

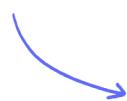
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Volume & Surface Area

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Easy Questions

1 The diagram shows a prism.

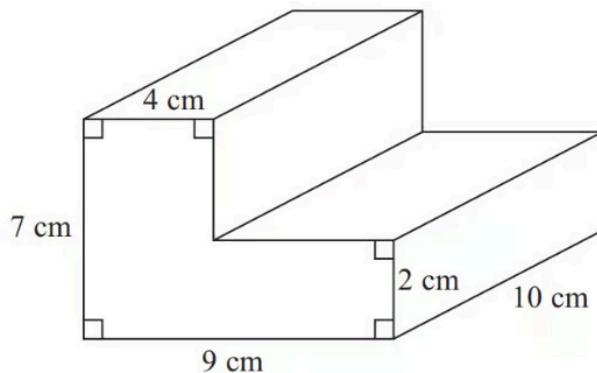


Diagram **NOT**
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Work out the volume of the prism.

(3 marks)

2 Here is a triangular prism.

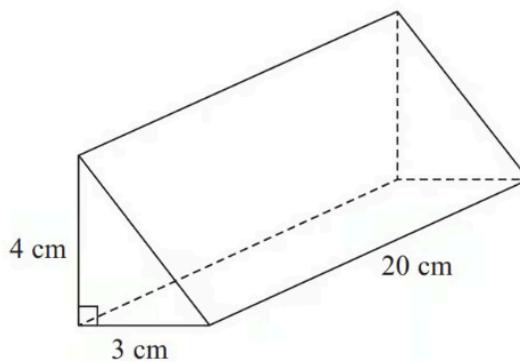


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Work out the volume of this triangular prism.

(4 marks)

3 The diagram shows a prism.

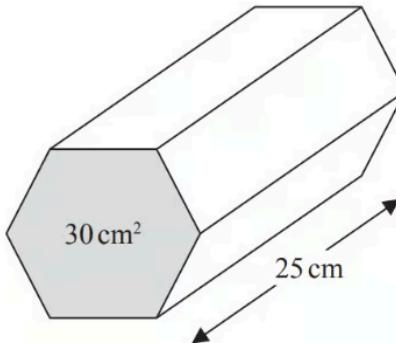


Diagram **NOT**
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The area of the cross section of the prism is 30 cm^2 .

The length of the prism is 25 cm.

Work out the volume of the prism.

(3 marks)

4 Here is a cuboid.

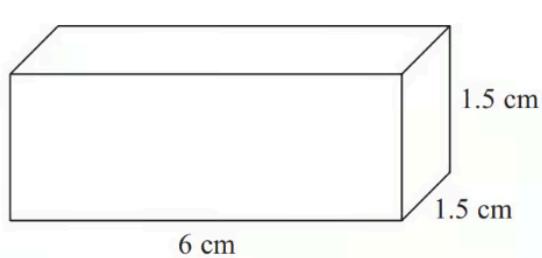


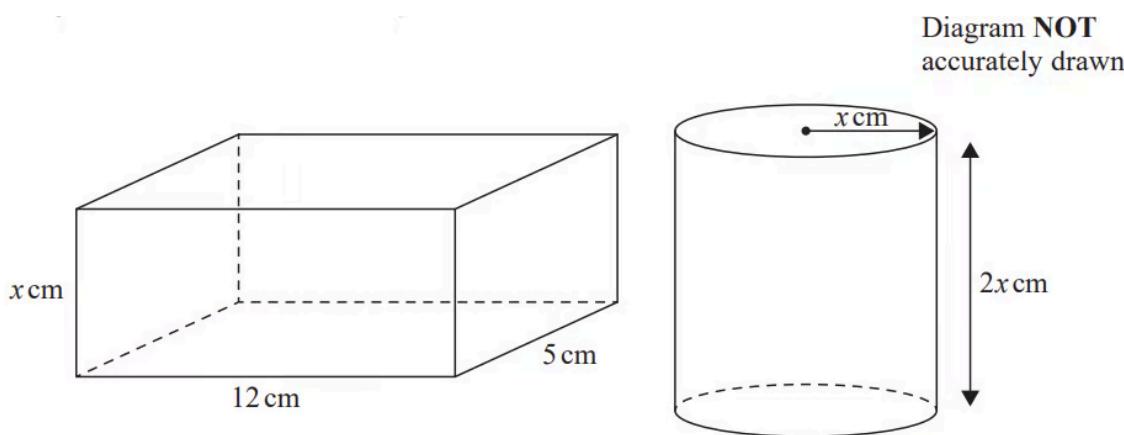
Diagram **NOT**
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The cuboid is 6 cm by 1.5 cm by 1.5 cm.

Work out the total surface area of the cuboid.

(3 marks)

5 The diagram shows a cuboid and a cylinder.



The dimensions of the cuboid are x cm by 12 cm by 5 cm.

The volume of the cuboid is 270 cm^3

The radius of the cylinder is x cm.

The height of the cylinder is $2x$ cm.

Work out the volume of the cylinder.

Give your answer correct to the nearest whole number.

..... cm^3

(3 marks)

6 A cylinder has diameter 14 cm and height 20 cm.

Work out the volume of the cylinder.

Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

.....cm³

(2 marks)

7 A cylinder has height 1.6 m and radius 0.56 m.

Work out the curved surface area of the cylinder.

Give your answer in m² correct to 3 significant figures.

..... m²

(2 marks)

8 Here is a triangular prism.

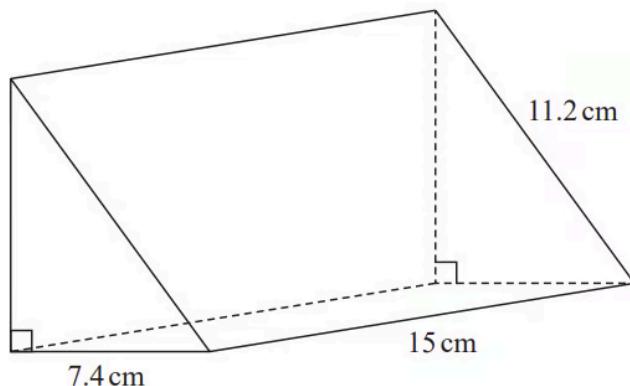


Diagram **NOT**
accurately drawn

Work out the volume of the prism.

Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

..... cm³

(5 marks)

9 Circle the volume, in cm^3 , of a cylinder with radius 5 cm and height 8 cm.

40π	80π	200π	1600π
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(1 mark)

10 Ashraf is going to put boxes into a crate.

The crate is a cuboid measuring 2.5 m by 2 m by 1.2 m
Each box is a cube of length 50 cm

He does these calculations.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{volume of crate} &= 2.5 \times 2 \times 1.2 \\ &= 6 \text{ m}^3 \\ \text{volume of one box} &= 0.5 \times 0.5 \times 0.5 \\ &= 0.125 \text{ m}^3 \\ \text{number of boxes} &= 6 \div 0.125 \\ &= 48\end{aligned}$$

He claims,

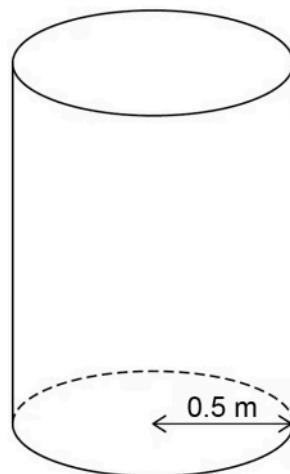
"I can put 48 boxes in the crate."

Evaluate Ashraf's method **and** claim.

(2 marks)

11 3.8 m^3 of concrete is made into the shape of a cylinder.

The base has radius 0.5 metres.

