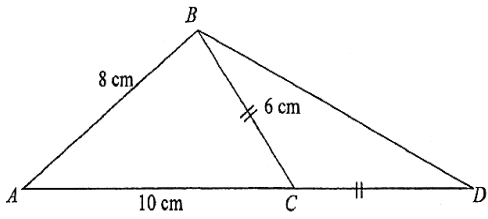
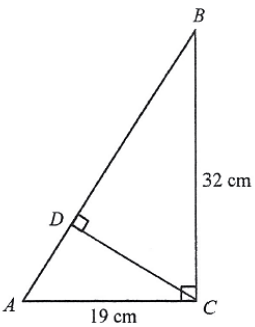
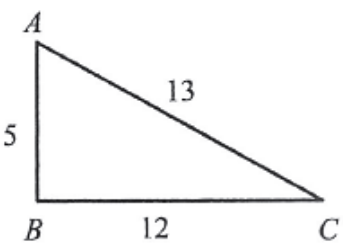
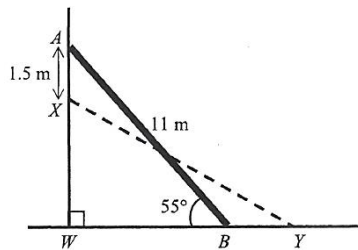


# 7 MUST KNOW QUESTIONS TO CONQUER TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

1	<p>In the diagram, <math>AB = 8</math> cm, <math>AC = 10</math> cm, <math>BC = 6</math> cm, <math>BC = CD</math> and <math>ACD</math> is a straight line.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>(a) Explain why <math>\angle ABC</math> is a right angle. <span style="float: right;">[1]</span></p> <p>(b) Without finding any angle, find the area of <math>\triangle BCD</math>. <span style="float: right;">[2]</span></p> <p>(c) Write down exact value of <math>\cos \angle BCD</math>. <span style="float: right;">[1]</span></p>
2	<p>In the diagram, <math>ABC</math> is a right-angled triangle and <math>ADB</math> is a straight line. It is given that <math>BC = 32</math> cm, <math>AC = 19</math> cm and <math>\angle BDC = 90^\circ</math>.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Find <span style="float: right;">[1]</span></p> <p>(a) <math>\angle DBC</math>, <span style="float: right;">[1]</span></p> <p>(b) <math>DC</math>.</p>
3	<p>A triangle <math>ABC</math> has sides <math>AB = 5</math> cm, <math>BC = 12</math> cm and <math>AC = 13</math> cm.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>(a) Prove that triangle <math>ABC</math> is a right-angled triangle. <span style="float: right;">[2]</span></p> <p>(b) Hence, find <span style="float: right;">[1]</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(i) <math>\sin \angle BAC</math>, <span style="float: right;">[1]</span></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(ii) angle <math>ACB</math>. <span style="float: right;">[1]</span></p>

4 A ladder,  $AB$ , 11 m long, is placed against a wall. The angle between the ladder and the floor is  $55^\circ$ .



(a) Find  $WB$ .

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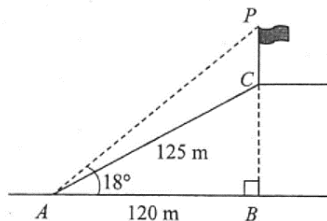
(b) The ladder slides down the wall by 1.5 m to a new position  $XY$ .

Find the new angle between the ladder and the floor.

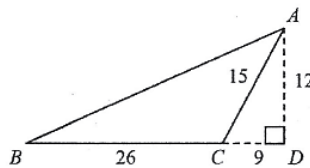
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5 The diagram below shows a vertical flagpole  $PC$  placed at the top of the hill.  $B$  is vertically below  $C$  and angle  $ABC = 90^\circ$ , angle  $PAB = 18^\circ$ ,  $AB = 120$  m and  $AC = 125$  m. Find the height of the flagpole.

[3]



6 It is given that  $AC = 15$  cm,  $AD = 12$  cm,  $BC = 26$  cm and  $CD = 9$  cm.



(a) Expressing as a fraction in its lowest form, find

(i)  $\tan \angle ACD$ ,

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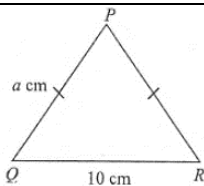
(ii)  $\sin \angle BAD$ .

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(b) Find the shortest distance from  $C$  to  $AB$ .

