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Answer **any five** questions from this section.

Question 1**(30 marks)**

- (a) Find the two values of $m \in \mathbb{R}$ for which $|5 + 3m| = 11$.

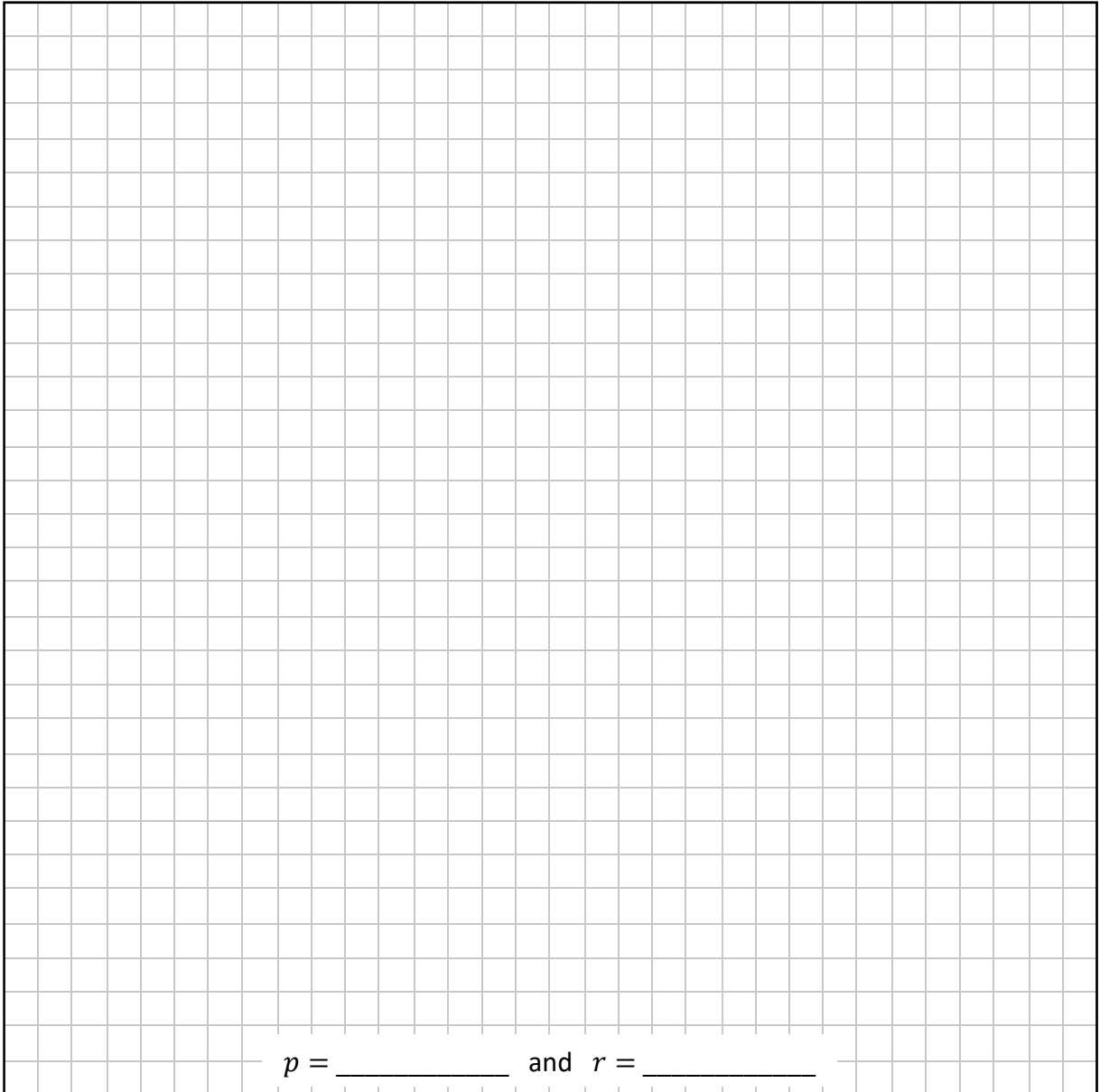
- (b) For the real numbers h , j , and k :

$$\frac{1}{h} = \frac{k}{j+k}$$

Express k in terms of h and j .

(c) $x^2 - px + 1$ is a factor of $x^3 - 2x - 3r$, where $p, r \in \mathbb{R}$ and $p < 0$.

Find the value of p and the value of r .



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Question 2

(30 marks)

- (a) $f(x) = x^2 + bx + c$, where $b, c \in \mathbb{R}$.
 $f(x)$ has a local minimum point at $(3, -1)$.

Find the value of b and the value of c .

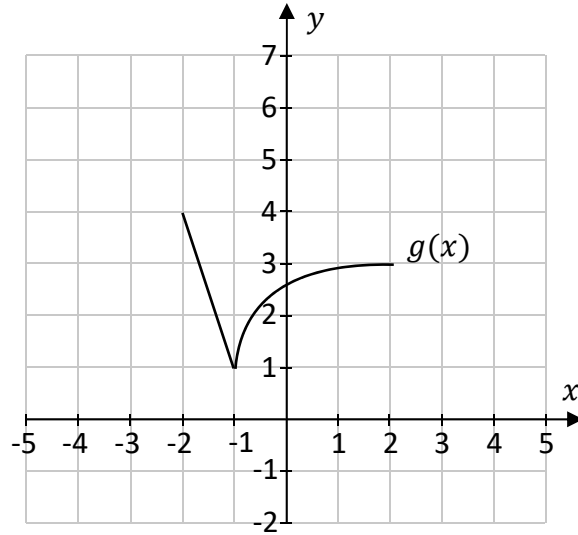
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- (b) Find the value of the following limit, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

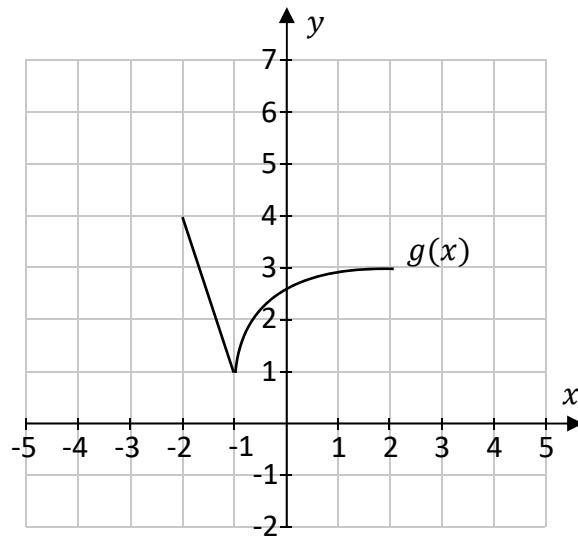
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{n}{n+1} + \frac{n+1000}{n} + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n \right]$$

(c) The function $g(x)$ is defined for $-2 \leq x \leq 2$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$.
 Its graph is shown in each of the two diagrams below.

(i) Draw the graph of $g(x) - 2$ on the co-ordinate diagram below, for $x \in \mathbb{R}$,
 on as large a domain as possible.



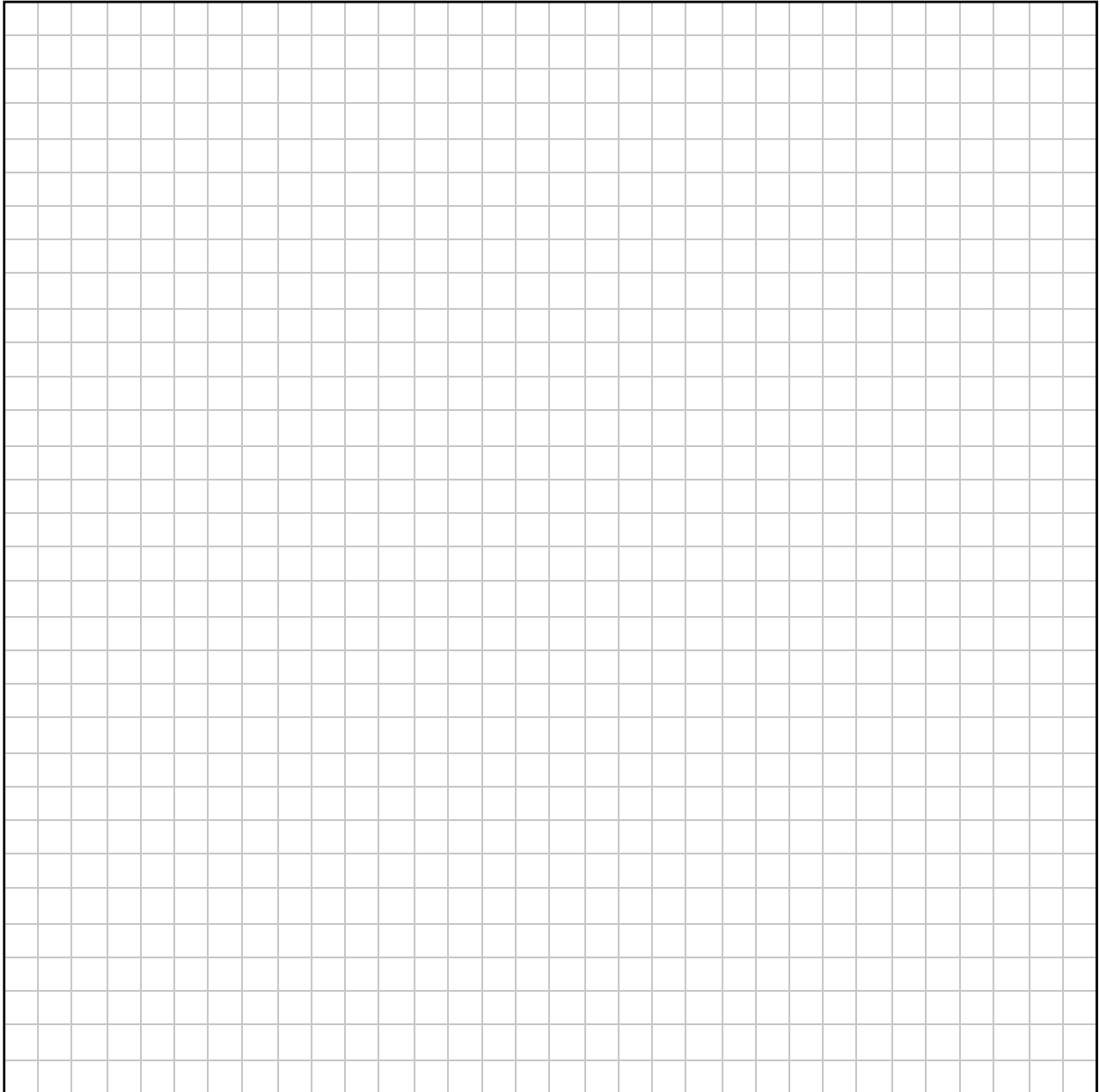
(ii) Draw the graph of $g(x + 3)$ on the co-ordinate diagram below, for $x \in \mathbb{R}$,
 on as large a domain as possible.



