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**121/2 - MATHEMATICS ALT A - Paper 2**

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**Instructions to candidates**

- (a) Write your name and index number in the spaces provided above.
- (b) Sign and write the date of examination in the spaces provided above.
- (c) This paper consists of **TWO** sections: **Section I** and **Section II**.
- (d) Answer **ALL** the questions in **Section I** and only **five** questions from **Section II**.
- (e) **Show all the steps in your calculations, giving your answers at each stage in the spaces provided below each question.**
- (f) Marks may be given for correct working even if the answer is wrong.
- (g) **Non-programmable** silent electronic calculators and **KNEC Mathematical tables** may be used, except where stated otherwise.
- (h) **This paper consists of 20 printed pages.**
- (i) **Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.**
- (j) **Candidates should answer the questions in English.**



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**Section I**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total

**Section II**

17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Total

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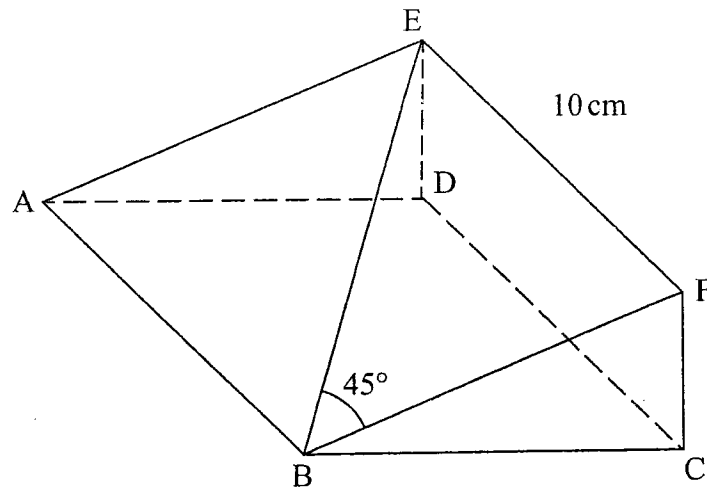
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## SECTION I (50 marks)

Answer *all* the questions in this section in the spaces provided.

1. Given that  $2 \log x^2 + \log \sqrt{x} = k \log x$ , find the value of  $k$ . (2 marks)
2. A variable  $P$  varies directly as  $t^3$  and inversely as the square root of  $s$ . When  $t = 2$  and  $s = 9$ ,  $P = 16$ . Determine the equation connecting  $P$ ,  $t$  and  $s$ , hence find  $P$  when  $s = 36$  and  $t = 3$ . (4 marks)
3. Asia invested some money in a financial institution. The financial institution offered 6% per annum compound interest in the first year and 7% per annum in the second year. At the end of the second year, Asia had Ksh 170 130 in the financial institution. Determine the amount of money Asia invested. (3 marks)

4. The figure below represents a wedge ABCDEF.  $EF = 10\text{ cm}$ , angle  $FBE = 45^\circ$  and the angle between the planes ABFE and ABCD is  $20^\circ$ .



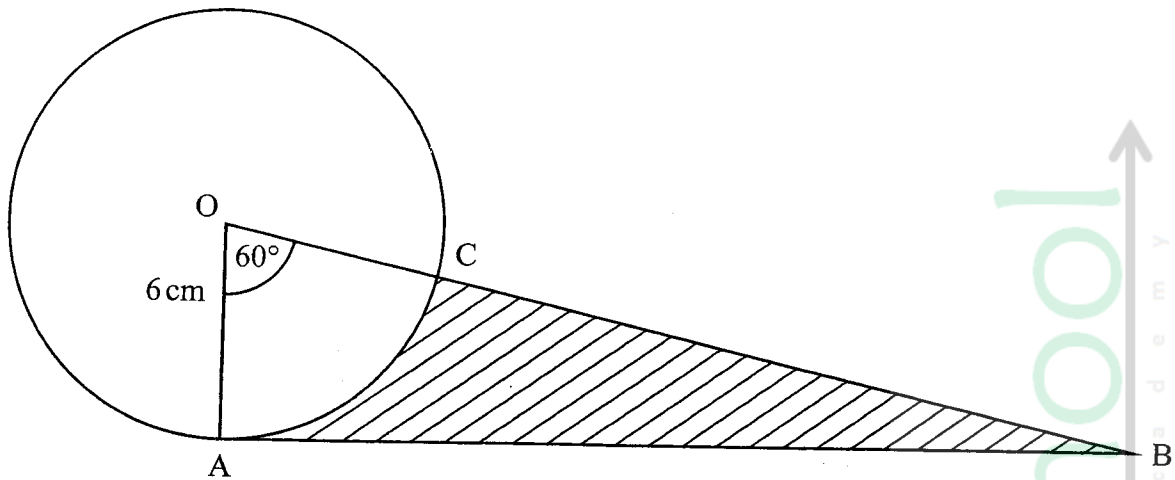
Calculate length BC, correct to 1 decimal place.

