

# AQA Higher Practice paper (calculator 2)

## Higher Tier

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

The maximum mark for this paper is 80.

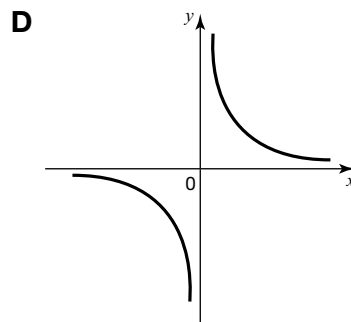
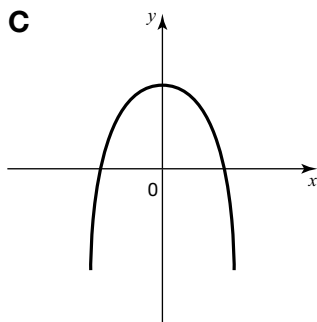
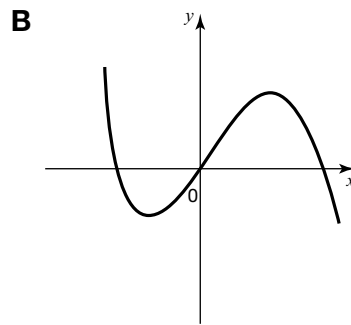
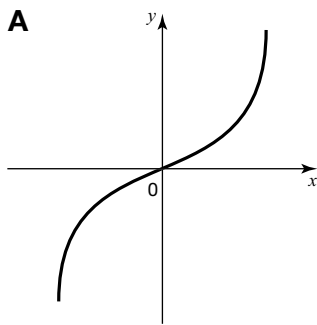
The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets.

- 1 One billion in the UK is one thousand million.  
Circle one billion written in standard form.

$100 \times 10^6$       $1 \times 10^6$       $1 \times 10^9$       $1 \times 10^8$

[1 mark]

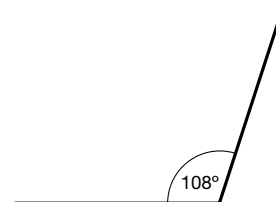
- 2 Here are 4 graphs.  
Circle the letter of the graph of  $y = x^3$ .



[1 mark]

- 3 The diagram shows part of a regular polygon.  
Circle the number of sides of the regular polygon.

6     8     7     5



[1 mark]

- 4 Circle the volume that is the same as  $7.6 \text{ m}^3$ .  
 $760 \text{ cm}^3$       $76 \text{ cm}^3$       $76\,000 \text{ cm}^3$       $7\,600\,000 \text{ cm}^3$

[1 mark]

- 5 Solve  $6x - 5 > 1 - 2x$

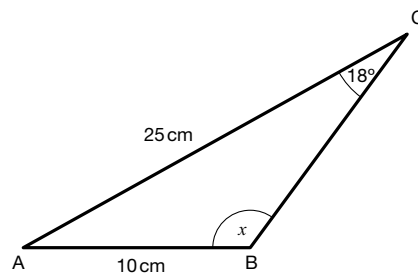
[2 marks]

6 Factorise  $4x^2 + 15x - 4$

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[2 marks]

7 The diagram shows a triangle  $ABC$  with an obtuse angle  $x$ .



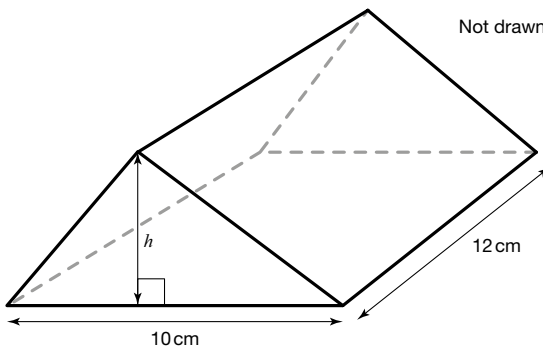
Work out the size of angle  $x$ .

Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.

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[3 marks]

8 Not drawn to scale



The diagram shows a triangular prism with a volume of  $960 \text{ cm}^3$ .

Find the height of the triangle.

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[3 marks]

9 Two spheres are mathematically similar.

The ratio of their volumes is  $\frac{27}{8}$

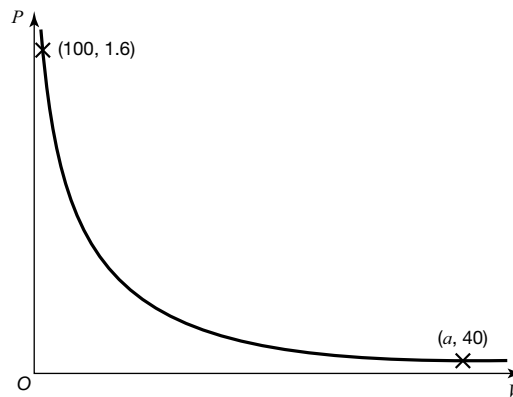
Circle the ratio of their surface areas.