Question 3

(30 marks)

(a) Prove that $\sqrt{2}$ is **not** a rational number.



(b) t is a positive real number, with:

$$\log_3 t + \log_9 t + \log_{27} t + \log_{81} t = 10$$

Find the value of t . Give your answer in the form 3^r , where $r \in \mathbb{Q}$.

Hint: use the formula $\log_a b = \frac{\log_c b}{\log_c a}$.

(c) (i) Explain what $\log_6 m$ means, where m is a positive real number.

(ii) m is a real number, and $m > 6$.

What information does this give about the value of $\log_6 m$?

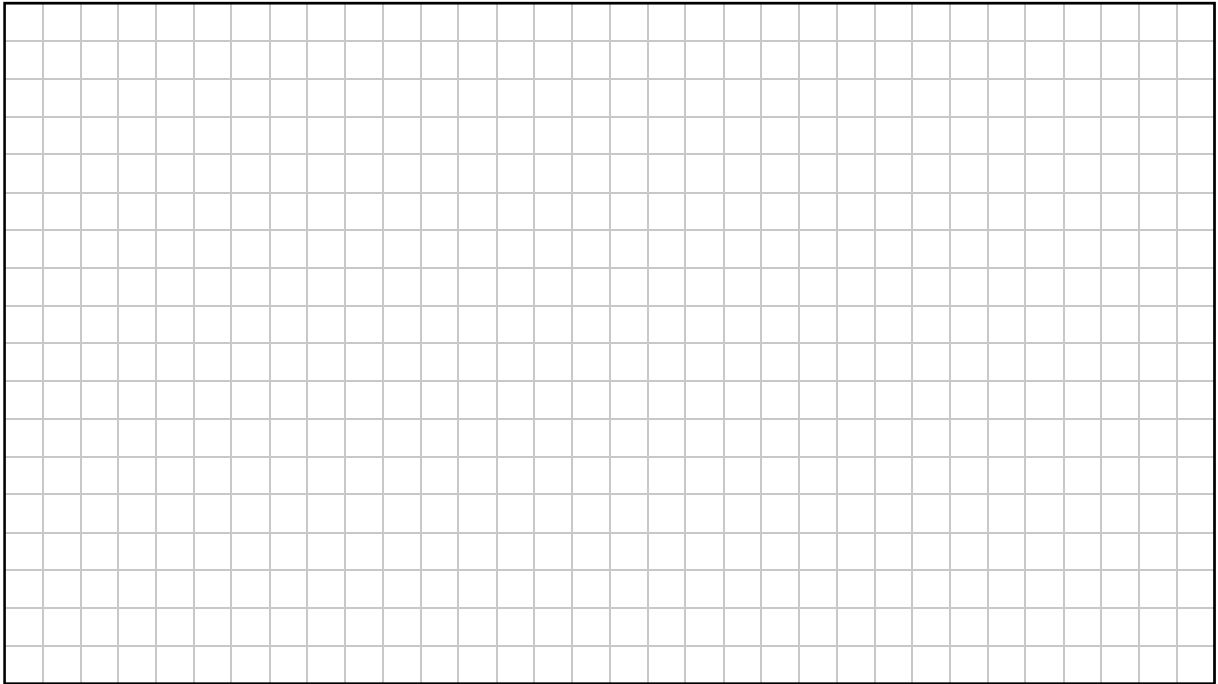
Question 4

(30 marks)

In this question, $i^2 = -1$.

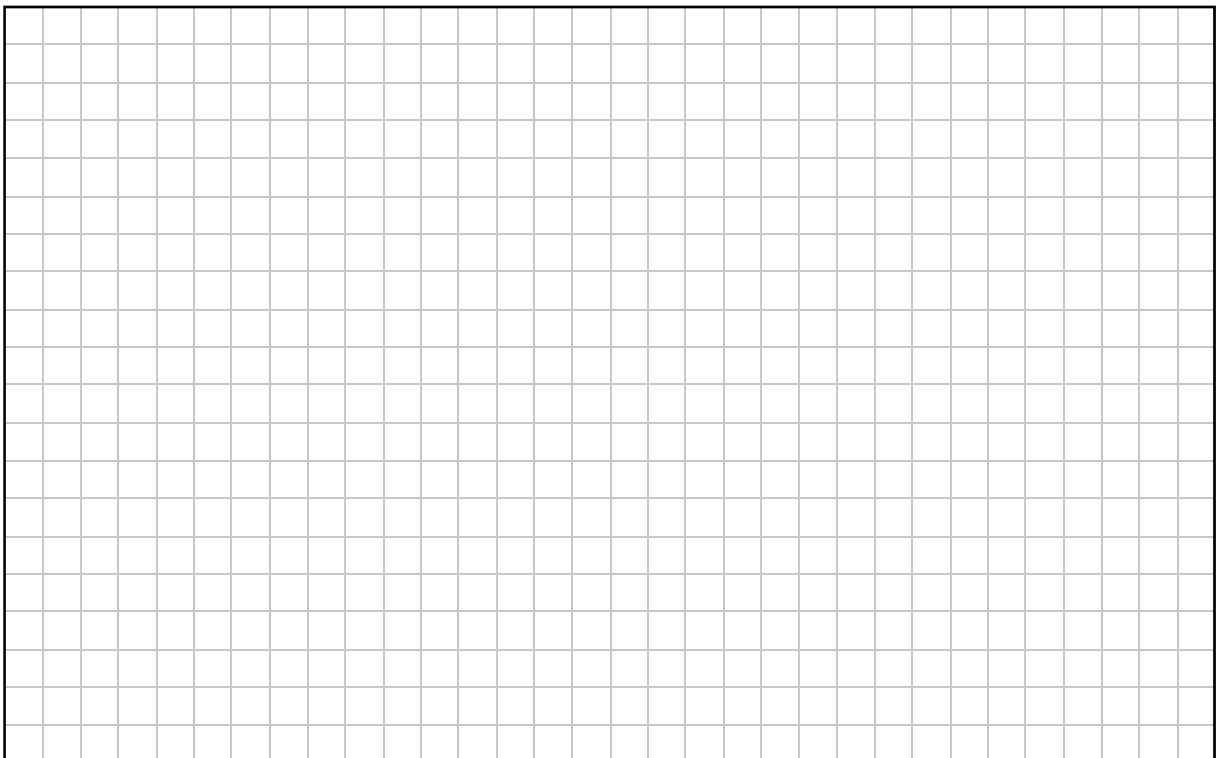
- (a) The complex number $z_1 = 1 + i$ is a root of the equation $z^2 + (3 - 2i)z + p = 0$.

Find the value of p , where $p = a + bi$, with $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$.

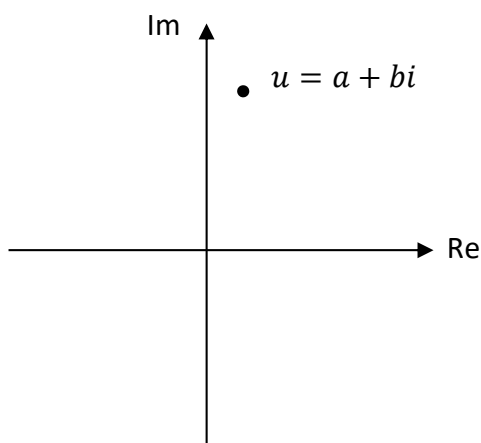


- (b) Use **De Moivre's Theorem** to find the values of w for which $w^2 = -1 + \sqrt{3}i$.

Give each value of w in the form $a + bi$, with $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.



(c) The Argand diagram below shows the complex number $u = a + bi$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.



(i) Write the complex numbers iu and \overline{iu} in their simplest form, in terms of a and b , where \overline{iu} is the complex conjugate of iu .

iu :	
\overline{iu} :	

(ii) Plot and label the complex numbers iu and \overline{iu} on the diagram above, as accurately as possible.

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(iii) State a transformation, or series of transformations, that would send u to \overline{iu} . Do **not** include a translation in your answer.

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Question 5**(30 marks)**

(a) The function f is defined as follows, for $x \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{5x^2 + 7}$$

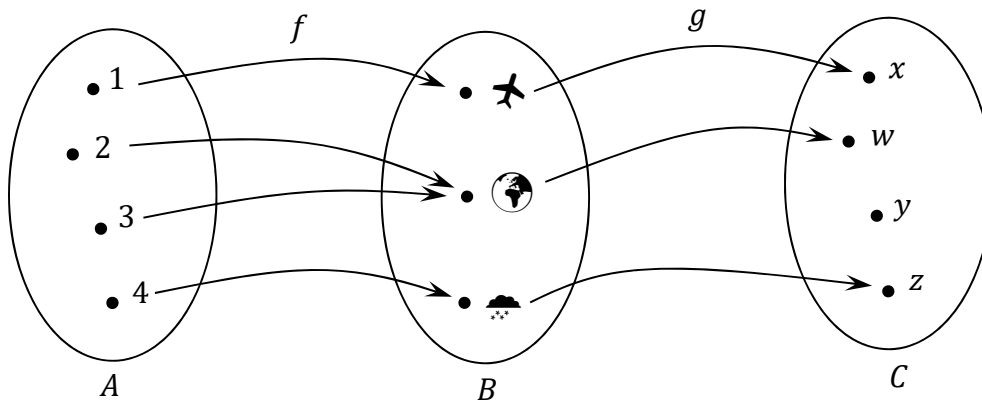
Find $f'(x)$, the derivative of f . Give your answer in its simplest form.

