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Leaving Certificate Examination 2013

Mathematics (Project Maths – Phase 3)

Paper 1

Higher Level

Friday 7 June Afternoon 2:00 – 4:30

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Instructions

There are **two** sections in this examination paper:

Section A	Concepts and Skills	150 marks	6 questions
Section B	Contexts and Applications	150 marks	3 questions

Answer all nine questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. You may lose marks if you do not do so. There is space for extra work at the back of the booklet. You may also ask the superintendent for more paper. Label any extra work clearly with the question number and part.

The superintendent will give you a copy of the *Formulae and Tables* booklet. You must return it at the end of the examination. You are not allowed to bring your own copy into the examination.

Marks will be lost if all necessary work is not clearly shown.

Answers should include the appropriate units of measurement, where relevant.

Answers should be given in simplest form, where relevant.

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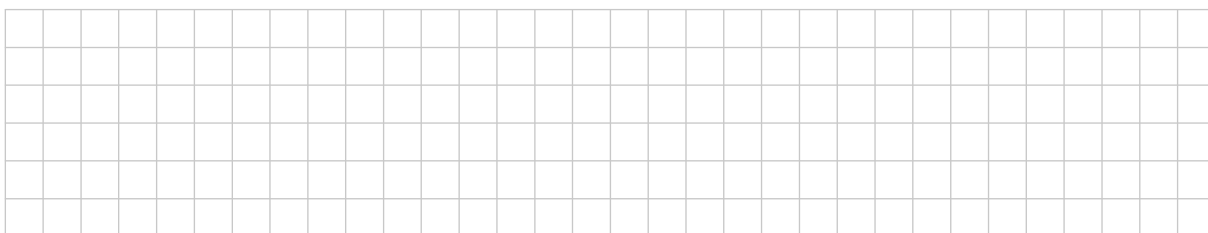
Answer **all six** questions from this section.

Question 1

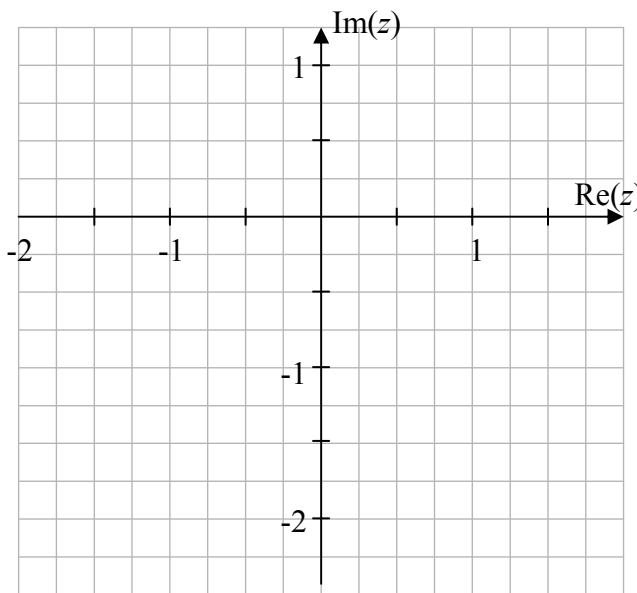
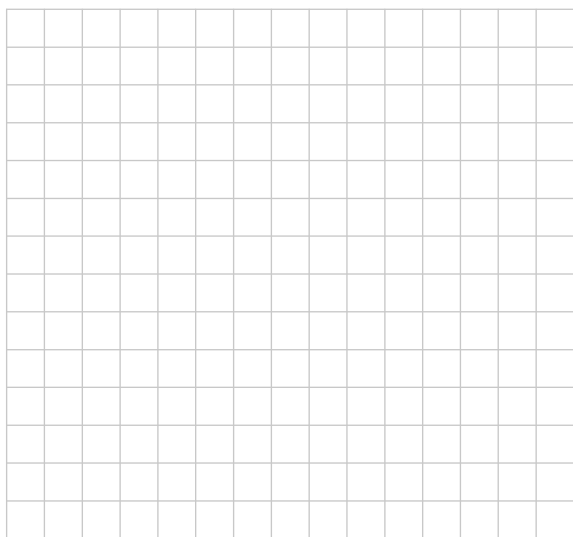
(25 marks)

$z = \frac{4}{1 + \sqrt{3}i}$ is a complex number, where $i^2 = -1$.

(a) Verify that z can be written as $1 - \sqrt{3}i$.



(b) Plot z on an Argand diagram and write z in polar form.



(c) Use De Moivre's theorem to show that $z^{10} = -2^9(1 - \sqrt{3}i)$.



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Question 2

(25 marks)

- (a) Find the set of all real values of x for which $2x^2 + x - 15 \geq 0$.

