

ICSE Class 10 Maths Mock Sample Paper 4 with Solutions

SECTION A

Attempt all questions from this section.

Question 1

(a) Without using trigonometry tables, prove that $\sin 37^\circ \cos 53^\circ + \cos 37^\circ \sin 53^\circ = 1$. [3]

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \sin 37^\circ \cos 53^\circ + \cos 37^\circ \sin 53^\circ \\ &= \sin 37^\circ \cos (90^\circ - 37^\circ) + \cos 37^\circ \sin (90^\circ - 37^\circ) \\ &= \sin 37^\circ \sin 37^\circ + \cos 37^\circ \cos 37^\circ \\ &= \sin^2 37^\circ + \cos^2 37^\circ \\ &= 1 \\ &= \text{RHS} \end{aligned}$$

Hence proved.

(b) Find the mean proportional between $(7 + \sqrt{3})$ and $(7 - \sqrt{3})$. [3]

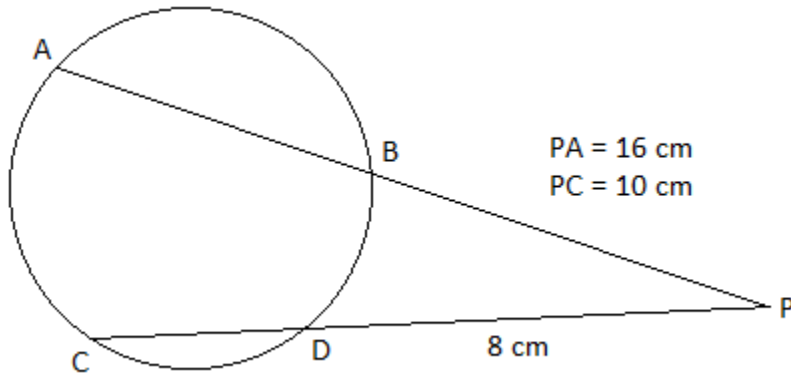
Solution:

Let x be the mean proportional between $(7 + \sqrt{3})$ and $(7 - \sqrt{3})$.
i.e. $(7 + \sqrt{3}) : x = x : (7 - \sqrt{3})$
 $(x)(x) = (7 + \sqrt{3})(7 - \sqrt{3})$
 $x^2 = (7)^2 - (\sqrt{3})^2$
 $x^2 = 49 - 3$
 $x^2 = 46$
 $x = \sqrt{46}$

(c) AB and CD are two chords of a circle intersecting at a point P outside the circle when produced, such that PA = 16 cm, PC = 10 cm, and PD = 8 cm. Find AB. [4]

Solution:

Given,
Two chords AB and CD meet at P when produced.



$$PA \times PB = PC \times PD$$

$$16 \times PB = 10 \times 8$$

$$PB = 80/16$$

$$PB = 5 \text{ cm}$$

Now,

$$PA = AB + PB$$

$$16 = AB + 5$$

$$AB = 16 - 5$$

$$AB = 11 \text{ cm.}$$

Question 2

(a) The common factor of $2x^2 + 5x + k$ and $2x^2 + 3x + 1$ is $(2x - 1)$. Find the values of k and l . [3]

Solution:

$$\text{Let } f(x) = 2x^2 + 5x + k \text{ and } p(x) = 2x^2 + 3x + 1$$

Given that, $(2x - 1)$ is the factor of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$.

$$\text{Thus, } f(1/2) = 0 \text{ and } p(1/2) = 0$$

Now,

$$f(1/2) = 0$$

$$2(1/2)^2 + 5(1/2) + k = 0$$

$$2(1/4) + (5/2) + k = 0$$

$$(1/2) + (5/2) + k = 0$$

$$(6/2) + k = 0$$

$$3 + k = 0$$

$$k = -3$$

And

$$p(1/2) = 0$$

$$2(1/2)^2 + 3(1/2) + 1 = 0$$

$$2(1/4) + (3/2) + 1 = 0$$

$$(1/2) + (3/2) + 1 = 0$$

$$(4/2) + 1 = 0$$

$$2 + 1 = 0$$

$$l = -2$$

Therefore, $k = -3$ and $l = -2$.

(b)

If $A = \begin{bmatrix} ab & b^2 \\ -a^2 & -ab \end{bmatrix}$, show that $A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

[3]

Solution:

Given,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} ab & b^2 \\ -a^2 & -ab \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^2 = A.A$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{bmatrix} ab & b^2 \\ -a^2 & -ab \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} ab & b^2 \\ -a^2 & -ab \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a^2b^2 - a^2b^2 & ab^3 - ab^3 \\ -a^3b + a^3b & -a^2b^2 + a^2b^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(c) Solve $7 \leq 4x + 2 \leq 12$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Graph the solution set on the number line.