(3 marks)

5. Simplify  $\frac{\sqrt{54} + 3\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}}$ .

(2 marks)

6. In the figure below, AB is a tangent to the circle, centre O and radius 6 cm. The arc AC subtends an angle of  $60^\circ$  at the centre of the circle.



Calculate the area of the shaded region, correct to 1 decimal place.

(4 marks)

7. Use completing the square method to solve  $3x^2 + 8x - 6 = 0$ , correct to 3 significant figures.

(3 marks)

8. Three workers, working 8 hours per day can complete a task in 5 days. Each worker is paid Ksh 40 per hour. Calculate the cost of hiring 5 workers if they work for 6 hours per day to complete the same task. (3 marks)

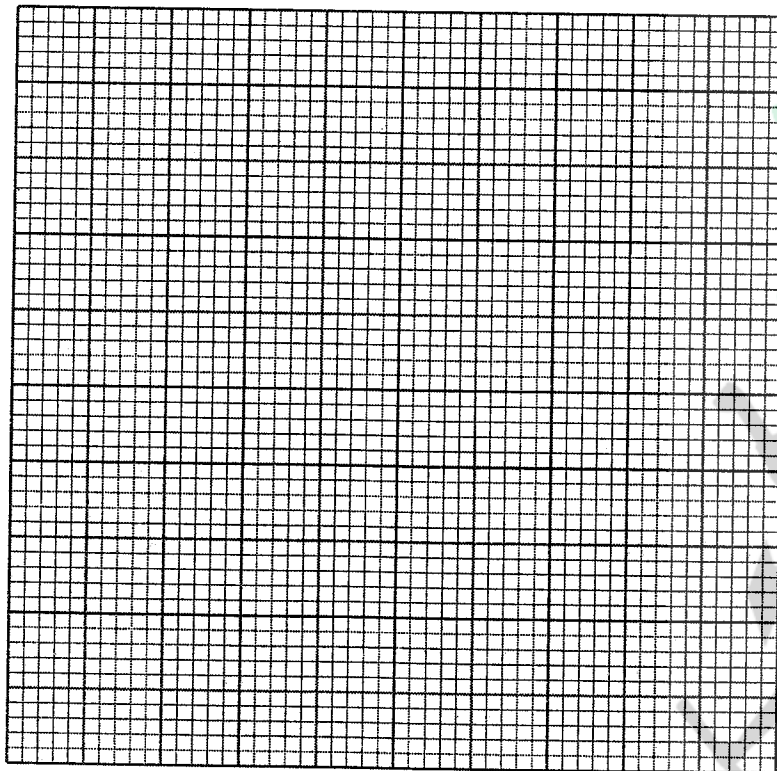
9. The table below represents a relationship between two variables  $x$  and  $y$ .

$x$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$y$	3.5	4.5	8.0	8.5	11	13

s)

- (a) On the grid provided draw the line of best fit.

