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TOPIC TEST 1

Pythagoras' theorem

- Time allowed: 45 minutes
- Part A: 20 multiple-choice questions (40 marks)
- Part B: 16 free-response questions (60 marks)

20 multiple-choice questions 2 marks each: 40 marks Circle the correct answer.

Part A

1 Which side of this triangle is the hypotenuse?



2 Which one of these numbers is a surd?

A $\sqrt{36}$ **B** $\sqrt{100}$ **C** $\sqrt{40}$ **D** $\sqrt{64}$

3 Which of the following is the correct Pythagoras' theorem for this triangle?



4 What is the value of *w* in this triangle?



A 11.70 **B** 10.25 **C** 8

D 2.65



10 What is the value of f in this triangle?





11 What is the value of *p* as a surd?



12 Which of these triangles is right-angled?



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13 A television screen has a width of 55 cm and a height of 40 cm. Which of the following is the length of its diagonal, correct to the nearest centimetre?





14 What is the value of *x* in this triangle?



15 What is the value of *k* in this triangle?



A 2.65 **B** 8 **C** 10.25 **D** 11.70

16 What is the value of f as a surd?



17 A flagpole of height 5 metres is tied to the ground by a 7 metre cable. How far from the base of the flagpole is the cable tied?



A 8.60 m **B** 4 m **C** 1.41 m **D** 4.90 m





18 This diagram shows a park with a diagonal path through it. Find the length of the path.



- **A** 77 m **B** 17.80 m **C** 12.41 m **D** 25 m
- **19** A baseball field is shaped like a square with a side length of 27 metres. What is the distance between the home plate and second base?



20 What is the value of *b* in this diagram?





Part B

16 free-response questions 60 marks Show your working where appropriate.

21 (4 marks) Write Pythagoras' theorem for each of the following triangles.



22 (4 marks) Find the values of *r* and *x* in this triangle.



23 (6 marks) Test whether each of the following triangles is right-angled.

а







24 (2 marks) After taking off, a plane flies 850 metres but covers a ground distance of 840 metres. How high is the plane above the ground?



- **25** (6 marks)
 - **a** Use a ruler to draw a right-angled triangle with the two shorter sides measuring 2.5 cm and 6 cm.

- **b** Measure the length of the hypotenuse of the triangle you drew in part **a**.
- **c** Use Pythagoras' theorem to calculate the length of the hypotenuse (show your working).



26 (2 marks) Ray found the distance across a pond by taking the measurements shown. Find the distance *AB* correct to one decimal place.



27 (2 marks) How long is the pencil inside this cylinder? Answer correct to one decimal place.



28 (3 marks) From home, Dakota walked 1.2 km due south before turning and walking 3 km due west. How far is she from home when the distance is measured directly? Answer correct to two decimal places.

- **29** (4 marks) Use appropriate words to complete each of these sentences.
 - **a** Pythagoras' theorem is only true for ______ triangles.
 - Pythagoras' theorem states that the square of the ______ is equal to the ______ of the squares of the other ______ sides.
- **30** (4 marks) Find the value of each pronumeral in these diagrams.



31 (2 marks) A 2.5 metre ladder reaches up a wall to a window 2.4 metres high. Calculate how far the base of the ladder is from the bottom of the wall.





32 (4 marks)



For this rectangular prism, calculate the length of the diagonal:

a HF

b *HB*

33 (2 marks) Test whether a 30 cm ruler can fit inside a rectangular pencil case of dimensions 25 cm by 14 cm.



34 (4 marks) For the triangles below, find the value of each pronumeral as a surd.



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- **35** (2 marks) There is something wrong with this diagram. This could not possibly be a right-angled triangle. Explain why.



36 (9 marks) Calculate the perimeter of each of the following figures.



b



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c

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Answers

1 C	2 C	3 D	4 C	5 B
6 C	7 C	8 B	9 B	10 C
11 D	12 C	13 A	14 A	15 C
16 C	17 D	18 B	19 D	20 C
21 a $u^2 = d^2 + m^2$		b $k^2 = r^2 + 10^2$		

- **22** r = 7.07, x = 45
- **23 a** Not right-angled **b** H
- **24** 130 m

b Right-angled

- 25 a b and c 6.5 cm26 AB = 15.1 m27 15.7 cm28 3.23 km29 a right-angled b hypotenuse, sum, two 30 a w = 7 b h = 1631 0.7 m32 a 15 cm b 17 cm
- **33** No, it won't fit. The diagonal of the pencil case is the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle and measures 28.65 cm (< 30 cm)
- **34** a $\sqrt{41}$ b $\sqrt{35}$
- **35** The hypotenuse is not the longest side in the triangle shown; or $40^2 \neq 9^2 + 41^2$
- **36 a** 56 cm **b** 16 m **c** 14.4 cm