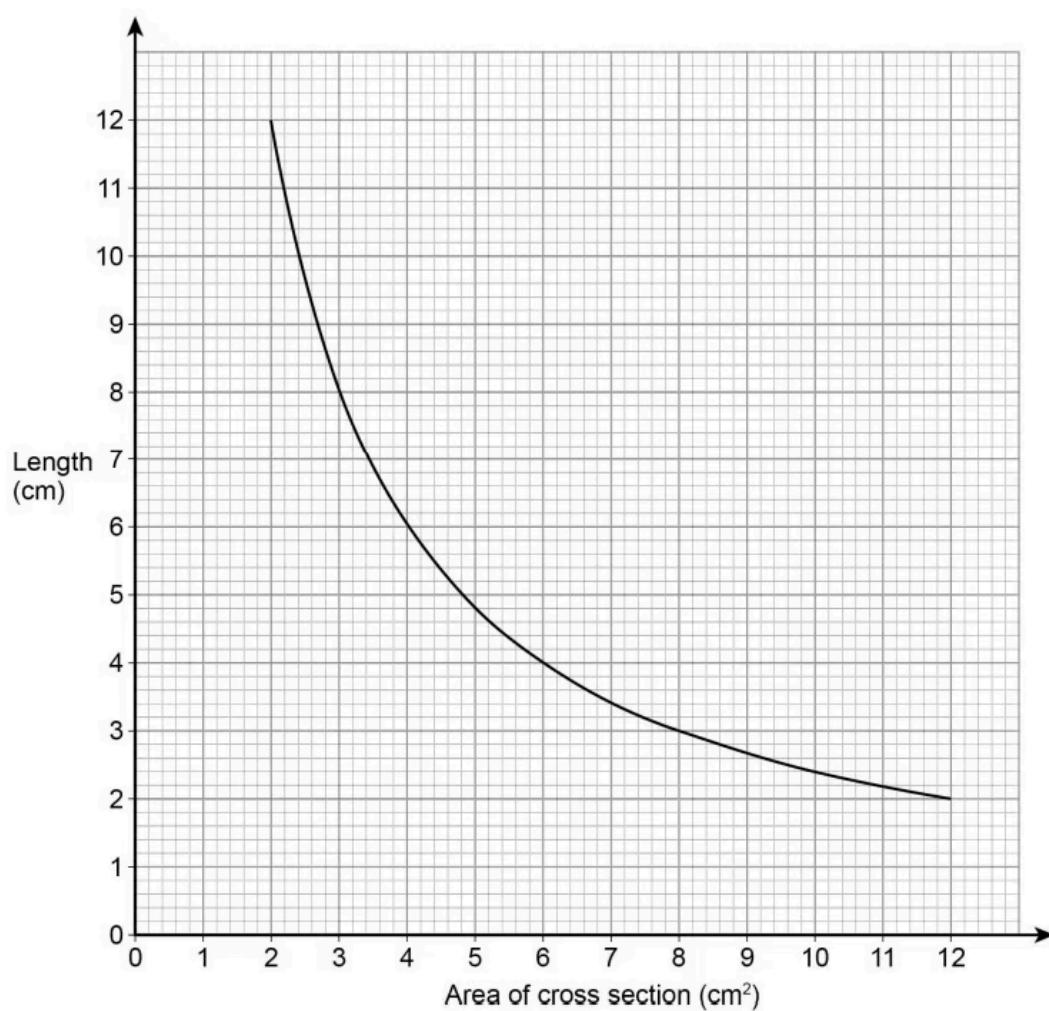


Work out the height of the cylinder.

..... m

(2 marks)

12 The graph shows information about prisms with the same volume.



Give **one** example to show the volume is 24 cm^3

(1 mark)

13 Steph is solving a problem.

Cube A has a surface area of 150 cm^2

Cube B has sides half the length of cube A

What is the volume of cube B?

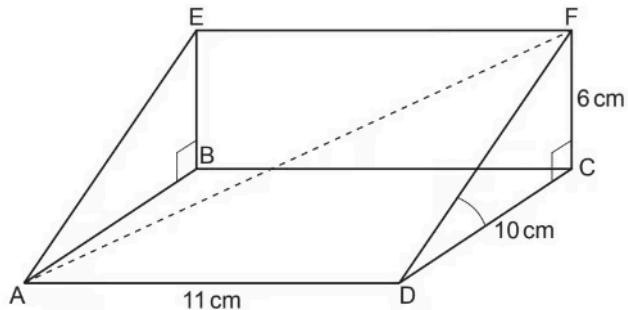
To solve this problem, Steph decides to

- halve the surface area
- calculate the square root of the answer
- then divide by 6
- then cube this answer to work out the volume.

Evaluate Steph's method.

(2 marks)

14 The diagram shows a right-angled triangular prism ABCDEF.



Length AD = 11 cm, length CD = 10 cm and length CF = 6 cm.

Calculate the volume of the prism.

..... cm^3

(2 marks)

15 The following formula is for the area, A , of the curved surface area of a cone.
 $A = \pi r l$, where r is the radius and l is the slant height of the cone.

Calculate the **total** surface area of a cone with radius 5cm and slant height 12cm.

..... cm²

(3 marks)

16 (a) A circular table top has radius 70 cm.

Calculate the area of the table top in cm², giving your answer as a multiple of π .

..... cm²

(2 marks)

(b) The volume of the table top is $17\ 150\ \pi\ \text{cm}^3$.

Calculate the thickness of the table top.

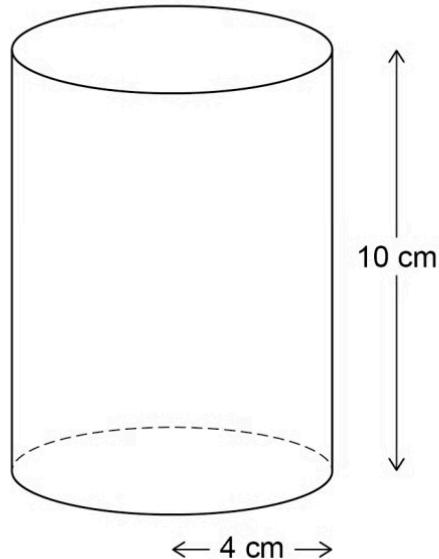
..... cm

(2 marks)

17 Here are two solids.

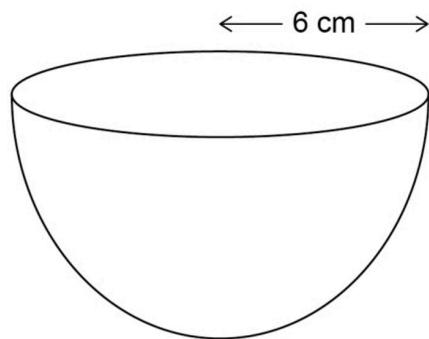
Cylinder

radius 4 cm height 10 cm



Hemisphere

radius 6 cm



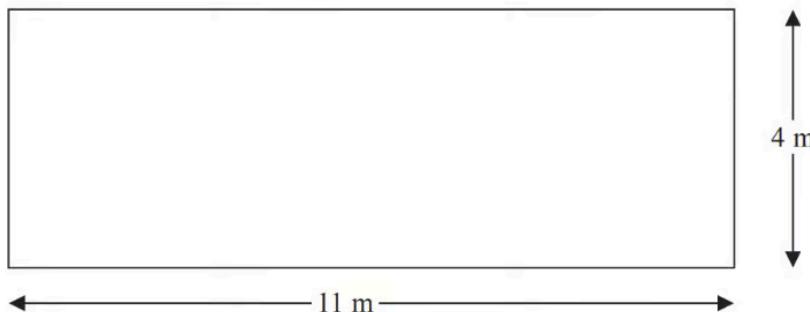
Which solid has the greater volume?

You **must** show your working.

(4 marks)

Medium Questions

1 Here is a plan of Martin's driveway.



Martin is going to cover his driveway with gravel. The gravel will be 6 cm deep.

Gravel is sold in bags.

There are 0.4 m^3 of gravel in each bag.

Each bag of gravel costs £38

Martin gets a discount of 30% off the cost of the gravel.

Work out the total amount of money Martin pays for the gravel.

(5 marks)

2 The diagram shows a container for oil.

The container is in the shape of a cuboid.

The container is empty.

Sally has to fill the container with oil.

A bottle of oil costs £3.50

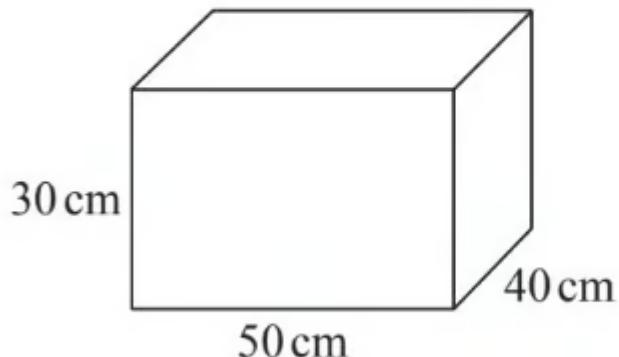
There are 3000 cm^3 of oil in each bottle.

Sally must **not** spend more than £60 buying the oil.

Can Sally buy enough oil to fill the container?

You must show all your working.

**Diagram NOT
accurately drawn**



(4 marks)

3 Jane has a carton of orange juice.

The carton is in the shape of a cuboid.

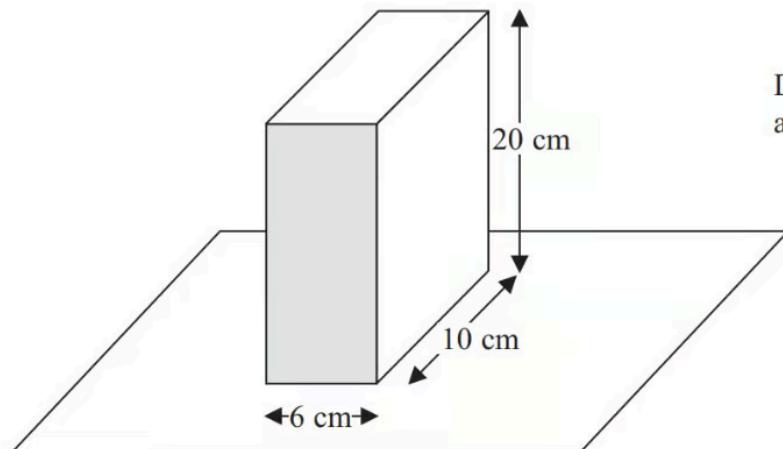


Diagram **NOT**
accurately drawn

The depth of the orange juice in the carton is 8 cm.

Jane closes the carton.

Then she turns the carton over so that it stands on the shaded face.

Work out the depth, in cm, of the orange juice now.

(3 marks)

4 Here is a solid prism.

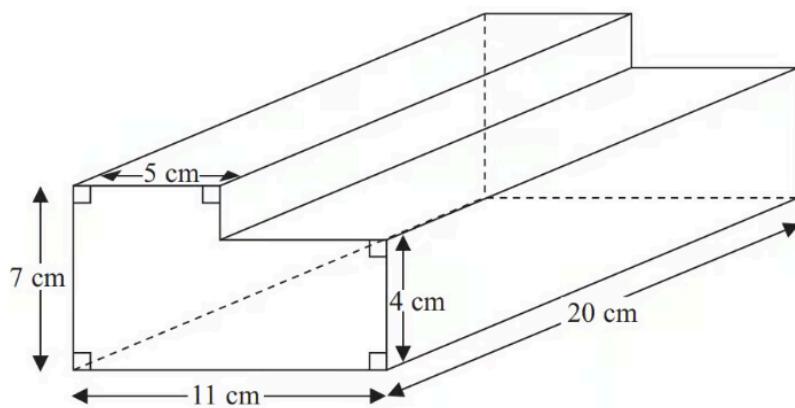


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Work out the volume of the prism.

