1. This shape is made from three congruent right-angled triangles.

\[ \frac{8 \times 4}{2} \times 3 = 48 \]

\[ \text{cm}^2 \] [3]

2. A square has an area of 100 cm\(^2\).

Find its perimeter.

\[ \sqrt{100} = 10 \]

\[ 10 \times 4 = 40 \]

\[ \text{cm} \] [2]
3. Eva has a display board measuring 45 cm by 60 cm.

She wants to display postcards, each measuring 9 cm by 6 cm.

If no postcards overlap, find the maximum number of postcards she can display on the board.

\[
\begin{align*}
45 \div 9 &= 5 \\
60 \div 6 &= 10 \\
5 \times 10 &= 50
\end{align*}
\]

...................................... [3]

4. It is possible to draw many rectangles that have area 24 cm\(^2\).

Here are two of them.

(i) Plot the dimensions of these two rectangles on the grid below.
(ii) Complete the graph to show the relationship between length and width for rectangles with area 24 cm².

5. The area of the parallelogram is three times the area of the triangle.

\[
\frac{6 \times 8 \times 24}{2} = 72
\]

\[
72 \div 18 = 4
\]

Show that the perpendicular height \( h \) of the parallelogram is 4 cm.

6. Jo makes a pendant from a rectangular piece of silver.

\[
8 \times 5 = 40
\]

Work out the area of this rectangle.
7. (a) (i) Draw a rectangle that is congruent to rectangle A. Label it B. 

(ii) Draw a rectangle that has the same perimeter as rectangle A, but a different area. Label it C.

(b) Draw an isosceles triangle with area 8 cm² on the grid below.
8. Amy is making a rectangular quilt by sewing together squares of fabric. Each square is 12 cm by 12 cm. The finished quilt must be at least 1.5m wide and at least 2.1m long.

(a) What is the smallest number of squares that Amy can use?

Show how you decide.

\[
\begin{align*}
150 \div 12 &= 12 \ldots 6 \\
210 \div 12 &= 17 \ldots 6 \\
13 \times 18 &= 234
\end{align*}
\]

(a) ................................ squares [5]

(b) The area of the finished quilt is about 3.4m\(^2\).

Amy says

\[3.4m^2 \text{ is the same as } 340 \text{ cm}^2.\]

Show that Amy is wrong.

[3]

9. Shape R is a rectangle.

A smaller rectangle is cut from R to form shape L.

Which one of these statements is true?

Circle a statement.

A The perimeter of R is longer than the perimeter of L [✓]
B The perimeter of R is the same as the perimeter of L
C The perimeter of R is shorter than the perimeter of L
D It is not possible to tell which perimeter is longer
10. Carpet tiles are going to be used to cover a floor. The floor is a 1200mm by 1000mm rectangle. Each carpet tile is a 40cm by 30cm rectangle. Exactly 10 carpet tiles can be used to cover the floor completely. Show in a labelled sketch how this can be done.

11. A tin of varnish costs £15
A rectangular floor has dimensions 6 m by 11 m. The floor is going to be covered in varnish. Helen assumes that each tin of this varnish covers an area of 12 m². (a) Using Helen’s assumption, work out the cost of buying the varnish for this floor.

\[ 6 \times 11 = 66 \quad 66 \div 12 = 5.5 \times 6 \text{ tins} \]
\[ 6 \times 15 = 90 \]
£ ....................................................... [4]
Helen finds that each tin of varnish covers less than 12 m². (b) Explain how this might affect the number of tins she needs to buy.

up to 11 m² covered per tin, she will not need to buy more.
12. Here is a star shape.

The star shape is made from a regular hexagon and six congruent equilateral triangles.
The area of the star shape is 96 cm$^2$.
Work out the area of the regular hexagon.

\[ \frac{96}{2} = 48 \text{ cm}^2 \] [2]

13. The diagram shows a trapezium ABCD and two identical semicircles.
The centre of each semicircle is on DC.
Work out the area of the shaded region.
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

\[ \frac{12 + 28 \times 14}{2} = \frac{280}{2} \]

\[ 280 - 9 \pi = 251.74 \approx 252 \text{ cm}^2 \] [4]
14. The diagram shows a square with perimeter 16 cm.

Work out the proportion of the area inside the square that is shaded.

\[ A = \frac{4 \times 2}{2} = 4 \]
\[ B = \frac{4 \times 1}{2} = 2 \]
\[ 4 \times 4 = 16 \]
\[ 16 - 4 - 2 = 10 \]
\[ \frac{10}{16} = \frac{5}{8} \]

[5]
15. A pattern is made from two similar trapeziums.

Show that the shaded area is $294 \text{ cm}^2$

\[
\frac{18 + 10}{2} \times 25 = 14 \times 25 = 350
\]

\[
15t = \frac{4}{10} \quad \text{AST} \left(\frac{4}{10}\right) = \frac{16}{100}
\]

\[
350 \times \frac{16}{100} = 56 \quad 350 - 56 = 294
\]

16. The perimeter of an isosceles triangle is 25 cm

The length of each side, in cm, is a prime number.