- (b) Solve the simultaneous equations;

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= 16 \\ \frac{5}{2}x + y + 10z &= 40 \\ 2x + \frac{1}{2}y + 4z &= 21.\end{aligned}$$

Question 3

(25 marks)


Scientists can estimate the age of certain ancient items by measuring the proportion of carbon-14, relative to the total carbon content in the item. The formula used is $Q = e^{-\frac{0.693t}{5730}}$, where Q is the proportion of carbon-14 remaining and t is the age, in years, of the item.

- (a) An item is 2000 years old. Use the formula to find the proportion of carbon-14 in the item.

- (b) The proportion of carbon-14 in an item found at Lough Boora, County Offaly, was 0.3402. Estimate, correct to two significant figures, the age of the item.

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- (b) Conall borrowed to buy a car. He borrowed €15 000 at a monthly interest rate of 0.866%. He made 36 equal monthly payments to repay the entire loan. How much, to the nearest euro, was each of his monthly payments?

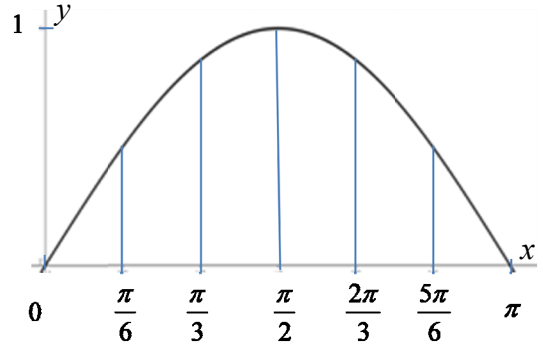


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Question 6

(25 marks)

The diagram shows the graph of the function $y = \sin x$ in the domain $0 \leq x \leq \pi$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$.



- (a) Complete the table below, correct to three decimal places.

x	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$\frac{5\pi}{6}$	π
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- (b) Use the trapezoidal rule to find the approximate area of the region enclosed between the curve and the x -axis in the given domain.

- (c) Use integration to find the actual area of the region shown above.

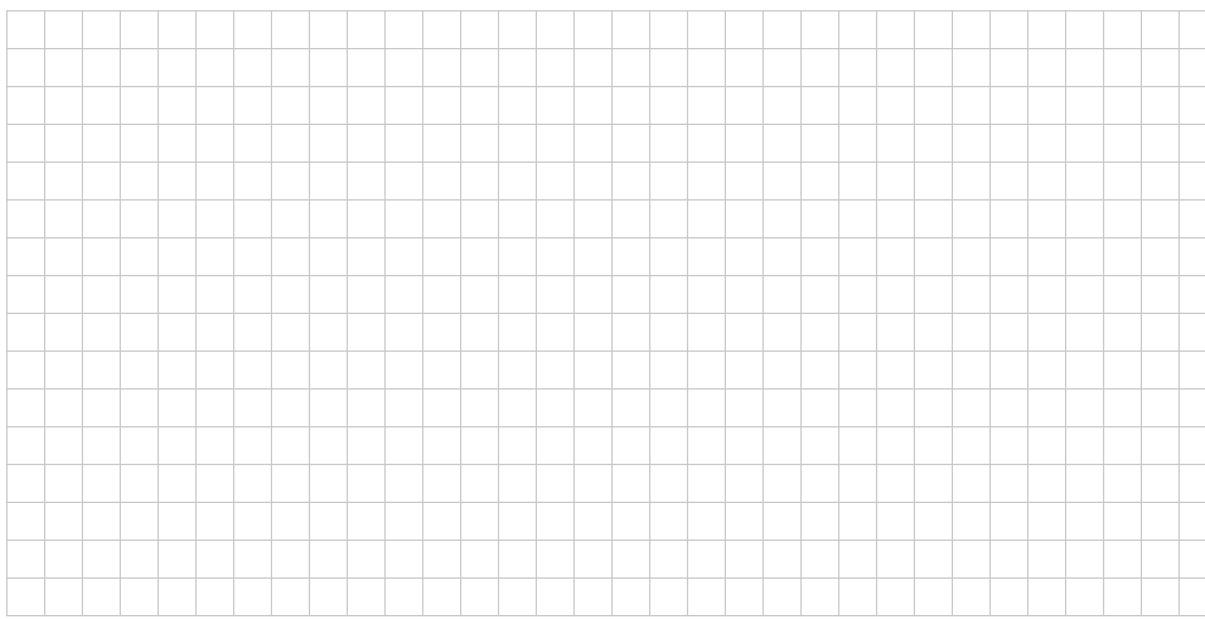
- (d) Find the percentage error in your answer to (b) above.

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- (d) The raindrop falls vertically from a height of 620 metres. How long will it take the raindrop to fall to ground level?



- (e) A raindrop increases in size as it falls. The volume of a spherical raindrop increases at a rate of 6 cubic millimetres per second. Find the rate at which the radius of the raindrop is increasing when the radius is 1.5 mm.