(b) The function $g(x)$ is defined as follows, for $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $0 < x < \pi$:

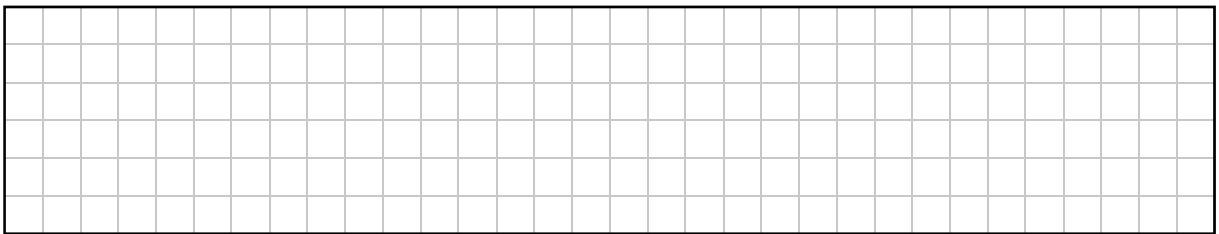
$$g(x) = \left(\tan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \right) (\ln x)$$

Find the value of $g'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$. Give your answer in the form $a + \ln b$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.

- (c) The diagram below shows three sets, A , B , and C , and two functions, f and g , where $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $g: B \rightarrow C$. $\#A = \#C = 4$ and $\#B = 3$.



- (i) Find the value of $g(f(3))$.



- (ii) Explain why $g: B \rightarrow C$ is injective but **not** surjective (that is, one-to-one but **not** onto).

Injective:

Not surjective:

Question 6

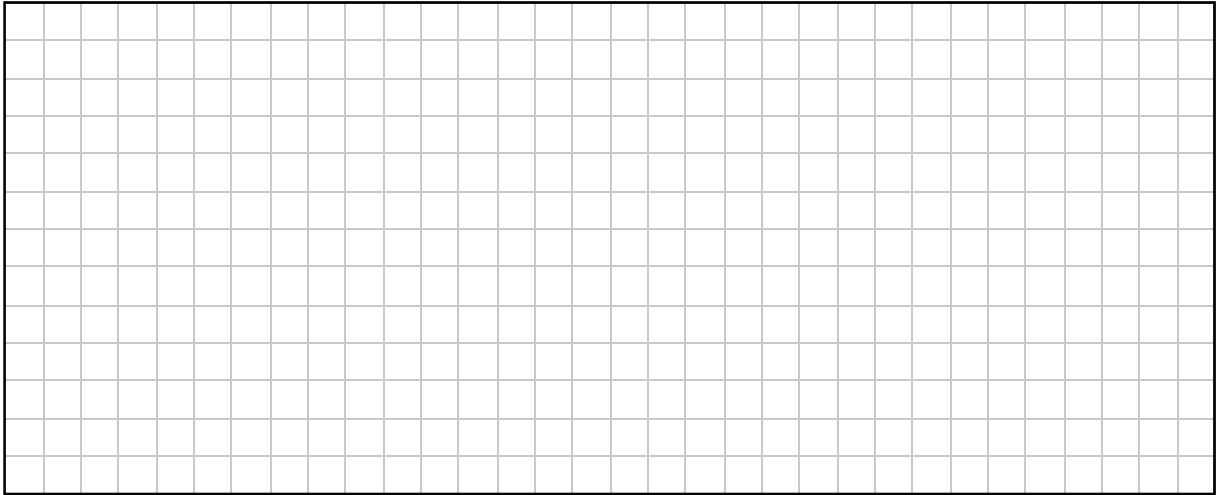
(30 marks)

(a) f and g are two functions of $x \in \mathbb{R}$, where:

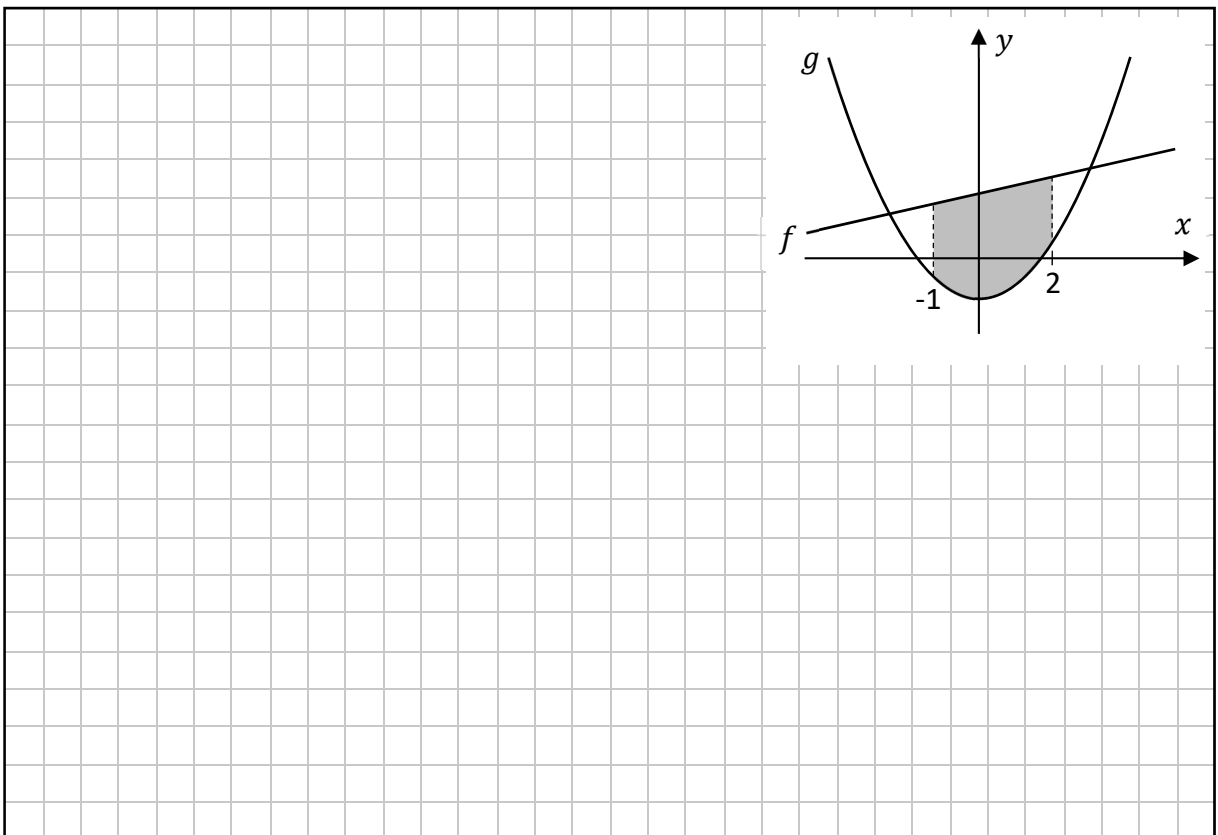
$$f(x) = x + 4$$

$$g(x) = x^2 - 2$$

(i) Find the two values of x for which $f(x) = g(x)$.



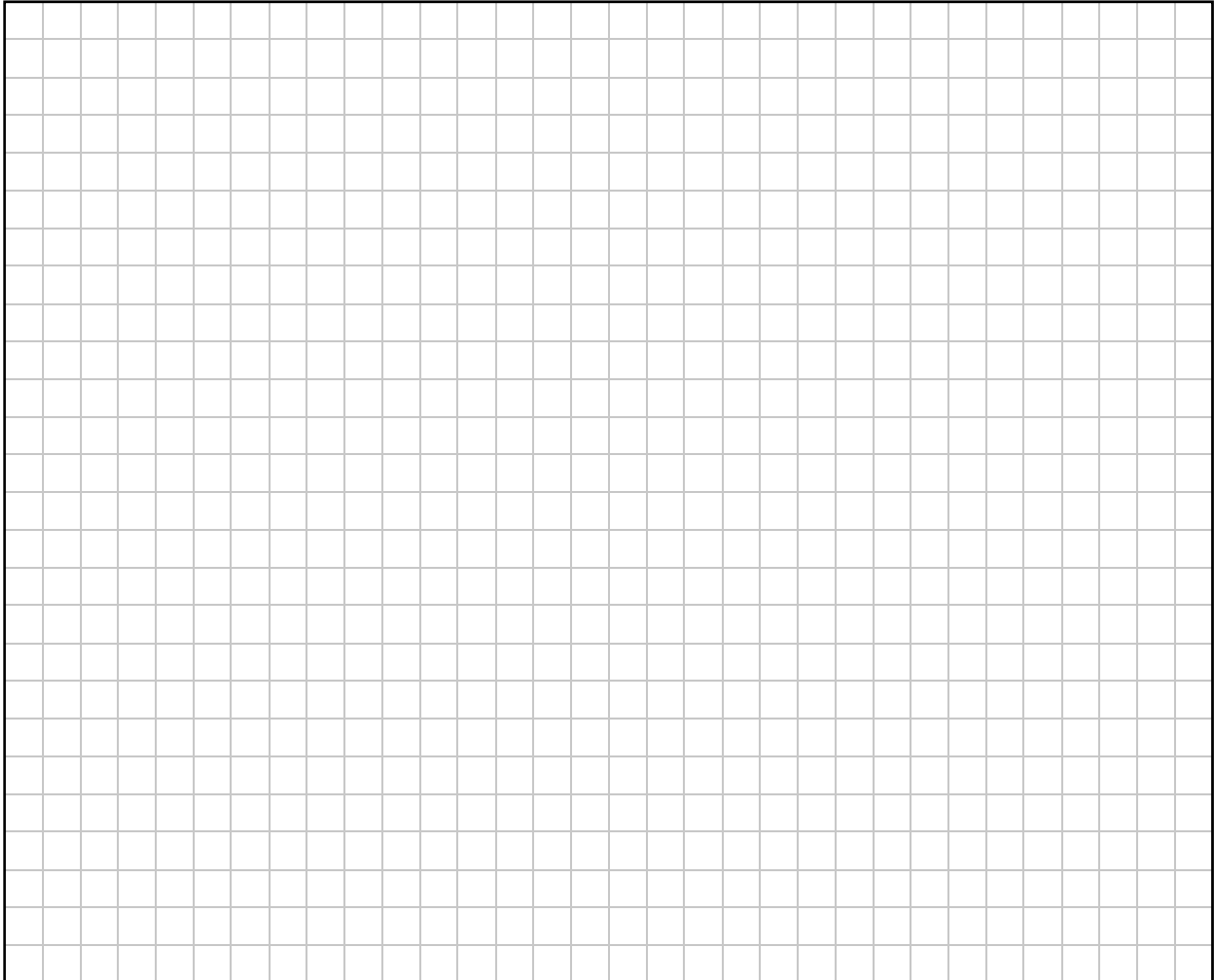
(ii) Find the **area** of the shaded region in the diagram below (not to scale), the region between the graphs of $f(x) = x + 4$ and $g(x) = x^2 - 2$, from $x = -1$ to $x = 2$.



