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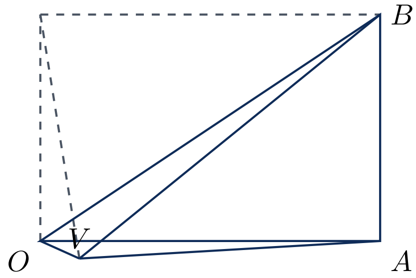
TOPIC 3: GEOMETRY & TRIGONOMETRY

15 Long-Response Questions | Graded Medium to Very Hard



Overview & Syllabus Targets

- **Section A: Exam Questions** — 15 structured long-response problems graded in difficulty: Medium (Q1–Q5), Hard (Q6–Q11), and Very Hard (Q12–Q15). Each question begins on a new page.
- **Section B: Worked Solutions** — Step-by-step solutions with GDC parameters, exact marks, and custom Examiner Tips.
- **Syllabus Coverage** — 3D coordinates, distance and midpoints, non-right-angled trigonometry (Sine & Cosine rule), 3D bearings, angles of depression and elevation, sector geometry, and Voronoi diagram cell boundaries.

SECTION A: EXAM QUESTIONS

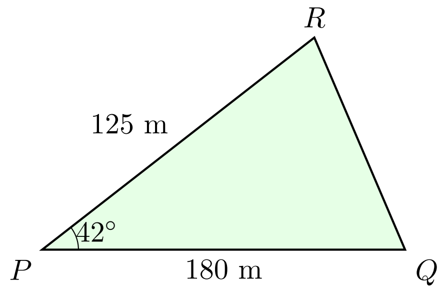
Question 1: 3D Warehouse Coordinate Grid Mapping (Medium) [6 Marks]

An industrial drone-delivery sorting center is modeled using a 3D Cartesian coordinate system with the origin $O(0, 0, 0)$ located at the southwest corner on the floor level. The dimensions of the warehouse are 80 m by 50 m, and it has a flat ceiling of height 12 m.
A safety automated camera is anchored at point $A(15, 45, 12)$ on the ceiling. A sorting robot is located at point $B(65, 10, 2)$ on a raised conveyor belt.

1. Find the coordinates of the midpoint of the direct segment connecting the camera A to the sorting robot B. **[2 marks]**
2. Calculate the direct straight-line distance, in metres, between the safety camera and the robot. **[2 marks]**
3. A laser tracking beam shoots from A to B. Find the angle of depression of this laser beam relative to the horizontal ceiling plane. **[2 marks]**

Question 2: Land Surveying & Sine Rule Analysis (Medium) [6 Marks]

A surveyor is measuring a triangular agricultural plot of land, PQR, as shown in the diagram below.



The distance $PQ = 180$ m, the distance $PR = 125$ m, and the angle $Q\hat{P}R = 42°$.

1. Calculate the length of the boundary segment QR. **[2 marks]**
2. Find the size of the angle $P\hat{Q}R$. **[2 marks]**
3. Calculate the area of the triangular plot of land, giving your answer to the nearest square metre. **[2 marks]**

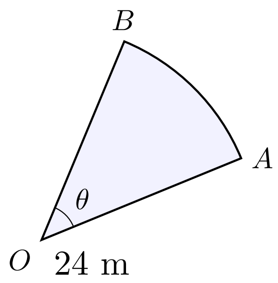
Question 3: Voronoi Diagram Boundaries & Bisector Equations (Medium) [6 Marks]

Three medical clinics are located at coordinates $A(2, 8)$, $B(6, 2)$, and $C(10, 10)$ on a regional community planning grid where 1 unit = 1 km.

1. Find the coordinates of the midpoint of the segment AB. **[1 mark]**
2. Calculate the slope of the line segment connecting clinics A and B. **[1 mark]**
3. Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of segment AB, giving your answer in the form $y = mx + c$. **[2 marks]**
4. A resident lives at point $R(4, 3)$. Verify algebraically whether this resident is closer to Clinic A or Clinic B. **[2 marks]**

Question 4: Circular Sector Irrigation Dynamics (Medium) [6 Marks]

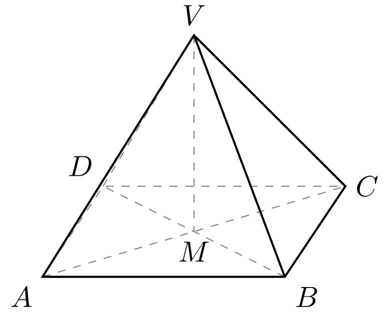
An automatic farm sprinkler system rotates back and forth through a fixed horizontal angle θ radians. The water spray sweeps out a circular sector region OAB of radius 24 m on a lawn, centered at pivot O.



1. Given that the perimeter of the watered sector region OAB is exactly 68 m, show that the value of the angle θ is $5/6$ radians. **[2 marks]**
2. Find the length of the curved outer arc boundary AB. **[1 mark]**
3. Calculate the total surface area of the lawn watered by this sprinkler system. **[2 marks]**
4. Convert the rotation angle θ into degrees. **[1 mark]**

Question 5: Square-Based Pyramid Structures (Medium) [6 Marks]

An glass exhibition pavilion has the shape of a right square-based pyramid $VABCD$. The square base $ABCD$ has side lengths of 30 m. The apex V is located vertically above the center of the base, M. The slant height of each triangular face of the pyramid is 25 m.



1. Show that the vertical height, VM, of the exhibition pavilion is 20 m. **[2 marks]**
2. Calculate the length of the slant edge, VA. **[2 marks]**
3. Calculate the angle of inclination of the slant edge VA relative to the flat horizontal ground plane $ABCD$. **[2 marks]**

Question 6: 3D Marine Navigation & Cosine Rule (Hard) [8 Marks]

A lighthouse tracker at station L is monitoring a shipping lane. Two container vessels, the *Oceanic* and the *Pacific*, leave a common junction point J at the exact same moment.

- The *Oceanic* travels on a constant bearing of 040° at a constant speed of 24 km/h.
- The *Pacific* travels on a constant bearing of 135° at a constant speed of 18 km/h.