[4]

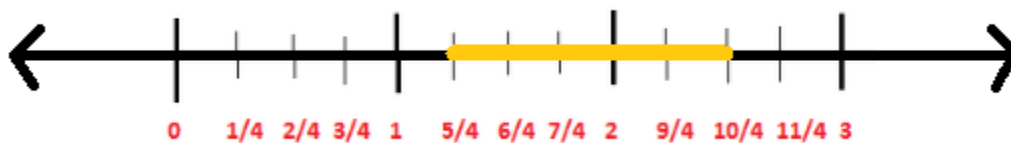
Solution:

$$7 \leq 4x + 2 \leq 12, x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$7 - 2 \leq 4x \leq 12 - 2$$

$$5 \leq 4x \leq 10$$

$$(5/4) \leq x \leq (10/4)$$



Question 3

(a) The marks of 20 students in a test were as follows:

10, 15, 14, 11, 10, 8, 10, 6, 18, 19, 16, 14, 10, 3, 4, 20, 3, 10, 16, 10

Find:

- (i) the mean
- (ii) the median
- (iii) the mode.

[3]

Solution:

Given,

10, 15, 14, 11, 10, 8, 10, 6, 18, 19, 16, 14, 10, 3, 4, 20, 3, 10, 16, 10

Number of observations = 20

(i) Mean = Sum of observations/ Number of observations

$$= (10 + 15 + 14 + 11 + 10 + 8 + 10 + 6 + 18 + 19 + 16 + 14 + 10 + 3 + 4 + 20 + 3 + 10 + 16 + 10) / 20$$

$$= 227/10$$

$$= 22.7$$

(ii) $n = 20$ (even)

Median = $(\frac{1}{2}) [(n/2)\text{th} + (n/2 + 1)\text{th observation}]$

$$= (\frac{1}{2}) [(20/2)\text{th} + (20/2 + 1)\text{th observation}]$$

$$= (\frac{1}{2}) [10\text{th} + 11\text{th observation}]$$

$$= (\frac{1}{2}) (19 + 16)$$

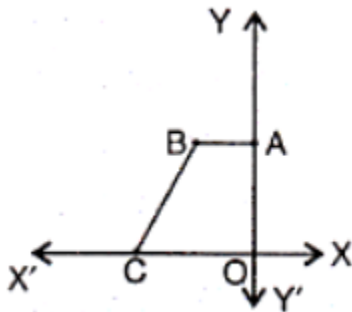
$$= 35/2$$

$$= 17.2$$

(iii) 10 has occurred the maximum number of times.

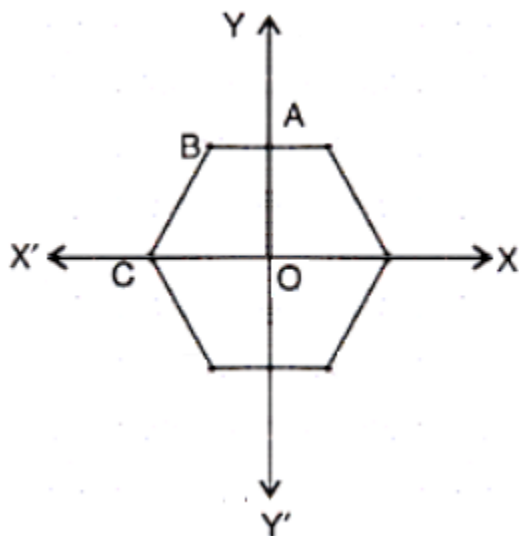
Therefore, mode = 10

(b) In the figure, part of a geometrical figure is given. Complete the figure so that the resulting figure is symmetrical about both the x-axis and the y-axis. [3]



Solution:

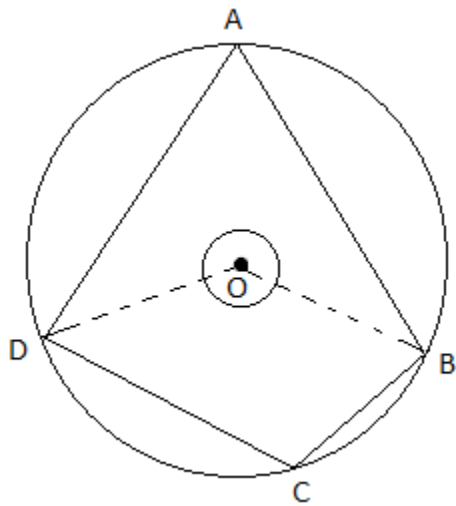
The complete figure so that the resulting figure is symmetrical about both the x-axis and the y-axis is:



(c) Show that the opposite angles of a cyclic quadrilateral are supplementary. [4]

Solution:

Let ABCD be a cyclic quadrilateral of a circle with centre O.
Join OB and OD.
Consider two opposite angles $\angle BAD$ and $\angle BCD$.



We know that the angle subtended by the arc at the centre is twice the angle subtended by it at the remaining part of the circle.