(3 marks)

5 The diagram shows a large tin of pet food in the shape of a cylinder.

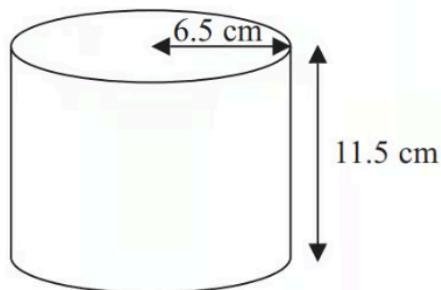


Diagram **NOT**
accurately drawn

The large tin has a radius of 6.5 cm and a height of 11.5 cm.

A pet food company wants to make a new size of tin.

The new tin will have a radius of 5.8 cm.

It will have the same volume as the large tin.

Calculate the height of the new tin.
Give your answer correct to one decimal place.

(3 marks)

6 The diagram shows a solid made from a hemisphere and a cone.

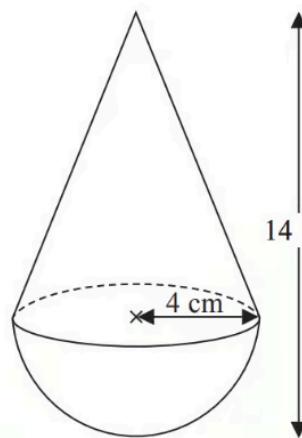


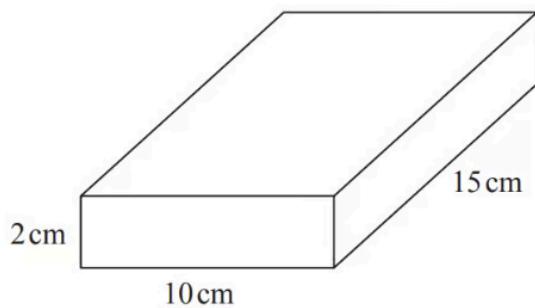
Diagram **NOT**
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The radius of the hemisphere is 4 cm.
The radius of the base of the cone is 4 cm.

Calculate the volume of the solid.
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

(3 marks)

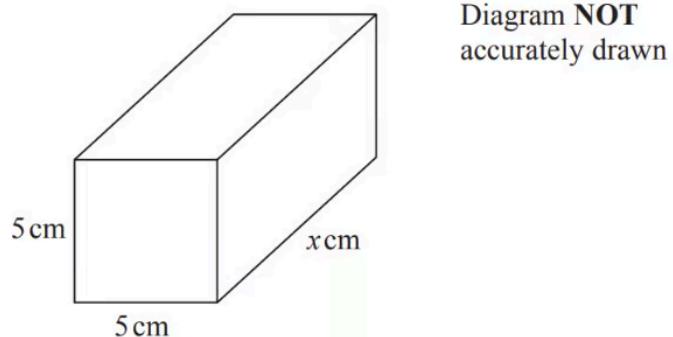
7 Jane makes cheese. The cheese is in the shape of a cuboid.



Jane is going to make a new cheese.

The new cheese will also be in the shape of a cuboid.

The cross section of the cuboid will be a 5 cm by 5 cm square.



Jane wants the new cuboid to have the same volume as the 2 cm by 10 cm by 15 cm cuboid.

Work out the value of x .

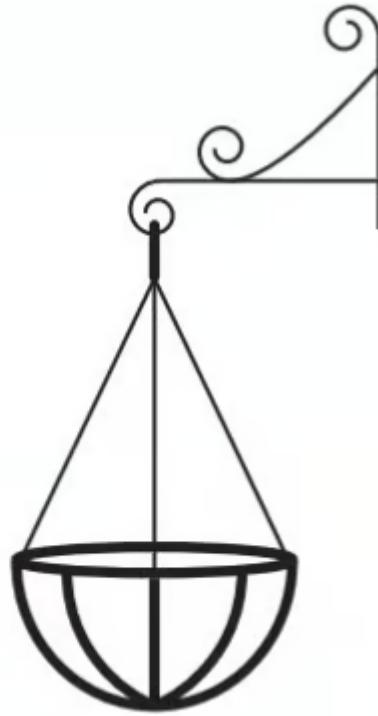
(3 marks)

8 Anne wants to fill 12 hanging baskets with compost.

Each hanging basket is a hemisphere of diameter 40 cm.

Anne has 4 bags of compost.
There are 50 litres of compost in each bag.

Has Anne got enough compost to fill the 12 hanging baskets?



hanging basket

(4 marks)

9 The diagram shows a solid hemisphere of radius 5 cm.

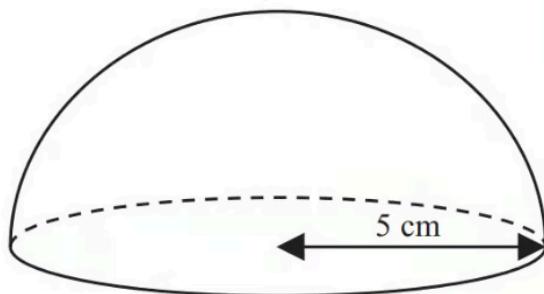


Diagram NOT
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Find the **total** surface area of the solid hemisphere.
Give your answer in terms of π .

(3 marks)

10 The diagram shows a solid shape.

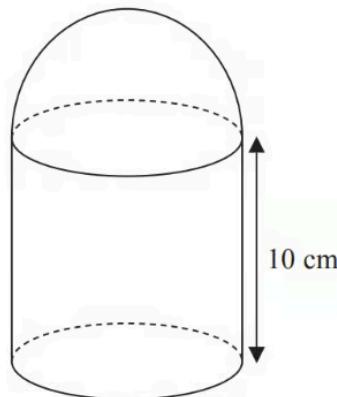


Diagram NOT
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The solid shape is made from a cylinder and a hemisphere.
The radius of the cylinder is equal to the radius of the hemisphere.

The cylinder has a height of 10 cm.
The curved surface area of the hemisphere is $32\pi \text{ cm}^2$

Work out the total surface area of the solid shape.
Give your answer in terms of π .

(5 marks)

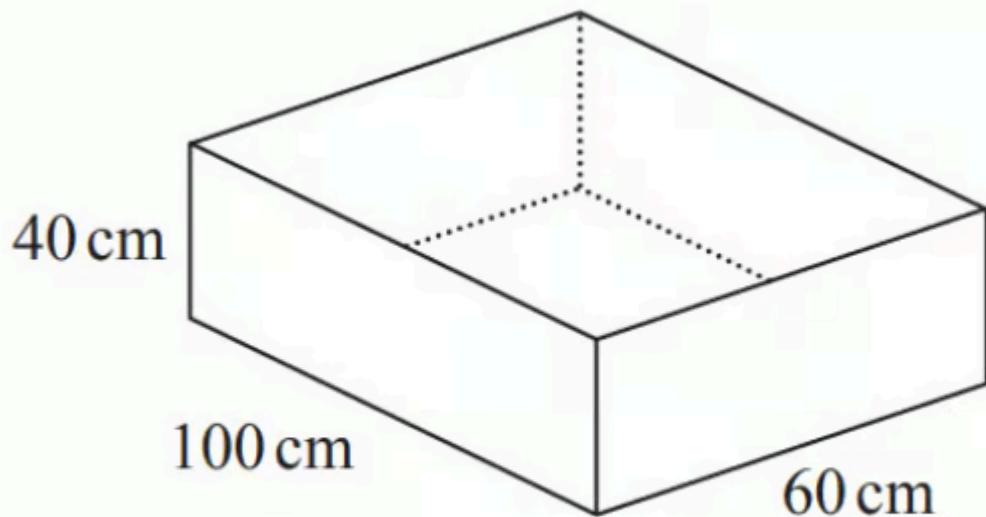
11 The diagram shows a sand pit.
The sand pit is in the shape of a cuboid.

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"

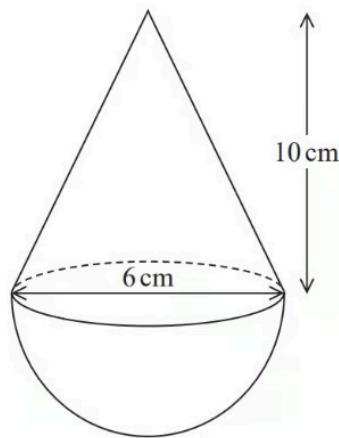
Show that Sally is wrong.



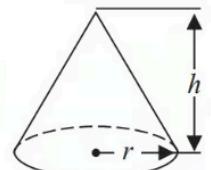
(5 marks)

12 The diagram shows a solid shape.

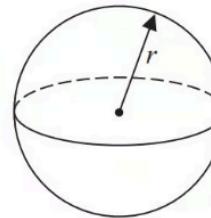
The shape is a cone on top of a hemisphere.



$$\text{Volume of a cone} = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$$



$$\text{Volume of a sphere} = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$



The height of the cone is 10 cm.

The base of the cone has a diameter of 6 cm.

