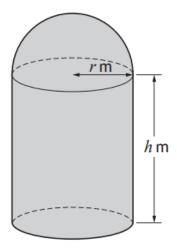
Higher Maths SQA 2018 Specimen Paper 2 Question 9



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:

$$A = \frac{200}{r} + 3\pi r^2 \text{ square metres}$$

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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) $r \approx 2.20$