

## 4.0 PART TWO: THE YEAR 2019 KCSE EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPERS

## 4.1 MATHEMATICS ALTERNATIVE A (121)

## 4.1.1 Mathematics Alt.A Paper 1 (121/1)

## SECTION I (50 marks)

Answer **all** the questions in this section in the spaces provided.

1. Without using mathematical tables or a calculator, evaluate:

$$\frac{5.4}{0.025 \times 3.6}$$

(3 marks)

2. Express 1728 and 2025 in terms of their prime factors. Hence evaluate:

$$\frac{\sqrt[3]{1728}}{\sqrt{2025}}$$

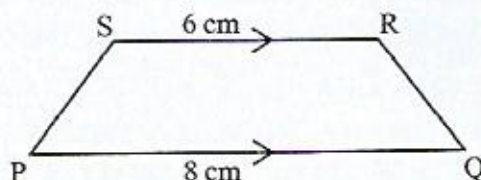
(4 marks)

3. Juma left his home at 8.30 a.m. He drove a distance of 140 km and arrived at his aunt's home at 10.15 a.m. Determine the average speed, in km/h, for Juma's journey. (3 marks)

4. Expand and simplify:  
 $4(q + 6) + 7(q - 3)$ .

(2 marks)

5. In the trapezium PQRS shown below,  $PQ = 8$  cm and  $SR = 6$  cm.



If the area of the trapezium is  $28 \text{ cm}^2$ , find the perpendicular distance between PQ and SR.

(2 marks)

6. Given that  $\sqrt[3]{9^4} = 3^n$ , find the value of  $n$ .

(3 marks)

7. Three villages A, B and C are such that B is 53 km on a bearing of  $295^\circ$  from A and C is 75 km east of B.

- (a) Using a scale of 1 cm to represent 10 km, draw a diagram to show the relative positions of villages A, B and C. (2 marks)

- (b) Determine the distance, in km, of C from A. (2 marks)

8. A retailer bought a bag of tea leaves. If the retailer were to repack the tea leaves into smaller packets of either 40 g, 250 g or 350 g, determine the least mass, in grams, of the tea leaves in the bag. (3 marks)
  
9. Given that  $\sin 2x = \cos (3x - 10^\circ)$ , find  $\tan x$ , correct to 4 significant figures. (3 marks)
  
10. A tourist converted 5820 US dollars into Kenya Shillings at the rate of Ksh 102.10 per dollar. While in Kenya, he spent Ksh 450 000 and converted the balance into dollars at the rate of Ksh 103.00 per dollar. Calculate the amount of money, to the nearest dollar, that remained. (3 marks)
  
11. Given that  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $c = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $a = 3c - 2b$ , find the magnitude of  $a$ , correct to 2 decimal places. (4 marks)
  
12. Using a ruler and a pair of compass only, construct a rhombus PQRS such that  $PQ = 6\text{ cm}$  and  $\angle SPQ = 75^\circ$ . Measure the length of PR. (4 marks)
  
13. Solve the inequality  $2x - 1 \leq 3x + 4 < 7 - x$ . (3 marks)
  
14. Given that  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} x & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and that  $AB$  is a singular matrix, find the value of  $x$ . (3 marks)
  
15. A trader bought two types of bulbs A and B at Ksh 60 and Ksh 56 respectively. She bought a total of 50 bulbs of both types at a total of Ksh 2872. Determine the number of type A bulbs that she bought. (3 marks)
  
16. A bus plies between two towns P and R via town Q daily. On each day it departs from P at 8.15 a.m. and stops for 40 minutes at Q before proceeding to R.  
  
On a certain day, the bus took 5 hours 40 minutes to travel from P to Q and 3 hours 15 minutes to travel from Q to R. Find, in 24 hour clock system, the time the bus arrived at R. (3 marks)