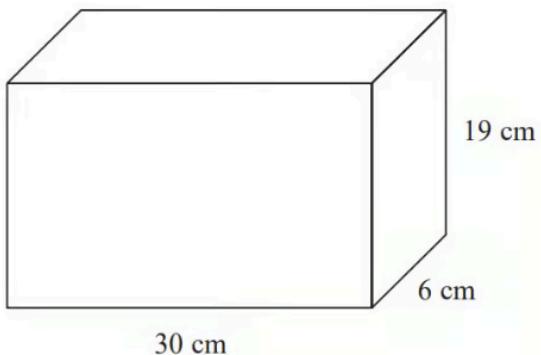
The hemisphere has a diameter of 6 cm.

The total volume of the shape is $k\pi\text{cm}^3$, where k is an integer.

Work out the value of k .

(4 marks)

13 A container is in the shape of a cuboid.



The container is $\frac{2}{3}$ full of water.

A cup holds 275 mL of water.

What is the greatest number of cups that can be completely filled with water from the container?

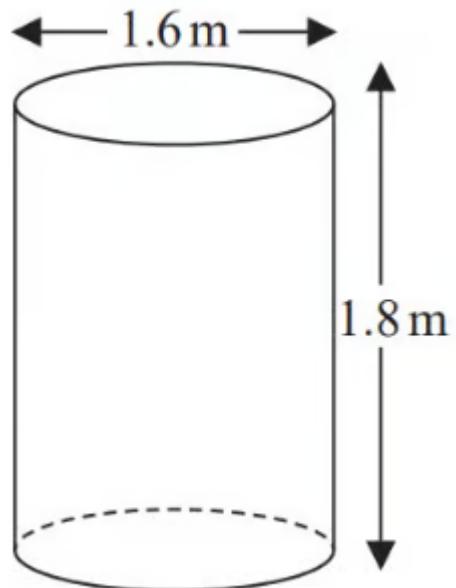
(4 marks)

14 Jeremy has to cover 3 tanks completely with paint.

Each tank is in the shape of a cylinder with a top and a bottom.
The tank has a diameter of 1.6 m and a height of 1.8 m.

Jeremy has 7 tins of paint.
Each tin of paint covers 5 m^2

Has Jeremy got enough paint to cover completely the 3 tanks?
You must show how you get your answer.



(5 marks)

15 Frances grows plants in a container.

Each of the 5 faces of the container is made of glass.

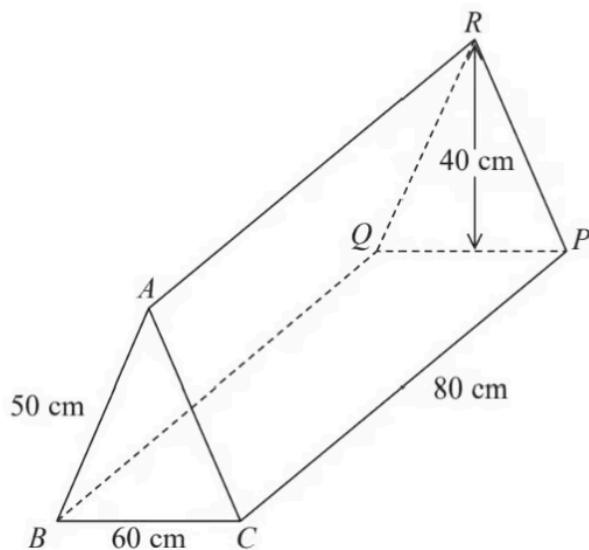


Diagram **NOT**
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The container is in the shape of a prism.

The cross section of the prism is an isosceles triangle with height 40 cm.

$$BC = 60 \text{ cm}$$

$$AB = AC = 50 \text{ cm}$$

$$CP = 80 \text{ cm}$$

Work out the total area of glass needed to make the container.

(3 marks)

Hard Questions

1 The diagram shows a solid metal cylinder.

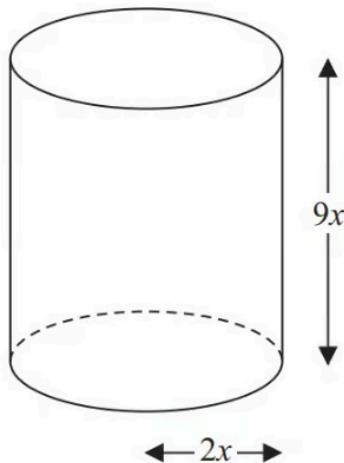


Diagram **NOT**
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The cylinder has base radius $2x$ and height $9x$.

The cylinder is melted down and made into a sphere of radius r .

Find an expression for r in terms of x .

(3 marks)

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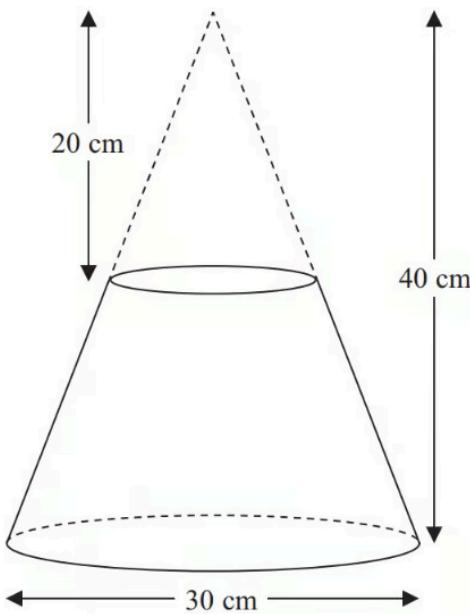


Diagram NOT
accurately drawn

A frustum is made by removing a small cone from a similar large cone.

The height of the small cone is 20 cm.

The height of the large cone is 40 cm.

The diameter of the base of the large cone is 30 cm.

Work out the volume of the frustum.

Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

(4 marks)

3 The diagram shows a prism.

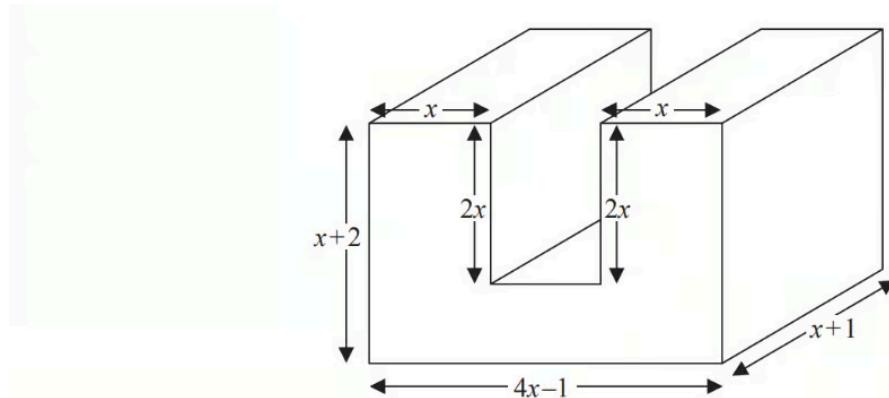


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All measurements are in centimetres.

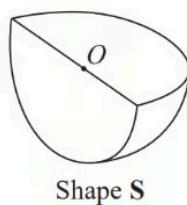
All corners are right angles.

Find an expression, in terms of x , for the volume, in cm^3 , of the prism.
You must show your working.

Give your answer in its simplest form.

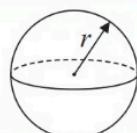
(4 marks)

4 Shape **S** is one quarter of a solid sphere, centre O .



$$\text{Volume of sphere} = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

$$\text{Surface area of sphere} = 4\pi r^2$$



The volume of **S** is $576\pi \text{ cm}^3$.

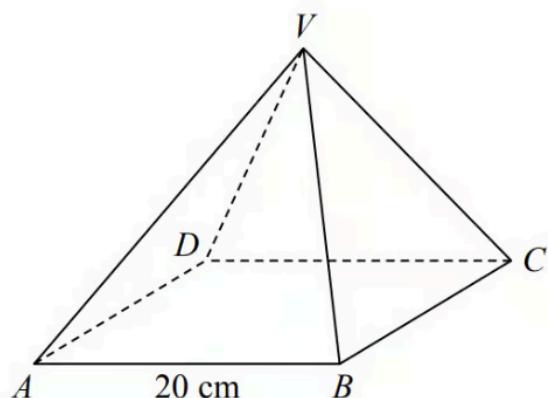
Find the surface area of **S**.

Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

You must show your working.

(5 marks)

5 $VABCD$ is a solid pyramid.



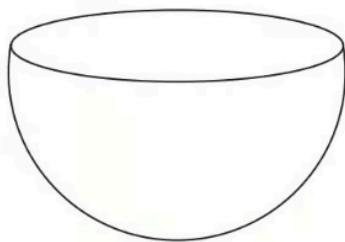
$ABCD$ is a square of side 20 cm.

The angle between any sloping edge and the plane $ABCD$ is 55° .

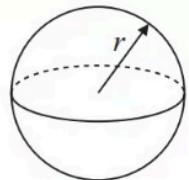
Calculate the surface area of the pyramid.
Give your answer correct to 2 significant figures.

(5 marks)

6 The diagram shows a solid hemisphere.



$$\text{Volume of sphere} = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$
$$\text{Surface area of sphere} = 4\pi r^2$$

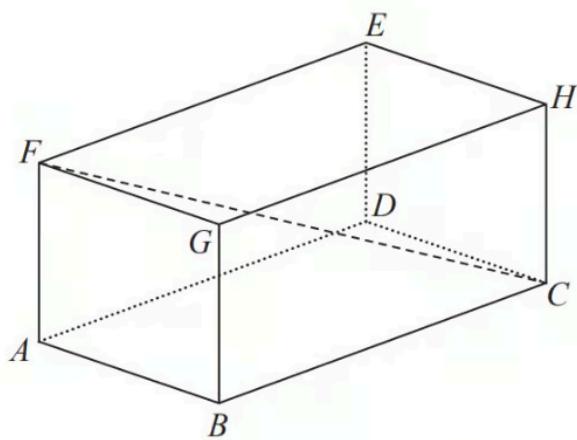


The volume of the hemisphere is $\frac{250}{3}\pi$

Work out the exact total surface area of the solid hemisphere. Give your answer as a multiple of π .