$$\angle BOD = 2\angle BAD \dots (i)$$

Also,

$$\text{reflex} \angle BOD = 2\angle BCD \dots (ii)$$

Adding (i) and (ii),

$$2\angle BAD + 2\angle BCD = \angle BOD + \text{reflex} \angle BOD$$

$$2(\angle BAD + \angle BCD) = 360^\circ$$

$$\angle BAD + \angle BCD = 360^\circ / 2$$

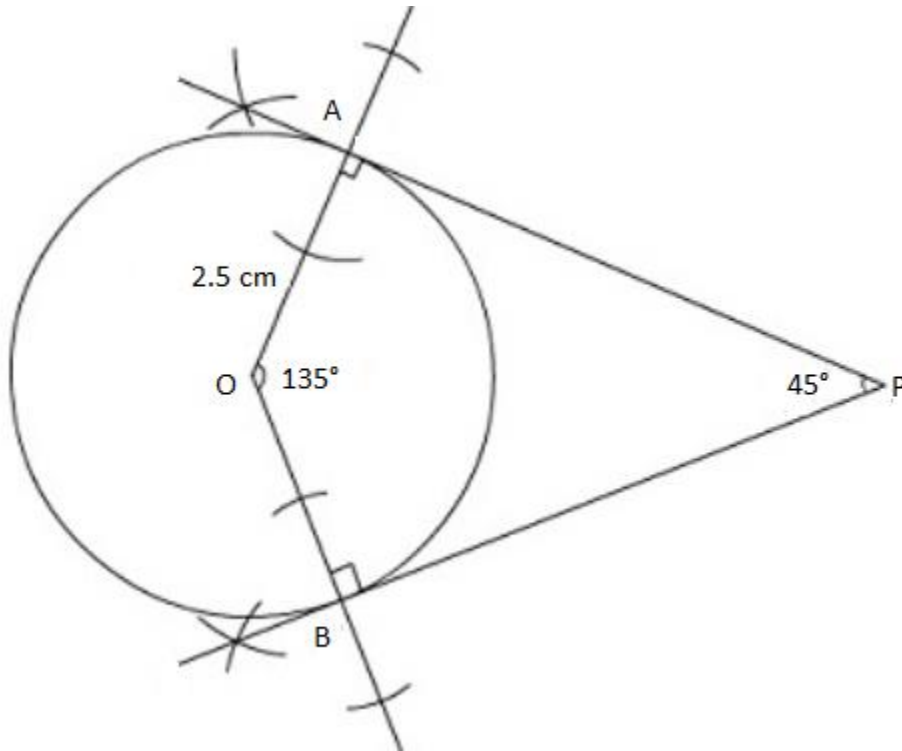
$$\angle BAD + \angle BCD = 180^\circ$$

Therefore, the opposite angles of a cyclic quadrilateral are supplementary.

Question 4

(a) Draw a circle of radius 2.5 cm. Draw two tangents to it inclined at an angle of 45° to each other. [3]

Solution:



Therefore, PA and PB the required tangents to the circle.

(b) Find the volume of a solid in the form of a right circular cylinder with hemispherical ends whose extreme length is 22 cm and diameter 3 cm. [3]

Solution:

Given,

Total length of the solid = 22 cm

Diameter of circular bases = 3 cm

Radius of cylinder = Radius of hemisphere = $r = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5$ cm

Height of cylinder (h) = Total length - Radius of 2 hemispheres

$$= 22 - 2(1.5)$$

$$= 19 \text{ cm}$$

Volume of the solid = Volume of cylinder + 2 × Volume of hemisphere

$$= \pi r^2 h + 2 \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \pi r^3$$

$$= \left(\frac{22}{7}\right) \times 1.5 \times 1.5 \times 19 + \left(\frac{4}{3}\right) \times \left(\frac{22}{7}\right) \times 1.5 \times 1.5 \times 1.5$$

$$= 134.36 + 14.14$$

$$= 148.5 \text{ cm}^3$$

(c) Mr. Sagar's savings bank account passbook entries are as follows:

Date	Particulars	Withdrawn (Rs)	Deposited(Rs)	Balance (Rs)
April 1, 2003	B/F	–	–	4175
May 5, 2003	To cheque	835	–	3340

May 15, 2003	By clearing	–	1550	4890
July 6, 2003	To cheque	750	–	4140
August 4, 2003	By cash	–	2300	6440
Sept. 6, 2003	To cheque	500	–	5940

Calculate the interest on the minimum balance on or after the 10th day of the month from April to September at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ p.a. [4]

Solution:

Month	Minimum balance on or after 10th day (i.e. between 10th and the last day of the month)
Apr	4175
May	3340
June	4890
July	4140
Aug	6440
Sept	5940

Total = Rs. 28925

Rate of interest = $R = 4\frac{1}{2}\% = 9/2\% = 4.5\%$

Time = 6 months

$I = PTR/100$

$= (28925 \times 4.5 \times 6) / (12 \times 100)$

$= 650.8125$

Hence, the interest for six months is Rs. 650.8125.

