



# EXAM PAPERS PRACTICE

GCSE OCR Math J560

Similarity - Area &

Volume

Answers

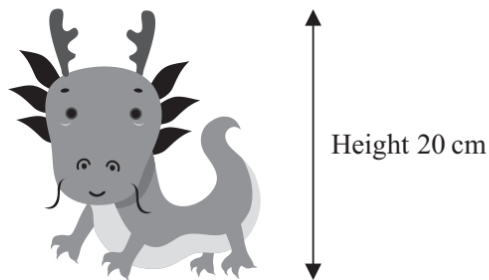
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achieve A Star "*



### Answer 1

A company makes monsters.

The company makes small monsters with a height of 20 cm.



A small monster has a surface area of  $300 \text{ cm}^2$ .

The company also makes large monsters with a height of 120 cm.

A small monster and a large monster are mathematically similar.

Work out the surface area of a large monster.

$$\text{SCALE FACTOR} = \frac{120}{20} = 6$$

$$\text{AREA FACTOR} = 6^2 = 36$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LARGE SA} &= 300 \times 36 \\ &= \underline{\underline{10800 \text{ cm}^2}} \end{aligned}$$

SIMILAR SHAPES

$$\begin{aligned} \text{AREA FACTOR} \\ &= (\text{SCALE FACTOR})^2 \end{aligned}$$

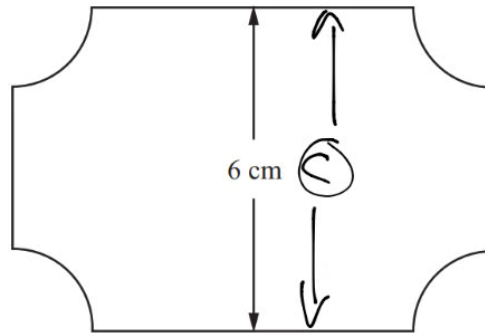
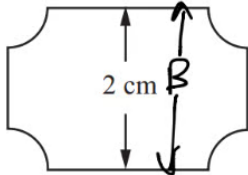
$$\begin{aligned} \text{VOLUME FACTOR} \\ &= (\text{SCALE FACTOR})^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 36 \\ 36 \\ \hline 72 \\ 36 \\ \hline 108 \end{array} \text{ cm}^2$$



**Answer 2**

Here are two supermarket price tickets.



Diagrams NOT accurately drawn

The two supermarket price tickets are mathematically similar.

The area of the smaller ticket is  $7 \text{ cm}^2$ .  
Calculate the area of the larger ticket.

$$C = 6, B = 2$$

$$C = 3 \times B$$

$$C^2 = 3^2 \times B^2$$

$$\therefore C^2 = 9 \times B^2$$

$$A_L = 9 \times A_S$$
$$\therefore A_L = \underline{\underline{63}}$$

63 cm<sup>2</sup>



**Answer 3**

**L** and **M** are two mathematically similar prisms.

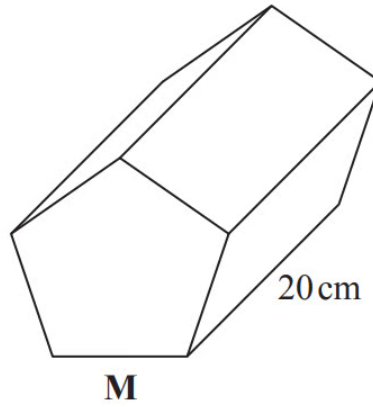
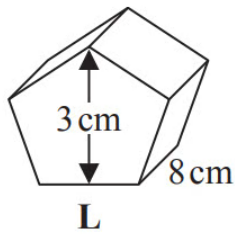


Diagram **NOT** accurately drawn

Prism **L** has length 8 cm.

Prism **M** has length 20 cm.

Prism **L** has height 3 cm.