(b) $b \in \mathbb{R}$ is a positive constant, and:

$$\int_0^b b e^{bx} dx = e$$

Work out the value of b .



Answer **any three** questions from this section.

Question 7**(50 marks)**

Fiona is driving on a motorway. She passes a point **A** on the motorway. Her speed is given by:

$$v(t) = \frac{2}{3}t^3 - 6t^2 + 13t + 109$$

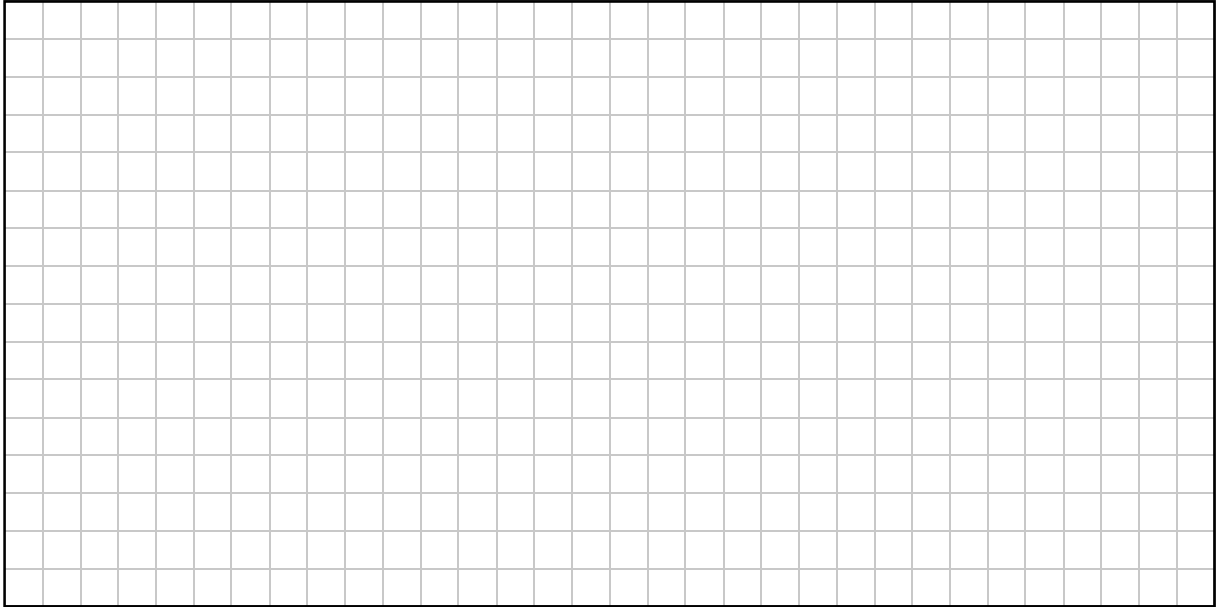
where v is her speed in km/hour t minutes after passing the point **A**, for $0 \leq t \leq 5$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

- (a) Work out Fiona's speed when she passes the point **A**.

- (b) Work out Fiona's acceleration (that is, the rate at which her speed is increasing) 5 minutes after she passes the point **A**. Give your answer in km/hour per minute.

- (c) Find the time (value of t) at which Fiona reaches her maximum speed, during the first 4 minutes after she passes the point **A**. Give your answer correct to 2 decimal places.

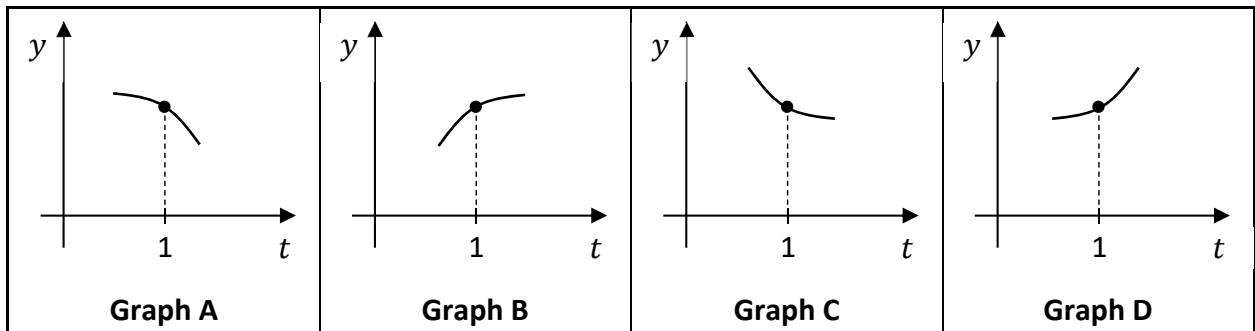
- (d) Use integration to work out Fiona's average speed over the 5 minutes after she passes the point **A**. Give your answer correct to 2 decimal places.



- (e) Taking $v'(t)$ to be the derivative of v , and $v''(t)$ to be the second derivative of v :

$$v'(1) > 0 \text{ and } v''(1) < 0$$

Four graphs, **A**, **B**, **C**, and **D**, are shown below.



Close to where $t = 1$, the graph of $y = v(t)$ must look like one of the four graphs given above. Write down which graph this is. Justify your answer, using both $v'(1)$ and $v''(1)$.

Answer (A , B , C , or D):
Using $v'(1) > 0$:
Using $v''(1) < 0$:
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There is an **Average Speed Zone** on the motorway, starting at the point **A** and ending at point **B**. The distance from **A** to **B** along the motorway is 10 km. Cameras record the time taken for each car to travel from the point **A** to the point **B**. Each car's average speed from **A** to **B** is then calculated.

- (f) Work out the **minimum** time, in minutes, that a driver could get from **A** to **B**, while not driving above 100 km/hour.

- (g) Rohan drives from **A** to **B**.

He passes the point **A** driving at a constant speed of 120 km/hour. After 2 minutes driving at this speed, he starts to decelerate (reduce his speed) at a constant rate, until he reaches the point **B**. Overall, his average speed in driving from **A** to **B** is 100 km/hour.

Work out Rohan's deceleration. Give your answer in km/hour per minute.

Question 8

(50 marks)

Olga, Chen, Fiona, and Rohan all have bank accounts.

- (a)** Olga puts €3000 in a savings account. Interest is added annually at a rate of 2.4% per year. Work out the amount in Olga’s account after 5 years, correct to the nearest cent.

- (b) (i)** Explain what is meant by the “present value” of a payment of €1000 in 1 year’s time, at a particular interest rate.

- (ii)** Chen puts a different amount in a savings account with the same interest rate (2.4% per year). After 6 years, Chen has €4000 in the account.

Work out how much money Chen put in the account initially, correct to the nearest cent.

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- (c) Fiona is taking out a loan at the same annual interest rate (2.4% per year).
Fiona makes payments quarterly (that is, 4 times per year).
Work out the quarterly interest rate that would be equivalent to an APR of 2.4% .
Give your answer as a **percentage**, correct to 2 decimal places.

- (d) Rohan wants to put the same amount of money in a savings account at the start of each month for 36 months so that, at the end of 3 years, he will have a total of €12 000 in the account. Interest is calculated at a rate of 0.11% per month.

- (i) Taking € A to be the amount Rohan puts in his account at the start of each month, write down a geometric series in € A to show the total amount of money in the account at the end of the 3 years. Include the first two and the last two terms.

- (ii) Hence, find the value of € A that will give a total of €12 000 in the account after 3 years. Give your answer correct to the nearest cent.

- (e) A park sells three types of ticket: child, student, and adult. The table below gives information on the price of each ticket and the percentage of tickets sold. For example, 15% of all tickets sold are student tickets.

Type of ticket	Child	Student	Adult
Price of ticket	€11	€5 less than an adult ticket	€ x
Percentage	52%	15%	33%

The expected value of the price of a ticket is €13.85.
Work out the value of x , the price of an adult ticket.

- (f) When an item is being sold:
- the **mark up** is the profit as a percentage of the cost price, and
 - the **margin** is the profit as a percentage of the selling price.

A shop sells an item with a **margin** of 18%. Work out the **mark up** for this item. Give your answer as a percentage, correct to the nearest percent.

