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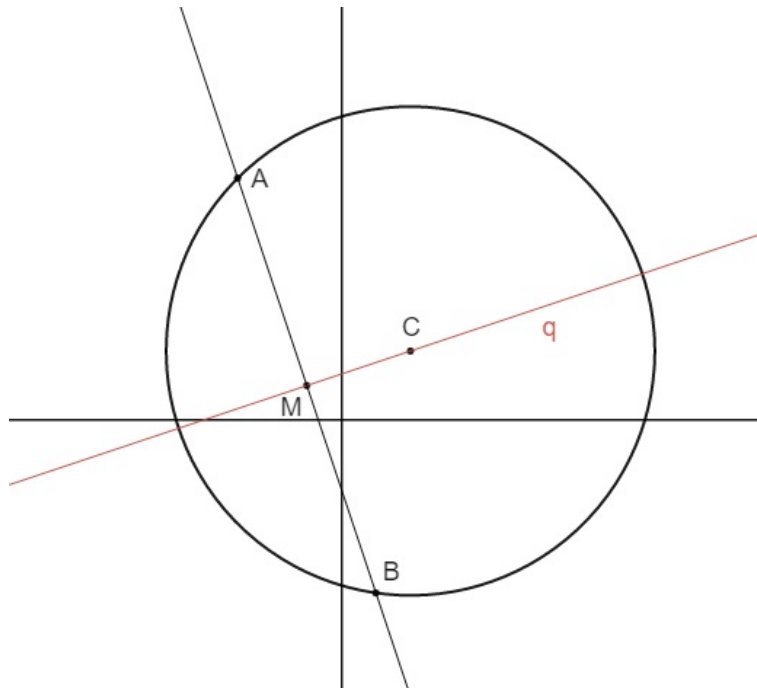
*Second Paper*

Time allowed: *Two* hours

Candidates for Computer Science & Information Technology and Project & Construction Management should take **4** questions out of 6. All other candidates should take **5** questions out of 6.

**Formulae and Tables booklets are provided by the Exams Office**  
**Calculators are permitted**

1. (a) Consider the circles  $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 2y - 7 = 0$  and  $x^2 + y^2 - 8x - 10y + 37 = 0$ .
  - i. Show that these circles touch;
  - ii. Derive the equation of their common tangent through their point of intersection;
  - iii. The circles have two other common tangents; find the equation of either one of them.
- (b) The circle shown is centred at  $C$ ; points  $A$  and  $B$  lie on the circle, and point  $M$  is the midpoint of the line segment  $AB$ .  $A$  has coordinates  $(-3, 7)$  and  $M$  has coordinates  $(-1, 1)$ . Line  $q$  passes through both  $M$  and  $C$ .
  - i. Determine the equation of the line  $q$ ;
  - ii. The coordinates of  $C$  are  $(2, 2)$ ; find the equation of the circle.

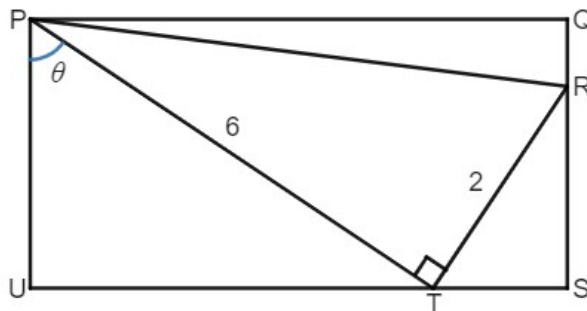


2. (a) i. Find the two values of  $x$  satisfying  $e^{2x} - 5e^x + 6 = 0$ .  
 ii. Find the set of values of  $x$  for which  $|2x - 1| > x$ .
- (b) A metal pepper pot is modelled as a frustum of a cone with a hemisphere on top; the radius of the hemisphere is equal to the smaller radius of the frustum.



- i. If the pepperpot has smaller and larger radii 2cm and 1cm respectively, and its total height is 4cm, what is its volume (assume it's made of negligibly thin metal).  
 ii. If the pot is made of a metal that weighs 1g per square centimetre, what is its total mass (ignore any holes in the pot).