(a) Work out the height of prism **M**.

$$L : M = 8 : 20$$

$$Sf = 20/8 = 2.5$$

$$3 \times sf = \text{height of } m$$

$$3 \times 2.5 = 7.5$$

7.5

..... cm



**Answer 4**

Prism **M** has a volume of  $1875 \text{ cm}^3$

(b) Work out the volume of prism **L**.

$$\text{Volume scale factor} = \text{length sf}^3$$

$$2.5^3 = 125/8$$

$$\text{Vol L} \times \text{Vsf} = \text{Vol M}$$

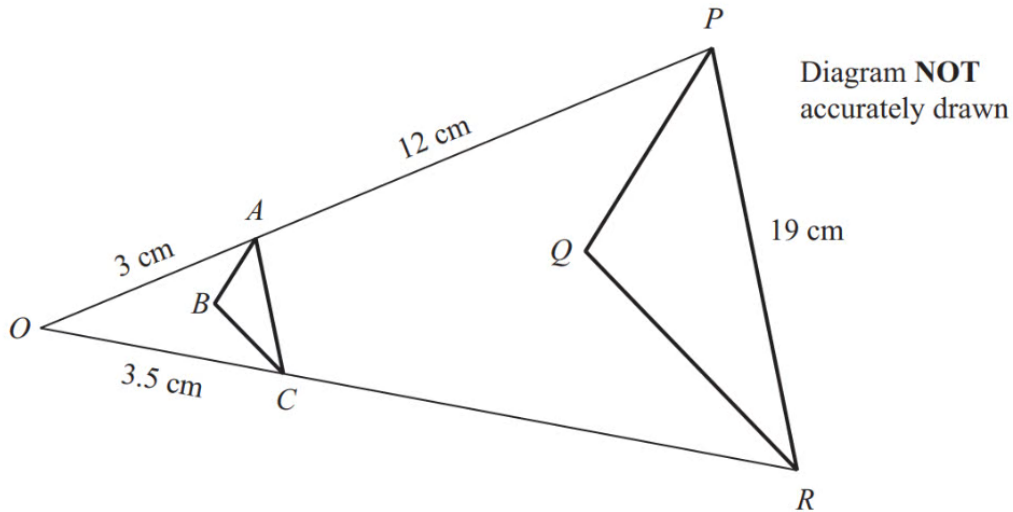
$$\text{Vol M} / \text{Vsf} = \text{Vol L}$$

$$1875 \times 8/125 = 120$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 120 \\ \hline \end{array} \text{ cm}^3$$



**Answer 5**



Triangle  $PQR$  is an enlargement, centre  $O$ , of triangle  $ABC$ .

$OAP$  and  $OCR$  are straight lines.

$OA = 3$  cm.

$AP = 12$  cm.

$OC = 3.5$  cm.

$PR = 19$  cm.

(a) Work out the length of  $CR$ .

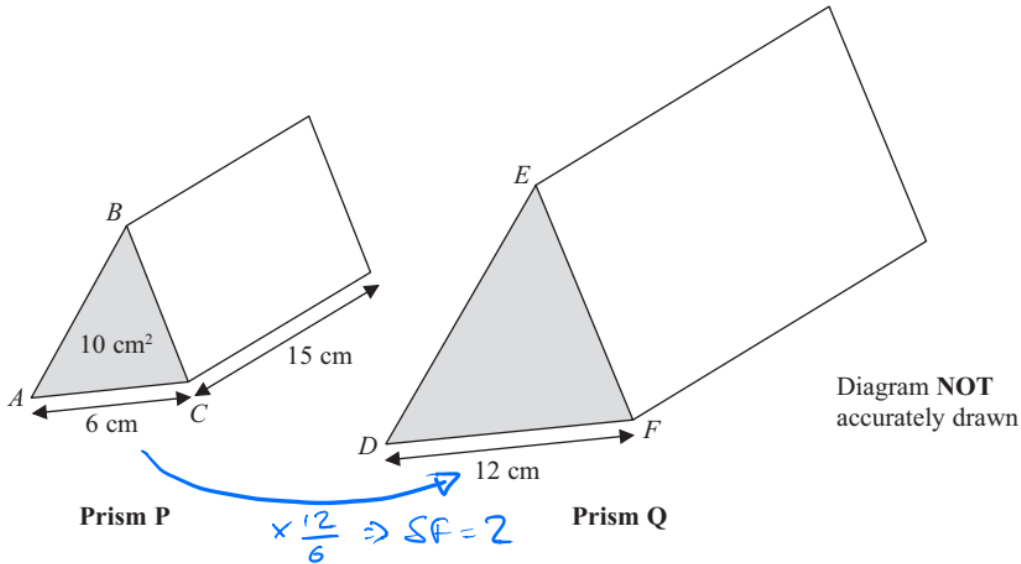
$$SF = \frac{12}{3} = 4 \quad 3.5 \times 4 = \underline{\underline{14}}$$

..... cm



Answer 6

P and Q are two triangular prisms that are mathematically similar.