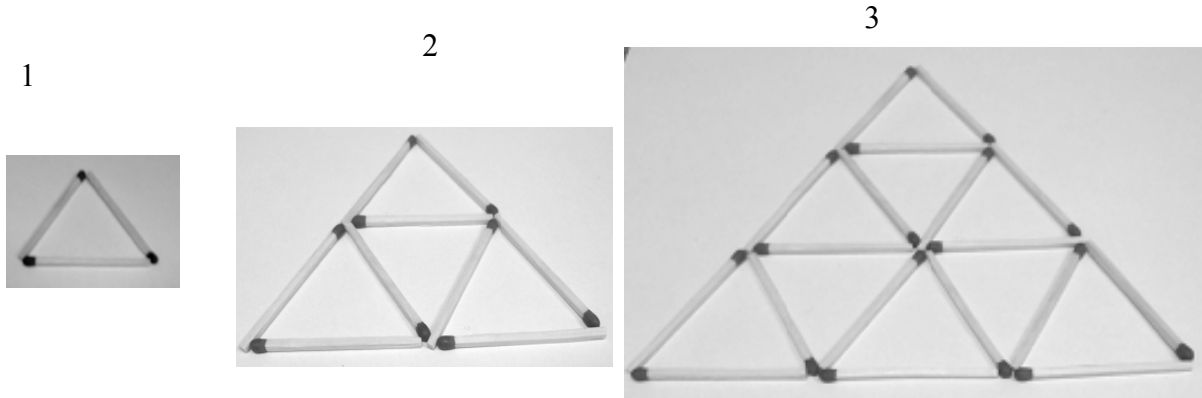


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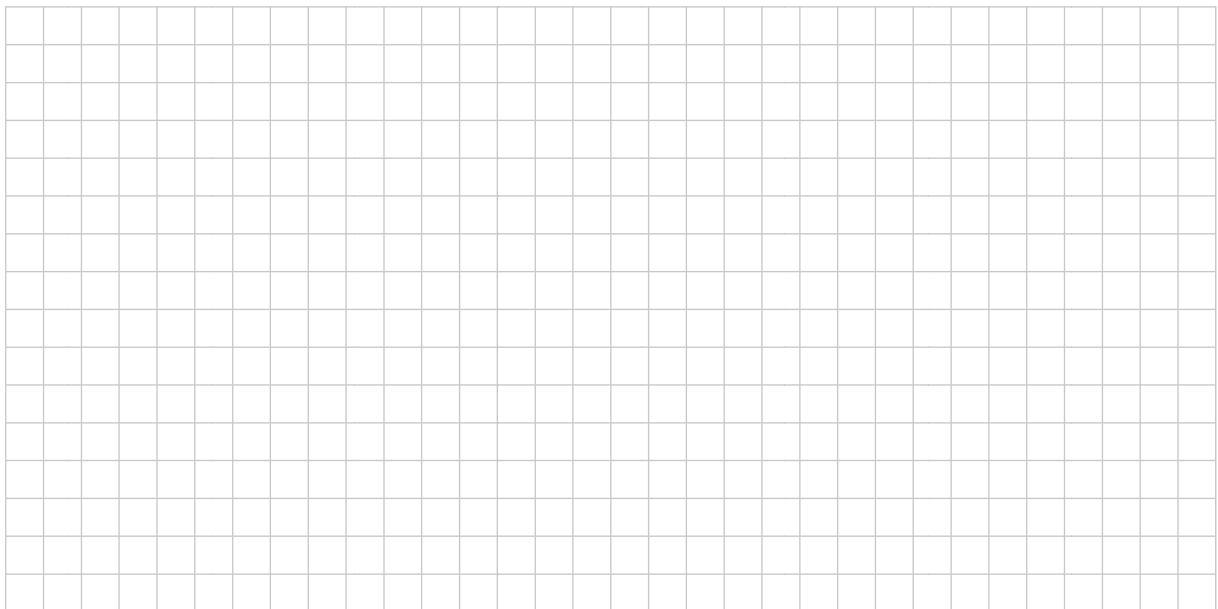
Question 9

(50 marks)

Shapes in the form of small equilateral triangles can be made using matchsticks of equal length. These shapes can be put together into patterns. The beginning of a sequence of these patterns is shown below.



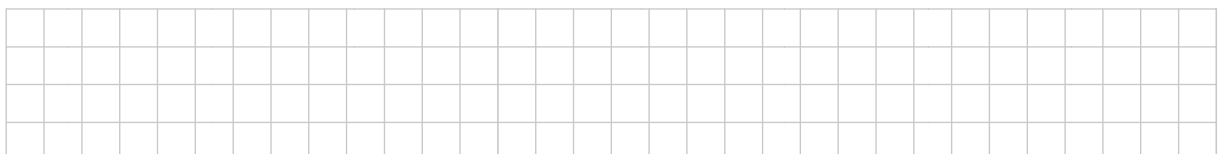
(a) (i) Draw the fourth pattern in the sequence.