(3 marks)

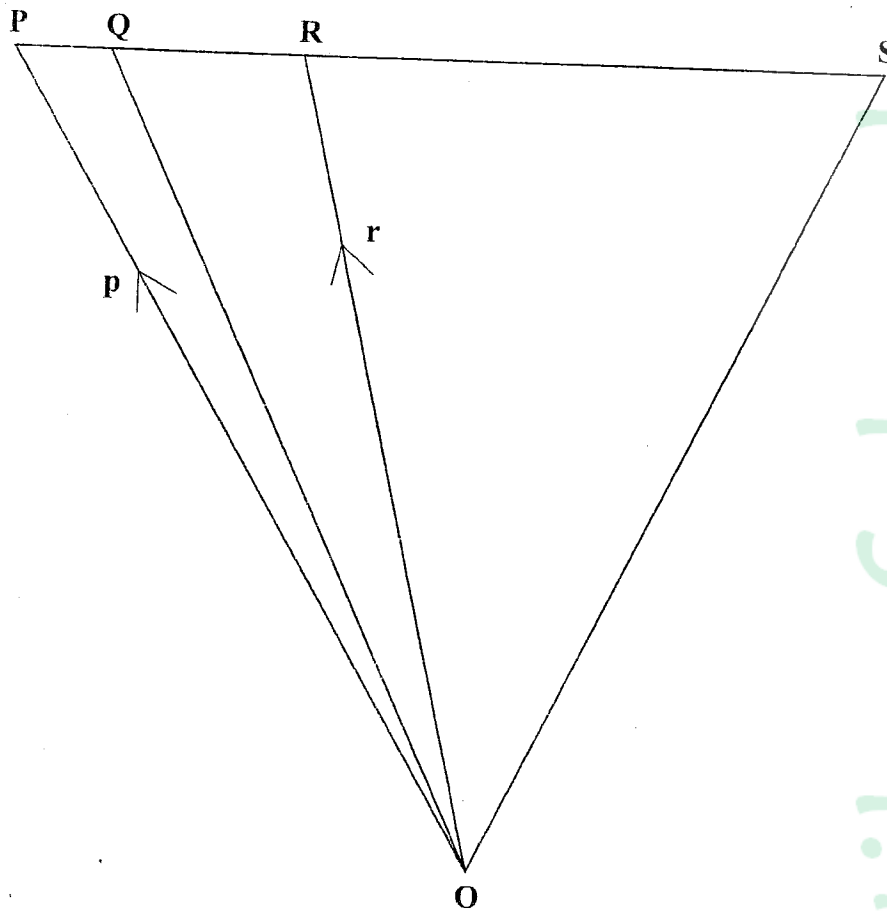


- (b) Use the graph to find the value of  $y$  when  $x = 0$ .

(1 mark)

10. State the amplitude and the phase angle of the curve  $y = 2 \sin\left(\frac{3}{2}x - 30^\circ\right)$ . (2 marks)
11. The mass, in kilograms, of 9 sheep in a pen were:  
13, 8, 16, 17, 19, 20, 15, 14 and 11.  
Determine the quartile deviation of the data. (3 marks)
12. The position of two points C and D on the earth's surface are  $(\theta^\circ\text{N}, 10^\circ\text{E})$  and  $(\theta^\circ\text{N}, 30^\circ\text{E})$  respectively. The distance between the two points is 600 nm. Determine the latitude on which C and D lie. (3 marks)

13. In the figure below  $OP = p$ ,  $OR = r$ ,  $PQ:QR = 1:2$  and  $PS = 3PR$ .



Express  $QS$  in terms of  $p$  and  $r$ .

(4 marks)

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14. In a certain firm there are 6 men and 4 women employees. Two employees are chosen at random to attend a seminar. Determine the probability that a man and a woman are chosen. (3 marks)

15. Under a transformation  $T = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ , triangle OAB is mapped onto triangle OA'B' with vertices O(0,0), A'(18,0) and B'(18, 6). Find the area of triangle OAB. (3 marks)

16. Find the value of  $k$  if  $\int_0^2 (kx^3 - 3x^2) dx = 16$ . (4 marks)



**SECTION II (50 marks)**

Answer any **five** questions from this section in the spaces provided.

17. The 5th and 10th terms of an arithmetic progression are 18 and  $-2$  respectively.

(a) Find the common difference and the first term.

(4 marks)

(b) Determine the least number of terms which must be added together so that the sum of the progression is negative. Hence find the sum.