Prism P has triangle ABC as its cross section.  
Prism Q has triangle DEF as its cross section.

AC = 6 cm  
DF = 12 cm

The area of the cross section of prism P is 10 cm<sup>2</sup>.  
The length of prism P is 15 cm.

Work out the volume of prism Q.

PRISM  
 $V = \text{AREA OF CROSS SECTION} \times \text{LENGTH}$

SIMILAR SHAPES  
AREA FACTOR = (SCALE FACTOR)<sup>2</sup>  
VOLUME FACTOR = (SCALE FACTOR)<sup>3</sup>

$$V_Q = V_P \times \text{VOLUME FACTOR}$$

$$V_P = 10 \times 15 = \underline{150 \text{ cm}^3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_Q &= 150 \times 2^3 \\ &= 150 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \\ &= 300 \times 2 \times 2 \\ &= \underline{1200 \text{ cm}^3} \end{aligned}$$

1200 cm<sup>3</sup>



**Answer 7**

Fred is making two rectangular flower beds.

The dimensions of the larger rectangle will be three times the dimensions of the smaller rectangle.

$$SF = 3$$

There is going to be the same depth of soil in each flower bed.

Fred needs 180 kg of soil for the smaller flower bed.

AREA CHANGES

Work out how much soil Fred needs for the larger flower bed.

SO USE AREA FACTOR



$$SF = 3 \rightarrow AF = 3$$

SIMILAR SHAPES

AREA FACTOR = (SCALE FACTOR)<sup>2</sup>

VOLUME FACTOR = (SCALE FACTOR)<sup>3</sup>



$$\begin{aligned} \text{AMOUNT OF SOIL} &= 3^2 \times 180 \\ &= \underline{\underline{1620 \text{ kg}}} \end{aligned}$$





**Answer 8**

Mark has made a clay model.

He will now make a clay statue that is mathematically similar to the clay model.

The model has a base area of  $6 \text{ cm}^2$

The statue will have a base area of  $253.5 \text{ cm}^2$

Mark used 2kg of clay to make the model.

Clay is sold in 10kg bags.

Mark has to buy all the clay he needs to make the statue.

How many bags of clay will Mark need to buy?

SIMILAR SHAPES

$$\text{AREA FACTOR} = (\text{SCALE FACTOR})^2$$

$$\text{VOLUME FACTOR} = (\text{SCALE FACTOR})^3$$

$$\text{AREA FACTOR} = \frac{253.5}{6}$$

$$\text{So SCALE FACTOR} = \sqrt{\frac{253.5}{6}} = \frac{13}{2}$$

$$\text{So VOLUME FACTOR} = \left(\frac{13}{2}\right)^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MASS OF STATUE} &= 2 \times \left(\frac{13}{2}\right)^3 \\ &= 549.25 \text{ kg} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{No OF BAG} &= \frac{549.25}{10} \\ &= 54.925 \text{ BAGS} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{WHOLE BAGS} = \underline{\underline{55}} \text{ BAGS.}$$



**Answer 9**

Solid **A** and solid **B** are mathematically similar.

The ratio of the surface area of solid **A** to the surface area of solid **B** is 4:9

The volume of solid **B** is  $405 \text{ cm}^3$ .

Show that the volume of solid **A** is  $120 \text{ cm}^3$ .

SIMILAR SHAPES

AREA FACTOR = (SCALE FACTOR)<sup>2</sup>

VOLUME FACTOR = (SCALE FACTOR)<sup>3</sup>

$$A : B$$

AREA:  $\sqrt{\phantom{x}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 4 : 9 \\ \phantom{4} : \phantom{9} \end{array} \right. \sqrt{\phantom{x}}$

LENGTH:  $\sqrt[3]{\phantom{x}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2 : 3 \\ \phantom{2} : \phantom{3} \end{array} \right. \sqrt[3]{\phantom{x}}$  CUBE

VOLUME:  $2^3 : 3^3$

$$\times 15 \times \frac{405}{27} \left( \begin{array}{l} 8 : 27 \\ ? : 405 \end{array} \right) \times \frac{405}{27} = 15$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{VOLUME OF A} &= 8 \times 15 \\ &= \underline{\underline{120 \text{ cm}^3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \phantom{15} : \phantom{27} \\ \hline 1 : 27 \\ 2 : 54 \\ 4 : 108 \\ 8 : 216 \\ 16 : 432 \\ -1 \phantom{0} : 405 \end{array}$$



**Answer 10**

$ABCD$  and  $APQR$  are two similar quadrilaterals.

