



EXAM PAPERS PRACTICE

GCSE OCR Math J560

Vectors

Answers

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Answer 1

P is the point on AB such that $AP : PB = 3 : 1$

(b) Find \vec{OP} in terms of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

Give your answer in its simplest form.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{OP} &= \vec{OA} + \vec{AP} \\ &= \vec{OA} + \frac{3}{4} \times \vec{AB} \\ &= \mathbf{a} + \frac{3}{4}(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}) \\ &= \mathbf{a} + \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{b} - \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{a} \\ &= \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{4}\mathbf{a} + \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{b}}} &= \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{4}(\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b})}}\end{aligned}$$



Answer 2

$$\underline{\underline{\vec{NQ} = \frac{2}{5} \vec{SQ}}}$$

(b) Express \vec{NR} in terms of **a** and **b**.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{NR} &= \vec{NQ} + \vec{QR} \\ &= \frac{2}{5}(a-b) + b \\ &= \frac{2}{5}a - \frac{2}{5}b + b \\ &= \underline{\underline{\frac{2}{5}a + \frac{3}{5}b}}\end{aligned}$$



Answer 3

(b) Work out $\mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b}$ as a column vector.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 2 \times 1 \\ 2 + 2 \times (-3) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



Answer 4

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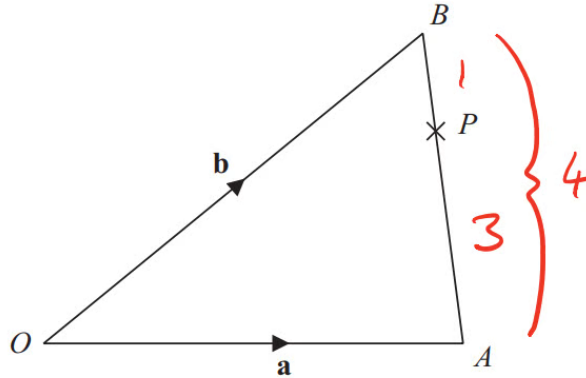


Diagram NOT accurately drawn

$$\vec{AP} = \frac{3}{4} \vec{AB}$$

OAB is a triangle.

$$\vec{OA} = \mathbf{a}$$

$$\vec{OB} = \mathbf{b}$$

(a) Find \vec{AB} in terms of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

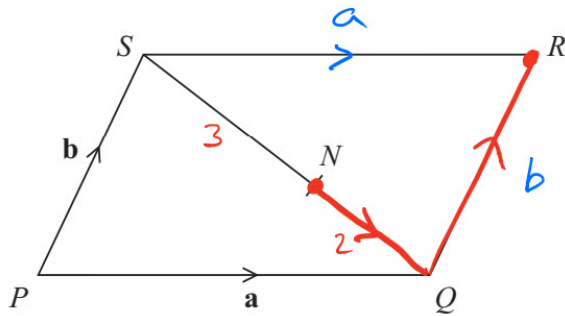
$$\vec{AB} = \vec{AO} + \vec{OB}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{-\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}}}$$



Answer 5



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Diagram NOT accurately drawn

PQRS is a parallelogram.

N is the point on SQ such that SN : NQ = 3 : 2

$$\vec{PQ} = \mathbf{a}$$

$$\vec{PS} = \mathbf{b}$$

TOTAL = 5
$$\vec{NQ} = \frac{2}{5} \vec{SQ}$$

(a) Write down, in terms of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} , an expression for \vec{SQ} .

$$\vec{SQ} = \vec{SP} + \vec{PQ} = -\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a}$$

$$\vec{SQ} = \underline{\underline{\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}}}$$