(4 marks)

7 The diagram shows a cuboid $ABCDEFGH$.



$AB = 7 \text{ cm}$, $AF = 5 \text{ cm}$ and $FC = 15 \text{ cm}$.

Calculate the volume of the cuboid.

Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

(4 marks)

8 The diagram shows a solid shape.

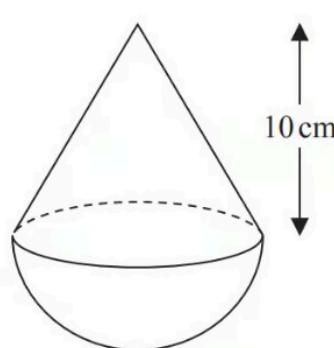


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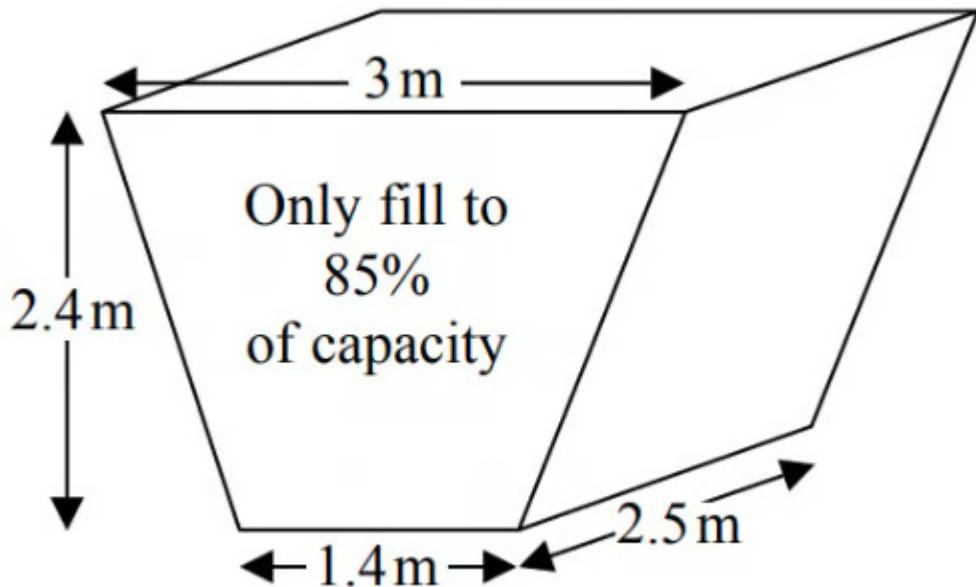
The solid shape is made from a hemisphere and a cone.
The radius of the hemisphere is equal to the radius of the base of the cone.

The cone has a height of 10 cm.
The volume of the cone is $270\pi \text{ cm}^3$.

Work out the total volume of the solid shape.
Give your answer in terms of π .

(5 marks)

9 (a) The diagram shows an oil tan in the shape of a prism.
The cross section of the prism is a trapezium.



The tank is empty.

Oil flows into the tank.
After one minute there are 300 litres of oil in the tank.

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

Work out how many **more** minutes it takes for the tank to be 85% full of oil. ($1\text{m}^3 = 1000$ litres)

(5 marks)

(b) The assumption about the rate of flow of the oil could be wrong.

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

(1 mark)

10 (a) The diagram shows a swimming pool in the shape of a prism.

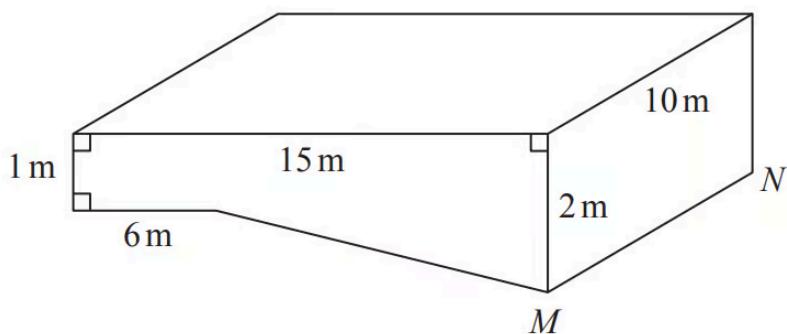


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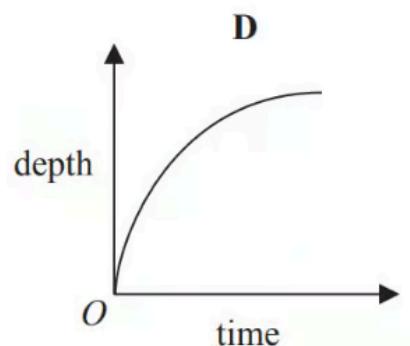
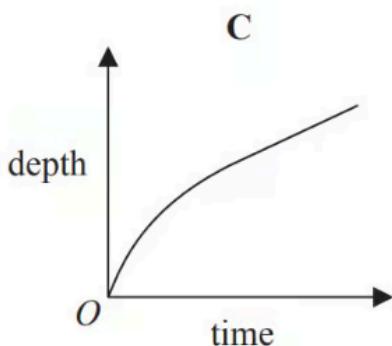
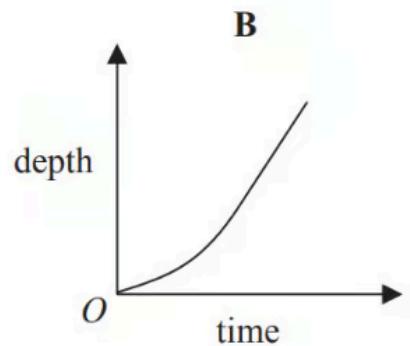
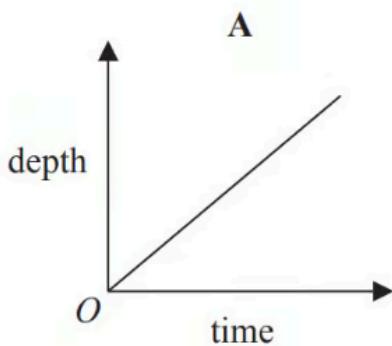
The swimming pool is empty.

The swimming pool is filled with water at a constant rate of 50 litres per minute.

Work out how long it will take for the swimming pool to be completely full of water.
Give your answer in hours. ($1 \text{ m}^3 = 1000 \text{ litres}$)

(5 marks)

(b) Here are four graphs.



Write down the letter of the graph that best shows how the depth of the water in the pool above the line MN changes with time as the pool is filled.

(1 mark)

11 Sumeet has a pond in the shape of a prism.

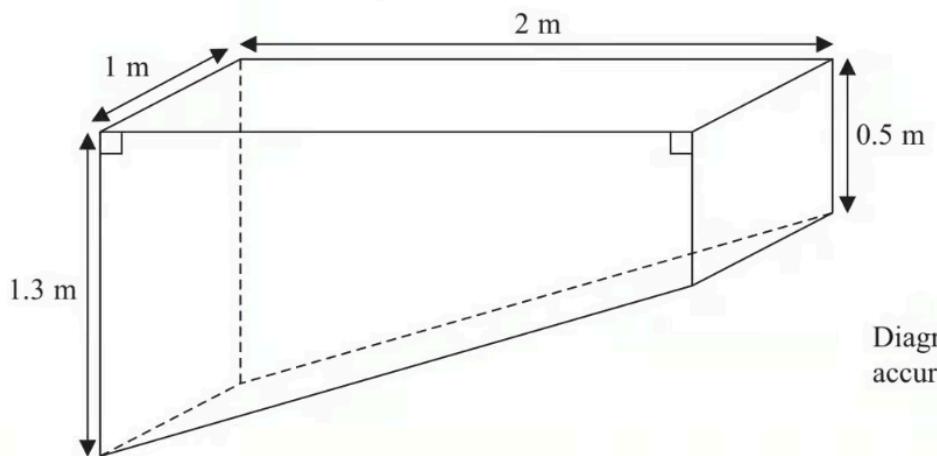


Diagram NOT
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The pond is completely full of water.

Sumeet wants to empty the pond so he can clean it.

Sumeet uses a pump to empty the pond.

The volume of water in the pond decreases at a constant rate. The level of the water in the pond goes down by 20 cm in the first 30 minutes.

Work out how much more time Sumeet has to wait for the pump to empty the pond completely.

(6 marks)

12 A cuboid measures 6 cm by 8 cm by 15 cm.
A cube has the same volume as the cuboid.

Find the surface area of the cube, giving your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

..... cm^2

(4 marks)

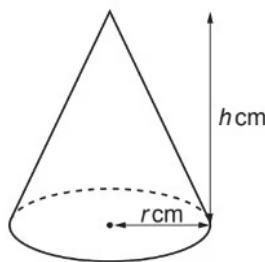
13 The length of the longest diagonal of a cube is 25cm.

Calculate the total surface area of the cube.

..... cm^2

(5 marks)

14 A cone has radius r cm and height h cm.



The height is three times the radius.