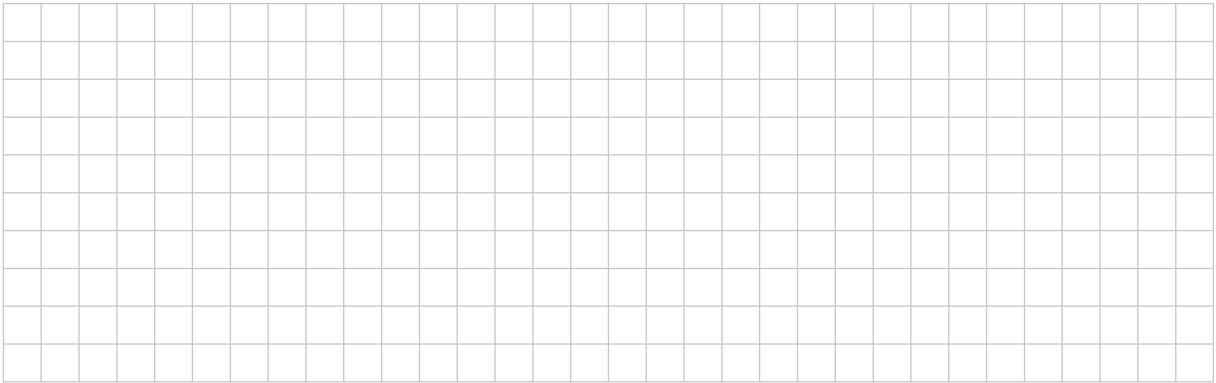
(ii) The table below shows the number of small triangles in each pattern and the number of matchsticks needed to create each pattern. Complete the table.

Pattern	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Number of small triangles	1		9	
Number of matchsticks	3	9		

(b) Write an expression in n for the number of triangles in the n^{th} pattern in the sequence.



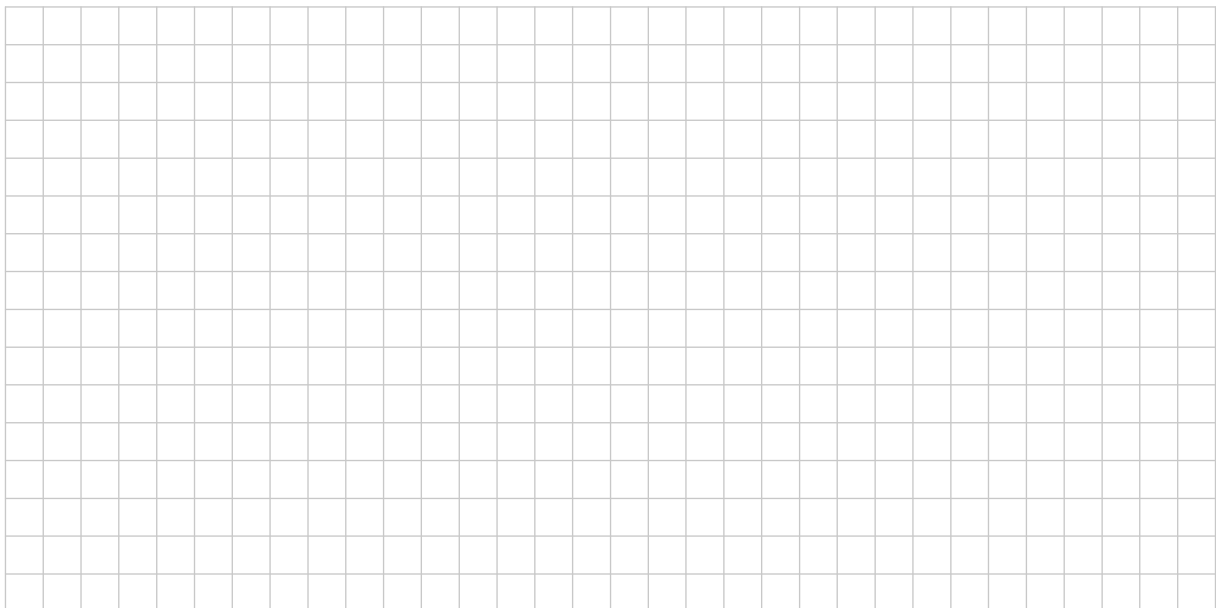
- (c) Find an expression, in n , for the number of matchsticks needed to turn the $(n-1)^{\text{th}}$ pattern into the n^{th} pattern.



- (d) The number of matchsticks in the n^{th} pattern in the sequence can be represented by the function $u_n = an^2 + bn$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Find the value of a and the value of b .