Answer 6

X is the point on AB such that $AX : XB = 1 : 2$

and $\vec{BY} = 5\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$

*(b) Prove that $\vec{OX} = \frac{2}{5}\vec{OY}$

$$\vec{AX} = \frac{1}{3} \times \vec{AB}$$

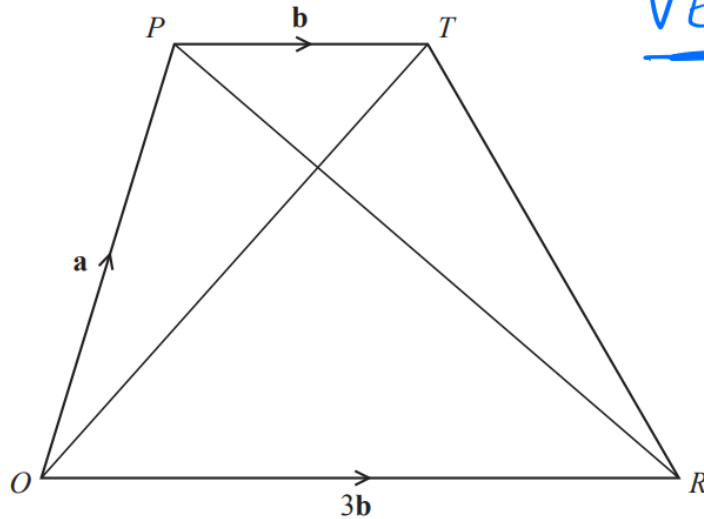
$$\begin{aligned}\vec{OX} &= \vec{OA} + \vec{AX} \\ &= 3\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{3}(-3\mathbf{a} + 6\mathbf{b}) \\ &= 3\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b} \\ &= 2\mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b} \\ &= \underline{\underline{2(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{OY} &= \vec{OB} + \vec{BY} \\ &= 6\mathbf{b} + 5\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} \\ &= 5\mathbf{a} + 5\mathbf{b} \\ &= \underline{\underline{5(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})}}\end{aligned}$$

So $\underline{\underline{\vec{OX} = \frac{2}{5}\vec{OY}}}$



Answer 7



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Diagram **NOT** accurately drawn

$OPTR$ is a trapezium.

$$\vec{OP} = \mathbf{a}$$

$$\vec{PT} = \mathbf{b}$$

$$\vec{OR} = 3\mathbf{b}$$

(a) (i) Find \vec{OT} in terms of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b}

$$\vec{OT} = \vec{OP} + \vec{PT}$$

$$\vec{OT} = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$$

(ii) Find \vec{PR} in terms of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b}
Give your answer in its simplest form.

$$\vec{PR} = \vec{PO} + \vec{OR}$$

$$\vec{PR} = -\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b}$$



Answer 8

*(c) What does your answer to part (b) tell you about the position of point S ?

$$\vec{OS} = \frac{3}{4}(a+b)$$

SINCE $\vec{OT} = a+b$

$$\vec{OS} = \frac{3}{4} \times \vec{OT}$$

S LIES ON OT.



Answer 9

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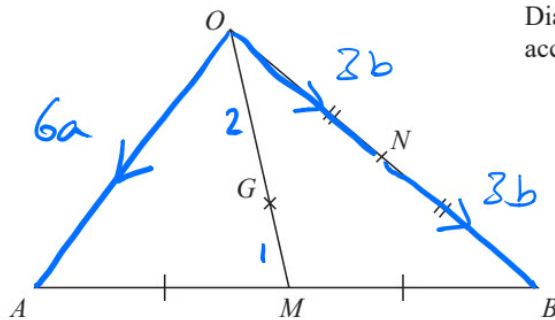


Diagram NOT accurately drawn

$\vec{OA} = 6\mathbf{a}$ and $\vec{OB} = 6\mathbf{b}$
 M is the midpoint of AB .

$$\vec{AM} = \frac{1}{2} \times \vec{AB}$$

(a) Write \vec{OM} in terms of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .
Give your answer in its simplest form.

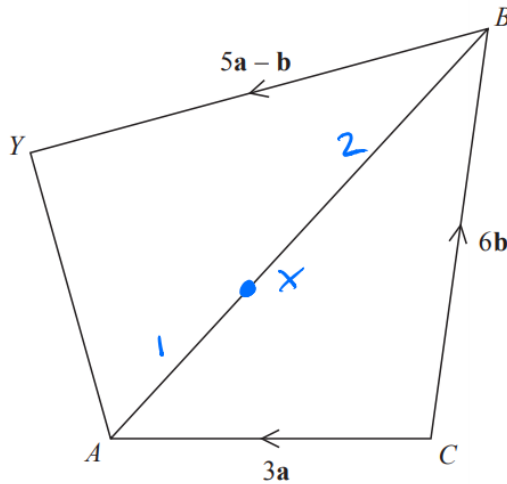
$$\begin{aligned}\vec{OM} &= \vec{OA} + \vec{AM} \\ &= \vec{OA} + \frac{1}{2} \vec{AB} \\ &= 6\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2}(6\mathbf{b} - 6\mathbf{a}) \\ &= 6\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b} - 3\mathbf{a} \\ \vec{OM} &= \underline{3\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{AB} &= \vec{OB} - \vec{OA} \\ &= -6\mathbf{a} + 6\mathbf{b} \\ &= 6\mathbf{b} - 6\mathbf{a}\end{aligned}$$



Answer 10

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CAYB is a quadrilateral.