Question 5

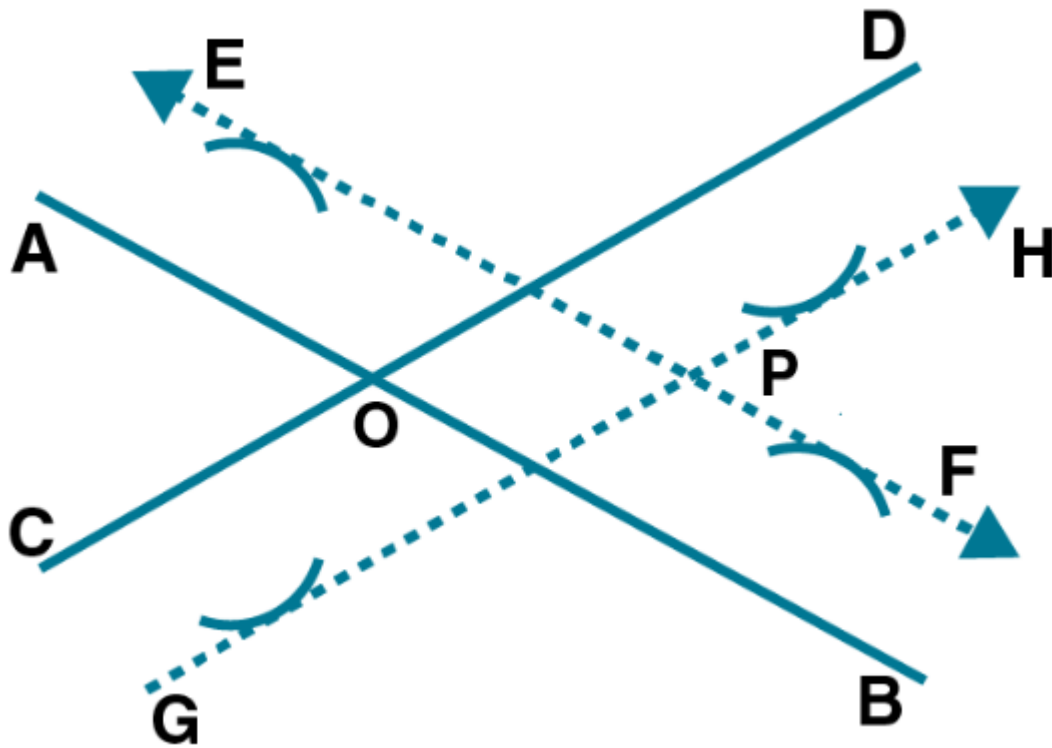
(a) Draw two intersecting lines AB and CD. Find the position of the point which is 2 cm away from AB and 1.8 cm away from CD. [3]

Solution:

AB and CD are two intersecting lines that intersect each other at the point O.

Construct a line EF which is parallel to AB which 2 cm away and GH which is parallel to CD (1.8 cm away) intersecting each other at point P.

Hence, P is the position of the required point.



(b) In how many years a sum of Rs. 6400 compounded quarterly at the rate of 5% p.a. will amount to Rs. 6561?
[3]

Solution:

Given,

$P = \text{Rs. } 6400$

$R = 5\% \text{ p.a.} = (5/4)\% \text{ per quarter}$

Let n be the number of years.

$A = \text{Rs. } 6561$

$$A = P(1 + R/100)^n$$

$$6561 = 6400 [1 + (5/400)]^n$$

$$6561/6400 = [1 + (1/80)]^n$$

$$6561/6400 = (81/80)^n$$

$$(81/80)^2 = (81/80)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 2$$

Hence, the required number of years is 2.

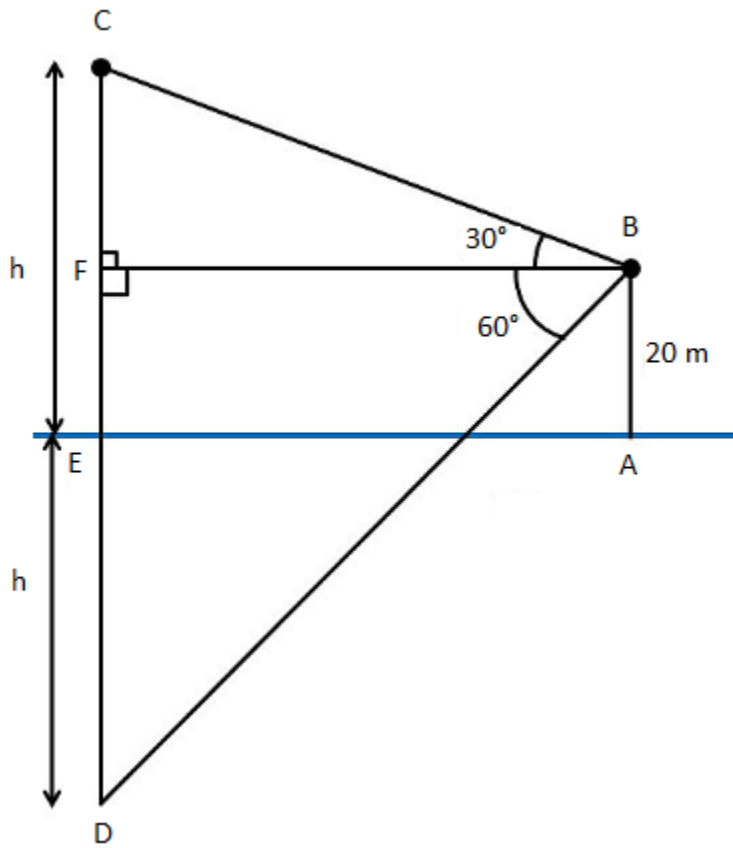
(c) Angle of elevation of a cloud from a point 20 m above the surface of a lake is 30° . The angle of depression of the reflection of the cloud in the lake from the same point is 60° . Calculate the height of the cloud above the lake.
[4]

Solution:

Let A be the surface of the lake.

C be the cloud and D be its reflection.