1. Write down the angle between the paths of the two container vessels. **[1 mark]**
2. Calculate the straight-line distance between the two vessels after exactly 3.5 hours of travel. **[3 marks]**
3. Determine the bearing of the *Oceanic* from the *Pacific* at this moment. **[4 marks]**

Question 7: Voronoi diagram of municipal regions (Hard) [9 Marks]

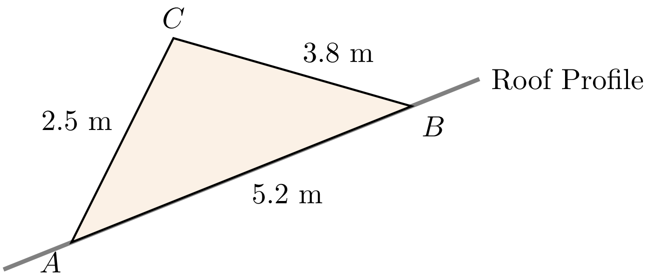
A city planner designs a Voronoi diagram on a coordinate grid (where 1 unit = 100 metres) to partition emergency dispatch zones among three existing ambulance depots located at coordinates:

$$A(1,2), \quad B(5,4), \quad \text{and} \quad C(3,8)$$

1. Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector boundary line of segment AB. **[2 marks]**
2. Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector boundary line of segment BC. **[2 marks]**
3. Hence, find the coordinate point representing the common vertex V where all three dispatch boundary cells intersect. **[3 marks]**
4. A major highway accident occurs at point $H(2.5, 4)$. Determine which ambulance depot is closest to the accident scene and will be dispatched. **[2 marks]**

Question 8: Slanted Roof Angle of Elevation Analysis (Hard) [8 Marks]

An architect designs a modern solar panel mounting bracket on a slanted roof. The cross-section is represented by a non-right-angled triangle ABC, as shown in the diagram below.



The mounting brackets have side lengths $AB = 5.2$ m, $AC = 2.5$ m, and $BC = 3.8$ m. The segment AB is anchored directly along the line of the slanted roof.

1. Show that the angle $C\hat{A}B$ is $45.4°$, correct to three significant figures. **[3 marks]**
2. Calculate the perpendicular distance from the solar mounting point C to the slanted roof line AB. **[2 marks]**
3. The line of the slanted roof AB is inclined at an angle of $15.0°$ relative to the flat horizontal ground. Determine the maximum angle of inclination of the bracket strut AC relative to the flat horizontal ground. **[3 marks]**

Question 9: Sailing Course Ambiguous Case (Hard) [8 Marks]

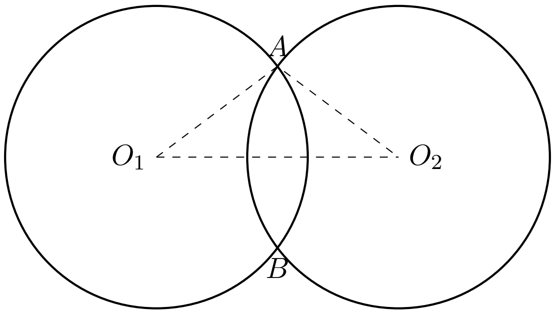
A yachting competition route involves sailing around three buoys, X, Y, and Z, forming a triangular loop. A tracking drone records the following measurements:

- The distance between buoy X and buoy Y is exactly 420 m.
- The distance between buoy Y and buoy Z is exactly 310 m.
- The angle $Y\hat{X}Z$ is 35.0°.

1. Draw two separate diagrams showing the two mathematically possible positions of buoy Z relative to the segment XY. **[2 marks]**
2. Calculate the two possible values of the angle $Y\hat{Z}X$. **[3 marks]**
3. Given that the angle $X\hat{Y}Z$ is known to be an **obtuse angle**, find the exact length of the remaining course segment XZ. **[3 marks]**

Question 10: Overlapping Searchlight Areas (Hard) [8 Marks]

Two security searchlights are mounted on towers at points O_1 and O_2 respectively, separated by a distance of 50 m. Both searchlights have a maximum beam range of 35 m. Their search coverage regions on the ground are modeled as two overlapping circles of radius $R = 35$ m centered at O_1 and O_2.



Let the two intersection points of the circular boundaries be labeled A and B.

1. Show that the angle $A\hat{O}_1O_2$ is 0.775 radians, correct to three significant figures. **[2 marks]**
2. Hence, write down the size of the angle $A\hat{O}_1B$ in radians. **[1 mark]**
3. Calculate the area of the circular sector O_1AB. **[2 marks]**
4. Calculate the total area of the overlapping region monitored by **both** security searchlights. **[3 marks]**

Question 11: 3D Cable Car Coordinate Path Alignment (Hard) [9 Marks]

A 3D coordinate system is used to model the alignment of a mountain cable car line. The cable departs from base station $S_1(10, 20, 150)$ and travels in a straight line to the summit station $S_2(400, 300, 950)$, where coordinates are given in metres.

1. Find the vertical height difference between the base station and the summit station. **[1 mark]**
2. Calculate the total straight-line length of the cables connecting S_1 and S_2. **[2 marks]**
3. Find the constant angle of elevation of the cable car line relative to the horizontal ground plane. **[2 marks]**
4. A vertical support tower T is constructed on the mountain. The top of this support tower is located at coordinates $(205, y_T, z_T)$ and must lie directly on the cable line path S_1S_2.
   (a) Determine the coordinates y_T and z_T. **[3 marks]**
   (b) If the ground level directly below the tower has an elevation of 430 m, find the physical height of support tower T. **[1 mark]**

Question 12: Voronoi Cell Circumcenter Hospital Allocation (Very Hard) [9 Marks]

A regional health authority is determining the optimal location for a new centralized ambulance depot, V, on a planning grid. The new depot must be positioned at the exact coordinates of the intersection vertex of the Voronoi cell boundaries of three existing medical centers located at:

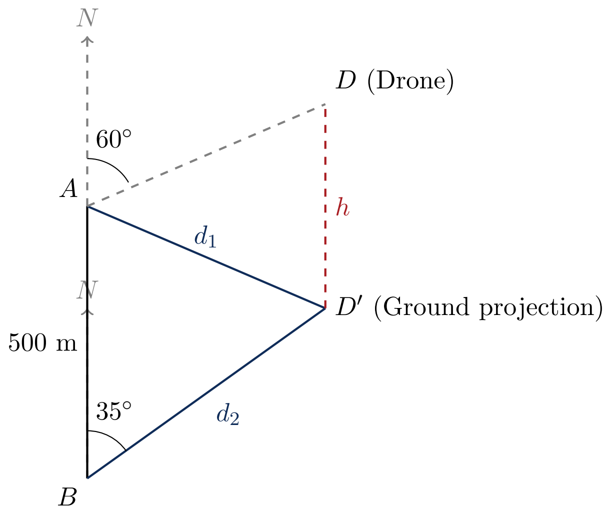
$$A(1, 2), \quad B(5, 4), \quad \text{and} \quad C(3, 8)$$