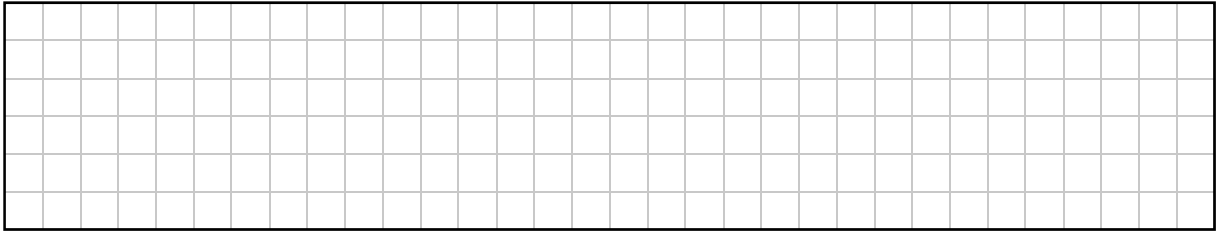
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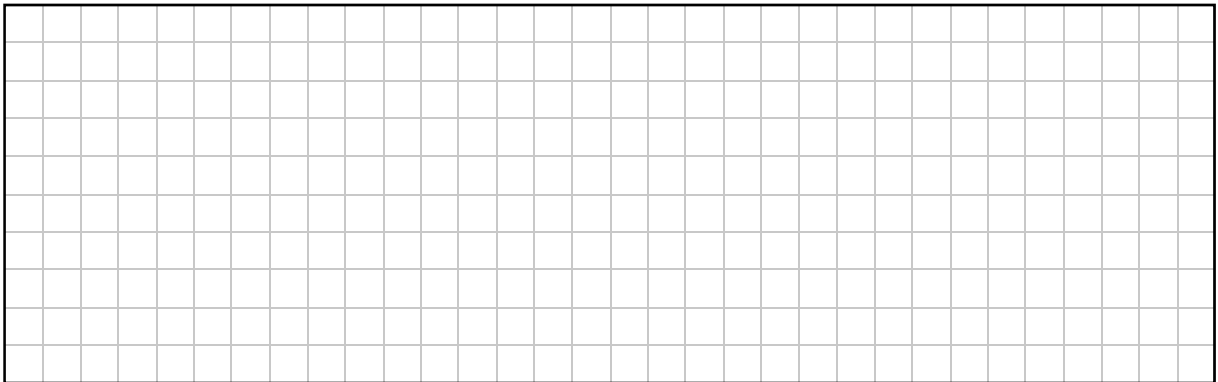
Ava is investigating factors of different numbers.

(a) First, she looks at numbers that can be written as powers of a prime number.

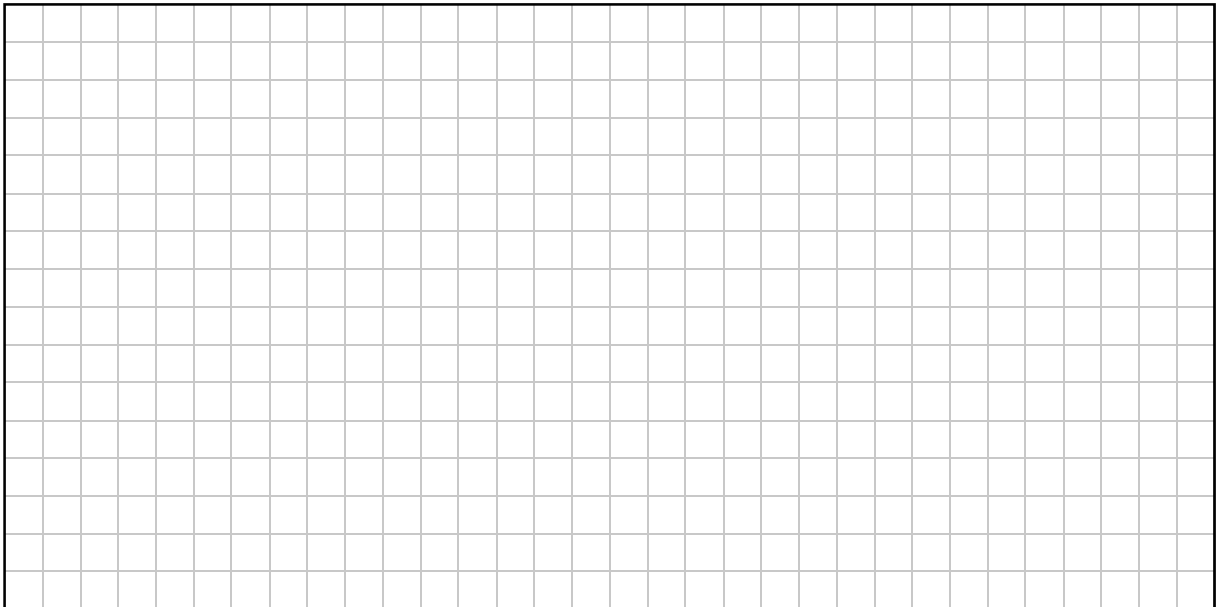
(i) List the 5 different factors of 2^4 . You can write each one as a power of 2.



(ii) Work out how many different factors 3^7 has.



(iii) Work out how many different factors $2^{10} \times 3^{12}$ has.



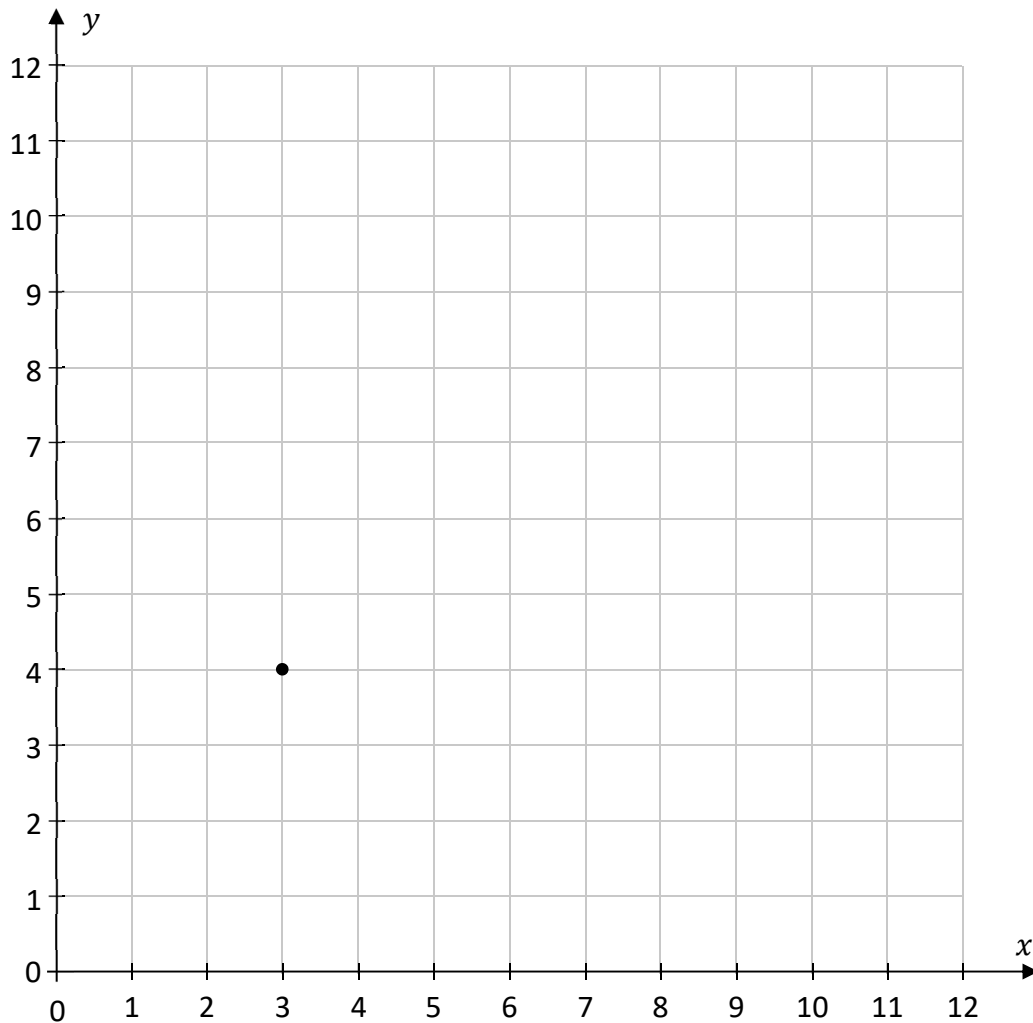
Ava also looks at the relationship between pairs of factors of a number.

(b) She makes a table to show the pairs of factors of 12
(that is, the pairs of natural numbers x and y with $xy = 12$).

(i) Complete the table below, showing the 6 pairs of factors (x and y) of 12.

x	1	2	3		6	
y			4			1

(ii) Plot the 6 points above on the co-ordinate diagram below. One of the points is shown.