B be the point of observation.



$$AB = EF = 20 \text{ m}$$

$$CE = DE = h$$

$$AE = BF$$

In right triangle BFC,

$$\tan 30^\circ = CF/BF$$

$$1/\sqrt{3} = (h - 20)/BF$$

$$BF = \sqrt{3}(h - 20) \dots (i)$$

In right triangle BFD,

$$\tan 60^\circ = DF/BF$$

$$\sqrt{3} = (h + 20)/BF$$

$$BF = (h + 20)/\sqrt{3} \dots (ii)$$

From (i) and (ii),

$$\sqrt{3}(h - 20) = (h + 20)/\sqrt{3}$$

$$(\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{3})(h - 20) = h + 20$$

$$3(h - 20) - h = 20$$

$$3h - 60 - h = 20$$

$$2h = 20 + 60$$

$$2h = 80$$

$$h = 80/2$$

$$h = 40 \text{ m}$$

Hence, the height of the cloud above the lake is 40 m.

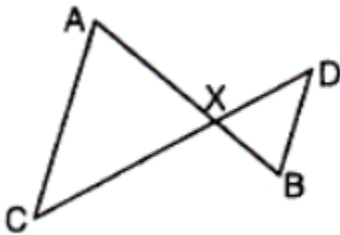
Question 6

(a) In the figure, $AX = 2BX$ and $CX = 2XD$. Prove that:

(i) ΔAXC and ΔBXD are similar

(ii) $AC \parallel DB$

[3]



Solution:

(i) Given,

$$AX = 2BX$$

$$CX = 2XD$$

$$\angle AXC = \angle BXD \text{ (vertically opposite angles)}$$

By SAS similarity criterion,

$$\triangle AXC \sim \triangle BXD$$

(ii) $\angle XAC = \angle XDB$ (corresponding angles)

Therefore, $AC \parallel BD$

(b) A manufacturer sold a dining table to a dealer for Rs. 8000. The dealer sold it to the shopkeeper at a profit of Rs. 2000. The shopkeeper sold it to the consumer at a profit of Rs. 3000. Find:

(i) the total VAT received by the government at 8%

(ii) the amount paid by the consumer inclusive of sales tax.

[3]

Solution:

Given,

$$\text{Selling price by manufacturer} = \text{Rs. } 8000$$

$$\text{Selling price by the dealer} = \text{Rs. } 8000 + \text{Rs. } 2000 = \text{Rs. } 10000$$

$$\text{Selling price by the shopkeeper} = \text{Rs. } 10000 + \text{Rs. } 3000 = \text{Rs. } 13000$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i) Total VAT received by the government} &= (8/100) \times \text{Rs. } 8000 + (8/100) \times \text{Rs. } 10000 + (8/100) \times \text{Rs. } 13000 \\ &= \text{Rs. } 640 + \text{Rs. } 800 + \text{Rs. } 1040 \\ &= \text{Rs. } 2480 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii) The amount paid by the consumer inclusive of sales tax} &= \text{Rs. } 13000 + (8/100) \times \text{Rs. } 13000 \\ &= \text{Rs. } 13000 + \text{Rs. } 1040 \\ &= \text{Rs. } 14040 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Two unbiased coins are tossed simultaneously. Find the probability of getting:

(i) two heads

(ii) one head

(iii) at least one head.

[4]

Solution:

Given,

Two unbiased coins are tossed simultaneously.

$$\text{Sample space} = S = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$$

$$n(S) = 4$$

(i) Let A be the event of getting two heads.

$$A = \{HH\}$$

$$n(A) = 1$$

$$P(A) = n(A)/n(S) = \frac{1}{4}$$

(ii) Let B be the event of getting one head.

$$B = \{HT, TH\}$$

$$n(B) = 2$$

$$P(B) = n(B)/n(S)$$

$$= \frac{2}{4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

(iii) Let C be the event of getting at least one head.

$$C = \{HT, TH, HH\}$$

$$n(C) = 3$$

$$P(C) = n(C)/n(S)$$

$$= \frac{3}{4}$$

Question 7

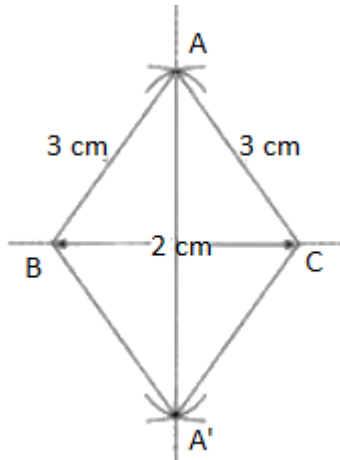
(a) Construct a $\triangle ABC$ in which $AB = AC = 3$ cm and $BC = 2$ cm. Using a ruler and compasses only, draw the reflection $A'BC$ of $\triangle ABC$ in BC. Draw the lines of symmetry of the figure $ABA'C$. [3]

Solution:

Given,

$$AB = AC = 3 \text{ cm}$$

$$BC = 2 \text{ cm}$$



AA' and BC are the two lines of symmetry.

(b)

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ find } 6A - 3B.$$

[3]

Solution:

Given,

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\
 6A - 3B &= 6 \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 24 & -30 \\ 18 & 12 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -9 \\ -3 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 24 - 6 & -30 + 9 \\ 18 + 3 & 12 - 12 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 18 & -21 \\ 21 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Using the quadratic formula, solve: $[(x - 1)/(x - 2)] + [(x - 2)/(x - 3)] = 4$.