(6 marks)

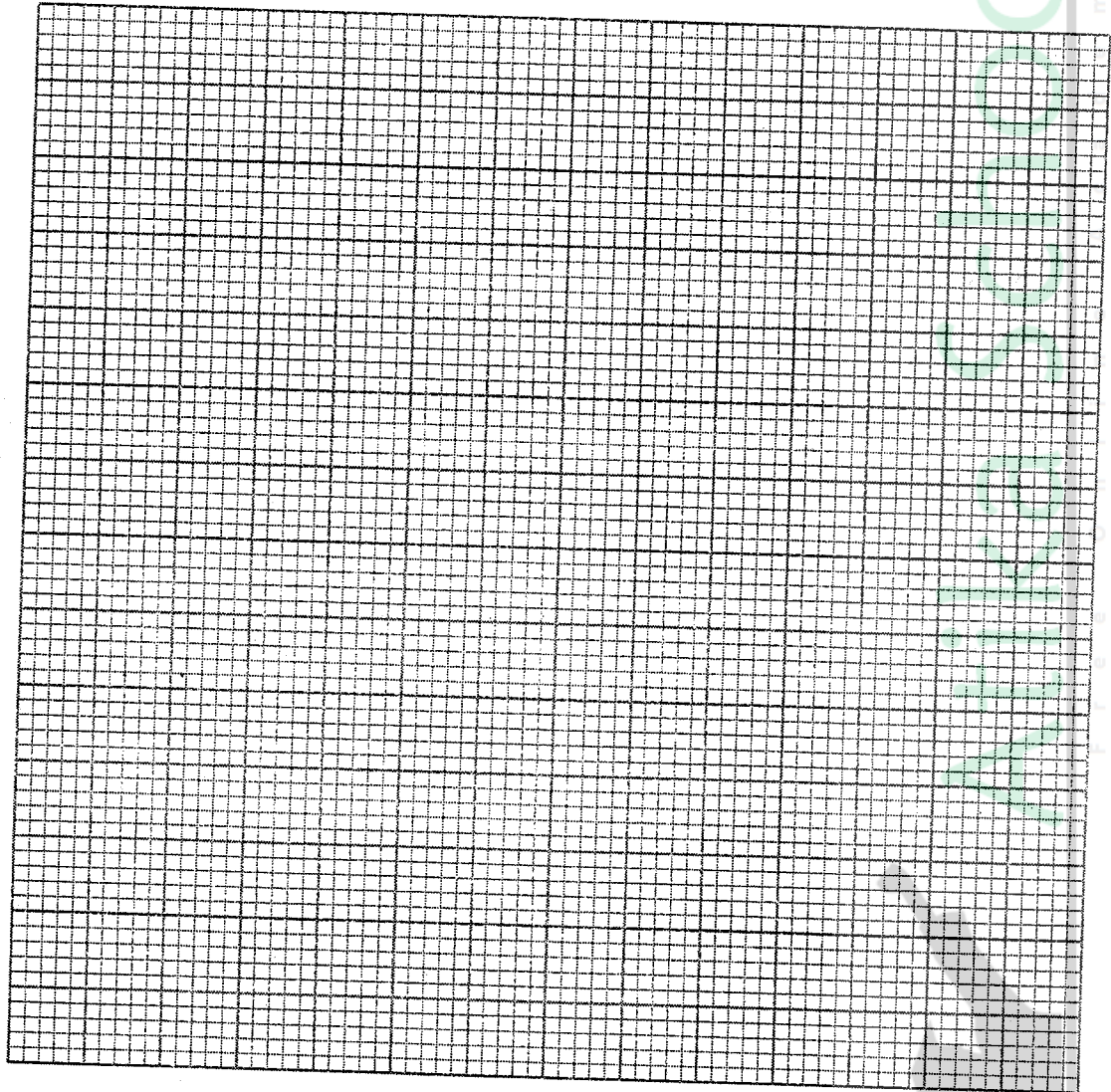


18. (a) Complete the table below for the equation  $y = x^2 - 4x + 2$ .