$$\vec{CA} = 3\mathbf{a}$$

$$\vec{CB} = 6\mathbf{b}$$

$$\vec{BY} = 5\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$$

X is the point on AB such that AX:XB = 1:2

Prove that $\vec{CX} = \frac{2}{5}\vec{CY}$

$$\vec{CX} = \vec{CA} + \vec{AX}$$

$$\vec{CX} = 3\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{3}(-3\mathbf{a} + 6\mathbf{b})$$

$$= 3\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b}$$

$$= 2\mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b}$$

$$\vec{CX} = \underline{\underline{2(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})}}$$

$$\vec{AX} = \frac{1}{3} \times \vec{AB}$$
$$\vec{AX} = \frac{1}{3}(\vec{AC} + \vec{CB})$$
$$= \frac{1}{3}(-3\mathbf{a} + 6\mathbf{b})$$

$$\vec{CY} = \vec{CB} + \vec{BY}$$

$$= 6\mathbf{b} + 5\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$$

$$= 5\mathbf{a} + 5\mathbf{b}$$

$$\vec{CY} = \underline{\underline{5(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})}}$$

$$\frac{2}{5}\vec{CY} = \frac{2}{5} \times 5(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})$$

$$\frac{2}{5}\vec{CY} = 2(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})$$

$$\underline{\underline{\frac{2}{5}\vec{CY} = \vec{CX}}}$$



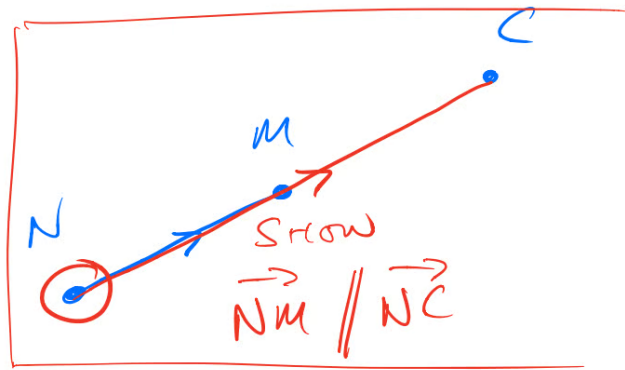
Answer 11

B is the midpoint of AC .

M is the midpoint of PB .

* (b) Show that NMC is a straight line.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{NM} &= \vec{NP} + \vec{PM} \\ &= \vec{NP} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{PB} \\ &= b + \frac{1}{2}(a - 3b) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}a + b - \frac{3}{2}b \\ &= \frac{1}{2}a - \frac{1}{2}b\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\vec{NC} &= \vec{NA} + \vec{AC} \\ &= -2b + 2a \\ &= \underline{\underline{2a - 2b}}\end{aligned}$$

SINCE $\vec{NC} = 4\vec{NM}$, \vec{NC} IS PARALLEL TO \vec{NM}
AND HENCE, NMC IS A STRAIGHT LINE.



Answer 12

* (b) Prove that OND is a straight line.

→ SHOW THAT

\vec{OD} IS PARALLEL TO \vec{ON}

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{OD} &= \vec{OA} + \vec{AD} \\ &= \underline{\underline{a + 2b}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{ON} &= \frac{2}{3}b + \frac{1}{3}a \\ &= \frac{1}{3}(2b + a)\end{aligned}$$

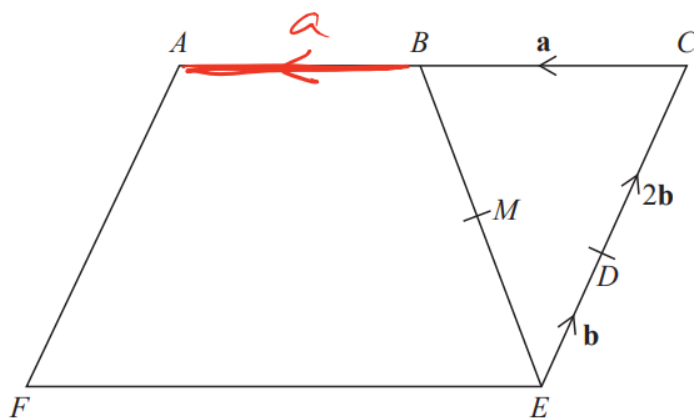
$$\vec{ON} = \frac{1}{3} \times \vec{OD} \quad \text{so} \quad \vec{ON} \parallel \vec{OD} \quad \text{so} \quad OND \text{ IS A STRAIGHT LINE}$$



Answer 13

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Diagram NOT accurately drawn



$$\vec{BM} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{BE}$$

ACEF is a parallelogram.
B is the midpoint of AC.
M is the midpoint of BE.

$$\vec{CB} = \mathbf{a} \quad \vec{BA} = \mathbf{a}$$

$$\vec{ED} = \mathbf{b}$$

$$\vec{DC} = 2\mathbf{b}$$

NEED TO SHOW
THAT $\vec{AD} = k \vec{AM}$

Show that AMD is a straight line.