[4]

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 [(x - 1)/(x - 2)] + [(x - 2)/(x - 3)] &= 4 \\
 (x - 1)(x - 3) + (x - 2)(x - 2) &= 4(x - 2)(x - 3) \\
 x^2 - 3x - x + 3 + x^2 - 2x - 2x + 4 &= 4(x^2 - 3x - 2x + 6) \\
 2x^2 - 8x + 7 &= 4x^2 - 20x + 24 \\
 4x^2 - 20x + 24 - 2x^2 + 8x - 7 &= 0 \\
 2x^2 - 12x + 17 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Comparing with the standard form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$,

$$a = 2, b = -12, c = 17$$

Using quadratic formula,

$$x = [-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}] / 2a$$

$$x = [-(-12) \pm \sqrt{(-12)^2 - 4(2)(17)}] / 2(2)$$

$$= [12 \pm \sqrt{144 - 136}] / 4$$

$$= [12 \pm \sqrt{8}] / 4$$

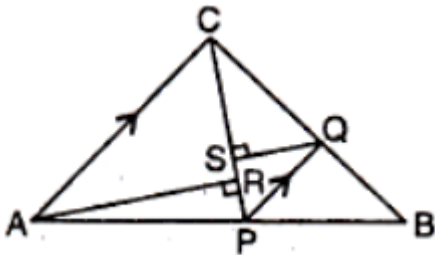
$$= [12 \pm 2\sqrt{2}] / 4$$

$$= 2(6 \pm \sqrt{2}) / 4$$

$$= (6 \pm \sqrt{2}) / 2$$

Question 8

(a) In the figure, P is a point on AB such that $AP : PB = 4 : 3$ and $PQ \parallel AC$. Calculate the ratio of $PQ : AC$. [3]



Solution:

Given,

$$AP : PB = 4 : 3$$

PQ \parallel AC

By BPT,

$$AP/PB = CQ/QB$$

$$CQ/QB = 4/3$$

$$\Rightarrow BQ/BC = 3/7 \dots (i)$$

Now,

$$\angle PQB = \angle ACB \text{ (corresponding angles)}$$

$$\angle QPB = \angle CAB \text{ (corresponding angles)}$$

By AA similarity,

$$\Delta PBQ \sim \Delta ABC$$

$$\Rightarrow PQ/AC = BQ/BC \text{ (by BPT)}$$

$$\Rightarrow PQ/AC = 3/7 \text{ [From (i)]}$$

Therefore, PQ : AC = 3 : 7

(b) In what ratio does the point (-3, 7) divide the join of A(-5, 11) and B(4, -7)?

[3]

Solution:

Let P(-3, 7) divide the line joining A(-5, 11) and B(4, -7) in the ratio $\lambda : 1$.

$$(-5, 11) = (x_1, y_1)$$

$$(4, -7) = (x_2, y_2)$$

$$M : n = \lambda : 1$$

Using the section formula,

$$P(x, y) = [(mx_2 + nx_1)/(m + n), (my_2 + ny_1)/(m + n)]$$

$$P(-3, 7) = [(4\lambda - 5)/(\lambda + 1), (-7\lambda + 11)/(\lambda + 1)]$$

Now,

$$-3 = (4\lambda - 5)/(\lambda + 1)$$

$$-3(\lambda + 1) = 4\lambda - 5$$

$$4\lambda - 5 + 3\lambda + 3 = 0$$

$$7\lambda - 2 = 0$$

$$\lambda = 2/7$$

Hence, the required ratio is 2 : 7.

(c) Neha invests in 12% Rs. 25 shares of a company quoted at Rs. 36. Her income from this investment is Rs. 720. Calculate:

(i) the total amount of money invested by her in these shares

(ii) the number of shares bought by her

(iii) % return on her investment.

[4]

Solution:

Let n be the number of shares.

Given,

Nominal value = Rs. 25

Market value = Rs. 36

Nominal value of n shares = Rs. 25n

Dividend = 12% of Rs. 25n

Income from the shares = Rs. 720

$$720 = (12/100) \times 25n$$

$$n = (720 \times 100)/(25 \times 12)$$

$$n = 240$$

Total investment = Market value \times n

$$= \text{Rs. } 36 \times 240$$

$$= \text{Rs. } 8640$$

$$\text{Percentage of return on investment} = (\text{Income} / \text{Total investment}) \times 100$$

$$= (720 / 8640) \times 100$$

$$= 83.33\%$$

Question 9

(a) Find the equation of a line that passes through (1, 3) and is parallel to the line $y = -2x + 4$. [3]

Solution:

The line parallel to $y = -2x + 4$ will have the same slope.