(2 marks)

$x$	0	1	2	3	4	5
$y$						

- (b) On the grid provided draw the graph  $y = x^2 - 4x + 2$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 5$ . Use 2 cm to represent 1 unit on the  $x$ -axis and 1 cm to represent 1 unit on the  $y$ -axis. (3 marks)



- (c) Use the graph to solve the equation,  
 $x^2 - 4x + 2 = 0$

(2 marks)

- (d) By drawing a suitable line, use the graph in (b) to solve the equation  $x^2 - 5x + 3 = 0$ .

(3 marks)



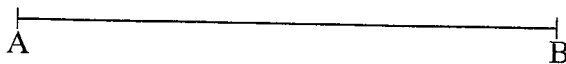
19. (a) The table below shows the frequency distribution of heights of 40 plants in a tree nursery

Heights of plants (cm)	0–10	10–20	20–30	30–40	40–50	50–60
Frequency	4	8	10	12	4	2

- (a) State the modal class. (1 mark)
- (b) Calculate: (3 marks)
- (i) the mean height of the plants; (3 marks)
- (ii) the standard deviation of the distribution. (4 marks)
- (c) Determine the probability that a plant taken at random has a height greater than 40 cm. (2 marks)



20. (a) Using a ruler and a pair of compasses only, construct:
- (i) a parallelogram ABCD, with line AB below as part of it, such that  $AD = 7\text{ cm}$  and angle  $BAD = 60^\circ$ ; (3 marks)



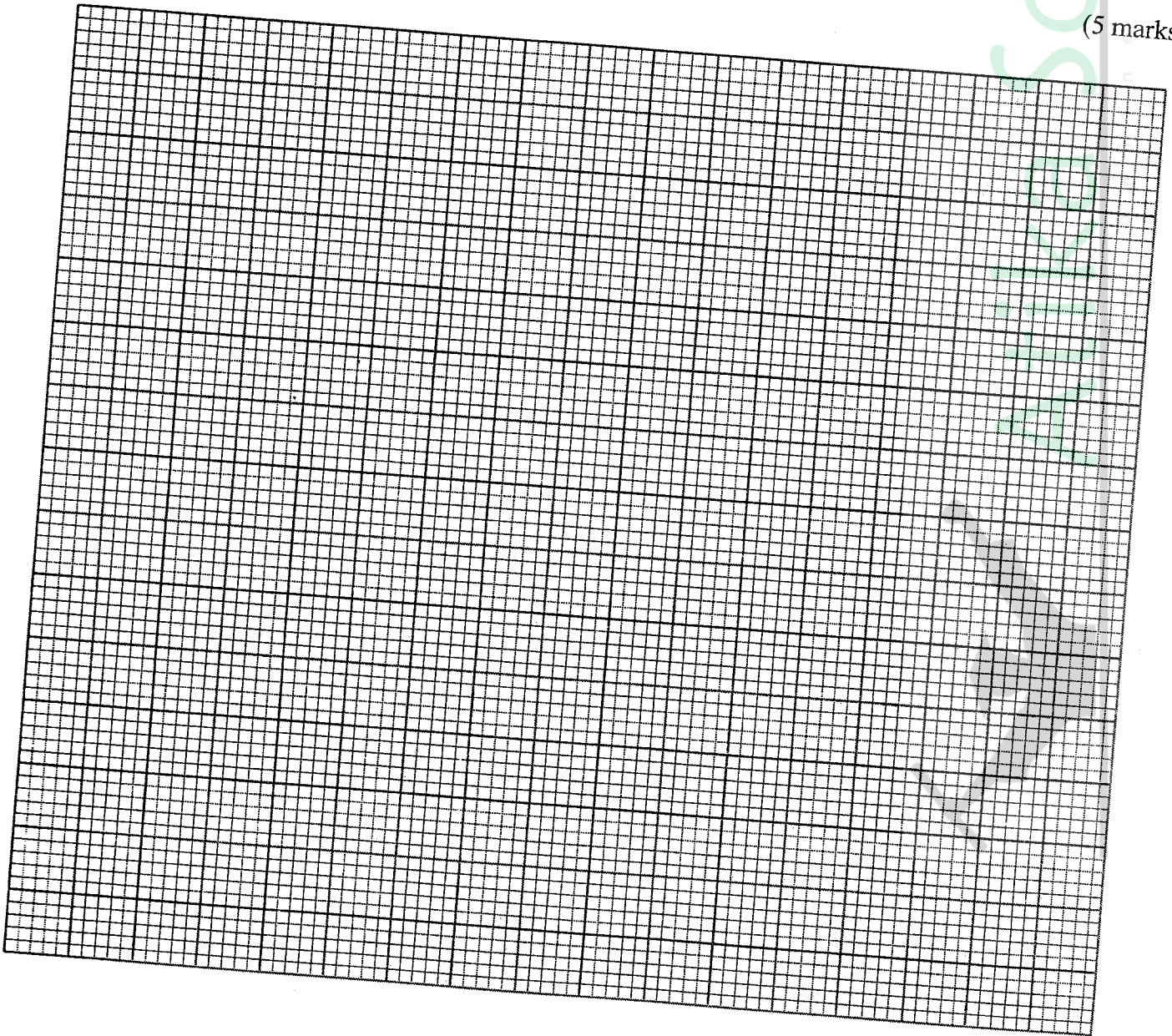
- (ii) the locus of points equidistant from AB and AD; (1 mark)
- (iii) the perpendicular bisector of BC. (1 mark)
- (b) (i) Mark the point P that lies on DC and is equidistant from AB and AD. (1 mark)
- (ii) Measure BP. (1 mark)
- (c) Describe the locus that the perpendicular bisector of BC represents. (1 mark)
- (d) Calculate the area of trapezium ABCP. (2 marks)

