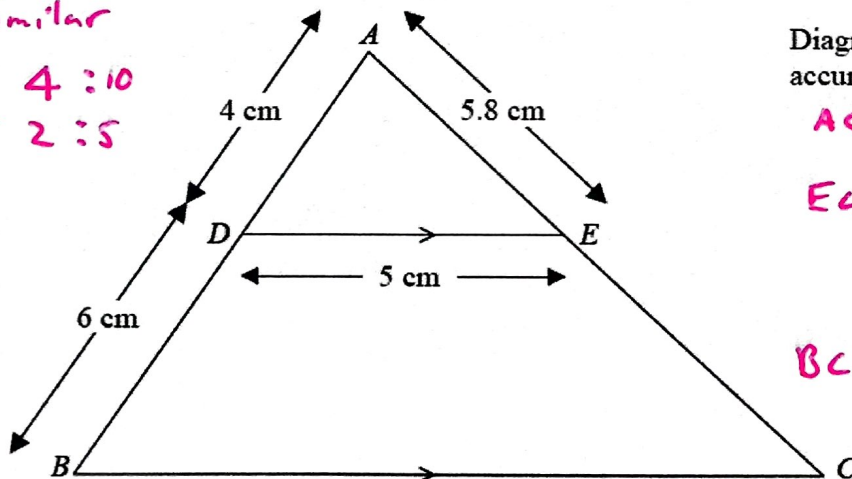


Diagram NOT
accurately drawn

$$AC = 5.8 \times \frac{5}{2} = 14.5 \text{ cm}$$

$$\begin{aligned} EC &= AC - AE \\ &= 14.5 - 5.8 = 8.7 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

$$BC = 5 \times \frac{5}{2} = 12.5 \text{ cm}$$

D is a point on AB and E is a point on AC.

DE is parallel to BC.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Perimeter of Trapezium} \\ &= 6 + 5 + 8.7 + 12.5 = 32.2 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

$AD = 4 \text{ cm}$, $DB = 6 \text{ cm}$, $DE = 5 \text{ cm}$, $AE = 5.8 \text{ cm}$.

Calculate the perimeter of the trapezium $DBCE$.

32.2

..... cm

(Total for Question is 4 marks)

Q8.

Steve has a photo and a rectangular piece of card.

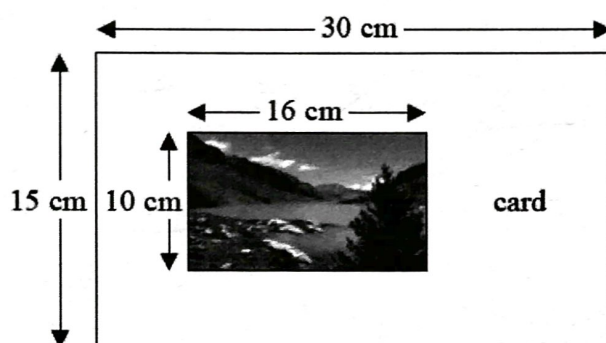
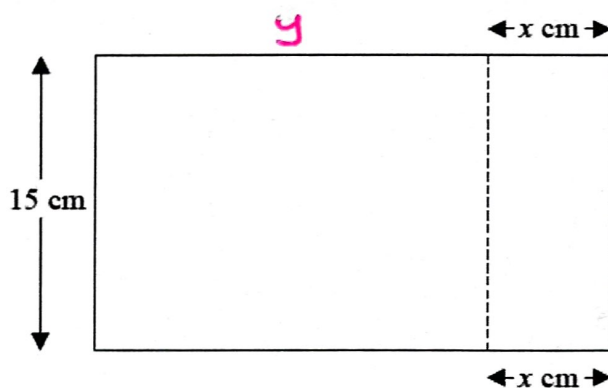


Diagram NOT
accurately drawn

The photo is 16 cm by 10 cm.
The card is 30 cm by 15 cm.

side ratio of photo and card left over
 $= 10:15 = 2:3$

Steve cuts the card along the dotted line shown in the diagram below.



$$y = 16 \times \frac{3}{2}$$

$$y = 24 \text{ cm}$$

$$x = 30 - y$$

$$x = 30 - 24$$

Steve throws away the piece of card that is 15 cm by x cm.
The piece of card he has left is mathematically similar to the photo.

Work out the value of x .

$$x = 6 \text{ cm}$$

(Total for Question is 3 marks)