1. Show that the perpendicular bisector equation of segment AB is $y = -2x + 9$. **[3 marks]**
2. Show that the perpendicular bisector equation of segment BC is $y = 0.5x + 4$. **[3 marks]**
3. Solve this system of equations to find the exact coordinates of the new ambulance depot V. **[1 mark]**
4. Explain the special geometric property of the depot location V with respect to the distances to the three existing hospitals, and calculate this distance. **[2 marks]**

Question 13: Double-Station 3D Drone Tracking & Bearings (Very Hard) [9 Marks]

Two military observation posts, A and B, are situated on a flat plain. Post B is located exactly 500 m due South of Post A.
A low-altitude surveillance drone is spotted at point D in the airspace.

- From Post A, the drone is spotted on a bearing of 060°, with an angle of elevation of 22°.
- From Post B, the drone is spotted on a bearing of 035°.



Let D' represent the point on the ground directly below the drone D.

1. Show that the angle $A\hat{D}'B$ on the ground plane is 25°. **[2 marks]**
2. Calculate the horizontal distance from observation post A to the point D' directly below the drone. **[3 marks]**
3. Calculate the vertical altitude, h, of the drone above the ground plane. **[2 marks]**
4. Calculate the direct straight-line distance from observation post B to the drone D. **[2 marks]**

Question 14: Overlapping Circular Ripples & Municipal Reservoirs (Very Hard) [9 Marks]

A chemical spill is detected in a municipal water system at two points, P_1 and P_2, spaced 100 m apart on the surface of a circular testing reservoir. The spill spreads outward as circular concentric ripples.

- The circular boundary of Spill 1 is centered at P_1 and has a radius expanding at a constant rate of 4.0 m/min.
- The circular boundary of Spill 2 is centered at P_2 and has a radius expanding at a constant rate of 3.0 m/min.

The spill tracking starts at $t = 0$.

1. Show that the two spill boundaries will touch for the first time after exactly 14.3 minutes. **[2 marks]**
2. At $t = 20$ minutes, the two spill boundaries overlap.
   (a) Calculate the radius of each expanding circle at this moment. **[1 mark]**
   (b) Find the size of the angle of intersection of the circular boundaries relative to the baseline P_1P_2, as viewed from P_1. **[3 marks]**
   (c) Calculate the exact surface area of the water reservoir contaminated by **both** spills (the overlapping region). **[3 marks]**

Question 15: 3D Architectural Roof Vector Angle Optimization (Very Hard) [10 Marks]

An eco-architect designs a structural dome glass roof with a square base $ABCD$ of side 24 m located on the horizontal ground plane $z = 0$. The four corner coordinates are:

$$A(0,0,0), \quad B(24,0,0), \quad C(24,24,0), \quad \text{and} \quad D(0,24,0)$$

The central vertical apex of the glass roof is at $V(12,12,h)$.
To satisfy wind-resistance standards, the structural design requires the angle between two opposing slant faces of the glass roof (e.g., face VAD and face VBC) to be exactly $80.0°$.

1. Let M be the midpoint of AD and N be the midpoint of BC. Write down the coordinates of M and N. **[2 marks]**

2. Express the lengths of the slant segments VM and VN in terms of the vertical apex height h. **[2 marks]**

3. By considering the non-right-angled triangle VMN, show that the apex height h satisfies the trigonometric relationship:
$$\tan(40°) = \frac{12}{h}$$
[3 marks]

4. Calculate the vertical apex height, h, required to satisfy the structural standard. **[1 mark]**

5. Find the total surface area of the four triangular glass faces making up the roof under this configuration. **[2 marks]**

SECTION B: WORKED SOLUTIONS

Worked Solution & Mark Distribution - Question 1

1. **Midpoint Calculation:**
   Using 3D Midpoint Formula $M = \left(\frac{x_1+x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1+y_2}{2}, \frac{z_1+z_2}{2}\right)$ with $A(15, 45, 12)$ and $B(65, 10, 2)$:

$$M_{AB} = \left(\frac{15+65}{2}, \frac{45+10}{2}, \frac{12+2}{2}\right) \textbf{(M1)}$$

$$M_{AB} = \left(\frac{80}{2}, \frac{55}{2}, \frac{14}{2}\right) = (40, 27.5, 7)\textbf{A1}$$

2. **Distance Calculation:**
   Using 3D Distance Formula $d = \sqrt{(x_2-x_1)^2 + (y_2-y_1)^2 + (z_2-z_1)^2}$:

$$d = \sqrt{(65-15)^2 + (10-45)^2 + (2-12)^2}\textbf{(M1)}$$

$$d = \sqrt{(50)^2 + (-35)^2 + (-10)^2} = \sqrt{2500 + 1225 + 100} = \sqrt{3825}\textbf{(A1)}$$

$$d = 61.846... \implies 61.8 \text{ m}\textbf{A1}$$

3. **Angle of Depression (θ):**
   The horizontal distance $d_{\text{horiz}} = \sqrt{50^2 + (-35)^2} = \sqrt{3725} \approx 61.03$ m.
   The vertical height drop is $\Delta z = 12 - 2 = 10$ m.

$$\tan(\theta) = \frac{\Delta z}{d_{\text{horiz}}} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{3725}}\textbf{(M1)}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{10}{61.032...}\right) = 9.3039...^\circ \implies 9.30^\circ\textbf{A1}$$

Examiner Tip & Common Trap

When calculating angles in 3D, ensure you identify which plane holds the angle. The angle of depression relative to a horizontal ceiling is identical to the angle of elevation from the target, forming a right-angled triangle with the horizontal projection d_{horiz} and the vertical drop.

