

GCSE Mathematics

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Similar Shapes

GCSE Maths Practice

Total Marks	Time	Questions
45	45 min	20

Instructions:

- Do not use a calculator when you see: 
- Answer all questions in the spaces provided.
- Show all your working - marks are awarded for method as well as final answers.
- Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Edexcel-style questions

Q1 

Grade 6

Edexcel style

Triangle ABC is similar to triangle DEF. $AB = 5$ cm, $BC = 7$ cm, $CA = 9$ cm, $DE = 15$ cm, $EF = 21$ cm, as shown. Find the length FD.

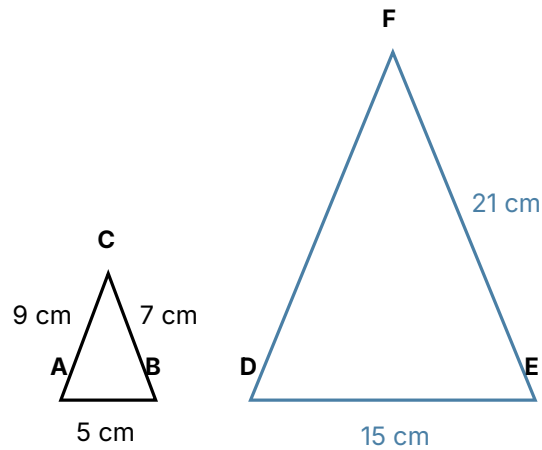


Diagram NOT accurately drawn

Answer _____

Q2

Grade 6

Edexcel style

In triangle ABE, DC is parallel to BE, with D on AB and C on AE. AD = 4 cm, AB = 6 cm, and DC = 6 cm, as shown. Find the length BE.

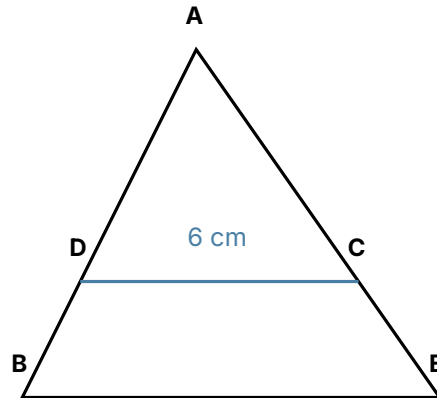


Diagram NOT accurately drawn

Answer _____

Q3

Grade 6

Edexcel style

Two similar triangles, ABC and DEF, have a linear scale factor of 3 ($DE = 3 \times AB$), as shown. The area of triangle ABC is 20 cm^2 . Find the area of triangle DEF.

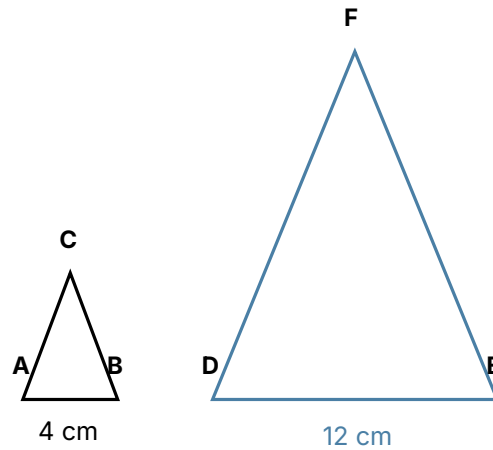


Diagram NOT accurately drawn

Answer _____

teachably

[2 marks]

Q4

Grade 7

Edexcel style

Two similar solids have a linear scale factor of 2 (corresponding lengths 4 cm and 8 cm). The volume of the smaller solid is 30 cm^3 . Find the volume of the larger solid.

Answer _____

teachably

[2 marks]

Q5

Grade 7

Edexcel style

A person 1.8 m tall casts a shadow 2.4 m long. At the same time, a nearby tree casts a shadow 10 m long. Assuming the sun's rays are parallel (so the person and the tree form similar triangles with their shadows), find the height of the tree.

Answer _____

teachably

[2 marks]

AQA-style questions

Q6 

Grade 6

AQA style

Triangle ABC is similar to triangle DEF. $AB = 4$ cm, $BC = 6$ cm, $DE = 10$ cm, $EF = 15$ cm, $FD = 20$ cm, as shown. Find the length CA.