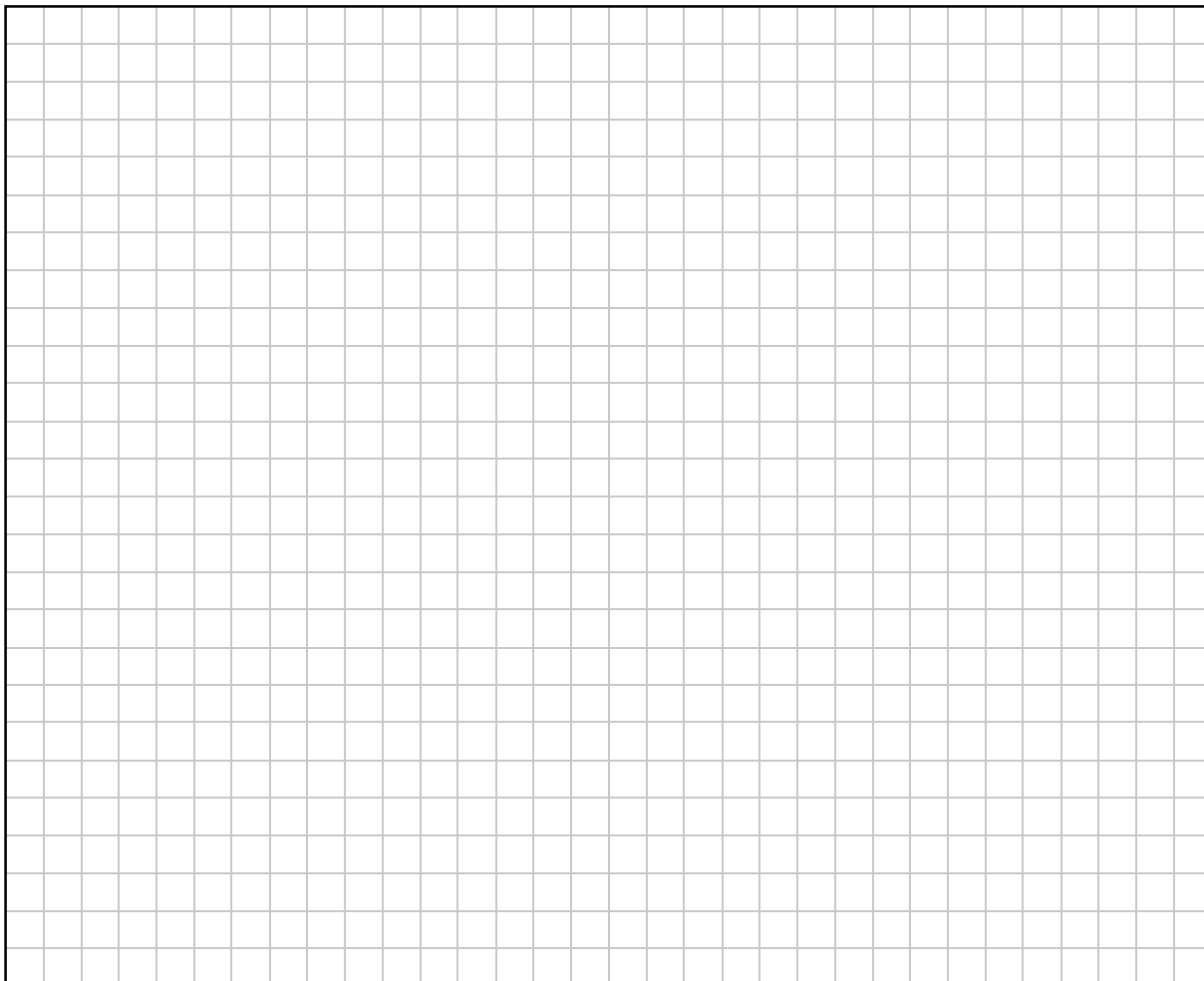
(iii) Ava realises that the relationship between x and y is $y = \frac{12}{x}$.

On the co-ordinate diagram above, **draw** the graph of $y = \frac{12}{x}$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$,
in the domain $1 \leq x \leq 12$.

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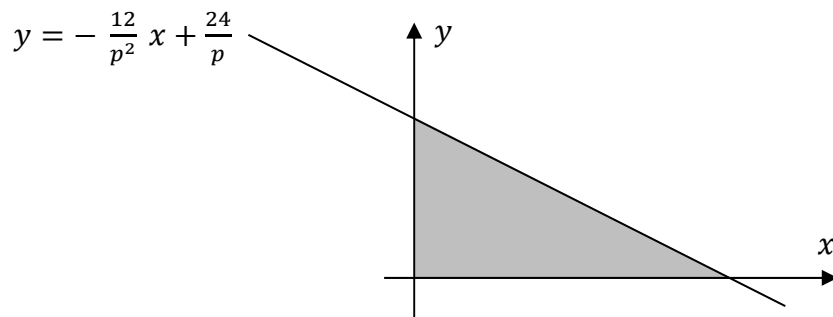
- (c) (i) A tangent to the curve $y = \frac{12}{x}$ is drawn at the point $\left(p, \frac{12}{p}\right)$, where $p \in \mathbb{R}$ and $p > 0$.
Show that the equation of this tangent is:

$$y = -\frac{12}{p^2}x + \frac{24}{p}$$



- (ii) The **area of the triangle** formed by the x -axis, the y -axis, and the tangent $y = -\frac{12}{p^2}x + \frac{24}{p}$ is always k square units, where $k \in \mathbb{N}$ is a constant.

Work out the value of k .

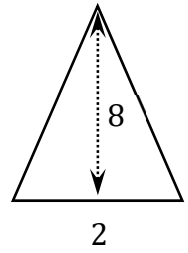


$k =$ _____

Question 10

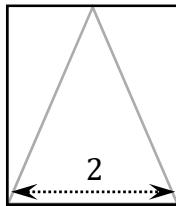
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A triangle has a base of length 2 units and a perpendicular height of 8 units, as shown in the diagram on the right.

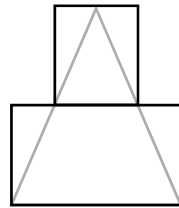


The diagrams below show T_1 , T_2 , and T_3 , the first three shapes in a sequence of shapes based on this triangle.

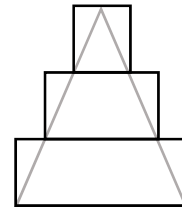
For each value of $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the shape T_n is made up of n rectangles of equal height laid on top of each other. T_n is the collection of the smallest such rectangles that completely covers the triangle.



T_1
1 rectangle

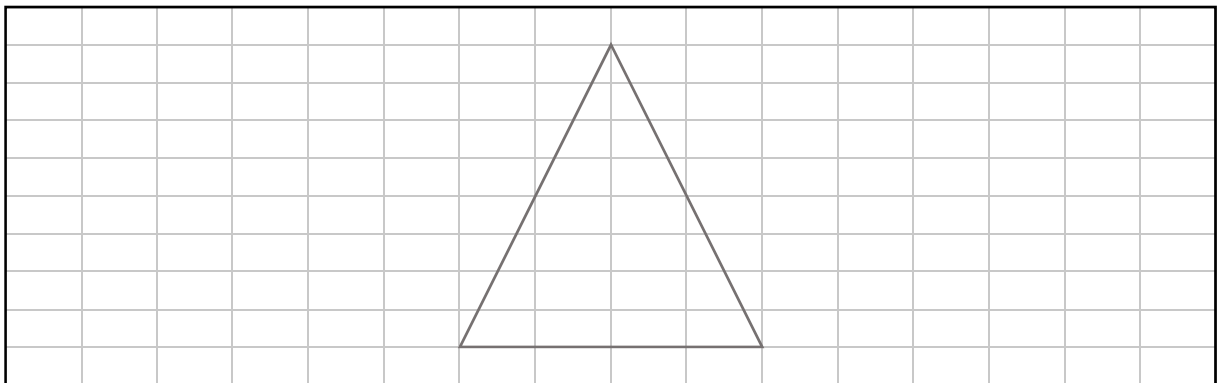


T_2
2 rectangles
of equal height

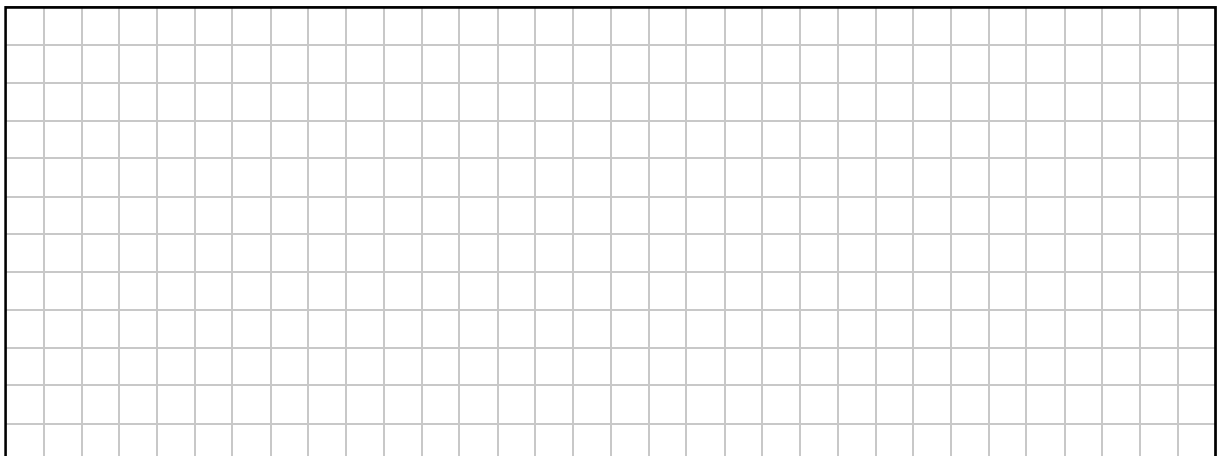


T_3
3 rectangles
of equal height

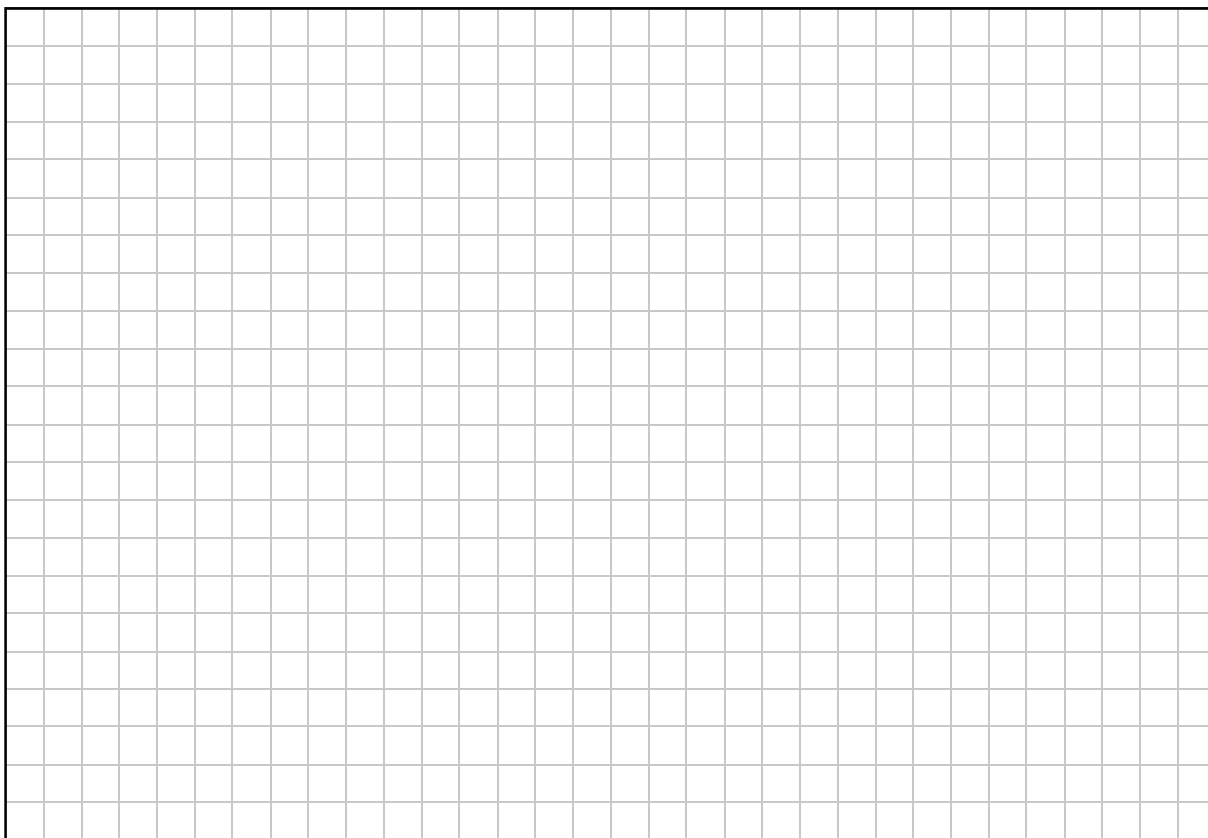
(a) Draw T_4 in the grid below, based on the triangle given on the grid.