[2]

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In the diagram above, triangle  $PQR$  is an isosceles triangle with  $PQ = PR = a$  cm and  $QR = 10$  cm

(a) Express in terms of  $a$ ,

(i) the value of  $\cos \angle PQR$ ,

[1]

(ii) the shortest distance from  $P$  to  $QR$ .

[1]

(b) Given that  $a = 13$ , find the value of  $\sin \angle PRQ$ .

Leave your answer as a fraction

[2]

**Answer Key**

1	<p>Solution:</p> <p>(b) Area = 14.4  <math display="block">\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}(6)(6)\frac{4}{5}</math> <math display="block">= 14.4</math></p> <p>Ans: (a) Since <math>6^2 + 8^2 = 10^2</math>, by converse of Pythagoras Theorem, <math>ABC</math> is a right-angle triangle, angle <math>ABC</math> is a right angle. (b) 14.4 (c) <math>\cos \angle BCD = -\frac{3}{5}</math></p>
2	<p>Solutions:</p> <p>(a) <math>\tan \angle DBC = \frac{19}{32}</math>                      (b) <math>\sin 30.70 = \frac{DC}{32}</math>  <math>\angle DBC = 30.7^\circ</math>                      <math>DC = 16.3 \text{ cm}</math></p> <p>Ans: (a) <math>30.7^\circ</math> (b) 16.3 cm</p>
3	<p>Solution:</p> <p>(a) <math>AC^2 = 13^2 = 169</math>  <math>AB^2 + BC^2 = 5^2 + 12^2 = 169</math>                  Since <math>AB^2 + BC^2 = AC^2</math>, by converse of Pythagoras theorem, triangle <math>ABC</math> is a right-angled triangle, <math>\angle ABC = 90^\circ</math></p> <p>Ans: (b)(i) <math>\sin \angle BAC = \frac{12}{13}</math> (ii) <math>\angle ACB = 22.6^\circ</math></p>
4	<p>Solutions:</p> <p>(a) <math>\cos 55^\circ = \frac{WB}{11}</math>                      (b) <math>\sin 55^\circ = \frac{AW}{11}</math>  <math>WB = 6.3093 = 6.31m</math>                      <math>AW = 11 \sin 55^\circ = 9.0107</math>  <math>XW = .107 - 1.5 = 7.5107</math>  <math>\sin \angle XYW = \frac{7.5107}{11}</math>  <math>\angle XYW = 43.0619 = 43.1^\circ</math></p> <p>Ans: (a) 6.31m (b) <math>43.1^\circ</math></p>
5	<p>Solution:</p> <p><math>\tan 18^\circ = \frac{PB}{120}</math>  <math>PB = 120 \times \tan 18^\circ</math>  <math>= 38.990 \text{ (5 s.f.)}</math></p> <p>By the Pythagoras Theorem,  <math>125^2 = 120^2 + BC^2</math>  <math>BC^2 = 125^2 - 120^2</math>  <math>BC = \sqrt{125^2 - 120^2}</math>  <math>= 35</math></p> <p>Height of a flagpole = <math>38.990 - 35 = 3.990 = 3.99 \text{ m (3 s.f.)}</math></p> <p>Ans: 3.99 m (3s.f.)</p>

6	<p>Solutions:</p> <p>(a)(ii) <math>AB = \sqrt{35^2 + 12^2} = 37</math>  <math>\sin \angle BAD = \frac{35}{37}</math></p> <p>(b) Area of <math>ABC = \frac{1}{2}(26)(12)</math>  <math>= 156</math> ----- M1 (area of <math>ABC</math>)                      Let <math>h</math> be the shortest distance between C to AB  <math>\frac{1}{2}(37)h = 156</math>  <math>h = 8\frac{16}{37}</math></p> <p>Ans: (a)(i) <math>\tan \angle ACD = \frac{4}{3}</math> (ii) <math>\sin \angle BAD = \frac{35}{37}</math> (b) <math>h = 8\frac{16}{37}</math></p>
7	<p>Solutions:</p> <p>(a) (i) <math>\cos \angle PQR = \frac{10 \div 2}{a}</math>  <math>= \frac{5}{a}</math></p> <p>(ii) shortest distance <math>= \sqrt{a^2 - 5^2}</math>  <math>= \sqrt{a^2 - 25}</math></p> <p><math>\sin \angle PRQ = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 - 25}}{a}</math></p> <p>(b) <math>= \frac{\sqrt{13^2 - 25}}{13}</math>  <math>= \frac{12}{13}</math></p> <p>Ans: (a)(i) <math>\frac{5}{a}</math> (ii) <math>\sqrt{a^2 - 25}</math> (b) <math>\frac{12}{13}</math></p>