- $PQ = 9$  cm.
- $BC = 6$  cm.
- $AD = 5$  cm.
- $QR = 12$  cm.

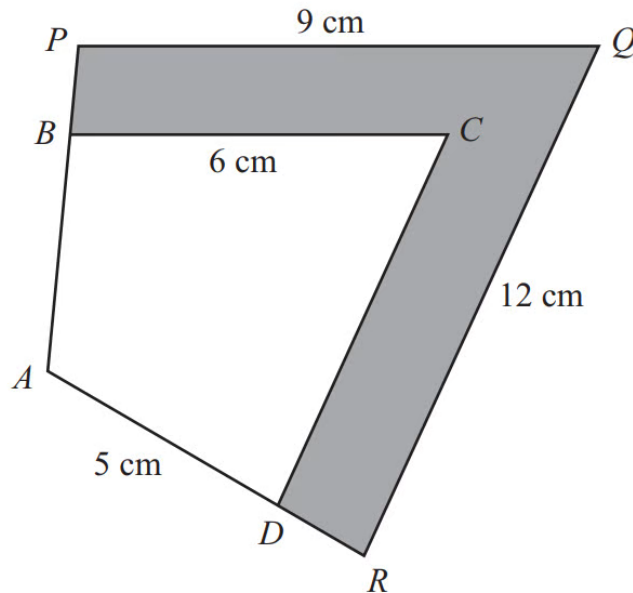


Diagram **NOT** accurately drawn

(a) Find the length of  $DC$ .

Scale factor big - small =  $6/9$

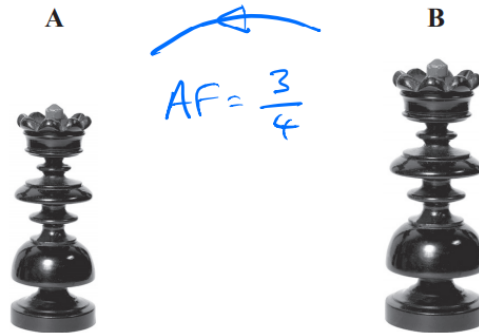
$6/9 \times 12 = 8$

..... **8** ..... cm



**Answer 11**

Here are two similar solid shapes.



surface area of shape A : surface area of shape B = 3 : 4

The volume of shape B is  $10 \text{ cm}^3$

Work out the volume of shape A.

Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

SIMILAR SHAPES

AREA FACTOR = (SCALE FACTOR)<sup>2</sup>

VOLUME FACTOR = (SCALE FACTOR)<sup>3</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} AF &= \frac{3}{4} \quad \text{so} \quad SF = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} \\ \text{so} \quad VF &= \left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}\right)^3 \\ \text{VOL}_A &= VF \times \text{VOL}_B \\ &= \left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}\right)^3 \times 10 \\ &= 6.49519 \dots \\ &\quad \downarrow \begin{array}{l} \geq 5 \\ \text{ROUND UP} \end{array} \\ &= \underline{\underline{6.50 \text{ cm}^3}} \end{aligned}$$



Answer 12

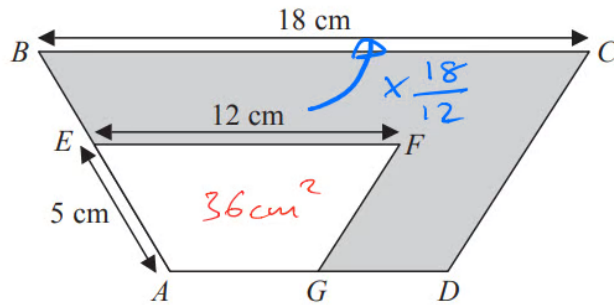


Diagram NOT accurately drawn

$ABCD$  and  $AEFG$  are mathematically similar trapeziums.