(b) Show that the **total area** of the three rectangles in T_3 is $\frac{32}{3}$ square units.

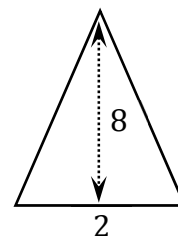


- (c) Find the **total area** of the n rectangles in T_n , for $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
Give your answer in square units in terms of n , in its simplest form.

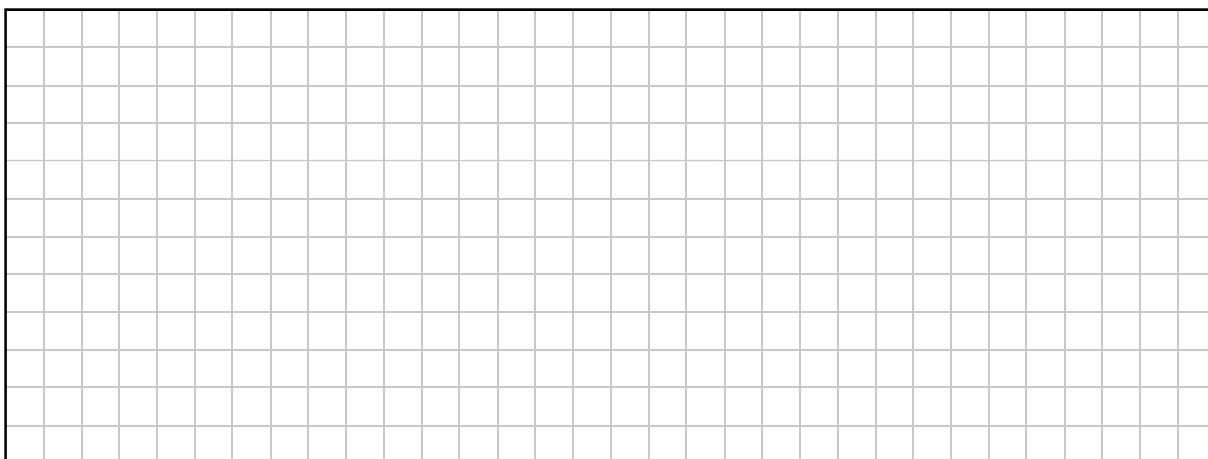


- (d) The total area of the rectangles in the n th term of a **different** sequence of groups of rectangles is as follows, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\text{Total area} = A_n = \frac{8(n-1)}{n}$$



Work out the first value of n for which A_n is **greater than** 95% of the area of the triangle on the right.



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- (e) **Diagram A** below shows a square-based pyramid, with base sides of length c units. The base of the pyramid is horizontal, and its perpendicular height is h units (where $c, h \in \mathbb{R}$).

Diagram B below shows the same pyramid. It also shows a horizontal square that lies within the pyramid, a distance of x units down from the top of the pyramid, where $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $0 < x < h$.

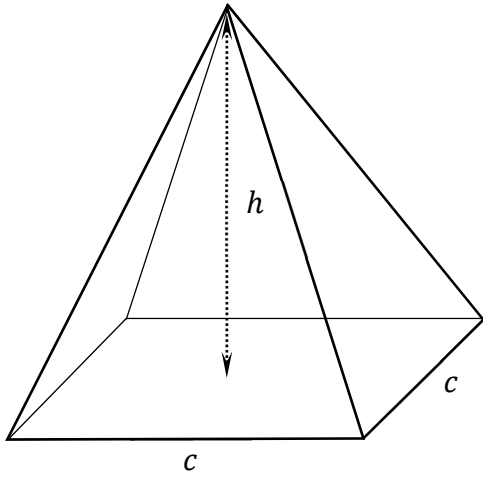


Diagram A

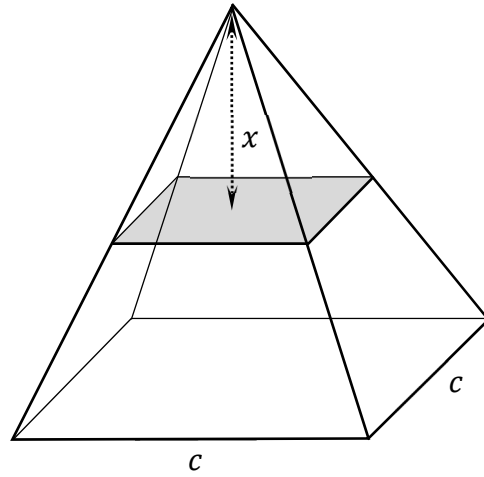
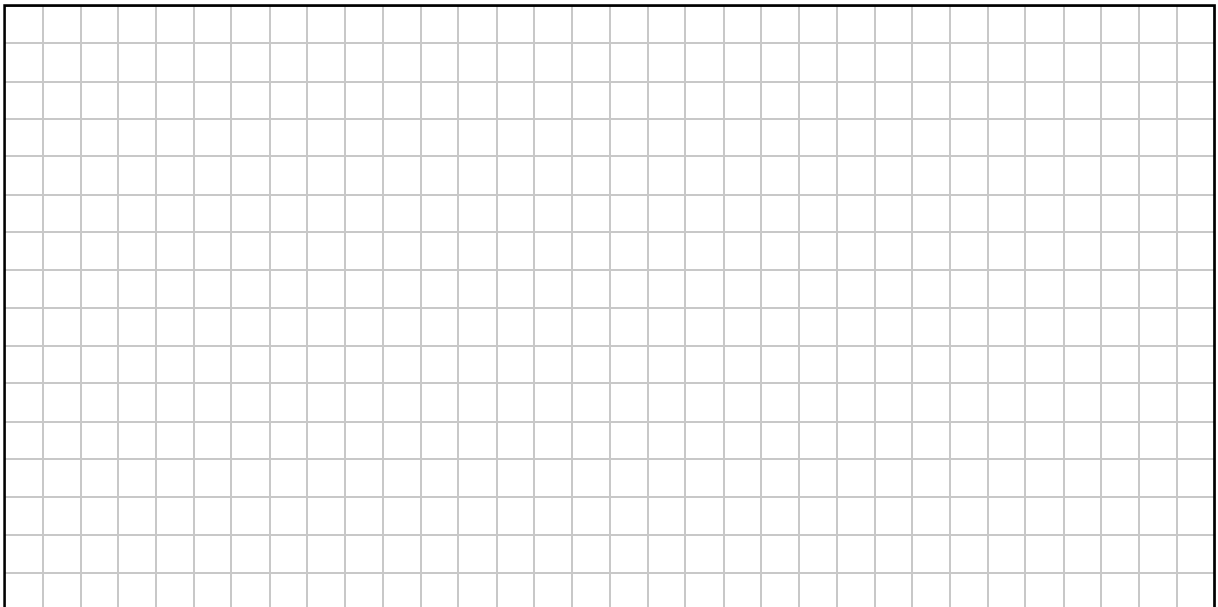


Diagram B

The area of the shaded square in **Diagram B** is $S(x) = \frac{x^2 c^2}{h^2}$.