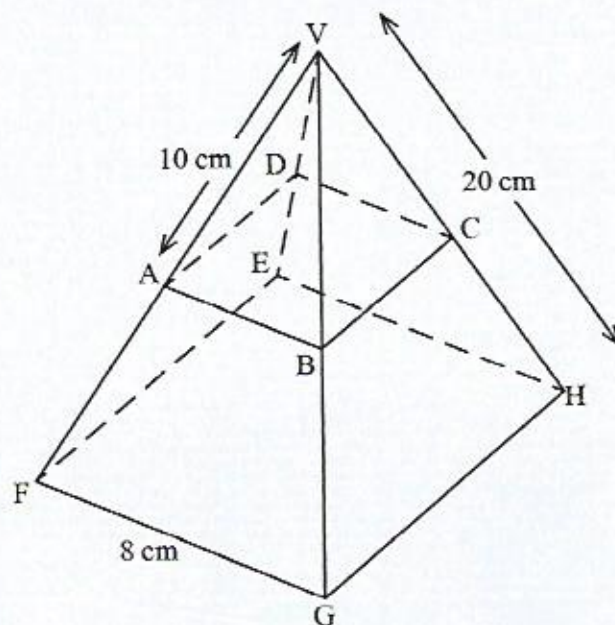


## SECTION II (50 marks)

Answer any **five** questions from this section in the spaces provided.

17. A rectangular water tank measures 2.4 m long, 2 m wide and 1.5 m high. The tank contained some water up to a height of 0.45 m.
- (a) Calculate the amount of water, in litres, needed to fill up the tank. (3 marks)
- (b) An inlet pipe was opened and water let to flow into the tank at a rate of 10 litres per minute. After one hour, a drain pipe was opened and water allowed to flow out of the tank at a rate of 4 litres per minute.
- Calculate:
- (i) the height of water in the tank after 3 hours; (4 marks)
- (ii) the total time taken to fill up the tank. (3 marks)
18. (a) A line,  $L_1$ , passes through the points (3, 3) and (5, 7). Find the equation of  $L_1$  in the form  $y = mx + c$ , where  $m$  and  $c$  are constants. (3 marks)
- (b) Another line  $L_2$  is perpendicular to  $L_1$  and passes through  $(-2, 3)$ . Find:
- (i) the equation of  $L_2$ ; (3 marks)
- (ii) the  $x$ -intercept of  $L_2$ . (1 mark)
- (c) Determine the point of intersection of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ . (3 marks)
19. A triangle ABC with vertices A  $(-2, 2)$ , B  $(1, 4)$  and C  $(-1, 4)$  is mapped onto triangle A'B'C' by a reflection in the line  $y = x + 1$ .
- (a) On the grid provided draw:
- (i) triangle ABC; (1 mark)
- (ii) the line  $y = x + 1$ ; (2 marks)
- (iii) triangle A'B'C'. (2 marks)
- (b) Triangle A''B''C'' is the image of triangle A'B'C' under a negative quarter turn about  $(0, 0)$ . On the same grid, draw triangle A''B''C''. (3 marks)
- (c) State the type of congruence between triangles:
- (i) ABC and A'B'C'; (1 mark)
- (ii) A'B'C' and A''B''C''. (1 mark)

20. The figure below is a right pyramid VFGH with a square base of 8 cm and a slant edge of 20 cm. Points A, B, C and D lie on the slant edges of the pyramid such that  $VA = VB = VC = VD = 10$  cm and plane ABCD is parallel to the base EFGH.



- (a) Find the length of AB. (2 marks)
  - (b) Calculate, correct to 2 decimal places:
    - (i) the length of AC; (2 marks)
    - (ii) the perpendicular height of the pyramid VABCD. (2 marks)
  - (c) The pyramid VABCD was cut off. Find the volume of the frustum ABCDEFGH correct to 2 decimal places. (4 marks)
21. The heights of 40 athletes in a county athletics competition were as shown in the table below:

Height, cm	Frequency
150 – 159	2
160 – 169	8
170 – 179	10
180 – 189	$x$
190 – 199	6
200 – 209	2

- (a) Find the value of  $x$ . (1 mark)



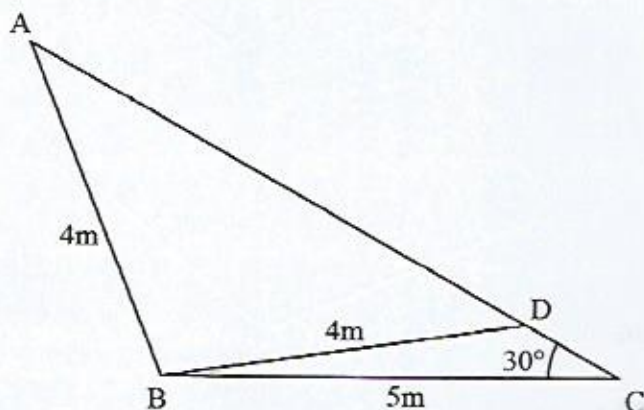
(b) State the modal class. (1 mark)

