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

Show that the shaded area is 36.9 cm² correct to three significant figures.

Area of rectangle = $8 \times 5 = 40 \text{ cm}^2$

Area of circle = $\pi r^2 = \pi \times 1^2 = 3.14 \text{ cm}^2$

Shaded area = $\frac{3 \times 18.80}{36.86} = 36.9 \text{ cm}^2$ [4]

The silver Jo uses is 2 mm thick.

Find the volume of silver in the pendant.

Give your answer in cm³.

$2 \text{ mm} = 0.2 \text{ cm}$

Volume = $36.9 \times 0.2$

$= 7.38 \text{ cm}^3$ [3]
2. Four solid balls are packed in a cylindrical container. 

The diameter of each ball is 6 cm.
The cylinder has diameter 6 cm and height 24 cm. 
Calculate the volume of unused space in the cylinder. 

(The volume V of a sphere is \( V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \) )

Volume of cylinder = \( \pi r^2 h = \pi \times 3^2 \times 24 = 216 \pi \text{ cm}^3 \)

Volume of 1 sphere = \( \frac{4}{3} \pi \times 3^3 = \frac{4}{3} \pi \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \)
= \( 36 \pi \text{ cm}^3 \)

So 4 spheres = \( 4 \times 36 \pi \)
= \( 144 \pi \text{ cm}^2 \)

Unused space = \( 216 \pi - 144 \pi \)
= \( 72 \pi \) cm\(^3\) [6]
3. The diagram shows a tank in the shape of a cuboid.

It also shows a container in the shape of a cuboid.
The tank is full of oil.
The container is empty.
35% of the oil from the tank is spilled.
The rest of the oil from the tank is put into the container.
Work out the height of the oil in the container.
Give your answer to an appropriate degree of accuracy.

\[ \text{Volume of tank} = 50 \times 60 \times 40 = 120000 \text{cm}^3 \]

35% of the oil from the tank is spilled.
10% of 12000 = 1200
30% of 36000 = 36000

The rest = 120000 - 36000 = 84000 \text{cm}^3

\[ 80 \times 70 \times h = 84000 \]
\[ h = \frac{84000}{5600} = 15 \text{cm} \]

4. The diagram shows an oil tank in the shape of a prism.
The cross section of the prism is a trapezium.

Cross sectional area
\[ = \frac{1}{2} (3 + 1.4) \times 2.4 \]
\[ = 5.28 \text{m}^2 \]

Volume
\[ = 5.28 \times 2.5 \]
\[ = 13.2 \text{m}^3 \]
The tank is empty.

Oil flows into the tank.

After one minute there are 300 litres of oil in the tank. \( \frac{300 \text{ litres}}{\text{minute}} \)

Assume that oil continues to flow into the tank at this rate.

(a) Work out how many more minutes it takes for the tank to be 85% full of oil.

\(1 \text{ m}^3 = 1000 \text{ litres}\)

\[
13.2 \text{ m}^3 = 13.2 \times 1000 \text{ litres} = 13,200 \text{ litres}
\]

\[
85\% = 13200 \times 0.85 = 11,220 \text{ litres}
\]

\[
\text{less } 300 \text{ litres} = 10,920
\]

\[
\text{at a rate of } 300 \text{ l/min} = 10,920 \div 300 = 36.4
\]

...................................................... minutes [5]

(b) Explain how this could affect your answer to part (a).

If it is a faster rate it will take less time. If it flows slower it will take more time

[1]

5. This pyramid has a square base.

\[
\text{area of base} = 12.9 \times 12.9 = 166.41 \text{ cm}^2
\]

Volume of a pyramid = \( \frac{1}{3} \times \text{area of base} \times \text{perpendicular height} \)
Work out the volume of the pyramid.

\[
\frac{1}{3} \times (12.9 \times 12.9) \times 17.4 = 965.178 \text{cm}^3
\]

6. A cube has edges of length 0.8 metres.

Work out its volume in cubic centimetres.

\[
80 \times 80 \times 80 = 512,000 \text{ cm}^3
\]

7. A water tank is a cylinder with radius 40 cm and depth 150 cm.

It is filled at the rate of 0.2 litres per second.

1 litre = 1000 cm$^3$

Does it take longer than 1 hour to fill the tank?

You must show your working.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Volume} &= \pi \times 40^2 \times 150 \\
&= 753,982 \text{ cm}^3 \\
&= 753.982 \text{ litres}
\end{align*}
\]

\[
753.982 \div 0.2 = 3769.9 \text{ seconds}
\]

Yes it takes longer than 1 hour to fill.

\[
3769.9 > 3600
\]
8. A cuboid with length 45 cm, width 20 cm and height 35 cm is completely filled with water.

The water is then poured into a larger cuboid with length 100 cm and width 15 cm. Calculate the height of the water in the larger cuboid.

Show all your working.

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35 Volume = 45 \times 35 \times 20 = 31,500 cm^2

31,500 = 100 \times 15 \times h
h = \frac{31,500}{1500} = 21 cm
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9. The diagram shows a sand pit.

The sand pit is in the shape of a cuboid.

Sally wants to fill the sand pit with sand.

A bag of sand costs £2.50

There are 8 litres of sand in each bag.

Sally says, "The sand will cost less than £70"

Show that Sally is wrong.

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8000 cm^3 = 8 litres

240,000 \div 8000 = 30 bags

30 \times £2.50 = £75

£75 > £70

Sally is wrong
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10. Volume of a sphere = \( \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \) where \( r \) is the radius.

a) Work out the volume of a sphere of radius 8 cm

\[
\frac{4}{3} \pi \times 8^3 = \frac{4}{3} \times 512 = 536.16 \text{ cm}^3
\]
b) Three spheres of radius 8 cm are packed tightly into a cuboid as shown.

Work out the volume of the cuboid.

\[
\text{Volume} = 16 \times 16 \times 48 = 19,968 \text{ cm}^3
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