By comparing $y = mx + c$

$$\text{Slope} = m = -2$$

Given point is (1, 3)

Equation of the line passing through (x_1, y_1) and having slope m is:

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - 3 = -2(x - 1)$$

$$y - 3 = -2x + 2$$

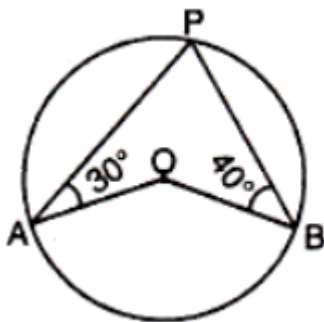
$$y = -2x + 2 + 3$$

$$y = -2x + 5$$

(b) In the figure, O is the centre of the circle. If $\angle PAO = 30^\circ$ and $\angle PBO = 40^\circ$, find:

(i) $\angle APB$

(ii) $\angle AOB$. [3]



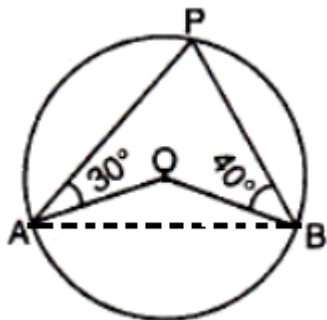
Solution:

Given,

$$\angle PAO = 30^\circ$$

$$\angle PBO = 40^\circ$$

Join AB (chord) such that OA and OB are angle bisectors of $\angle PAB$ and $\angle PBA$ respectively.



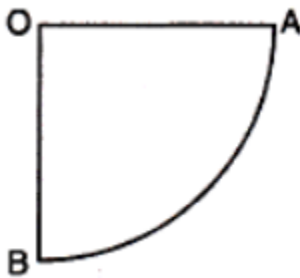
Thus, $\angle OAB = 30^\circ$ and $\angle OBA = 40^\circ$

In triangle AOB,
 $\angle OAB + \angle OBA + \angle AOB = 180^\circ$ (by the angle sum property of a triangle)
 $30^\circ + 40^\circ + \angle AOB = 180^\circ$
 $\angle AOB = 180^\circ - 30^\circ - 40^\circ$
 $\angle AOB = 110^\circ$
 And
 $\angle APB = (\frac{1}{2}) \times \angle AOB$
 $= (\frac{1}{2}) \times 110^\circ$
 $= 55^\circ$

(c) The area of the quadrant OAB of a circle is $9\frac{5}{8} \text{ cm}^2$. Calculate:

- (i) OA
 (ii) the perimeter of the quadrant.

[4]



Solution:

(i) Let r be the radius of the quadrant of the circle.

i.e. $OA = OB = r$

Given,

Area of the quadrant OAB = $9\frac{5}{8} \text{ cm}^2 = \frac{77}{8} \text{ cm}^2$

$$(\frac{\pi r^2}{4}) = \frac{77}{8}$$

$$(\frac{22}{7}) \times r^2 = (\frac{77 \times 4}{8})$$

$$r^2 = (\frac{77 \times 7}{2 \times 22})$$

$$r^2 = (\frac{7 \times 7}{2 \times 2})$$

$$r^2 = (\frac{7}{2})^2$$

$$r = \frac{7}{2} \text{ cm}$$

Therefore, $OA = \frac{7}{2} \text{ cm}$

(ii) Perimeter of quadrant = $(\frac{1}{4}) 2\pi r$

$$= (\frac{1}{4}) \times 2 \times (\frac{22}{7}) \times (\frac{7}{2})$$

$$= 11\frac{1}{2} \text{ cm}$$

Question 10

(a) Find the value of m such that the lines $3xm + 3y = 5$ and $y = 1 - 2x$ are perpendicular to each other. [4]

Solution:

Given,

$$3xm + 3y = 5$$

$$3y = -3xm + 5$$

$$y = (-\frac{3mx}{3}) + (\frac{5}{3})$$

$$y = -mx + (\frac{5}{3})$$

$$\text{Slope} = m_1 = m$$

And

$$y = 1 - 2x$$

$$y = -2x + 1$$

$$\text{Slope} = m_2 = -2$$

Given that, the two lines are perpendicular to each other.

$$m_1 m_2 = -1$$

$$(m)(-2) = -1$$

$$-2m = -1$$

$$m = \frac{1}{2}$$

(b) Draw an Ogive for the following distribution and hence estimate the median.

Marks	10 - 20	20 - 30	30 - 40	40 - 50	50 - 60	60 - 70	70 - 80
Frequency	6	7	9	10	8	7	3

[6]

Solution:

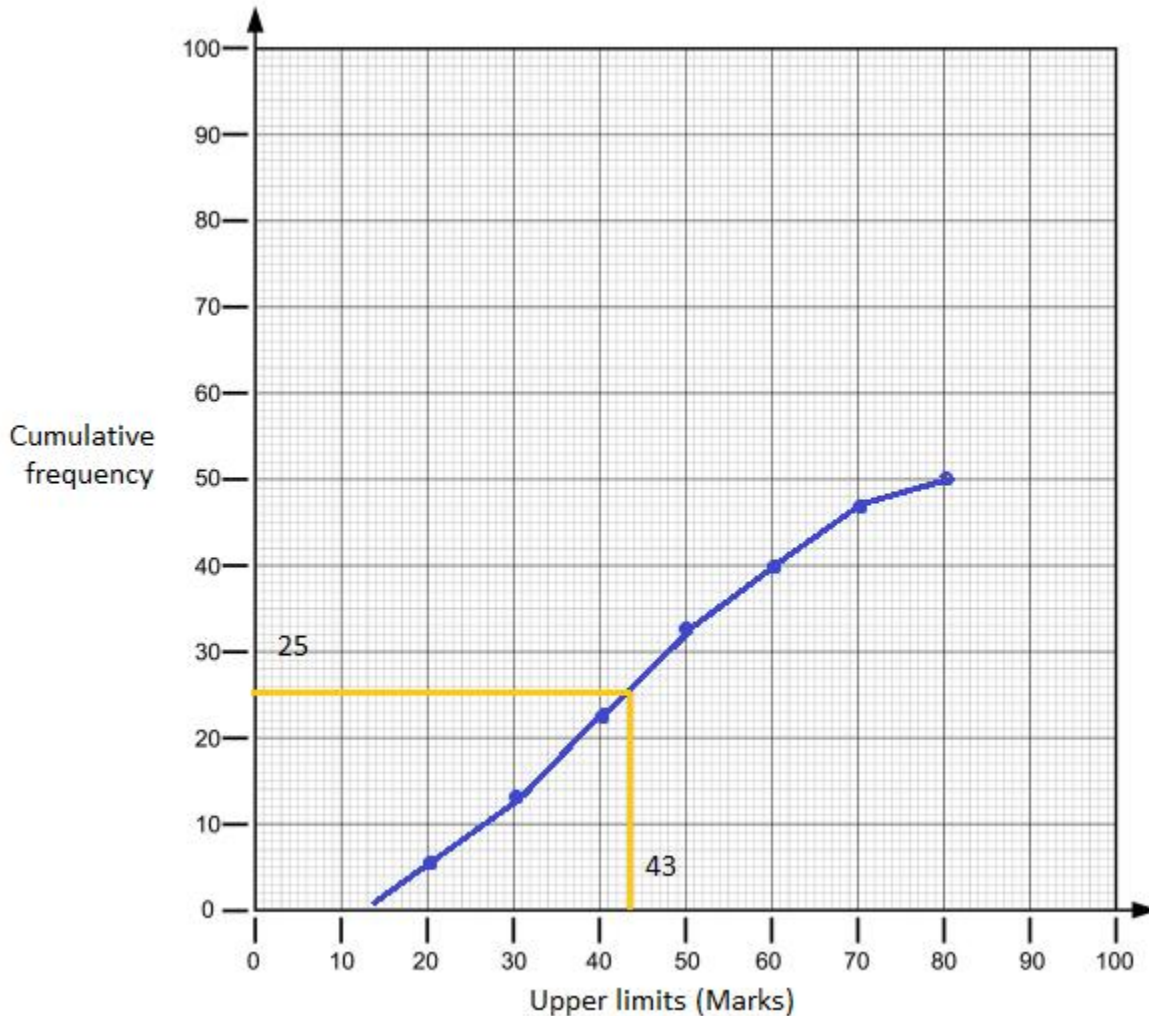
Less than cumulative frequency distribution table:

Marks	Cumulative frequency
Less than 20	6
Less than 30	13
Less than 40	22
Less than 50	32
Less than 60	40
Less than 70	47
Less than 80	50

$$N = 50$$

$$N/2 = 50/2 = 25$$

Ogive:



Therefore, the median = 43

Question 11

(a) Show that the equation $x^2 + 2px - 3 = 0$ has real and distinct roots for all values of p .

[3]

Solution:

Given,

$$x^2 + 2px - 3 = 0$$

Comparing with the standard form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$,

$$a = 1, b = 2p, c = -3$$

Condition for real and distinct roots is:

$$b^2 - 4ac > 0$$

$$(2p)^2 - 4(1)(-3) > 0$$

$$4p^2 + 12 > 0$$

$$4(p^2 + 3) > 0$$

$$p^2 + 3 > 0$$

For any value of p , the above condition will be satisfied.

Thus, for any value of p , $p^2 + 3 > 0$ is always true.

Hence, the given equation has real and distinct roots for all the values of p .

(b) Prove that: $[1/(1 - \sin \theta)] + [1/(1 + \sin \theta)] = 2 \sec^2 \theta$. [3]

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= [1/(1 - \sin \theta)] + [1/(1 + \sin \theta)] \\ &= [(1 + \sin \theta) + (1 - \sin \theta)] / [(1 + \sin \theta)(1 - \sin \theta)] \\ &= (1 + \sin \theta + 1 - \sin \theta) / (1^2 - \sin^2 \theta) \\ &= 2 / (1 - \sin^2 \theta) \end{aligned}$$

Using the identity $\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A = 1$,

$$= 2 / \cos^2 \theta$$

$$= 2 \sec^2 \theta$$

$$= \text{RHS}$$

Hence proved.

(c) From the following frequency distribution, find mean, mode and median.

Variate	10	11	13	15	18	20	24
Frequency	4	3	7	1	5	2	3

[4]

Solution:

Variate (x)	Frequency (f)	fx	Cumulative frequency
10	4	40	4
11	3	33	7
13	7	91	14
15	1	15	15
18	5	90	20
20	2	40	22
24	3	72	25
	$\sum f = 25$	$\sum fx = 381$	

$$\text{Mean} = \frac{\sum fx}{\sum f}$$

$$= 381/25$$

$$= 15.24$$

$$N = \sum f = 25$$

$$N/2 = 25/2$$

Cumulative frequency greater than and nearest to $N/2$ is 14.

$$\text{Median} = 13$$

$$\text{Highest frequency} = 7$$

Hence, the mode = 13

