Pythagoras' Theorem (H & F)

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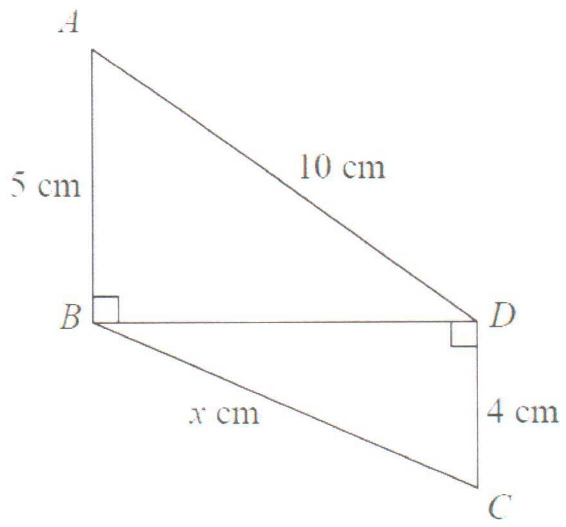
1. Triangles ABD and BCD are right-angled triangles.



Work out the value of x.

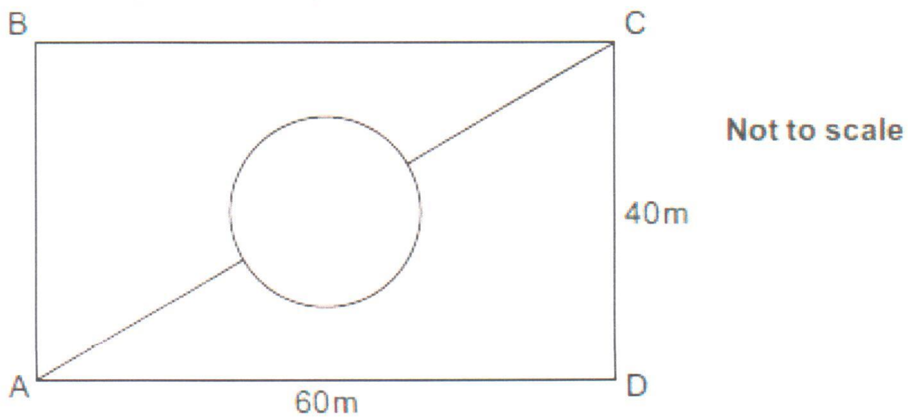
Give your answer correct to 2 decimal places.

$BD = \sqrt{10^2 - 5^2}$
$= 5\sqrt{3}$

$BC = \sqrt{5\sqrt{3}^2 + 4^2}$
$= 9.539392014$

9.54 .... [4]

2. The rectangle ABCD represents a park.



The lines show all the paths in the park.

The circular path is in the centre of the rectangle and has a diameter of 10m.

Calculate the shortest distance from A to C across the park, using only the paths shown.

$A \to D \to C = 60m + 40m$
$= 100m$

$A \to C$ via circle

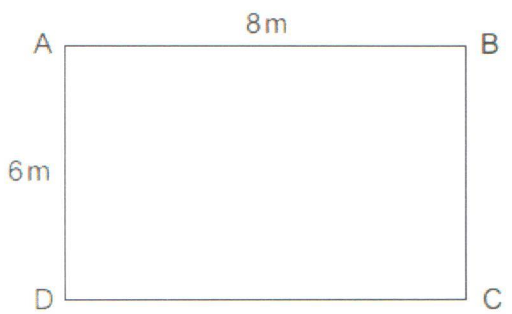
$\frac{\pi \times 10}{2} = 5\pi$

$AC^2 = 60^2 + 40^2$
$AC = 20\sqrt{13}$

So $20\sqrt{13} - 10 + 5\pi$
$= 77.8$

77.8m .... m [6]

3. ABCD is a rectangle.



Not to scale

(a) Sunita calculates the length of AC, but gets it wrong.

$$8^2 - 6^2 = AC^2$$
$$\sqrt{28} = AC$$
$$\sqrt{28} = 5.29 \text{ or } {}^{-}5.29$$
$$AC = 5.29$$

Explain what Sunita has done wrong. She has subtracted $8^2 - 6^2$ should have added $8^2 + 6^2$

[1]

(b) Calculate the length of AC.