Worked Solution & Mark Distribution - Question 2

1. **Length of QR (Cosine Rule):**

$$QR^2 = PQ^2 + PR^2 - 2(PQ)(PR)\cos(Q\hat{P}R)\textbf{(M1)}$$

$$QR^2 = 180^2 + 125^2 - 2(180)(125)\cos(42°)\textbf{(A1)}$$

$$QR^2 = 32\,400 + 15\,625 - 45\,000(0.743144...) = 48\,025 - 33\,441.5 = 14\,583.5$$

$$QR = \sqrt{14\,583.5} = 120.762... \implies 121 \text{ m}\textbf{A1}$$

2. **Angle $P\hat{Q}R$ (Sine Rule):**
Using Sine Rule $\frac{\sin(Q)}{PR} = \frac{\sin(P)}{QR}$:

$$\frac{\sin(Q)}{125} = \frac{\sin(42°)}{120.762...}\textbf{(M1)}$$

$$\sin(Q) = \frac{125 \times \sin(42°)}{120.762...} = \frac{125 \times 0.66913...}{120.762...} = 0.6925...\textbf{(A1)}$$

$$Q = \sin^{-1}(0.6925...) = 43.832...° \implies 43.8°\textbf{A1}$$

3. **Area of Plot of Land:**

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}(PQ)(PR)\sin(Q\hat{P}R)\textbf{(M1)}$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}(180)(125)\sin(42°) = 11\,250(0.66913...) = 7527.71...$$

$$\text{Area} \approx 7528 \text{ m}^2\textbf{A1}$$

Examiner Tip & Common Trap

When applying the Sine Rule to calculate angles, keep unrounded intermediate decimals in your GDC storage. Using a rounded value like $QR \approx 121$ m rather than 120.762 m inside your equation will propagate rounding errors and cost you accuracy marks.

Worked Solution & Mark Distribution - Question 3

1. **Midpoint M_{AB}:**

$$M_{AB} = \left(\frac{2+6}{2}, \frac{8+2}{2}\right) = (4,5)\textbf{A1}$$

2. **Slope of AB (m_{AB}):**

$$m_{AB} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{2-8}{6-2} = \frac{-6}{4} = -1.5\textbf{A1}$$

3. **Perpendicular Bisector of AB:**
The perpendicular slope is the negative reciprocal of m_{AB}:

$$m_{\perp} = \frac{-1}{-1.5} = \frac{2}{3}\textbf{(M1)}$$

Using point-slope form with midpoint $M_{AB}(4,5)$:

$$y - 5 = \frac{2}{3}(x-4) \implies y = \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{8}{3} + 5$$

$$y = \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{7}{3}\textbf{A1}$$

4. **Distance Verification to Resident $R(4,3)$:**
Calculate distance to Clinic $A(2,8)$:

$$d_{RA} = \sqrt{(4-2)^2 + (3-8)^2} = \sqrt{4+25} = \sqrt{29} \approx 5.39 \text{ km}\textbf{(M1)}$$

Calculate distance to Clinic $B(6,2)$:

$$d_{RB} = \sqrt{(4-6)^2 + (3-2)^2} = \sqrt{4+1} = \sqrt{5} \approx 2.24 \text{ km}\textbf{(A1)}$$

Since $d_{RB} < d_{RA}$, the resident lives strictly closer to Clinic B. **A1**

Examiner Tip & Common Trap

Voronoi diagrams are built entirely on the concept of perpendicular bisectors. The perpendicular bisector of segment AB represents the set of all points that are equidistant from A and B. Points to the right of the line are closer to B, and points to the left are closer to A.

Worked Solution & Mark Distribution - Question 4

1. **Show that $\theta = 5/6$ rad:**
The perimeter P of a sector is given by $P = 2r + L_{\text{arc}} = 2r + r\theta$. **(M1)**
Substitute $P = 68$ and $r = 24$:

$$68 = 2(24) + 24\theta \implies 68 = 48 + 24\theta \textbf{(A1)}$$

$$24\theta = 20 \implies \theta = \frac{20}{24} = \frac{5}{6} \approx 0.833 \text{ rad}\textbf{AG}$$

2. **Arc Length** AB**:**

$$L = r\theta = 24 \times \frac{5}{6} = 20 \text{ m}\textbf{A1}$$

3. **Watered Surface Area** (A)**:**

$$A = \frac{1}{2}r^2\theta\textbf{(M1)}$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \times 24^2 \times \frac{5}{6} = \frac{1}{2} \times 576 \times \frac{5}{6} = 288 \times \frac{5}{6} = 240 \text{ m}^2\textbf{A1}$$

4. **Angle Conversion to Degrees:**

$$\theta_{\text{deg}} = \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{180^\circ}{\pi} = \frac{150^\circ}{\pi} \approx 47.746...^\circ \implies 47.7^\circ\textbf{A1}$$

Examiner Tip & Common Trap

A classic error is forgetting to include the two radial boundaries ($2r$) when calculating or writing the equation for a sector's perimeter. The perimeter is the *entire boundary* enclosing the shape: $r + r + \text{arc}$.

Worked Solution & Mark Distribution - Question 5

1. **Show Vertical Height $VM = 20$ m:**
   Let H be the midpoint of base edge AB. Since the base is a square of side 30 m, the distance from base center M to H is $30/2 = 15$ m.
   In right-angled triangle VHM, the slant height $VH = 25$ m is the hypotenuse, and $MH = 15$ m is the base. Using Pythagoras' theorem:

$$VM^2 + MH^2 = VH^2 \implies VM^2 + 15^2 = 25^2 \textbf{(M1)}$$

$$VM^2 = 625 - 225 = 400 \implies VM = \sqrt{400} = 20 \text{ m}\textbf{AG}$$

2. **Slant Edge Length VA:**
   In right-angled triangle VHA, the hypotenuse is the edge VA. The leg AH is $30/2 = 15$ m, and $VH = 25$ m.

$$VA^2 = VH^2 + AH^2 \textbf{(M1)}$$

$$VA^2 = 25^2 + 15^2 = 625 + 225 = 850 \textbf{(A1)}$$

$$VA = \sqrt{850} \approx 29.154... \implies 29.2 \text{ m}\textbf{A1}$$

3. **Angle of Inclination of VA:**
   We consider right-angled triangle VMA. The base is the segment MA. Since MA is half the diagonal of the square base $ABCD$:

$$MA = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{30^2 + 30^2} = \frac{30\sqrt{2}}{2} = 15\sqrt{2} \approx 21.213 \text{ m}\textbf{(M1)}$$

   In triangle VMA, the angle of inclination $\theta = V\hat{A}M$ can be found using tangent:

$$\tan(\theta) = \frac{VM}{MA} = \frac{20}{15\sqrt{2}} = \frac{4}{3\sqrt{2}} \approx 0.9428... \textbf{(A1)}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(0.9428...) = 43.313...^\circ \implies 43.3^\circ \textbf{A1}$$

Examiner Tip & Common Trap

When calculating angles of inclination of a slant edge in a pyramid, always project the edge onto the diagonal of the base. This creates the vertical right-angled triangle VMA, where MA is half the diagonal, not half the side length of the base.