$\frac{27}{4}$        $\frac{9}{2}$        $\frac{27}{8}$        $\frac{9}{4}$

[1 mark]

10  $P$  is inversely proportional to  $V$ .

The graph below shows the coordinates of two points that lie on the curve.



Find the value of  $a$ .

[3 marks]

11 Sketch the graph of  $y = 2x^2 - 5x + 4$

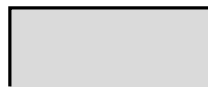
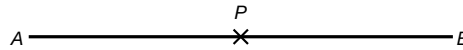
Mark the coordinates where the graph cuts the  $y$ -axis and the coordinates of the turning point.

[4 marks]

- 12 *AB* is part of a sewer pipe.  
Part of a house is shown shaded.

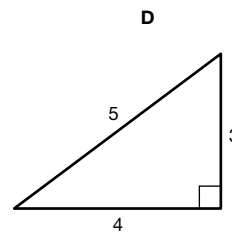
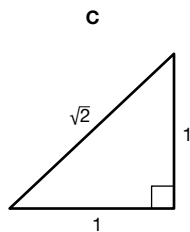
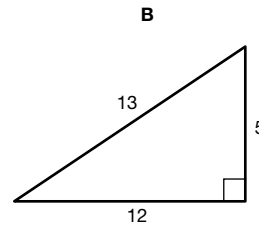
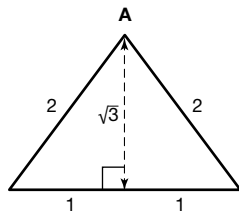
A pipe is to be fitted from *P* to the edge of the house. The length of the pipe from *B* to the house needs to be as short as possible.

Using only ruler and compasses, show where the pipe will join the edge of the house.  
Show its position with *X* on the diagram.



[2 marks]

- 13 Here are sketches of four triangles.



Circle the letter of the triangle that you would use to work out the exact value of  $\sin 60^\circ$ .

[1 mark]

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Cars A and B are travelling along a straight road.

Car A travels with a constant velocity of 20 m/s. At time  $t = 0$ , it overtakes car B.

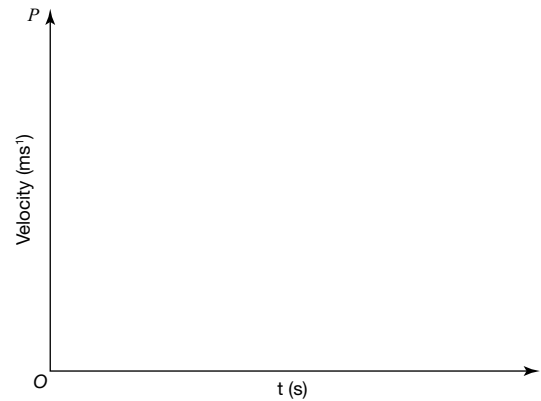
At time  $t = 0$ , car B is travelling with a velocity of 15 m/s. It immediately accelerates uniformly and both cars travel a distance of 600 m, where car B overtakes car A.

- a Draw a velocity–time graph showing the motion of the cars from  $t = 0$  until car B overtakes car A.

[2 marks]

- b Show that car B overtakes car A at  $t = 30$  s.

[2 marks]



- c Find the acceleration of car B.

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[2 marks]

15

The line  $y = 3x + 6$  intersects the curve  $y = x^2 - 2x + 1$  at two points.

Find the  $x$ -coordinates for each of these two points.

Give your answers correct to 2 decimal places.

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[4 marks]

- 16 The first three terms of a term-to-term sequence are  $a$   $b$   $c$   
The term-to-term rule is multiply by 3 and subtract 2.  
Show that  $c = 9a - 8$

[3 marks]

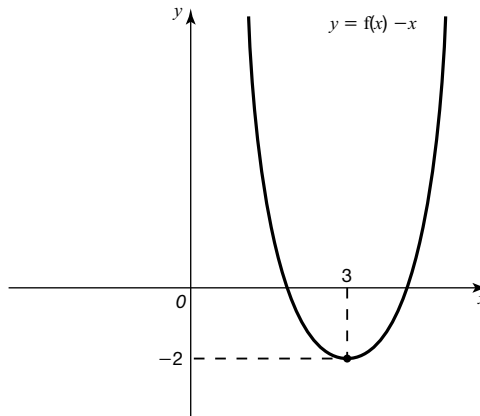
- 17 Georgina works in a high street fashion shop.  
On the first day of a sale all the prices are reduced by 20%.  
On the final day of the sale, the sale prices are all reduced by a further 25%.  
Georgina says the shop should on the last day of the sale reduce all the original prices by  $20\% + 25\% = 45\%$ .
- a Explain why she is wrong.

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[1 mark]

- b What is the correct overall percentage reduction?