(c) Calculate:

(i) the mean height of the athletes; (4 marks)

(ii) the median height, correct to 1 decimal place, of the athletes. (4 marks)

22. The figure below represents a triangular flower garden ABC in which  $AB = 4\text{ m}$ ,  $BC = 5\text{ m}$  and  $\angle BCA = 30^\circ$ . Point D lies on AC such that  $BD = 4\text{ m}$  and  $\angle BDC$  is obtuse.



Find, correct to 2 decimal places:

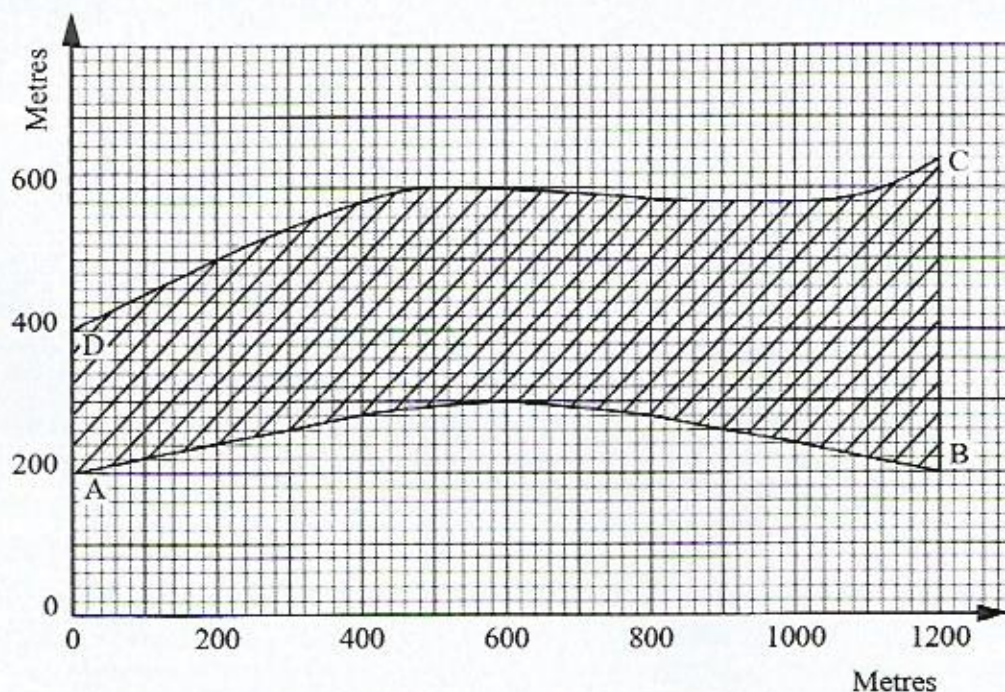
(a)  $\angle BDC$ ; (3 marks)

(b) the length of AD; (3 marks)

(c) the length of DC; (2 marks)

(d) the area of the flower garden ABC. (2 marks)

23. The shaded region on the graph below shows a piece of land ABCD earmarked for building a sub-county hospital.



- (a) Write down the ordinates of curves AB and DC for  $x = 0, 200, 400, 600, 800, 1000$  and  $1200$ . (2 marks)
  - (b) Use trapezium rule, with 6 strips to estimate the area of the piece of land ABCD, in hectares. (4 marks)
  - (c) Use mid-ordinate rule with 3 strips to estimate the area of the piece of land, in hectares. (4 marks)
24. The equation of a curve is  $y = x^3 + x^2 - x - 1$
- (a) Determine:
    - (i) the stationary points of the curve; (3 marks)
    - (ii) the nature of the stationary points in (a) (i) above. (2 marks)
  - (b) Determine:
    - (i) the equation of the tangent to the curve at  $x = 1$ ; (3 marks)
    - (ii) the equation of the normal to the curve at  $x = 1$ . (2 marks)