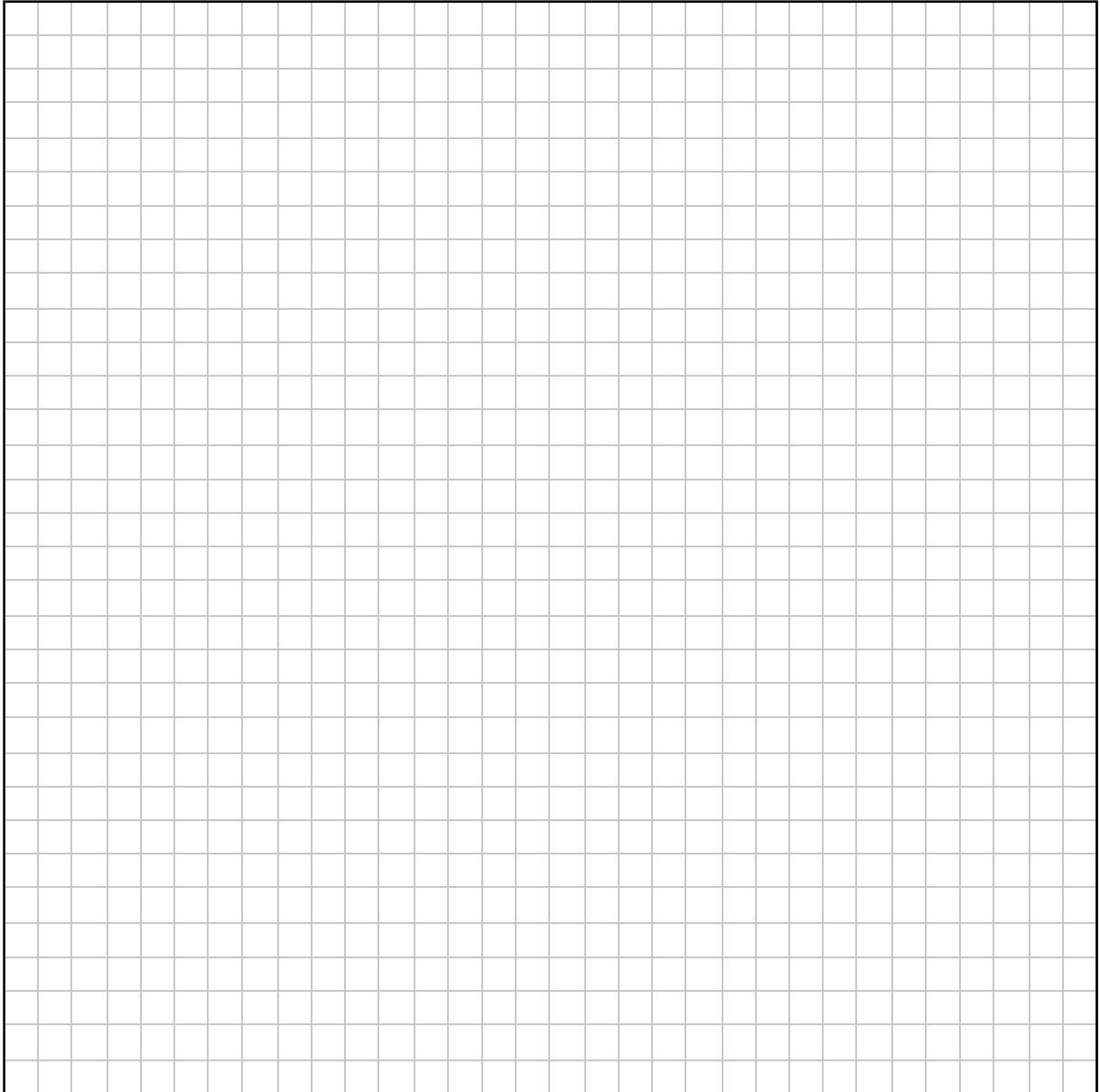
- (i) The volume of the pyramid is $\int_0^h S(x) dx$.

Use integration to find the volume of the pyramid in cubic units, in terms of c and h .



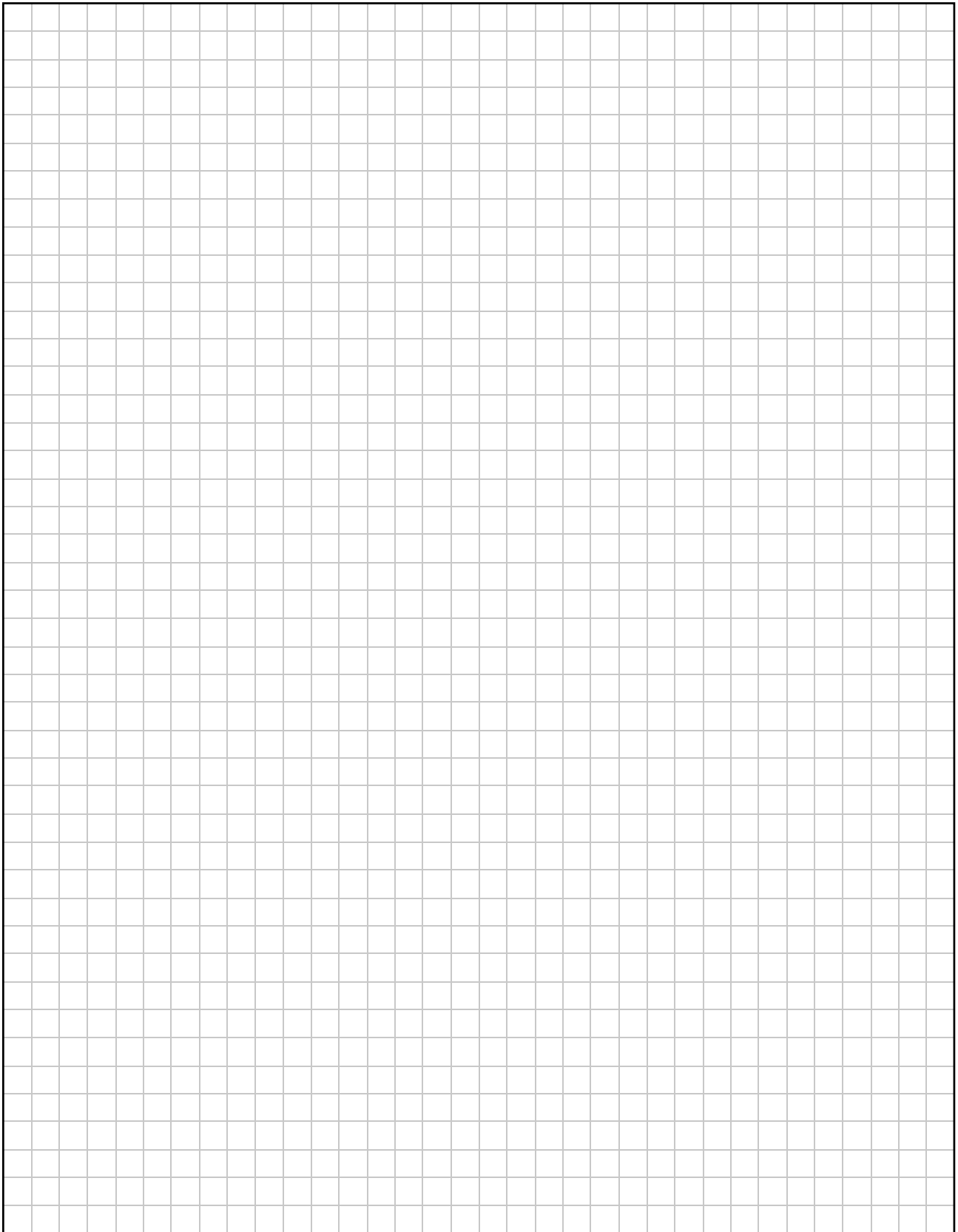
- (ii) x starts to increase at a rate of 3 units per second.
This causes $S(x)$ to increase as well.

Find the rate of change of $S(x)$ with respect to time, at the instant when x is half the perpendicular height of the pyramid. Give your answer in square units per second, in terms of c and h .



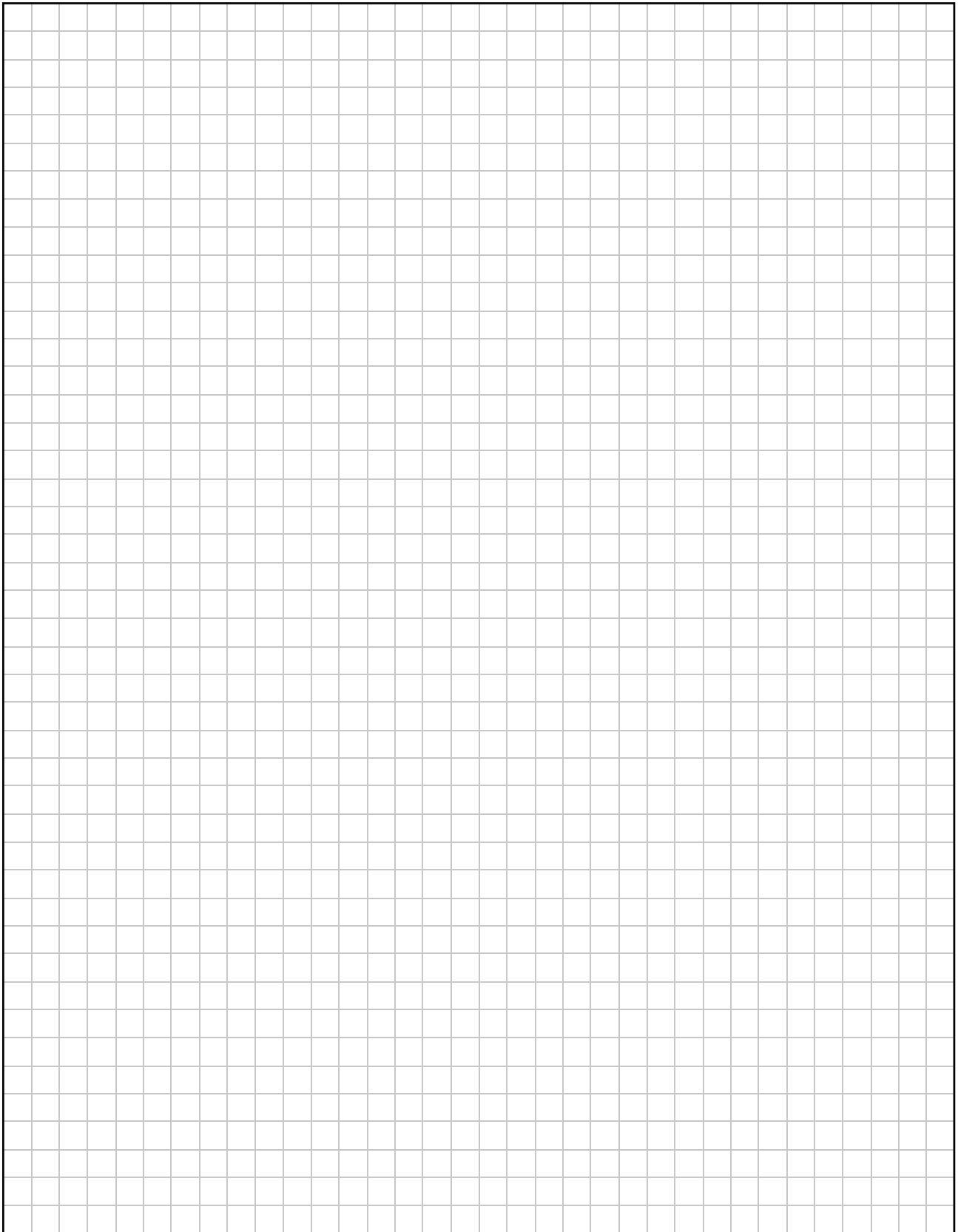
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