Higher Maths
SQA 2018 Specimen
Paper 2 Question 9

A design for a new grain container is in the shape of a cylinder with a hemispherical roof and a flat circular base. The radius of the cylinder is $r$ metres, and the height is $h$ metres.

The volume of the cylindrical part of the container needs to be 100 cubic metres.

(a) Given that the curved surface area of a hemisphere of radius $r$ is $2 \pi r^{2}$ show that the surface area of metal needed to build the grain container is given by:

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A=\frac{200}{r}+3 \pi r^{2} \text { square metres }
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(b) Determine the value of $r$ which minimises the amount of metal needed to build the container.

Answers:
(a) Use volume = 100 to obtain an expression for $h$ in terms of $r$. Substitute and simplify.
(b) $r \approx 2 \cdot 20$