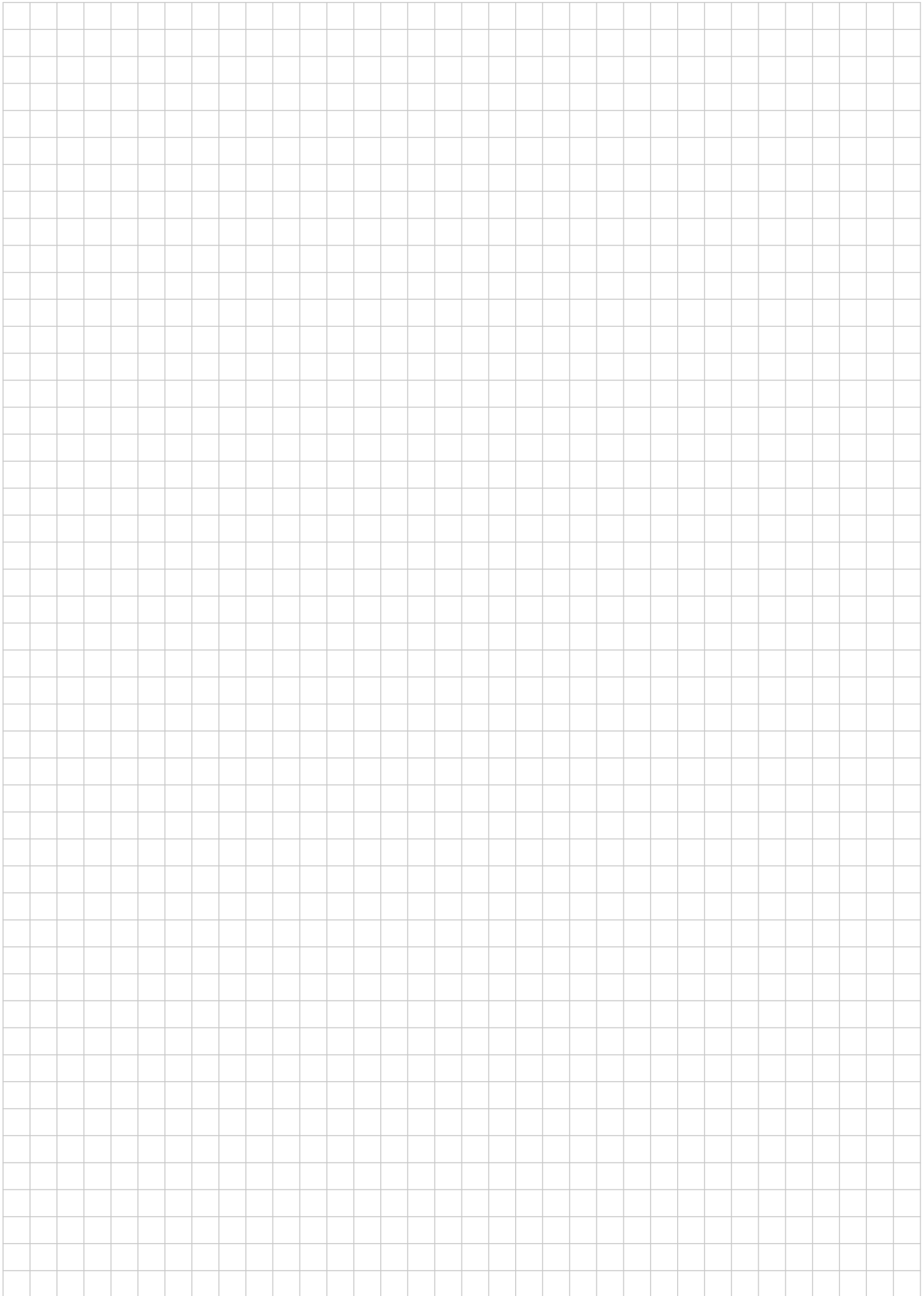


- (e) One of the patterns in the sequence has 4134 matchsticks. How many small triangles are in that pattern?