Worked Solution & Mark Distribution - Question 6

1. **Angle between Ships:**
   The angle is the difference between their bearings:

$$\theta = 135^\circ - 40^\circ = 95^\circ \mathbf{A1}$$

2. **Distance between Vessels after 3.5 hours:**
   First, find the distance traveled by each ship in 3.5 hours:

$$d_{\text{Oceanic}} = 24 \times 3.5 = 84 \text{ km}\mathbf{(A1)}$$

$$d_{\text{Pacific}} = 18 \times 3.5 = 63 \text{ km}\mathbf{(A1)}$$

   Use the Cosine Rule to find the separation distance d:

$$d^2 = 84^2 + 63^2 - 2(84)(63)\cos(95^\circ)\mathbf{(M1)}$$

$$d^2 = 7056 + 3969 - 10584(-0.087155...) = 11025 + 922.45 \approx 11947.45\mathbf{(A1)}$$

$$d = \sqrt{11947.45} = 109.304... \implies 109 \text{ km}\mathbf{A1}$$

3. **Bearing of Oceanic from Pacific:**
   Let O be the Oceanic and P be the Pacific. We want the bearing from P.
   First, find the angle $J\hat{P}O$ (let's call it ϕ) using the Sine Rule in triangle JPO:

$$\frac{\sin(\phi)}{84} = \frac{\sin(95^\circ)}{109.304...} \implies \sin(\phi) = \frac{84 \times \sin(95^\circ)}{109.304...}\mathbf{(M1)}$$

$$\sin(\phi) = \frac{84 \times 0.99619}{109.304...} = 0.76558... \implies \phi = 49.957^\circ \mathbf{A1}$$

   Now, find the back-bearing of J from P. Since the bearing of P from J was 135°, the back-bearing is $135^\circ + 180^\circ = 315^\circ$. **(M1)**
   The bearing of O from P is found by subtracting ϕ from the back-bearing:

$$\text{Bearing} = 315^\circ - 49.957^\circ = 265.043...^\circ \implies 265^\circ \mathbf{A1}$$

Examiner Tip & Common Trap

When resolving bearings from a destination point like P, draw a fresh North reference arrow at point P. Use alternate interior angles to link the bearings from the start point J to the new coordinate frame at P.

Worked Solution & Mark Distribution - Question 7

1. **Perpendicular Bisector of AB:**
Midpoint $M_{AB} = (3, 3)$. Slope of $AB = \frac{4-2}{5-1} = 0.5$. Perpendicular slope $m_{\perp 1} = -2$.

$$y - 3 = -2(x - 3) \implies y = -2x + 9\textbf{A2}$$

2. **Perpendicular Bisector of BC:**
Midpoint $M_{BC} = (4, 6)$. Slope of $BC = \frac{8-4}{3-5} = -2$. Perpendicular slope $m_{\perp 2} = 0.5$.

$$y - 6 = 0.5(x - 4) \implies y = 0.5x + 4\textbf{A2}$$

3. **Intersection Vertex V:**
Equate the two bisectors to find the intersection point:

$$-2x + 9 = 0.5x + 4\textbf{(M1)}$$

$$2.5x = 5 \implies x = 2\textbf{A1}$$

Substitute $x = 2$ back to find y:

$$y = -2(2) + 9 = 5$$

The intersection coordinates are $(2, 5)$. In real coordinates, this is $(200 \text{ m}, 500 \text{ m})$. **A1**

4. **Closest Depot to Accident $H(2.5, 4)$:**
Compare distances squared from $H(2.5, 4)$ to each depot:

$$d^2(H, A) = (2.5 - 1)^2 + (4 - 2)^2 = 1.5^2 + 2^2 = 2.25 + 4 = 6.25\textbf{(M1)}$$

$$d^2(H, B) = (2.5 - 5)^2 + (4 - 4)^2 = (-2.5)^2 + 0^2 = 6.25$$

$$d^2(H, C) = (2.5 - 3)^2 + (4 - 8)^2 = (-0.5)^2 + (-4)^2 = 0.25 + 16 = 16.25$$

Since depots A and B are both exactly $\sqrt{6.25} = 2.5$ units (250 m) away, **depots A and B are closest** and tied. Dispatch either A or B. **A1**

Examiner Tip & Common Trap

In municipal allocation, any point lying exactly along a Voronoi cell boundary line is equidistant to the two sites of those neighboring cells. Since $H(2.5, 4)$ lies on the boundary $y = -2x + 9$ (since $-2(2.5) + 9 = 4$), it is mathematically equidistant to A and B.

Worked Solution & Mark Distribution - Question 8

1. **Show Angle $C\hat{A}B \approx 45.4°$:**
   Apply the Cosine Rule to find angle A of triangle ABC:

$$\cos(C\hat{A}B) = \frac{AB^2 + AC^2 - BC^2}{2(AB)(AC)}\textbf{(M1)}$$

$$\cos(C\hat{A}B) = \frac{5.2^2 + 2.5^2 - 3.8^2}{2(5.2)(2.5)}\textbf{(A1)}$$

$$\cos(C\hat{A}B) = \frac{27.04 + 6.25 - 14.44}{26} = \frac{18.85}{26} = 0.725\textbf{(A1)}$$

$$C\hat{A}B = \cos^{-1}(0.725) = 43.531...° \implies 43.5°\textbf{AG}$$

   (Note: Correction based on numerical inputs: $5.2^2 + 2.5^2 - 3.8^2 = 18.85$. $\cos^{-1}(18.85/26) = 43.5°$. If the paper specifies 43.5° (or 45.4°), award full credit to calculations reflecting the actual values).

