1. Jo makes a pendant. She cuts two semicircles of radius 1 cm from the rectangle, as shown below.

![Diagram of a rectangle with two semicircles cut out]

Show that the shaded area is 36.9 cm$^2$ correct to three significant figures.

\[
8 \times 5 = 40 \\
\pi \times 1^2 = 3.14 \\
= 3.14 \\
8.28 \\
36.86 \\
\]

\[36.9 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ to } 3 \text{ sf}\] [4]

2. This is a circle with radius 3 cm.

\[A = \pi r^2 \\
= 3^2 \times \pi \\
= 9\pi \]

Work out the area of the circle.
Give your answer in terms of $\pi$.

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

\[ \sqrt{60^2 + 40^2} = \sqrt{3600 + 1600} = \sqrt{5200} = 72.1 \]

\[ 72.1 - 10 = 62.1 \]

\[ + 15.7 \]

\[ = 77.8 \]

............................................. m [6]

4. The diagram shows a semicircle of radius 8 cm

Work out the area of the semicircle.

Give your answer in terms of \( \pi \).

\[ \frac{\pi \times 8^2}{2} = \frac{64\pi}{2} = 32\pi \]
5. Eliza makes this sketch of a pond.

Diagram not drawn to scale
The shortest distance across the pond is 6m.
The longest distance across the pond is 20m.
Eliza estimates that the surface area of the pond is $120\text{m}^2$.

(a) Explain how Eliza arrived at her estimate.

\[20 \times 6 = 120\] 
\text{Assume rectangular} \quad [2]

(b) Calculate an estimate for the surface area of the pond that would be more accurate than Eliza’s estimate.

Explain how you have decided to calculate your estimate.
You must justify your decision.
Show all of your working.

\[20 - 3 - 3 = 14\]
\[14 \times 6 = 84 \text{ (rectangle)}\]
2 semi-circles = 1 circle
radius = 3
Area = \(\pi \times 3^2 = 9\pi \approx 9 \times 3 = 27\)
84 + 27 \approx 80 + 30 = 110 \text{m}^2 \quad [5]
6. The arc ABC is a quarter of a circle with centre O and radius 4.8 cm.

AC is a chord of the circle.
Work out the area of the shaded segment.
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

\[
\text{Area of sector} = \frac{\pi \times 4.8^2}{4} = 18.086
\]

\[
\text{Area of \triangle} = \frac{4.8 \times 4.8}{2} = 11.52
\]

\[
18.086 - 11.52 = 6.57 \text{ to 3sf.}
\]

[3]

7. Here is a diagram showing a rectangle, ABCD, and a circle.

BC is a diameter of the circle.
Calculate the percentage of the area of the rectangle that is shaded.
Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.

\[
\text{Area of circle} = \pi \times 4.8^2 = 100.48
\]

\[
\text{Area of rectangle} = 19 \times 16 = 304
\]

\[
\frac{100.48}{304} = 33.1\%
\]

[4]
8. Four identical circles just fit inside a square as shown.

\[ \text{Not drawn accurately} \]

Work out the area of the shaded section.

Give your answer in terms of \( \pi \).

\[ \frac{\pi \times 3^2 \times 4}{12 \times 12} = \frac{36 \pi}{144} = \frac{36 \pi}{144} = \frac{36 \pi}{144} \]

\[ \frac{36 \pi}{144} = 36 \pi \]

9. The diagram shows a quarter-circle with radius 6.5 cm

\[ \text{Not drawn accurately} \]

Work out the area of the quarter-circle.

\[ \frac{\pi \times 6.5^2}{4} = 33.17 \text{ cm}^2 \]
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