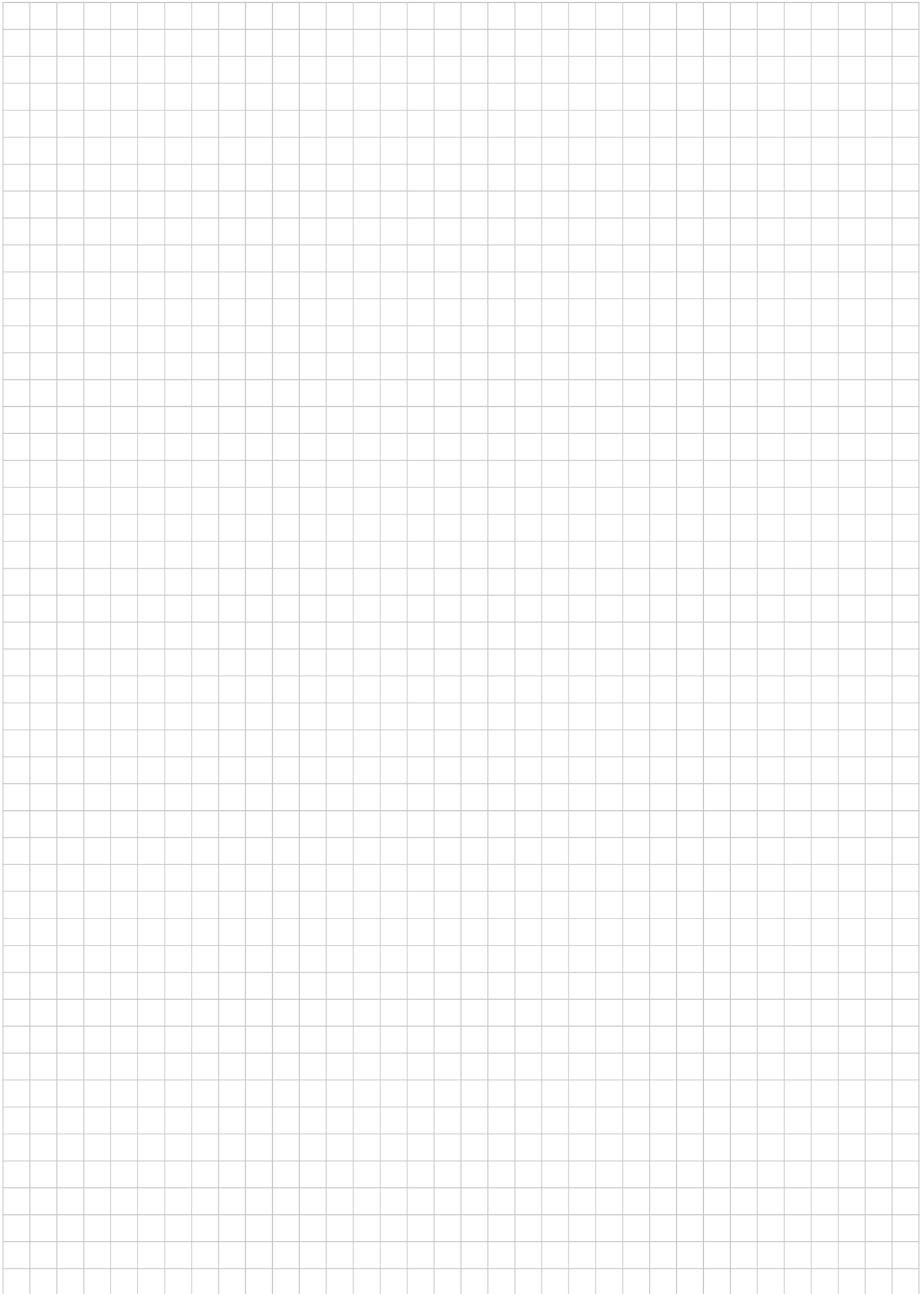


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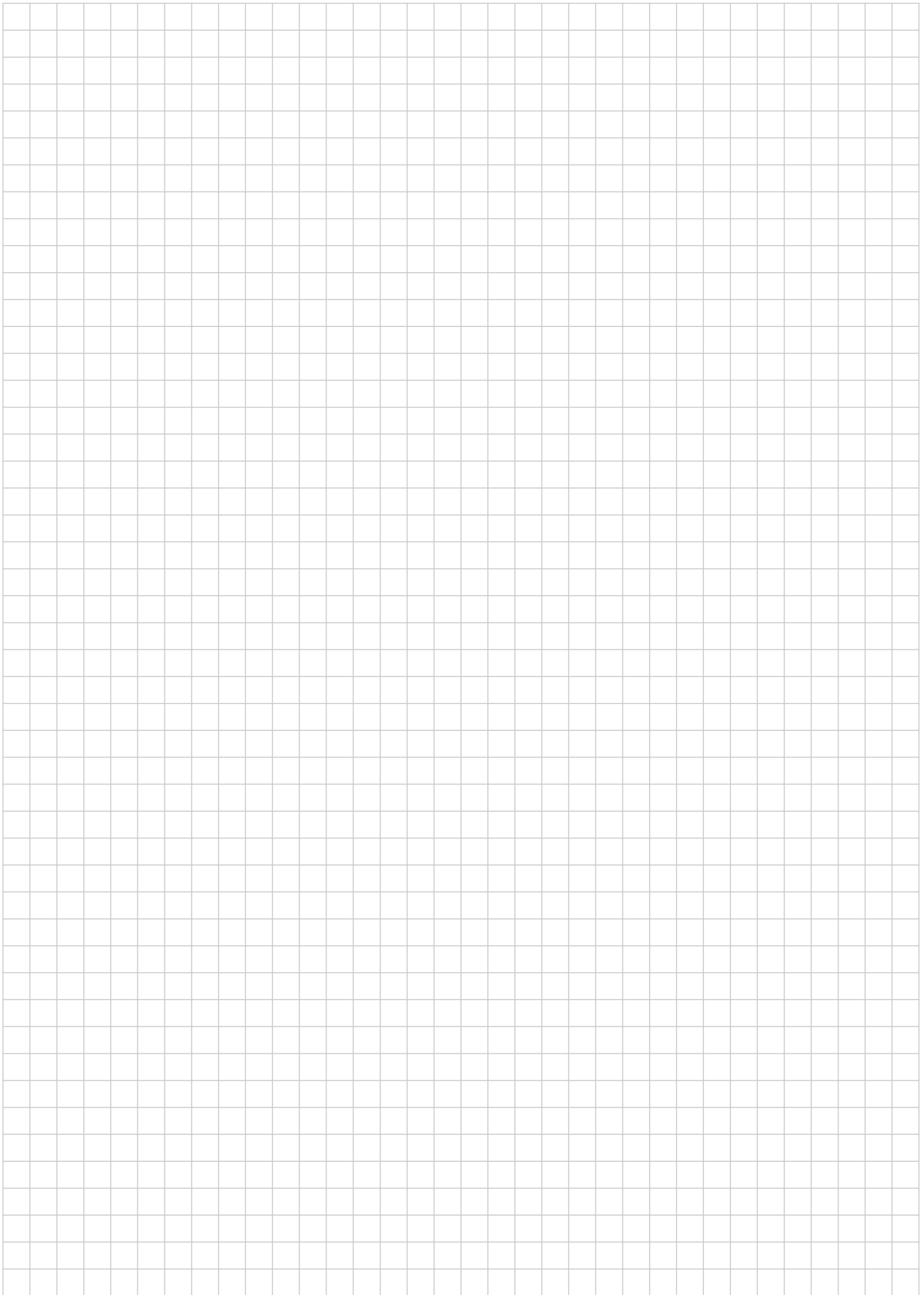