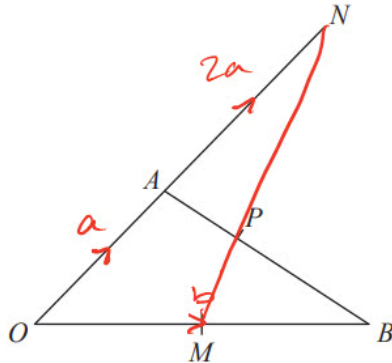
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{AM} &= \vec{AB} + \vec{BM} \\ &= -\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2} \vec{BE} \\ &= -\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2} (\vec{BC} + \vec{CE}) \\ &= -\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2} (-\mathbf{a} - 3\mathbf{b}) \\ &= -\mathbf{a} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a} - \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{b} \\ &= -\frac{3}{2}\mathbf{a} - \frac{3}{2}\mathbf{b} \\ &= -\frac{3}{2}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{AD} &= \vec{AC} + \vec{CD} \\ &= -2\mathbf{a} - 2\mathbf{b} \\ &= -2(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \end{aligned}$$

So \vec{AD} is a
MULTIPLE OF \vec{AM}
AND SO ADM
IS A STRAIGHT
LINE.



Answer 14



OAN , OMB and APB are straight lines.

$AN = 2OA$.

M is the midpoint of OB .

$\vec{OA} = \mathbf{a}$ $\vec{OB} = \mathbf{b}$

$\vec{AP} = k\vec{AB}$ where k is a scalar quantity.

Given that MPN is a straight line, find the value of k .

"NUMBER"

\vec{MN} IS A MULTIPLE OF \vec{MP} .

$$\vec{MN} = \vec{MO} + \vec{ON}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b} + 3\mathbf{a}$$

$$= 3\mathbf{a} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b}$$

$$\vec{MP} = \vec{MO} + \vec{OA} + \vec{AP}$$

$$= \vec{MO} + \vec{OA} + k\vec{AB}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a} + k\mathbf{b} - k\mathbf{a}$$

$$= (1-k)\mathbf{a} + (k-\frac{1}{2})\mathbf{b}$$

$$\vec{AB} = \vec{AO} + \vec{OB}$$

$$= -\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$$

$$= \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}$$

$$\frac{1-k}{3} = \frac{k-\frac{1}{2}}{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{1-k}{3} = 1-2k$$

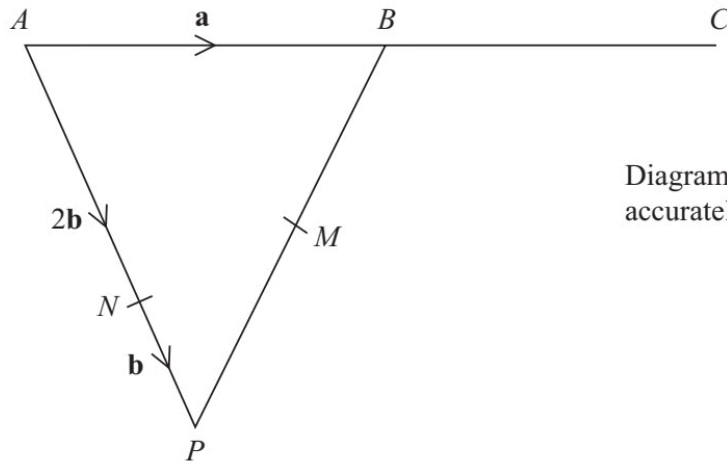
$$1-k = 3-6k$$

$$5k = 2$$

$$k = \frac{2}{5}$$



Answer 15



APB is a triangle.
 N is a point on AP .

$$\vec{AB} = \mathbf{a} \quad \vec{AN} = 2\mathbf{b} \quad \vec{NP} = \mathbf{b}$$

(a) Find the vector \vec{PB} , in terms of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{PB} &= \vec{PA} + \vec{AB} \\ &= -\mathbf{b} - 2\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a} = \underline{\underline{\mathbf{a} - 3\mathbf{b}}} \end{aligned}$$