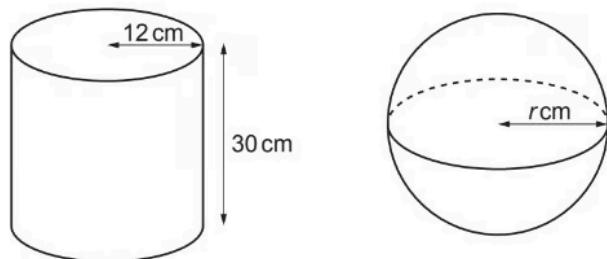
The volume of the cone is 2100 cm^3 .

Calculate the radius of the cone.

..... cm

(4 marks)

15 The diagram shows a cylinder and a sphere.



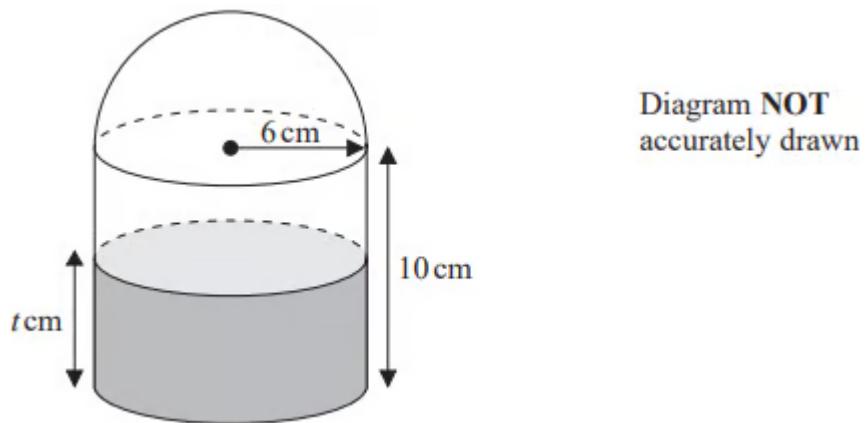
The cylinder has radius 12cm and height 30cm.

The cylinder and the sphere have the same volume.

Work out the radius r cm of the sphere.

(5 marks)

16 A container is made from a hemisphere on top of a cylinder, as shown in the diagram.



The hemisphere and the cylinder both have radius 6cm.
The height of the cylinder is 10cm.

There is water to a depth of t cm in the cylinder.

The volume of water in the container is half the total volume of the container.

Work out the value of t

(4 marks)

17 A cone has a volume of $562.5\pi\text{ cm}^3$.

The radius of the base of the cone is equal to twice the height of the cone.

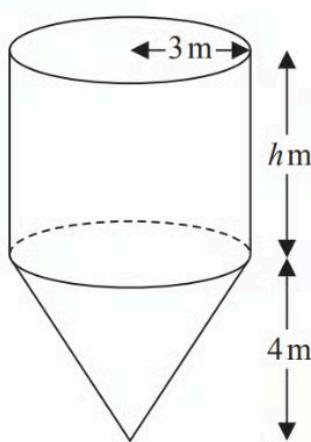
Work out the curved surface area of the cone.

Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

(5 marks)

Very Hard Questions

1 The diagram shows a container for grain.



The container is a cylinder on top of a cone.

The cylinder has a radius of 3 m and a height of h m.

The cone has a base radius of 3 m and a vertical height of 4 m.

The container is empty.

The container is then filled with grain at a constant rate.

After 5 hours the depth of the grain is 6 metres above the vertex of the cone.

After 9 hours the container is full of grain.

Work out the value of h .

Give your answer as a fraction in its simplest form.

You must show all your working.

(5 marks)

2 The diagram shows a sphere and a solid cylinder.

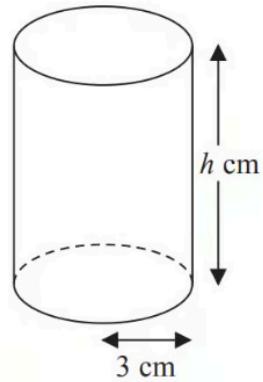
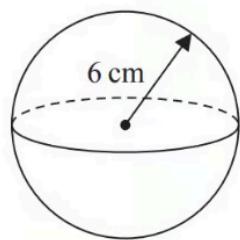


Diagram **NOT**
accurately drawn

The sphere has radius 6 cm.

The solid cylinder has a base radius of 3 cm and a height of h cm.

The total surface area of the cylinder is twice the total surface area of the sphere.

Work out the ratio of the volume of the sphere to the volume of the cylinder.

Give your answer in its simplest form.

You must show all your working.

(5 marks)

3 The diagram shows a swimming pool in the shape of a prism.

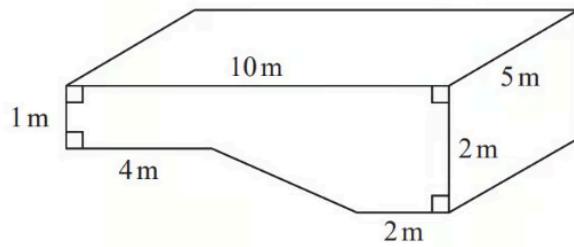


Diagram **NOT**
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The swimming pool is empty.

Water from 3 water tankers is going to be put into the pool.

There are 20 000 litres of water in each water tanker.

Sam thinks that the surface of the water in the pool will be 10 cm below the top of the pool.

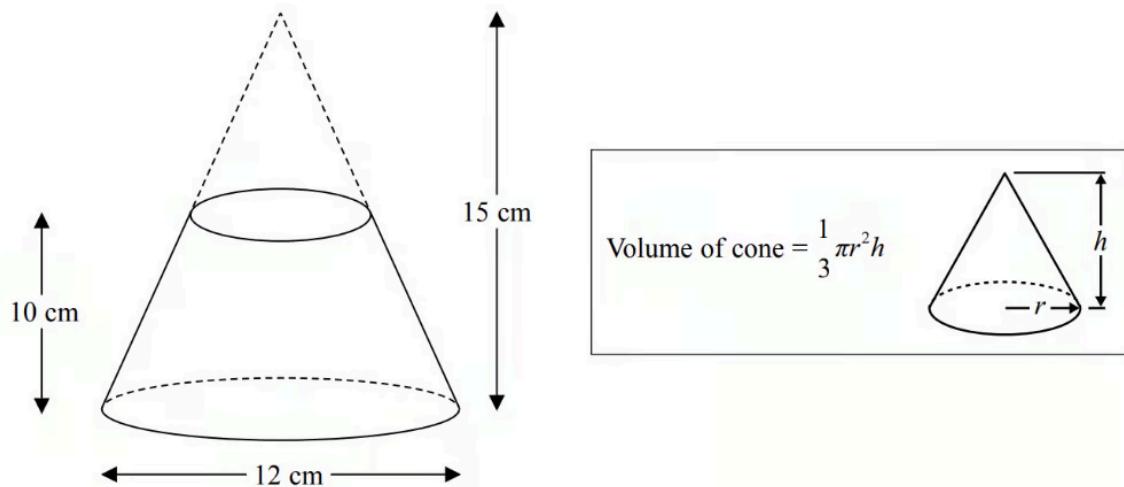
Is Sam correct?

You must show how you get your answer.

(1 m³ = 1000 litres)

(5 marks)

4 A frustum is made by removing a small cone from a large cone as shown in the diagram.



The frustum is made from glass.

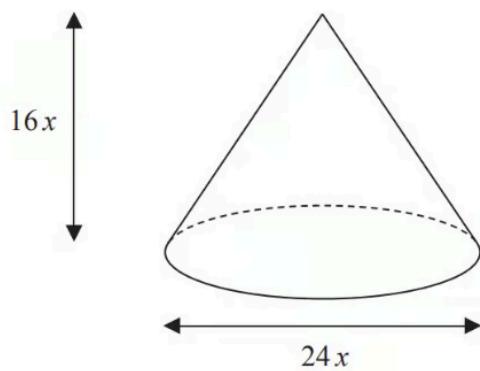
The glass has a density of 2.5 g/cm^3

Work out the mass of the frustum.

Give your answer to an appropriate degree of accuracy.

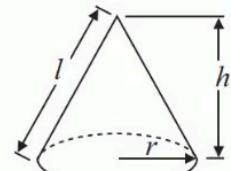
(5 marks)

5 The diagram shows a solid cone.



$$\text{Volume of cone} = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$$

$$\text{Curved surface area of cone} = \pi r l$$



The diameter of the base of the cone is $24x$ cm.

The height of the cone is $16x$ cm.

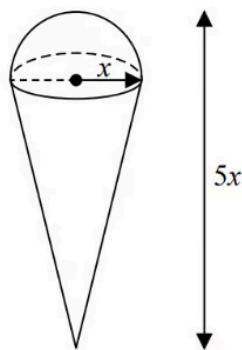
The curved surface area of the cone is 2160π cm 2 .

The volume of the cone is $V\pi$ cm 3 , where V is an integer.

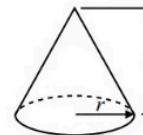
Find the value of V .

(5 marks)

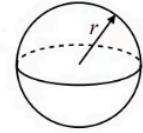
6 A solid is made by putting a hemisphere on top of a cone.



$$\text{Volume of cone} = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$$



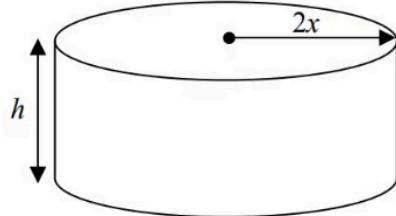
$$\text{Volume of sphere} = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$



The total height of the solid is $5x$.

The radius of the base of the cone is x .

The radius of the hemisphere is x .



A cylinder has the same volume as the solid.