$AE = 5$  cm

$EF = 12$  cm

$BC = 18$  cm

↳ USE SCALE FACTOR.

(a) Work out the length of  $AB$ .

$$SF = \frac{18}{12} = \frac{\cancel{6} \times 3}{\cancel{6} \times 2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= AE \times SF \\ &= 5 \times \frac{3}{2} \\ &= \frac{15}{2} \text{ cm } (\underline{\underline{7.5 \text{ cm}}}) \end{aligned}$$



**Answer 13**

Cone **A** and cone **B** are mathematically similar.

The ratio of the volume of cone **A** to the volume of cone **B** is 27 : 8

The surface area of cone **A** is 297 cm<sup>2</sup>

Show that the surface area of cone **B** is 132 cm<sup>2</sup>

SIMILAR SHAPES

AREA FACTOR = (SCALE FACTOR)<sup>2</sup>

VOLUME FACTOR = (SCALE FACTOR)<sup>3</sup>

Volume :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & : & B \\ 27 & : & 8 \end{array}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{VF = \frac{8}{27}}$

SO  $SF = \sqrt[3]{\frac{8}{27}}$

$SF = \underline{\underline{\frac{2}{3}}}$

SO  $AF = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2$

$AF = \underline{\underline{\frac{4}{9}}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{AREA OF B} &= \frac{4}{9} \times \text{AREA OF A} \\ &= \frac{4}{9} \times 297 \\ &= \underline{\underline{132 \text{ cm}^2}} \end{aligned}$$



**Answer 14**

Triangles  $ABC$  and  $ACD$  are similar.

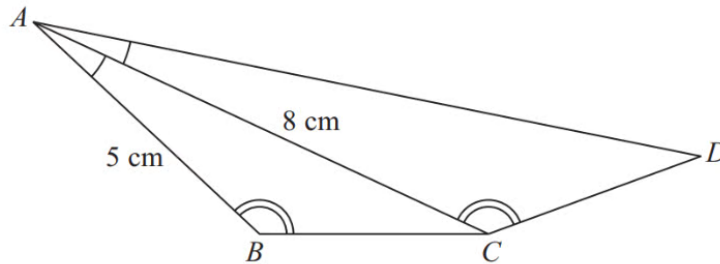
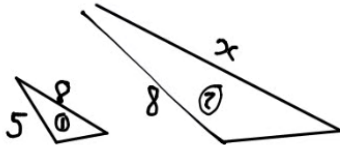


Diagram **NOT** accurately drawn

Angle  $BAC =$  angle  $CAD$ .  
Angle  $ABC =$  angle  $ACD$ .  
 $AB = 5$  cm and  $AC = 8$  cm.

(a) Calculate the length of  $AD$ .



Break down into Two similar triangles

$$\frac{8}{5} = \text{Scale factor}$$

$$8 \times \frac{8}{5} = x = \frac{64}{5} = \underline{\underline{12.8}}$$

.....12.8..... cm



**Answer 15**

Triangles  $ABC$  and  $ACD$  are similar.

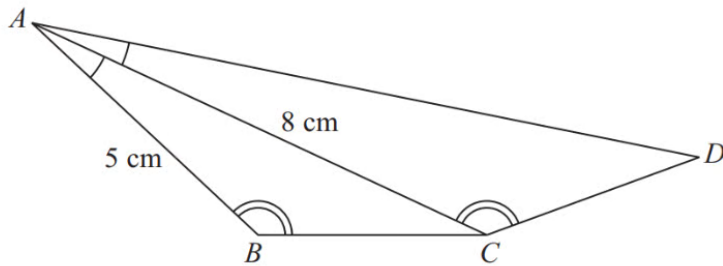
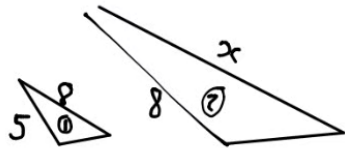


Diagram **NOT** accurately drawn

Angle  $BAC =$  angle  $CAD$ .  
Angle  $ABC =$  angle  $ACD$ .  
 $AB = 5$  cm and  $AC = 8$  cm.

(a) Calculate the length of  $AD$ .



Break down into Two similar triangles

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..... 12.8 ..... cm