$AC = \sqrt{8^2 + 6^2} = 10$

10 .... m [2]

4. A triangle has sides of length 23.8 cm, 31.2 cm and 39.6 cm.

Is this a right-angled triangle?

Show how you decide.

y a right angled triangle

$23.8^2 + 31.2^2 = 39.6^2$

$23.8^2 + 31.2^2 = 1539.88$

$39.6^2 = 1568.16$ $\therefore$ it is not a right angled triangle

[4]

5. Triangle ABC has perimeter 20 cm.

AB = 7 cm.

BC = 4 cm.

By calculation, deduce whether triangle ABC is a right-angled triangle.

4 9 7

$\sqrt{7^2+4^2} = \sqrt{65}$

$9 \neq \sqrt{65}$ $\therefore$ it is not a right angled triangle

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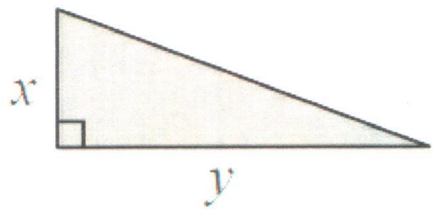
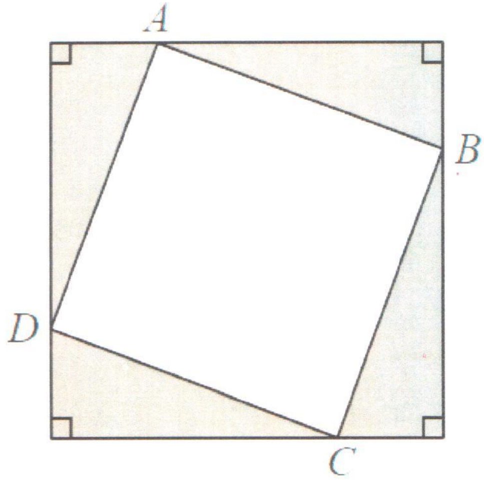
6. Here is a right-angled triangle.



Four of these triangles are joined to enclose the square ABCD as shown below.



Show that the area of the square ABCD is $x^2 + y^2$

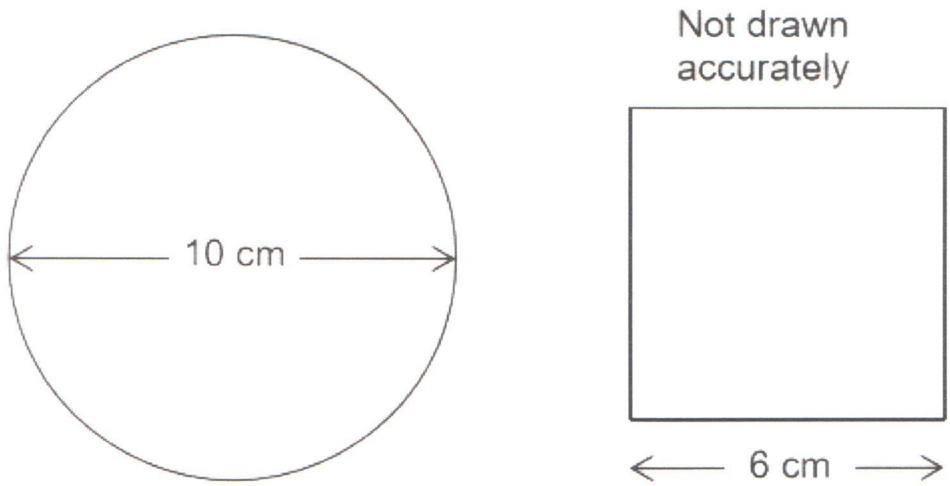
$AD = \sqrt{x^2+y}\,2$

area $ABCD = \sqrt{x^2+y^2} \times \sqrt{x^2+y^2} = x^2+y^2$

[3]

7. A circle has diameter 10 cm

A square has side length 6 cm



Use Pythagoras' theorem to show that the square will fit inside the circle without touching the edge of the circle.

Length of diagonal of square $= \sqrt{6^2+6^2}$
$= 8.5cm$ (1dp)

[3]

$\therefore$ square will fit into circle