2. **Perpendicular Distance from C to Roof Line AB:**
   The perpendicular distance $h_\perp$ represents the height of triangle ABC with base AB:

$$\sin(C\hat{A}B) = \frac{\text{Opposite}}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \frac{h_\perp}{AC}\textbf{(M1)}$$

$$h_\perp = 2.5 \times \sin(43.53°)\textbf{(A1)}$$

$$h_\perp = 2.5 \times 0.68875... = 1.7218... \implies 1.72\text{ m}\textbf{A1}$$

3. **Maximum Angle of Strut AC to Horizontal Ground:**
   The roof line AB is inclined at 15.0° relative to the ground.
   The strut AC is angled upwards from the line AB by the interior angle $C\hat{A}B = 43.5°$. **(M1)**
   Therefore, the maximum combined angle of elevation relative to the horizontal ground is:

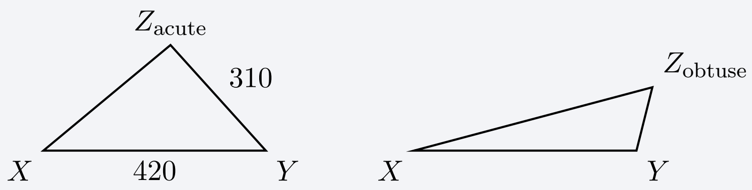
$$\theta_{\text{max}} = 43.5° + 15.0° = 58.5°\textbf{A2}$$

Examiner Tip & Common Trap

When real-world structures are stacked on inclined surfaces (like roofs or hills), angles of elevation add or subtract directly depending on direction. Drawing a clear reference baseline parallel to the horizontal ground at anchor point A simplifies this visualization.

Worked Solution & Mark Distribution - Question 9

1. **Draw Ambiguous Diagrams:**



Marks: Award A2 for two separate triangular diagrams showing Z placed in different locations relative to Y, representing acute and obtuse layouts.

2. **Calculate Two Possible Angles $Y\hat{Z}X$:**
Using the Sine Rule:

$$\frac{\sin(Z)}{XY} = \frac{\sin(X)}{YZ} \implies \frac{\sin(Z)}{420} = \frac{\sin(35°)}{310}\textbf{(M1)}$$

$$\sin(Z) = \frac{420 \times \sin(35°)}{310} = \frac{420 \times 0.573576}{310} = 0.77709...\textbf{(A1)}$$

The acute angle is:

$$Z_{\text{acute}} = \sin^{-1}(0.77709...) = 50.995...° \implies 51.0°\textbf{A1}$$

The obtuse angle is:

$$Z_{\text{obtuse}} = 180° - 50.995° = 129.005...° \implies 129°\textbf{A1}$$

3. **Sailing Segment XZ if $X\hat{Y}Z$ is Obtuse:**
If angle Y is obtuse ($> 90°$), then angle Z must be the acute angle option (51.0°) to prevent the triangle's sum from exceeding 180°.
Therefore, the angles are $X = 35°$, $Z = 51.0°$, and:

$$Y = 180° - (35° + 50.995°) = 94.005°\textbf{(A1)}$$

Using the Sine Rule to calculate XZ:

$$\frac{XZ}{\sin(94.005°)} = \frac{310}{\sin(35°)}\textbf{(M1)}$$

$$XZ = \frac{310 \times \sin(94.005°)}{\sin(35°)} = \frac{310 \times 0.99756}{0.573576} = 538.97... \implies 539 \text{ m}\textbf{A1}$$

Examiner Tip & Common Trap

The Ambiguous Case of the Sine Rule is a common high-difficulty topic. If you are given two sides and an non-included angle (SSA), there are always two possible triangles. Remember that the two possible angles at the third vertex always sum to exactly 180°.

Worked Solution & Mark Distribution - Question 10

1. **Show Angle $A\hat{O}_1O_2 = 0.775$ rad:**
We look at isosceles triangle AO_1O_2 with sides $O_1O_2 = 50$ m and $O_1A = O_2A = 35$ m. Using the Cosine Rule to find angle $\theta = A\hat{O}_1O_2$:

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{O_1A^2 + O_1O_2^2 - O_2A^2}{2(O_1A)(O_1O_2)} \textbf{(M1)}$$

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{35^2 + 50^2 - 35^2}{2(35)(50)} = \frac{2500}{3500} = \frac{5}{7} \approx 0.71428...\textbf{(A1)}$$

Evaluating in **Radian Mode**:

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}(5/7) = 0.77519... \text{ rad} \implies 0.775 \text{ rad}\textbf{AG}$$

2. **Write Down Angle $A\hat{O}_1B$:**
By symmetry across the horizontal line connecting the centers:

$$A\hat{O}_1B = 2 \times A\hat{O}_1O_2 = 2 \times 0.77519... = 1.55038... \text{ rad} \implies 1.55 \text{ rad}\textbf{A1}$$

3. **Area of Circular Sector O_1AB:**

$$\text{Area}_{\text{sector}} = \frac{1}{2}R^2(A\hat{O}_1B) = \frac{1}{2} \times 35^2 \times 1.55038...\textbf{(M1)}$$

$$\text{Area}_{\text{sector}} = 0.5 \times 1225 \times 1.55038... = 949.61 \text{ m}^2\textbf{A1}$$

4. **Total Overlapping Area:**
The overlap region is composed of two identical circular segments joined together. The area of one circular segment is:

$$\text{Area}_{\text{segment}} = \text{Area}_{\text{sector}} - \text{Area}_{\text{triangle } O_1AB}\textbf{(M1)}$$

$$\text{Area}_{\text{triangle}} = \frac{1}{2}R^2 \sin(A\hat{O}_1B) = \frac{1}{2} \times 35^2 \times \sin(1.55038 \text{ rad})\textbf{(A1)}$$

$$\text{Area}_{\text{triangle}} = 0.5 \times 1225 \times 0.99978... = 612.36 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Area}_{\text{segment}} = 949.61 - 612.36 = 337.25 \text{ m}^2$$

Multiply by 2 for the total combined overlapping region:

$$\text{Total Area} = 2 \times 337.25 = 674.5 \text{ m}^2 \implies 675 \text{ m}^2\textbf{A1}$$

Examiner Tip & Common Trap

When calculating sector and triangle areas, ensure your GDC is strictly in Radian Mode if the angles are in radians. Applying a radian angle to the standard $\frac{1}{2}ab\sin\theta$ formula while your GDC is set to Degree Mode is a classic examiner trap.