3. (a) If  $\cos B = \frac{4t}{t^2 + 4}$ , show that  $\sin B = \frac{t^2 - 4}{t^2 + 4}$ .
- (b) The figure below shows a rectangle  $PQSU$  containing a triangle  $PTR$ , right-angled at  $T$ . Given that  $PT$  has length 6,  $TR$  is of length 2 and angle  $UPT$  is denoted by  $\theta$ ,
- show that the length of the side  $US$  can be written  $|US| = 6 \sin \theta + 2 \cos \theta$ ;
  - find a similar expression for  $|RQ|$ ;
  - show that the area  $A$  of triangle  $PQR$  can be written  $A = 8 \sin 2\theta + 6 \cos 2\theta$ .

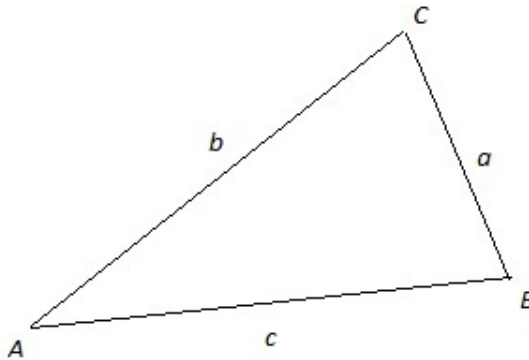


4. (a) How many arrangements are there of the letters FEDORA:
- if there are no restrictions,
  - if OR are side by side, in that order,
  - if O and R are separated,

iv. if vowels are grouped together?

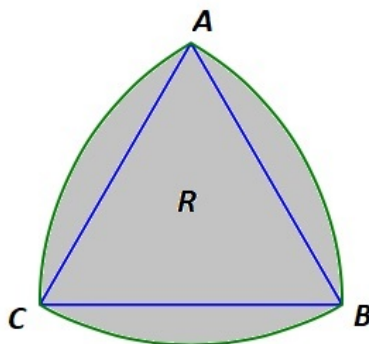
If four letters are chosen at random from the word FEDORA without replacement, what is the probability that they will spell out the word ROAD?

- (b) There are 10 points in a plane out of which 4 are collinear. Calculate the number of quadrilaterals formed by the points as vertices (show your working).
5. (a) Consider the triangle in the diagram below; find the missing sides and angles for the two possible cases satisfying  $a = 3$ ,  $b = 5$  and  $\angle A = 35^\circ$ .



- (b) The triangle  $ABC$  is equilateral with each side of length 6 cm. With centre  $A$  and radius 6 cm, a circular arc is drawn joining  $B$  to  $C$ . Similar arcs are drawn with centres  $B$  and  $C$  and with radii 6 cm, joining  $C$  to  $A$  and  $A$  to  $B$  respectively, as shown in the diagram. The three arcs thus drawn enclose the shaded region  $R$ .

- i. Show that the area of triangle  $ABC$  is  $9\sqrt{3}$  cm<sup>2</sup>;  
ii. Hence show that the area of the region  $R$  is  $18(\pi - \sqrt{3})$  cm<sup>2</sup>.



6. Each night for a week, Bobby and Boris play a game of chess.
- (a) Suppose none of the games result in a draw, and the probability on any given night that Bobby will win the game is 0.7. What is the probability that over the course of the seven days
    - i. Boris wins the first game and Bobby wins the rest?
    - ii. Bobby will win the the first, third, fifth and seventh games and Boris wins the rest?
    - iii. Boris wins exactly five games?
    - iv. Bobby's first win will happen on the fifth day?
  - (b) Suppose instead that each game results in either a win or a draw, and the probability of a draw is 0.1, while the probability that Bobby will win is now 0.6.
    - i. What is the probability that Boris will win?
    - ii. What is the probability of three draws?
    - iii. What is the probability the series is tied with three wins for each player and one draw?