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[2 marks]

18 The graph shows the curve  $y = f(x)$



The turning point of the curve is at  $(3, -2)$

Write down the coordinates of the turning points for the curves with equations

a  $y = f(x + 2)$

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[1 mark]

b  $y = f(x) + 2$

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[1 mark]

c  $y = -f(x)$

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[1 mark]

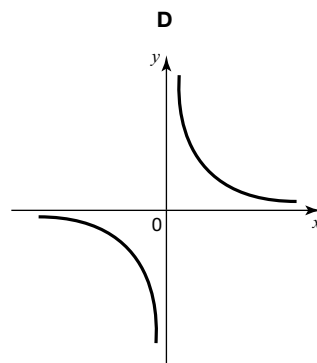
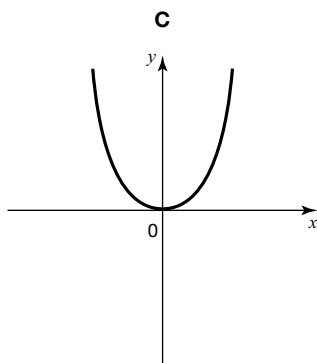
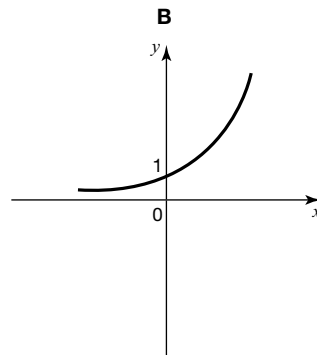
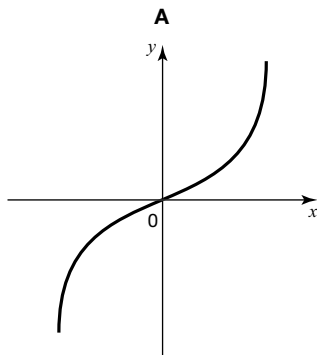
19 Disprove the following statement by giving a counter-example.

For all real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ , if  $b^2 > a^2$ , then  $b > a$

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[3 marks]

- 20 One of these graphs is a sketch of the curve with equation  $y = 2^x$ .  
Which one? Circle the correct letter.



[1 mark]

- 21 a Make  $v$  the subject of the following formula.

$$\frac{1}{v} + \frac{1}{u} = \frac{1}{f}$$

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[2 marks]

- b Solve the equation  $2x^2 - 7x + 4 = 0$  giving your answer to 2 decimal places.

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[2 marks]



- 22 Giovanni deposited £20 000 in a savings account on 1 January 2017.  
The account pays 5% interest per year.  
At the end of each year, Giovanni withdraws £2000.  
How much will he have in the account in January 2021?

[4 marks]

- 23 a Prove that the cubic equation  $x^3 - 4x + 2 = 0$  has a root between 0 and 1.

[2 marks]

- b Show that the equation  $x^3 - 4x + 2 = 0$  can be rearranged to give  $x = \frac{x^3}{4} + \frac{1}{2}$

[2 marks]

- c Starting with  $x_0 = 0.5$ , use the iterative formula  $x_{n+1} = \frac{(x_n)^3}{4} + \frac{1}{2}$  to find an estimate for one of the roots of the equation by working out  $x_4$   
Give your answer correct to 3 decimal places.

$$x_4 = \dots\dots\dots$$

[3 marks]

24 A bag contains only red and blue counters. The ratio of red to blue counters is 4:5

a The total number of counters in the bag is 36.

Circle the number of red counters in the bag.

20          16          4          36

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[1 mark]

b Two counters are removed from the bag at random.

Find the probability that

i both counters are red

.....

[1 mark]

ii the counters are different colours.

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[2 marks]

25 The functions  $f$  and  $g$  are such that

$$f(x) = 5x^2 + 4 \text{ and } g(x) = x + 1$$

a Find  $f(-2)$

$$f(-2) = .....$$

[1 mark]

b Find  $f^{-1}(x)$

$f^{-1}(x) = \dots\dots\dots$

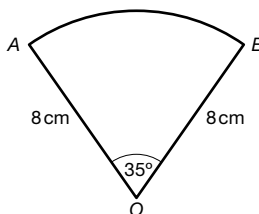
[2 marks]

c Find  $fg(x)$

$fg(x) = \dots\dots\dots$

[2 marks]

26  $OAB$  is a sector of a circle with radius 8 cm.



a Work out the length of arc  $AB$ .

Give your answer correct to 2 decimal places.

$\dots\dots\dots$  cm

[2 marks]

b Work out the area of sector  $OAB$ .

Give your answer correct to 2 decimal places.

$\dots\dots\dots$  cm

[2 marks]

27 Three grandchildren visit their grandparents every 12 days, 16 days and 18 days respectively.

On one day, they all visit their grandparents.

a What is the minimum amount of time after which two grandchildren will call on the same day?

..... days

[2 marks]

b What is the minimum amount of time after which all three will again call on the same day?

..... days

[2 marks]

28 Show that  $\frac{1}{3x^2 + 5x - 2} \div \frac{1}{9x^2 - 1}$  simplifies to  $\frac{ax + b}{cx + d}$ , where  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  are integers.

Give the values of  $a, b, c$  and  $d$ .

$a =$  .....

$b =$  .....

$c =$  .....

$d =$  .....

[4 marks]