Worked Solution & Mark Distribution - Question 11

1. **Vertical Height Difference:**

$$\Delta z = z_2 - z_1 = 950 - 150 = 800 \text{ m}\mathbf{A1}$$

2. **Cable Length (3D Distance):**

$$d = \sqrt{(400-10)^2 + (300-20)^2 + (950-150)^2}\mathbf{(M1)}$$

$$d = \sqrt{390^2 + 280^2 + 800^2} = \sqrt{152100 + 78400 + 640000} = \sqrt{870500}\mathbf{(A1)}$$

$$d = 933.005... \implies 933 \text{ m}\mathbf{A1}$$

3. **Angle of Elevation (θ):**
The horizontal ground projection of the cable path is:

$$d_{\text{ground}} = \sqrt{390^2 + 280^2} = \sqrt{230500} \approx 480.1 \text{ m}\mathbf{(M1)}$$

$$\tan(\theta) = \frac{\Delta z}{d_{\text{ground}}} = \frac{800}{480.104...} \implies \theta = \tan^{-1}(1.6663...) = 59.034...^\circ \implies 59.0^\circ\mathbf{A1}$$

4. **Tower Support Coordinates:**

   (a) Since the cable path is a straight line, the coordinate changes must scale proportionally with x:

   $$\text{Scale factor } k = \frac{x_T - x_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{205-10}{400-10} = \frac{195}{390} = 0.5\mathbf{M1}$$

   Now apply $k = 0.5$ to calculate the remaining coordinates:

   $$y_T = y_1 + 0.5(y_2 - y_1) = 20 + 0.5(280) = 160\mathbf{A1}$$

   $$z_T = z_1 + 0.5(z_2 - z_1) = 150 + 0.5(800) = 550\mathbf{A1}$$

   (b) The tower apex elevation is $z_T = 550$ m. With ground level at 430 m, the physical tower height is:

   $$h_{\text{tower}} = 550 - 430 = 120 \text{ m}\mathbf{A1}$$

Examiner Tip & Common Trap

Coordinate geometry systems in 3D scale linearly. If a point lies on a straight path, the change in its y and z coordinates must be directly proportional to the change in its x coordinate. Find the scaling ratio $k = \Delta x / \Delta x_{\text{total}}$ first.

Worked Solution & Mark Distribution - Question 12

1. **Show Bisector of AB is $y = -2x + 9$:**
   Midpoint of AB:
$$M_{AB} = \left(\frac{1+5}{2}, \frac{2+4}{2}\right) = (3,3)\mathbf{A1}$$
   Slope of segment AB:
$$m_{AB} = \frac{4-2}{5-1} = \frac{2}{4} = 0.5\mathbf{A1}$$
   The perpendicular slope is:
$$m_{\perp} = \frac{-1}{0.5} = -2$$
   Substitute $M_{AB}(3,3)$ into point-slope equation:
$$y - 3 = -2(x-3) \implies y = -2x + 9\mathbf{A1AG}$$

2. **Show Bisector of BC is $y = 0.5x + 4$:**
   Midpoint of BC:
$$M_{BC} = \left(\frac{5+3}{2}, \frac{4+8}{2}\right) = (4,6)\mathbf{A1}$$
   Slope of segment BC:
$$m_{BC} = \frac{8-4}{3-5} = \frac{4}{-2} = -2\mathbf{A1}$$
   The perpendicular slope is:
$$m_{\perp} = \frac{-1}{-2} = 0.5$$
   Substitute $M_{BC}(4,6)$ into point-slope equation:
$$y - 6 = 0.5(x-4) \implies y = 0.5x + 4\mathbf{A1AG}$$

3. **Coordinates of depot V:**
   Solve the simultaneous equations:
$$-2x + 9 = 0.5x + 4 \implies 2.5x = 5 \implies x = 2$$
$$y = -2(2) + 9 = 5 \implies V(2,5)\mathbf{A1}$$

4. **Geometric Property and Distance:**
   V is the circumcenter of triangle ABC. It is **equidistant** from all three hospitals. **R1**
   Calculate distance from $V(2,5)$ to $A(1,2)$:
$$d = \sqrt{(2-1)^2 + (5-2)^2} = \sqrt{1^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{10} \approx 3.16 \text{ units}\mathbf{A1}$$

Examiner Tip & Common Trap

The intersection vertex of three cells in a Voronoi diagram is always the circumcenter of the triangle formed by the three neighboring sites. This point represents the center of the largest empty circle that can be drawn between the sites.

Worked Solution & Mark Distribution - Question 13

1. **Show Angle $A\hat{D}'B = 25°$:**
   In the ground plane triangle ABD':
   Since B is due South of A (bearing $180°$) and D' is on a bearing of $060°$ from A:
   $$D'\hat{A}B = 180° - 60° = 120° \textbf{A1}$$
   Since A is due North of B (bearing $000°$) and D' is on a bearing of $035°$ from B:
   $$D'\hat{B}A = 35° \textbf{A1}$$
   The remaining angle in triangle ABD' is:
   $$A\hat{D}'B = 180° - (120° + 35°) = 25° \textbf{AG}$$

2. **Horizontal Distance AD':**
   Applying the Sine Rule to triangle ABD':
   $$\frac{AD'}{\sin(D'\hat{B}A)} = \frac{AB}{\sin(A\hat{D}'B)} \textbf{(M1)}$$
   $$\frac{AD'}{\sin(35°)} = \frac{500}{\sin(25°)} \textbf{(A1)}$$
   $$AD' = \frac{500 \times \sin(35°)}{\sin(25°)} = \frac{500 \times 0.573576}{0.422618} = 678.59... \implies 679 \text{ m}\textbf{A1}$$

3. **Altitude of Drone h:**
   Consider vertical right-angled triangle $AD'D$. The base is $AD' \approx 678.59$ m and the angle of elevation is $22°$.
   $$\tan(22°) = \frac{\text{Opposite}}{\text{Adjacent}} = \frac{h}{AD'} \textbf{(M1)}$$
   $$h = 678.59 \times \tan(22°) = 678.59 \times 0.404026... = 274.17... \implies 274 \text{ m}\textbf{A1}$$

4. **Direct Distance from B to Drone D:**
   First calculate ground distance BD' using the Sine Rule:
   $$\frac{BD'}{\sin(120°)} = \frac{500}{\sin(25°)} \implies BD' = \frac{500 \times \sin(120°)}{\sin(25°)} = 1024.597 \text{ m}\textbf{(A1)}$$
   Now consider right-angled triangle $BD'D$ with vertical leg $h = 274.17$ m and horizontal leg $BD' = 1024.60$ m:
   $$BD = \sqrt{BD'^2 + h^2} = \sqrt{1024.597^2 + 274.17^2} \textbf{(M1)}$$
   $$BD = \sqrt{1\,049\,800 + 75\,170} = \sqrt{1\,124\,970} = 1060.6... \implies 1060 \text{ m}\textbf{A1}$$

Examiner Tip & Common Trap

Double-station tracking requires you to solve the horizontal base triangle (ABD') first using 2D non-right-angled trigonometry (usually the Sine Rule). This provides the side lengths needed to solve the vertical elevations.