21. The table below shows some values of the curves  $y = 2 \cos x$  and  $y = 3 \sin x$ .

- (a) Complete the table for values of  $y = 2 \cos x$  and  $y = 3 \sin x$ , correct to 1 decimal place.  
(2 marks)

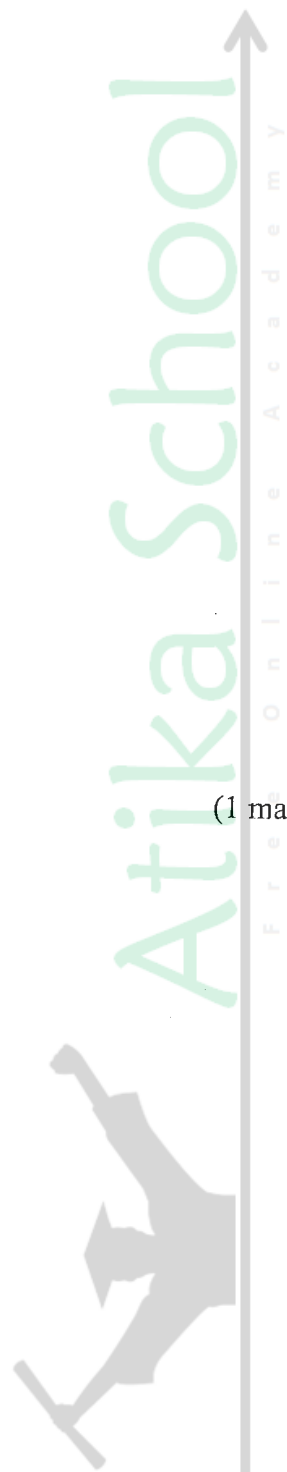
$x^\circ$	$0^\circ$	$30^\circ$	$60^\circ$	$90^\circ$	$120^\circ$	$150^\circ$	$180^\circ$	$210^\circ$	$240^\circ$	$270^\circ$	$300^\circ$	$330^\circ$	$360^\circ$
$y = 2 \cos x$	2		1	0		-1.7		-1.7	-1		1	1.7	2
$y = 3 \sin x$	0	1.5		3	2.6		0		-2.6			-1.5	0

- (b) On the grid provided, draw the graphs of  $y = 2 \cos x$  and  $y = 3 \sin x$  for  $0^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$ , on the same axes.  
(5 marks)