Work out the lengths of the sides of the two possible isosceles triangles.

First triangle \(\frac{3}{7}\) cm \(\frac{3}{7}\) cm \(\frac{19}{7}\) cm

Second triangle \(\frac{3}{7}\) cm \(\frac{3}{7}\) cm \(\frac{19}{7}\) cm
17. A children’s nursery uses one room for babies and one room for toddlers.

Each baby needs at least 3.5 m$^2$ of floor space.
Each toddler needs at least 2.5 m$^2$ of floor space.
Show that the total number of children allowed is larger if
the toddlers are in Room A
and the babies are in Room B.

$16 + 10 = 26$


18. Three identical rectangles, each measuring 7 cm by 3 cm, are placed together to make the shape shown in the diagram.

Calculate the perimeter of the shape.

48 cm
19. The diagram below shows a sign that needs to be painted. Paint, worth a total of £60, can cover an area of 18\(\text{m}^2\).

How much would it cost to paint the sign below using this paint?

![Diagram of a sign with dimensions 4m x 6m and 5m x 6m](image)

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Area of the sign} &= \frac{4+5}{2} \times 6 = 27 \\
27 \div 18 &= 1.5 \\
1.5 \times 60 &= £90
\end{align*}
\]

If can be bought in any amount.

Or 1.5 = 2 whole cars

\[2 \times 60 = £120\] if can only be bought in 18s

20. Peter decides to cover the floor of a room with a striped carpet.

A shop sells this striped carpet from a roll that is 3m wide at a price of £25 per metre length.
His floor is rectangular in shape with length 13 m and width 8 m.

Diagram not drawn to scale

The carpet is laid to ensure that the stripes on the carpet are parallel to two of the sides of the room and lie in one direction only.

Find the cost of the cheapest way of covering the floor, and state by how much it is cheaper.

Show all your working.

\[ 3 \times 13 = 39 \text{ horizontal} \]
\[ 5 \times 8 = 40 \text{ vertical} \]

Difference of 1 = £25 better going horizontally
21. Work out the area of the shape.

\[ A: 10 \times 2 = 20 \]

\[ B: 6 \times 2 = 12 \]

\[ = 32 \text{ cm}^2 \quad [2] \]

22. A pattern is made using identical rectangular tiles.

Find the total area of the pattern.

\[ x + x + \frac{7}{2} - x = 11 \]
\[ x = 11 - 7 = 4 \]
\[ 12 \times 4 = 48 \text{ cm}^2 \quad [4] \]

23. Give an example to show that when a piece is cut off a rectangle the perimeter of the new shape
(i) is less than the perimeter of the rectangle,

(ii) is the same as the perimeter of the rectangle,

(iii) is greater than the perimeter of the rectangle.
24. The diagram shows part of a wall in the shape of a trapezium.

Karen is going to cover this part of the wall with tiles.
Each rectangular tile is 15 cm by 7.5 cm
Tiles are sold in packs.
There are 9 tiles in each pack.
Karen divides the area of the wall by the area of a tile to work out an estimate for the number of tiles she needs to buy.

(a) Use Karen’s method to work out an estimate for the number of packs of tiles she needs to buy.

Karen is advised to buy 10% more tiles than she estimated.
Buying 10% more tiles will affect the number of the tiles Karen needs to buy.
She assumes she will need to buy 10% more packs of tiles.

(b) Is Karen’s assumption correct?
You must show your working.

\[
\begin{align*}
18000 & \div 112.5 = 160 \\
160 & \div 9 = 17.7 \approx 18 \\
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
160 + 10.1 & = 176 \\
176 & \div 9 = 19.5 \approx 20 \\
\end{align*}
\]

\[
10.1 \times 18 = 180 \leq 2 \\
18 + 2 = 20 \text{ packs} \quad \text{yes}
\]
25. A square is cut into two equal rectangles as shown.

a) Tick a box to show whether each statement is true or false.

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[2]

b) The perimeter of each rectangle is 24 cm

Work out the area of the square.

\[ 8 \times 8 = 64 \]

[3]
26. A shape is made using 15 identical rectangles.

Work out the area of the shape.

\[ \frac{16.2}{3} = 5.4 \]
\[ 5.4 + 5.4 = 10.8 \]
\[ 16.2 - 10.8 = 5.4 \]
\[ 5.4 \div 3 = 1.8 \]

27. The area of an ellipse, width a and height b, is given by

\[ \frac{\pi ab}{4} \]

A rectangular photograph measures 15 cm by 10 cm

It is put into a frame as shown.
The part of the photograph that can be seen is an ellipse.

Work out the percentage of the photograph that can be seen.

\[
\frac{37.5\pi}{150} \times 100 = \frac{25\pi}{78.5} = 78.5\%.
\]
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