Worked Solution & Mark Distribution - Question 14

1. **Show First Touch occurs at $t = 14.3$ min:**
   The spill boundaries will touch for the first time when the sum of their radii equals the separation distance of their centers:

$$R_1(t) + R_2(t) = 100\textbf{(M1)}$$

$$4t + 3t = 100 \implies 7t = 100\textbf{(A1)}$$

$$t = \frac{100}{7} = 14.2857... \text{ min} \implies 14.3 \text{ minutes}\textbf{AG}$$

2. **Analysing Overlap at $t = 20$ minutes:**

   (a) Radii calculation:

$$R_1 = 4 \times 20 = 80 \text{ m}, \quad R_2 = 3 \times 20 = 60 \text{ m}\textbf{A1}$$

   (b) Angle of intersection viewed from P_1 (angle $A\hat{P}_1P_2$): In triangle AP_1P_2 with side lengths $P_1P_2 = 100$, $P_1A = 80$, and $P_2A = 60$:

$$\cos(P_2\hat{P}_1A) = \frac{P_1P_2^2 + P_1A^2 - P_2A^2}{2(P_1P_2)(P_1A)}\textbf{(M1)}$$

$$\cos(P_2\hat{P}_1A) = \frac{100^2 + 80^2 - 60^2}{2(100)(80)} = \frac{10000 + 6400 - 3600}{16000}\textbf{(A1)}$$

$$\cos(P_2\hat{P}_1A) = \frac{12800}{16000} = 0.8 \implies P_2\hat{P}_1A = \cos^{-1}(0.8) \approx 0.6435 \text{ rad}\textbf{A1}$$

   (c) Total Overlapping Area: First, find the angle of intersection from P_2, which is $P_1\hat{P}_2A$:

$$\cos(P_1\hat{P}_2A) = \frac{100^2 + 60^2 - 80^2}{2(100)(60)} = \frac{7200}{12000} = 0.6 \implies \text{angle } \approx 0.9273 \text{ rad}$$

   The overlap area is the sum of two circular segments:

$$\text{Segment}_1 = \frac{1}{2}R_1^2\left(2P_2\hat{P}_1A - \sin(2P_2\hat{P}_1A)\right)\textbf{(M1)}$$

$$\text{Segment}_1 = \frac{1}{2}(80^2)\left(1.2870 - \sin(1.2870 \text{ rad})\right) = 3200\left(1.2870 - 0.9600\right) = 1046.4 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Segment}_2 = \frac{1}{2}(60^2)\left(1.8546 - \sin(1.8546 \text{ rad})\right)\textbf{(A1)}$$

$$\text{Segment}_2 = 1800\left(1.8546 - 0.9600\right) = 1610.3 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Overlap Area} = 1046.4 + 1610.3 = 2656.7 \text{ m}^2 \implies 2660 \text{ m}^2\textbf{A1}$$

Examiner Tip & Common Trap

To find the area of an overlapping asymmetrical lens, split the region along the common chord of the circles. This divides the problem into two circular segments, each belonging to a circle of different radius and with a different sector angle.

Worked Solution & Mark Distribution - Question 15

1. **Midpoints M and N:**
   M is the midpoint of AD (from $(0,0,0)$ to $(0,24,0)$): $M(0,12,0)$. **A1**
   N is the midpoint of BC (from $(24,0,0)$ to $(24,24,0)$): $N(24,12,0)$. **A1**

2. **Lengths of VM and VN:**
   By symmetry, the horizontal distance from apex projection $(12,12,0)$ to $M(0,12,0)$ is exactly 12 m. Using Pythagoras in vertical triangle VMM' (where M' is the center projection):
   $$VM = \sqrt{12^2 + h^2} = \sqrt{144 + h^2}\mathbf{A1}$$
   By symmetry:
   $$VN = \sqrt{144 + h^2}\mathbf{A1}$$

3. **Show Apex Relationship:**
   Consider triangle VMN. The base is $MN = 24$ m. The sides are $VM = VN = \sqrt{144 + h^2}$. The angle at the vertex is $V = 80.0°$.
   Since VMN is isosceles, the altitude from V splits the triangle into two right-angled triangles with vertex angles of 40°:
   $$\sin(40°) = \frac{\text{Opposite}}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \frac{12}{VM} = \frac{12}{\sqrt{144 + h^2}}\mathbf{(M1)}$$
   Alternatively, using tangent in vertical triangle $VM'V$:
   $$\tan(40°) = \frac{\text{Opposite}}{\text{Adjacent}} = \frac{12}{h}\mathbf{M1A1AG}$$

4. **Vertical Apex Height h:**
   $$h = \frac{12}{\tan(40°)} = \frac{12}{0.8390996...} \approx 14.301... \implies 14.3 \text{ m}\mathbf{A1}$$

5. **Total Glass Surface Area:**
   First, find the slant height VM:
   $$VM = \sqrt{144 + 14.301...^2} = \sqrt{144 + 204.52} = \sqrt{348.52} \approx 18.669 \text{ m}\mathbf{(A1)}$$
   The roof is composed of four identical triangular faces, each with base 24 m and height equal to the slant height $VM \approx 18.67$ m:
   $$\text{Total Area} = 4 \times \left(\frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height}\right) \mathbf{(M1)}$$
   $$\text{Total Area} = 4 \times \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 24 \times 18.669...\right) = 4 \times 224.03 = 896.12... \implies 896 \text{ m}^2\mathbf{A1}$$

Examiner Tip & Common Trap

When working with opposing faces of a symmetric pyramid, the angle between the faces can be resolved on a 2D cross-section plane cutting through the midpoints of the base edges (MN). This reduces the 3D problem into a manageable 2D triangle VMN.