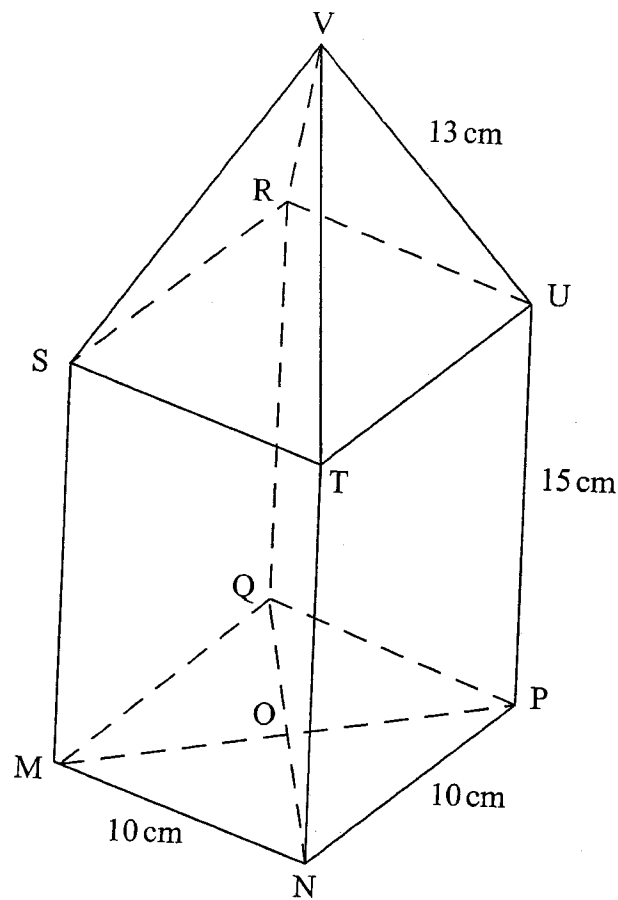
- (c) Use the graph to find the values of  $x$  when  $2 \cos x - 3 \sin x = 0$  (2 marks)

- (d) Use the graph to find the values of  $y$  when  $2 \cos x = 3 \sin x$ . (1 mark)





22. The figure below is a model of a watch tower with a square base of side 10 cm. Height PU is 15 cm and slanting edges  $UV = TV = SV = RV = 13$  cm.



Giving the answer correct to two decimal places, calculate:

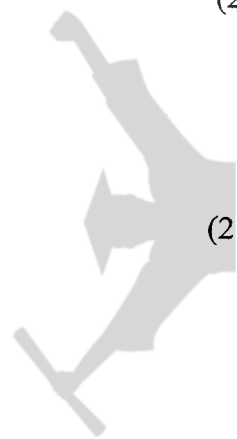
- (a) length MP;  
(b) the angle between MU and plane MNPQ;

(2 marks)

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(c) Length VO;

(3 marks)

(d) the angle between planes VST and RSTU.

(3 marks)



23. The table below shows monthly income tax rates for a certain year.

Monthly income (in Ksh)	Tax rate in each shilling
0 – 11 180	10%
11 181 – 21 714	15%
21 715 – 32 248	20%
32 249 – 42 782	25%
Above 42 782	30%

In that year a monthly personal tax relief of Ksh 1 280 was allowed. In a certain month of that year, Sila earned a monthly basic salary of Ksh 52 000, a house allowance of Ksh 7 800 and a commuter allowance of Ksh 5 000.

- (a) Calculate:

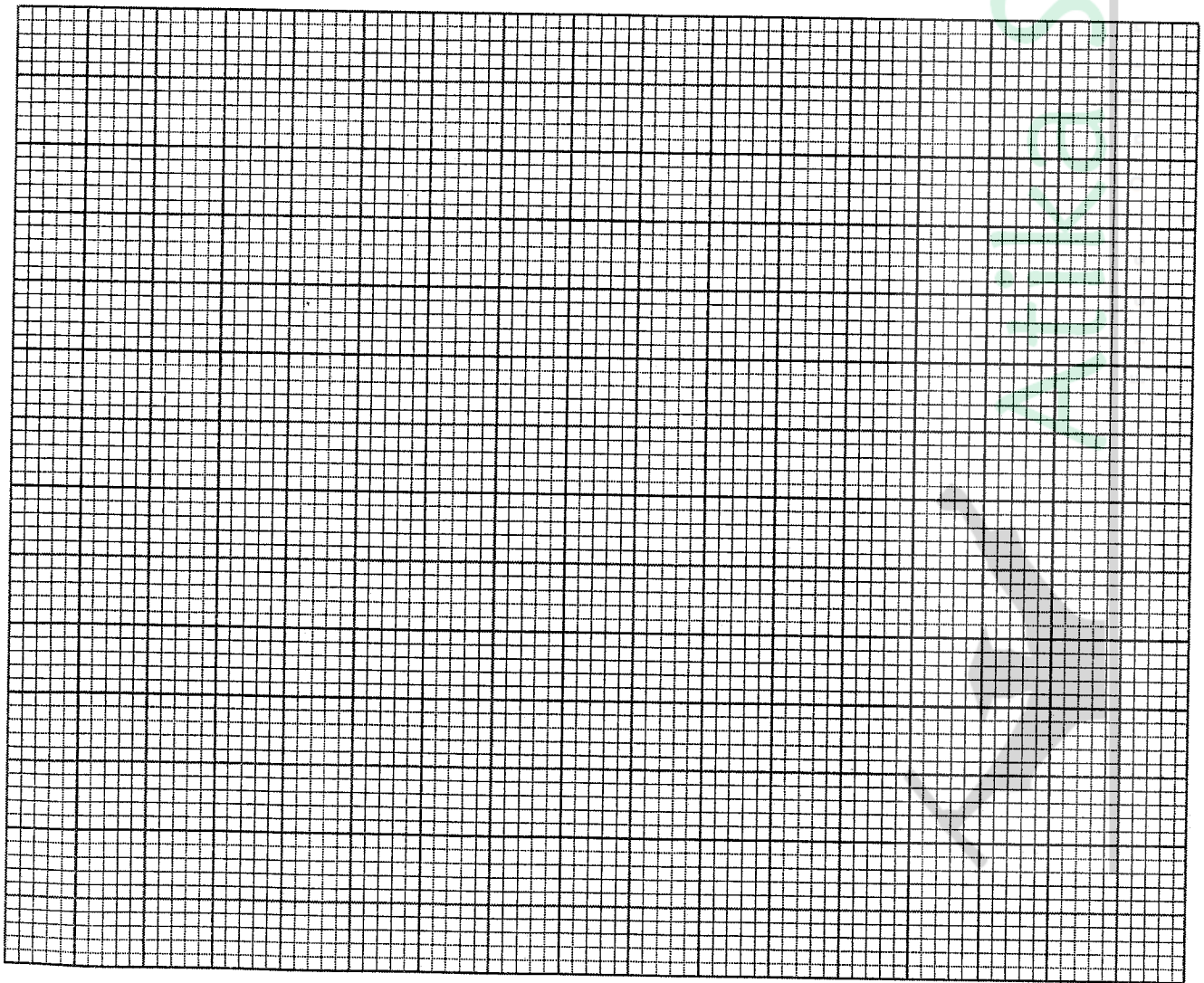
- (i) Sila's taxable income; (2 marks)
- (ii) the net tax payable by Sila in that month; (5 marks)

- (b) In July that year, Sila's basic salary was raised by 4%. Determine Sila's net salary in July. (3 marks)

- 24 A hotel buys beef and mutton daily. The amount of beef bought must be at least 30 kg and that of mutton at least 20 kg. The total mass of beef and mutton bought should not exceed 100 kg. The beef is bought at Ksh 360 per kg and the mutton at Ksh 480 per kg. The amount of money spent on both beef and mutton should not exceed Ksh 43 200 per day. Let  $x$  represent the number of kilograms of beef and  $y$  the number of kilograms of mutton.

(a) Write the inequalities that represent the above information. (3 marks)

(b) On the grid provided, draw the inequalities in (a) above. (4 marks)



- (c) The hotel makes a profit of Ksh 50 on each kg of beef and Ksh 60 on each kg of mutton. Determine the maximum profit the hotel can make. (3 marks)



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