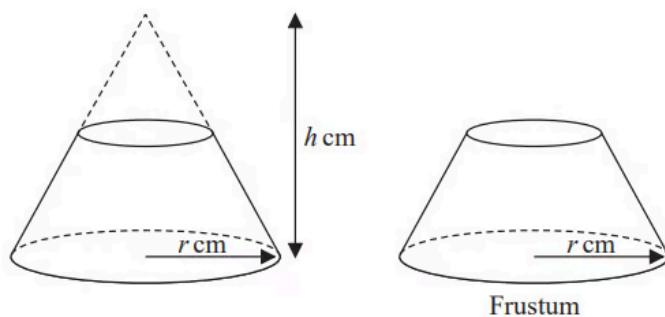
The cylinder has radius $2x$ and height h .

All measurements are in centimetres.

Find a formula for h in terms of x .

Give your answer in its simplest form.

7 A frustum is made by removing a small cone from a large cone. The cones are mathematically similar.



The large cone has base radius r cm and height h cm. Given that

$$\frac{\text{volume of frustum}}{\text{volume of large cone}} = \frac{98}{125}$$

find an expression, in terms of h , for the height of the frustum.

..... cm

8 Here is a sector, AOB , of a circle with centre O and angle $\angle AOB = x^\circ$

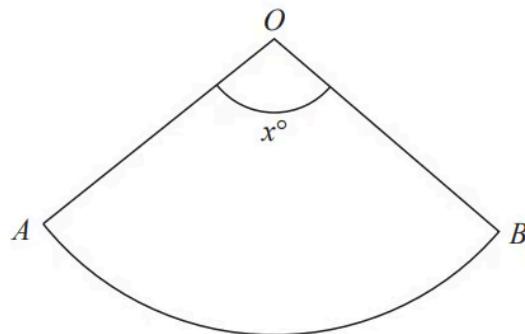


Diagram **NOT**
accurately drawn

The sector can form the curved surface of a cone by joining OA to OB .

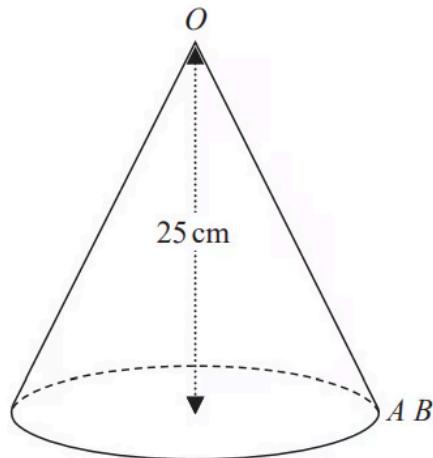


Diagram **NOT**
accurately drawn

The height of the cone is 25 cm.

The volume of the cone is 1600 cm^3

Work out the value of x .

Give your answer correct to the nearest whole number.

$x = \dots$

(6 marks)

9 A solid, **S**, is made from a hemisphere and a cylinder.

The centre of the circular face of the hemisphere and the centre of the top face of the cylinder are at the same point.

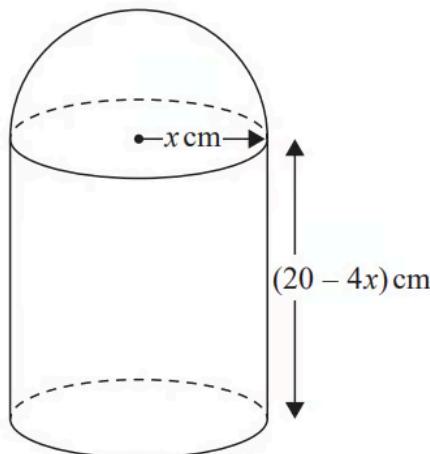


Diagram **NOT**
accurately drawn

The radius of the cylinder and the radius of the hemisphere are both x cm.

The height of the cylinder is $(20 - 4x)$ cm.

The volume of **S** is V cm³ where $V = \frac{1}{3} \pi y$

Find the maximum value of y .

Show clear algebraic working.

(5 marks)

10 The diagram shows a solid prism $ABCDEFGH$.

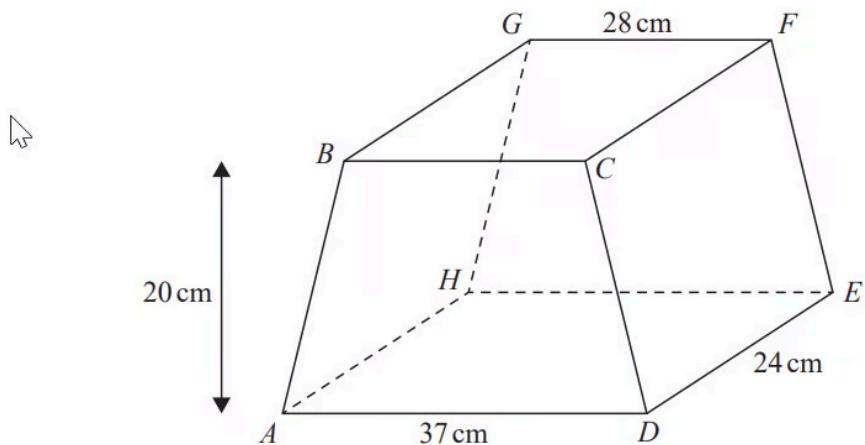


Diagram **NOT**
accurately drawn

The trapezium $ABCD$, in which AD is parallel to BC , is a cross section of the prism.

The base $ADEH$ of the prism is a horizontal plane.

$ADEH$ and $BCFG$ are rectangles.

The midpoint of BC is vertically above the midpoint of AD so that $BA = CD$.

$$AD = 37 \text{ cm} \quad GF = 28 \text{ cm} \quad DE = 24 \text{ cm}$$

The perpendicular distance between edges AD and BC is 20 cm.

Work out the total surface area of the prism.

(4 marks)

11 Pablo made a solid gold statue.

He melted down some gold blocks and used the gold to make the statue.
Each block of gold was a cuboid, as shown below.

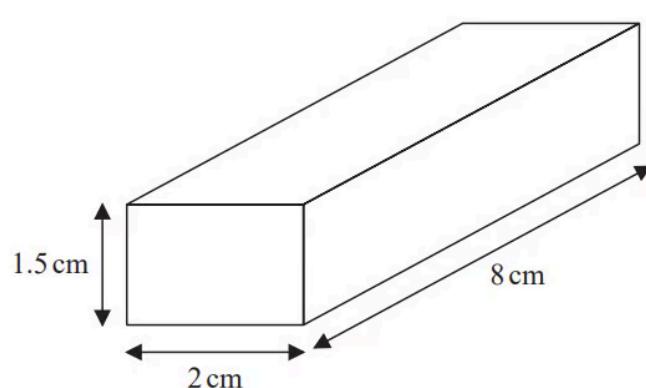


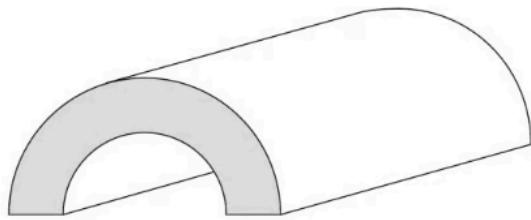
Diagram NOT
accurately drawn

The mass of the statue is 5.73kg.
The density of gold is 19.32g/cm³

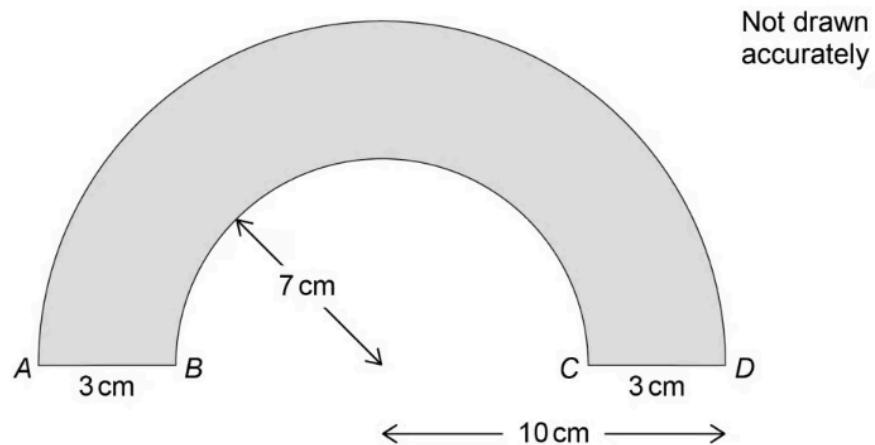
Work out the least number of gold blocks Pablo melted down in order to make the statue.
Show your working clearly.

(5 marks)

12 Here is a tunnel for a toy train.



The diagram below shows the cross section of the tunnel.



AD is a semicircular arc of radius 10 cm

BC is a semicircular arc of radius 7 cm

The length of the tunnel is 30 cm

Work out the total area of all **six** faces of the tunnel.

Give your answer in terms of π .