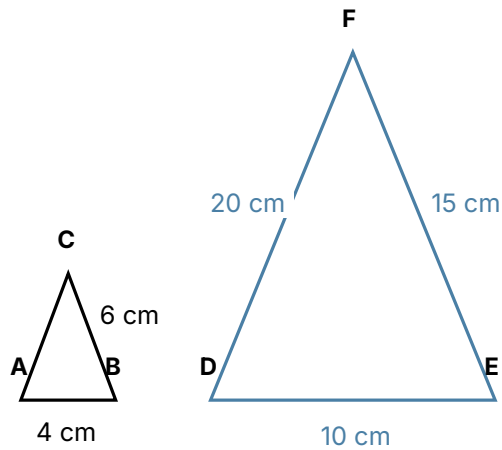


Diagram NOT accurately drawn

Answer _____

Q7

Grade 6

AQA style

In triangle ABE, DC is parallel to BE, with D on AB and C on AE. AD = 3 cm, AB = 9 cm, and DC = 4 cm, as shown. Find the length BE.

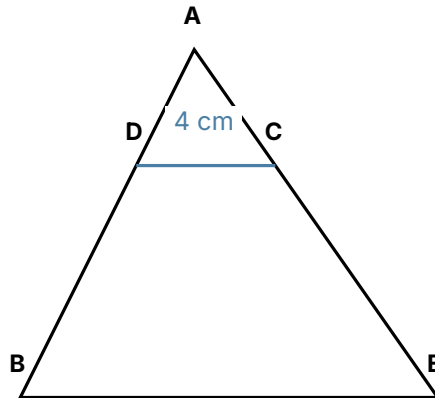


Diagram NOT accurately drawn

Answer _____

Q8

Grade 6

AQA style

Two similar triangles, ABC and DEF, have a linear scale factor of 2 ($DE = 2 \times AB$), as shown. The area of triangle DEF is 100 cm^2 . Find the area of triangle ABC.

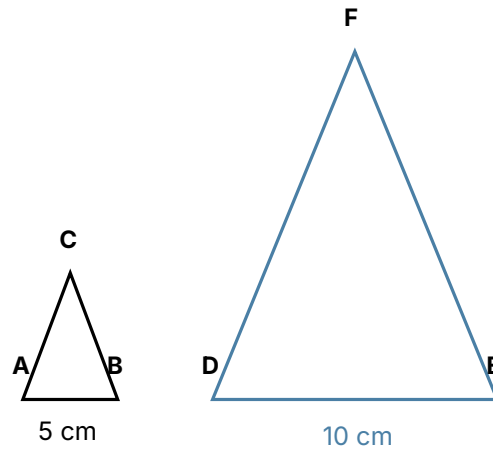


Diagram NOT accurately drawn

Answer _____

teachably

[2 marks]**Q9**

Grade 7

AQA style

Two similar solids have volumes of 27 cm^3 and 216 cm^3 . Find the linear scale factor between them.

Answer _____

teachably

[2 marks]

Q10

Grade 7

AQA style

Two similar bottles have surface areas in the ratio 4 : 9. Find the ratio of their volumes.

Answer

teachably

[2 marks]

OCR-style questions

Q11 

Grade 6

OCR style

Triangle DEF is similar to triangle ABC. $DE = 12$ cm, $EF = 18$ cm, $FD = 24$ cm, $AB = 4$ cm, $CA = 8$ cm, as shown. Find the length BC.

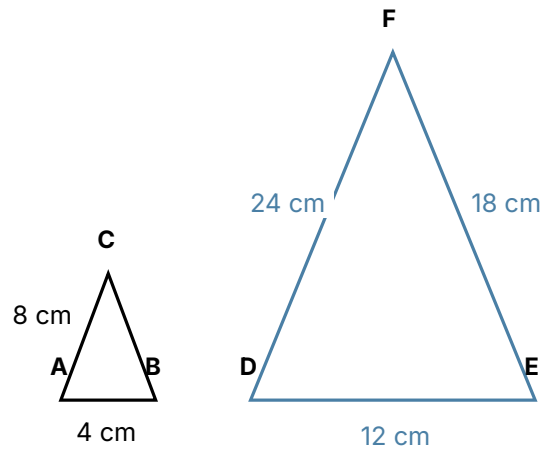


Diagram NOT accurately drawn

Answer _____

Q12

Grade 6

OCR style

In triangle ABE, DC is parallel to BE, with D on AB and C on AE. AD = 5 cm, AB = 8 cm, and BE = 16 cm, as shown. Find the length DC.