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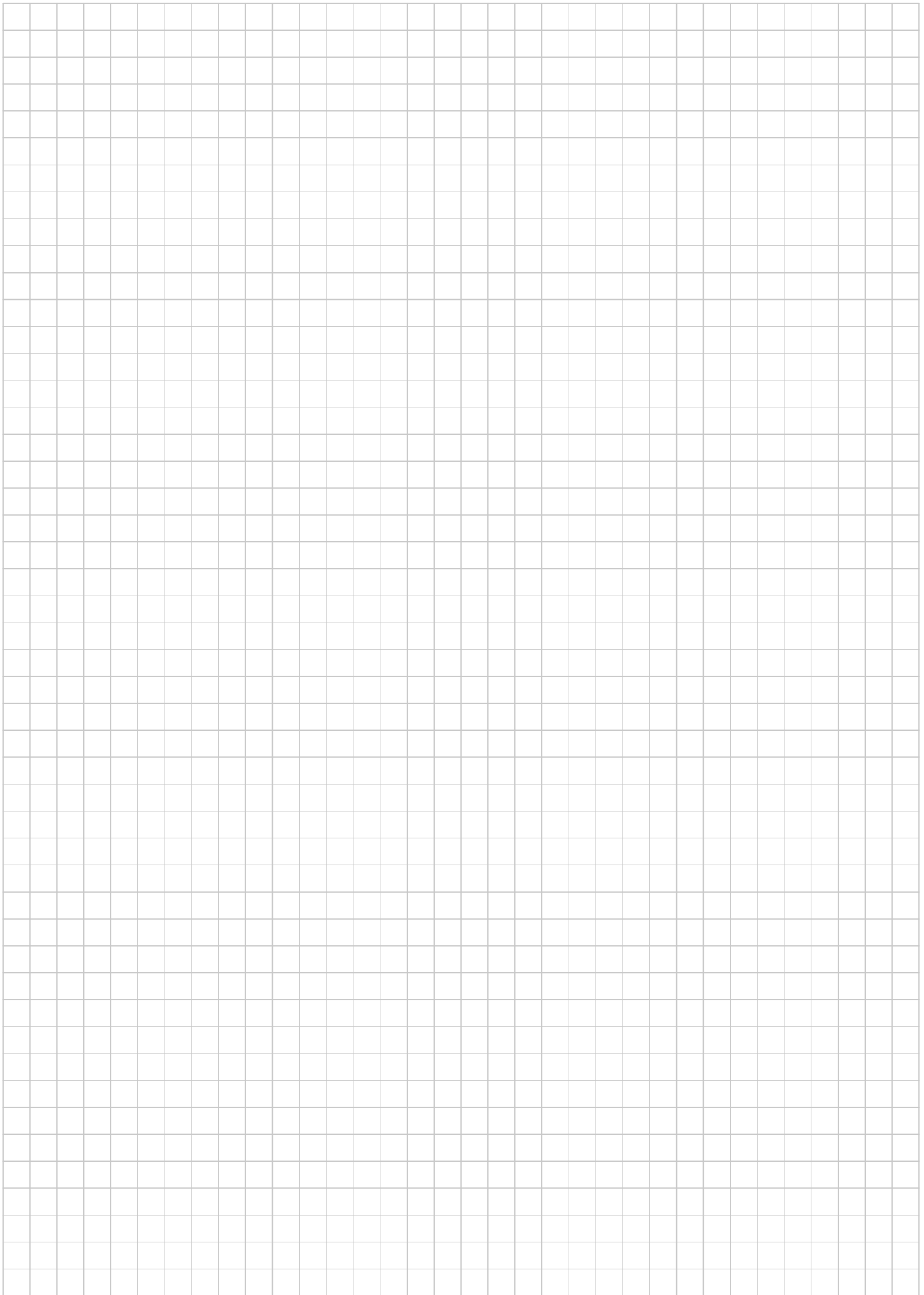