..... cm^2

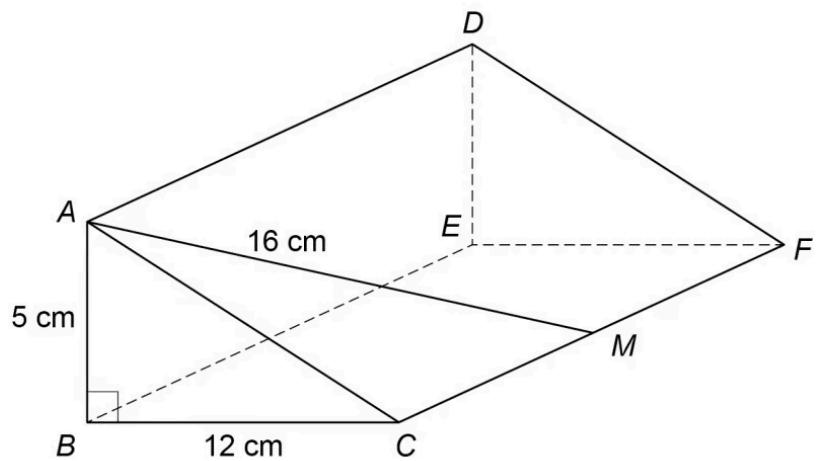
(5 marks)

13 Right-angled triangle ABC is the cross section of a prism.

$$AB = 5 \text{ cm} \quad BC = 12 \text{ cm}$$

M is the midpoint of CF .

$$AM = 16 \text{ cm}$$



Work out the volume of the prism.

..... cm^3

(4 marks)

14 A sculptor needs to lift a piece of marble.
It is a cuboid with dimensions 1m by 0.5m by 0.2m.
Marble has a density of 2.7g/cm^3 .

The sculptor's lifting gear can lift a maximum load of 300kg.

Can the lifting gear be used to lift the marble?
Justify your decision.

(4 marks)

15 A ball contains 5000 cm^3 of air.

More air is pumped into the ball at a rate of 160 cm^3 per second. The ball is full of air when it becomes a sphere with radius 15 cm

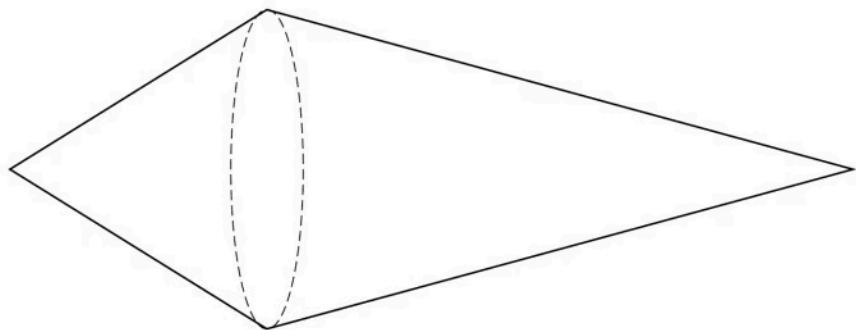


Does it take less than 1 minute to fill the ball?
You must show your working.

(4 marks)

16 A solid shape is made by joining two cones.

Each cone has the same radius.



One cone has slant height = $2 \times$ radius

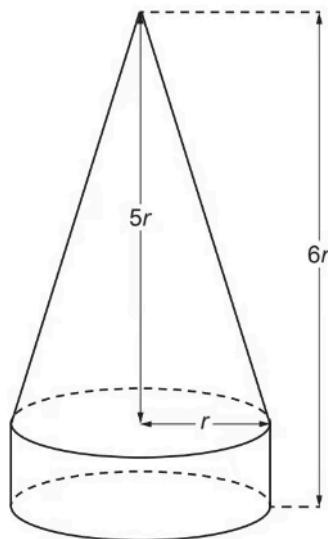
The other cone has slant height = $3 \times$ radius

The total surface area of the shape is $57.8\pi\text{ cm}^2$

Work out the radius.

(3 marks)

17 The base of a cone is fixed to the top of a cylinder to make a decoration.



The radius of the base of the cone and of the cylinder is r cm.

The cone's height is $5r$ cm.

The total height of the decoration is $6r$ cm.

The total volume of the decoration is 225 cm^3 .

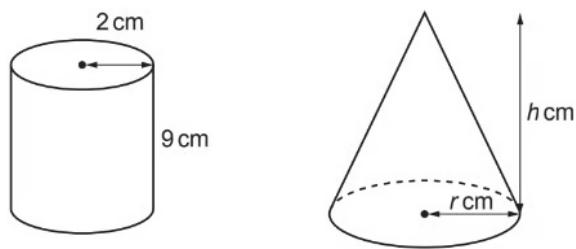
Calculate the value of r .

Show your working.

$$r = \dots$$

(5 marks)

18 The diagram shows a cylinder and a cone.



The cylinder has radius 2cm and height 9cm.

The cone has radius r cm and height h cm.

The ratio $r : h$ is 1 : 4.

The volume of the cone is **equal to** the volume of the cylinder.

Work out the value of r .

(5 marks)

19 The volume of Earth is $1.08 \times 10^{12} \text{ km}^3$.

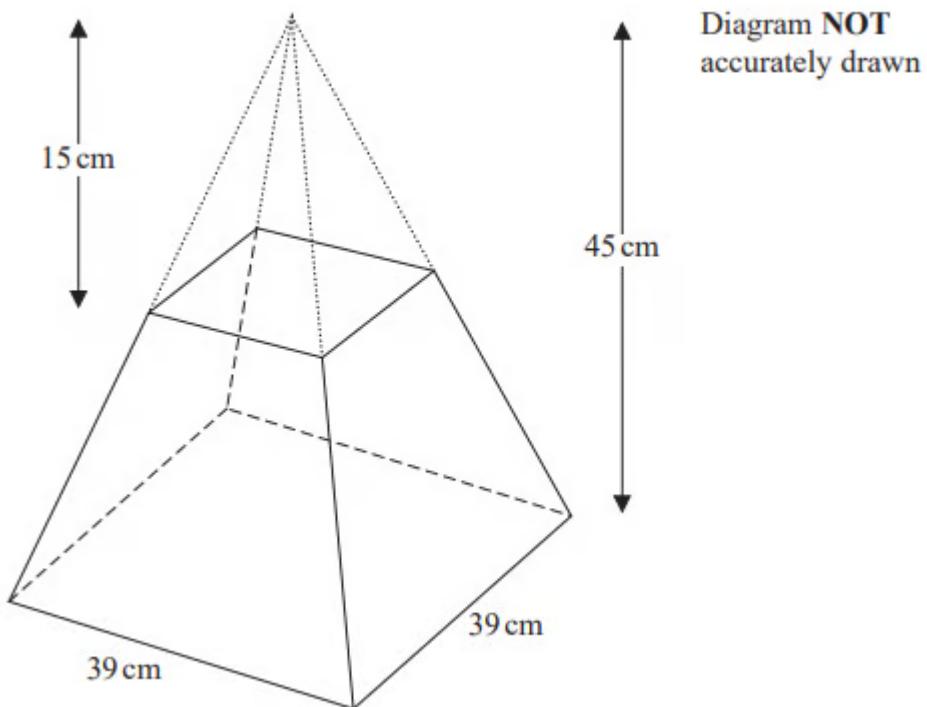
The volume of Jupiter is $1.43 \times 10^{15} \text{ km}^3$.

How many times larger is the radius of Jupiter than the radius of Earth?

Assume that Jupiter and Earth are both spheres.

(4 marks)

20 A frustum is made by removing a small square-based pyramid from a similar large square-based pyramid as shown in the diagram.



The height of the small pyramid is 15cm.

The height of the large pyramid is 45cm.

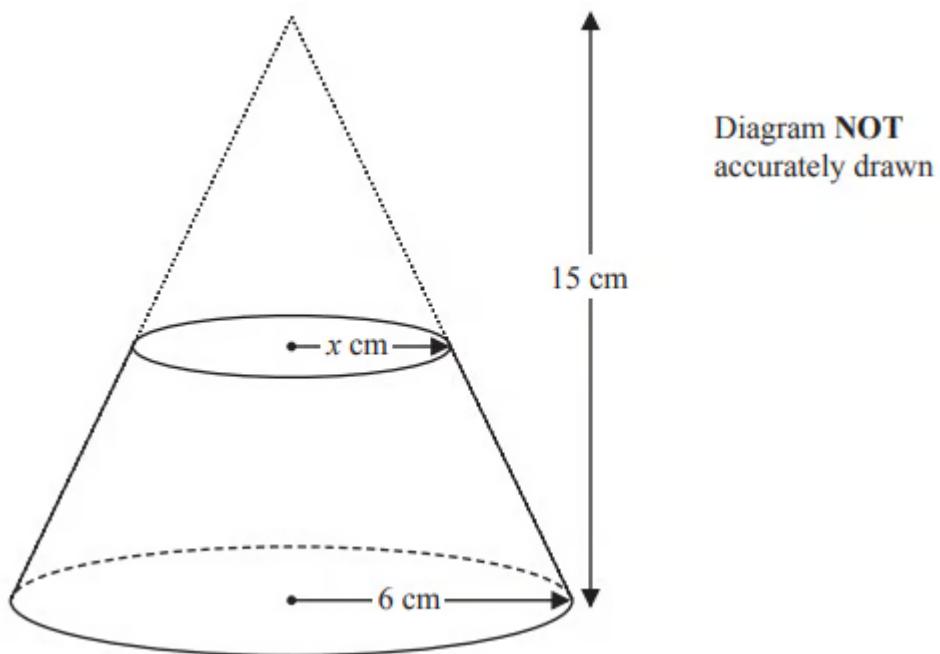
The square base of the large pyramid has side length 39cm.

Work out the **total** surface area of the frustum. Give your answer correct to the nearest whole number.

(5 marks)

21 Here is a frustum of a cone.

The frustum is made by removing a small cone from a similar large cone.



The height of the large cone is 15 cm.

The radius of the base of the large cone is 6 cm. The radius of the base of the small cone is x cm.

Given that the volume of the frustum is $\frac{4212}{25} \pi \text{ cm}^3$, work out the value of x

Show clear algebraic working.

(5 marks)