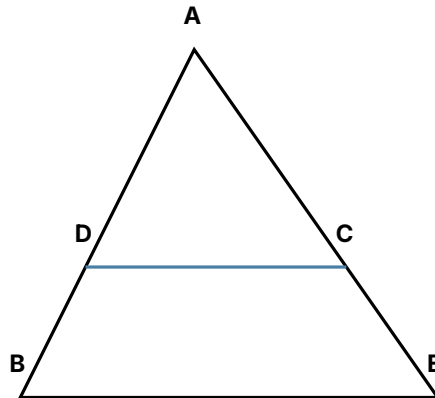


Diagram NOT accurately drawn

Answer _____

teachably

[2 marks]

Q13

Grade 7

OCR style

Two similar shapes have areas of 8 cm^2 and 72 cm^2 . Find the linear scale factor between them.

Answer _____

teachably

[2 marks]

Q14

Grade 7

OCR style

Two similar solids have a linear scale factor of 3 (corresponding lengths 3 cm and 9 cm). The volume of the larger solid is 270 cm^3 . Find the volume of the smaller solid.

Answer

teachably

[2 marks]**Q15**

Grade 7

OCR style

A scale model of a building is built at a scale of 1 : 20. It costs \$50 to paint the model. Assuming paint cost is proportional to surface area, find the cost to paint the actual building.

Answer

teachably

[3 marks]

Teachably-style questions

Q16 

Grade 6

Teachably style

Triangle ABC is similar to triangle DEF. $AB = 3$ cm, $BC = 5$ cm, $CA = 7$ cm, $EF = 10$ cm, $FD = 14$ cm, as shown. Find the length DE.

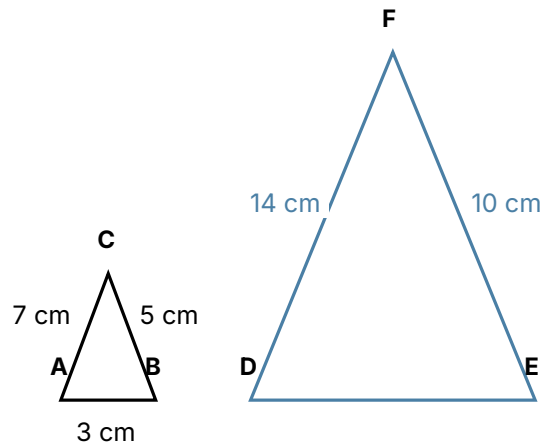


Diagram NOT accurately drawn

Answer _____

teachably

[2 marks]

Q17

Grade 7

Teachably style

In triangle ABE, DC is parallel to BE, with D on AB and C on AE. AD = 6 cm, AB = 9 cm, and BE = 15 cm, as shown. Find the length DC.

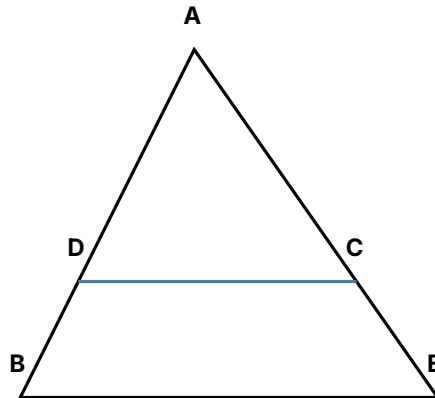


Diagram NOT accurately drawn

Answer _____

teachably

[2 marks]**Q18**

Grade 7

Teachably style

Two similar shapes have areas of 16 cm^2 and 144 cm^2 . A side of the smaller shape is 5 cm. Find the length of the corresponding side on the larger shape.

Answer _____

teachably

[3 marks]

Q19

Grade 7

Teachably style

Two similar solids have volumes of 5 cm^3 and 135 cm^3 . The smaller solid has a height of 2 cm. Find the height of the larger solid.

Answer _____

teachably

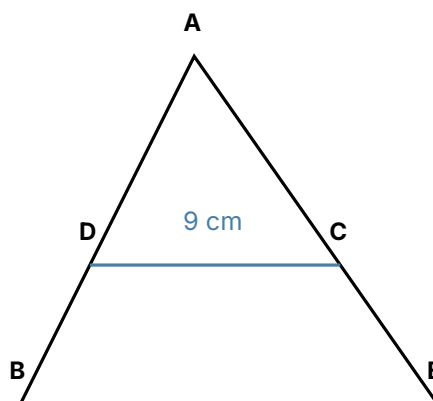
[3 marks]

Q20

Grade 7

Teachably style

In triangle ABE, DC is parallel to BE, with D on AB and C on AE. AD = 6 cm, AB = 10 cm, DC = 9 cm, and the area of triangle ADC is 32.4 cm^2 , as shown. Find (a) the length of BE, and (b) the area of triangle ABE.

*Diagram NOT accurately drawn*

Answer _____

teachably

[4 marks]

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