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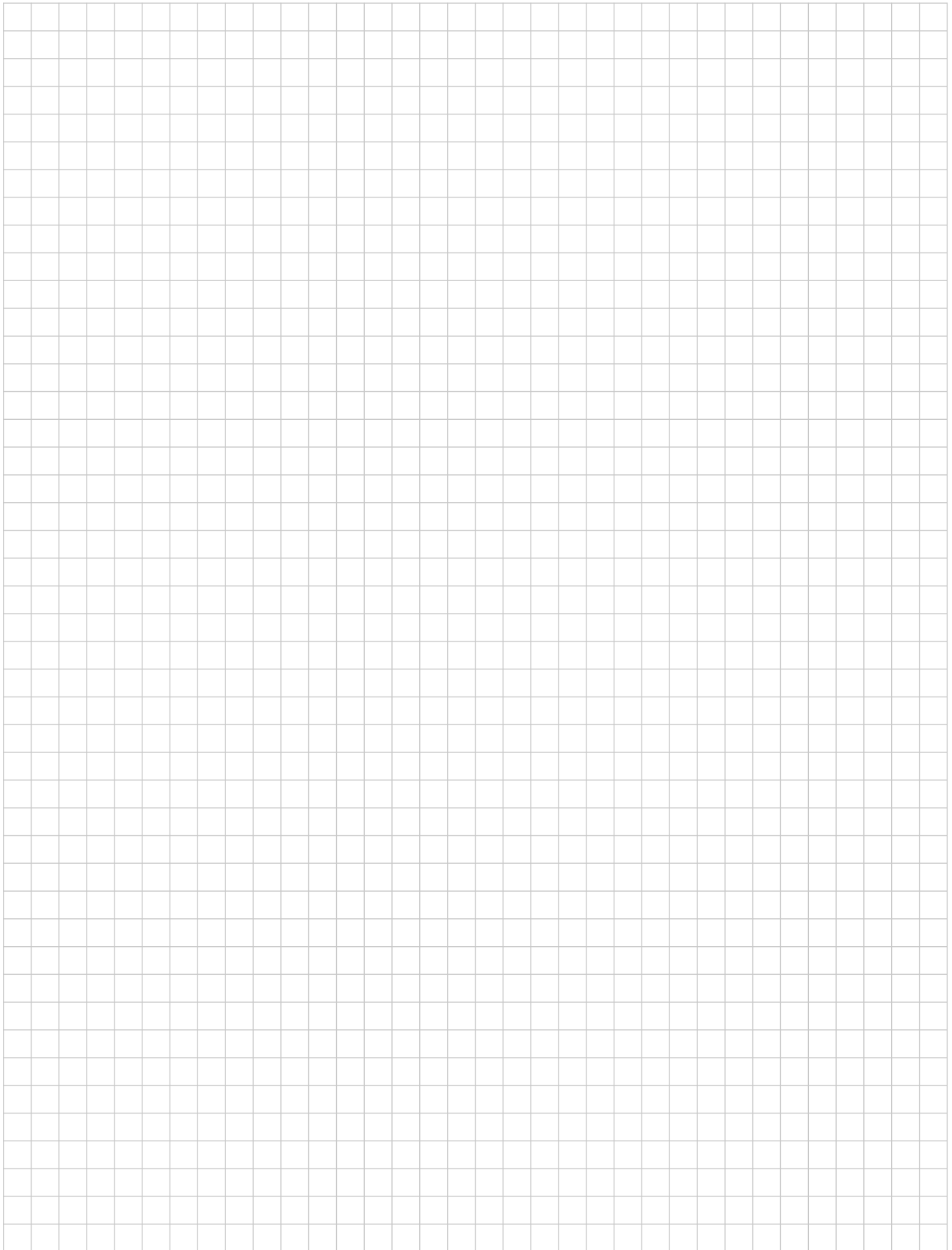
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