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Exam Style Questions

Surface Area: Prisms



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Equipment needed: Calculator, Pen

Guidance

1. Read each question carefully before you begin answering it.
2. Check your answers seem right.
3. Always show your workings

Video Tutorial

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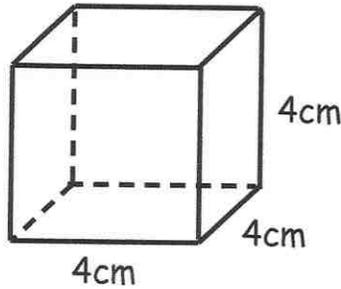
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Answers and Video Solutions



1. Shown below is a cube with a side length of 4cm.



Work out the total surface area of the cube.
Include suitable units.

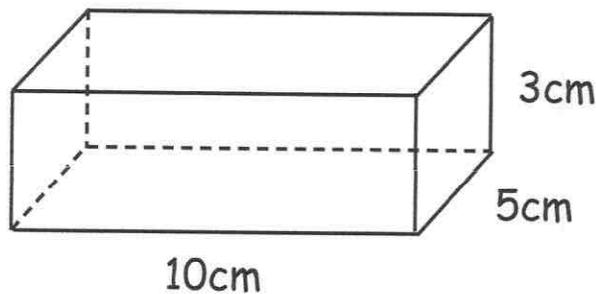
$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

$$16 \times 6 = 96 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\underline{\quad 96 \text{ cm}^2 \quad}$$

(3)

2. Work out the surface area of this cuboid.



$$10 \times 5 = 50$$

$$5 \times 3 = 15$$

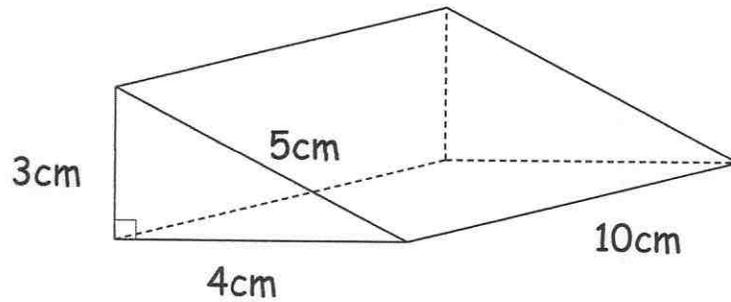
$$3 \times 10 = 30$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 50 \\ 50 \\ 30 \\ 30 \\ 15 \\ + 15 \\ \hline 190 \end{array}$$

$$\underline{\quad 190 \quad} \text{cm}^2$$

(3)

3. Shown below is a triangular prism.



Work out the surface area of the prism.

$$\frac{1}{2}(4 \times 3) = 6 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$5 \times 10 = 50$$

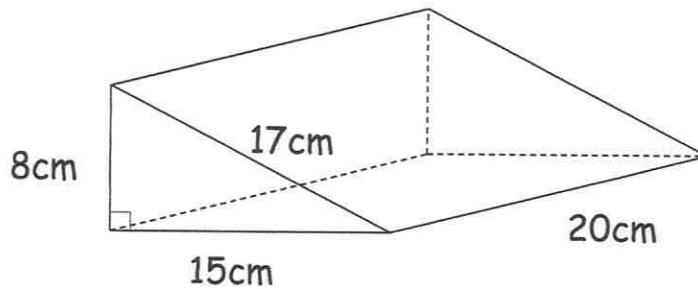
$$4 \times 10 = 40$$

$$3 \times 10 = 30$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \\ 6 \\ 50 \\ 40 \\ + 30 \\ \hline 132 \end{array}$$

.....132.....cm²
(4)

4.



Work out the total surface area of the triangular prism.

$$\frac{1}{2}(8 \times 15) = 60$$

$$17 \times 20 = 340$$

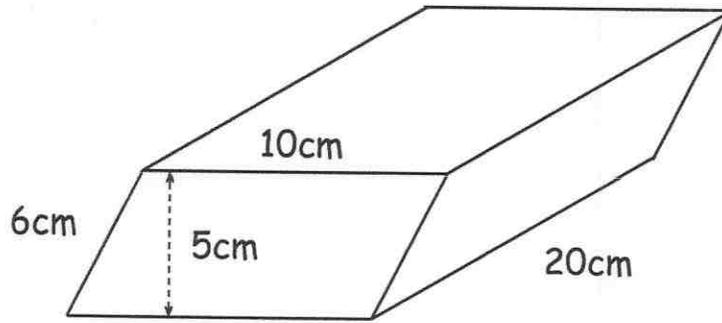
$$15 \times 20 = 300$$

$$8 \times 20 = 160$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 60 \\ 60 \\ 340 \\ 300 \\ + 160 \\ \hline 920 \end{array}$$

.....920.....cm²
(4)

5. Below is a prism.



Work out the total surface area of the prism.

front $5 \times 10 = 50$

back

top $10 \times 20 = 200$

bottom

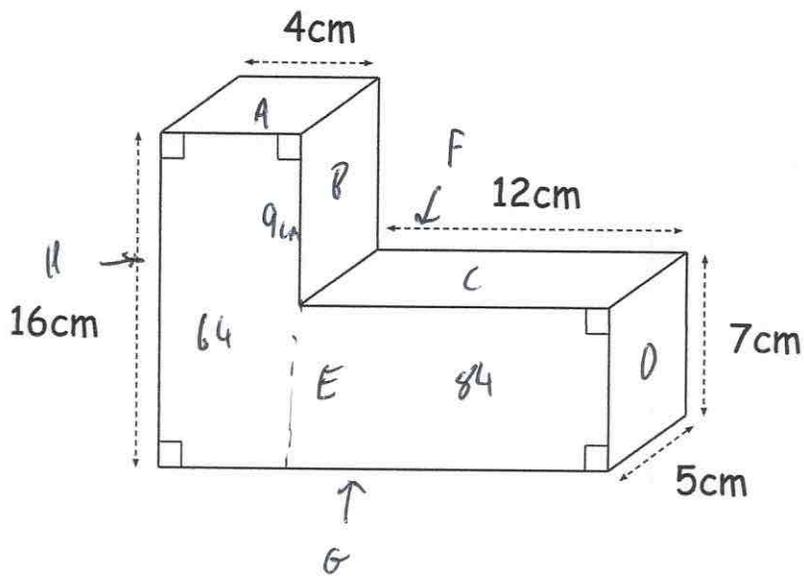
left/right $6 \times 20 = 120$

$$\begin{array}{r} 50 \\ 50 \\ 120 \\ 120 \\ 200 \\ + 200 \\ \hline 740 \end{array}$$

$$\underline{\quad\quad\quad} 740 \text{ cm}^2$$

(4)

6. Shown below is a prism.



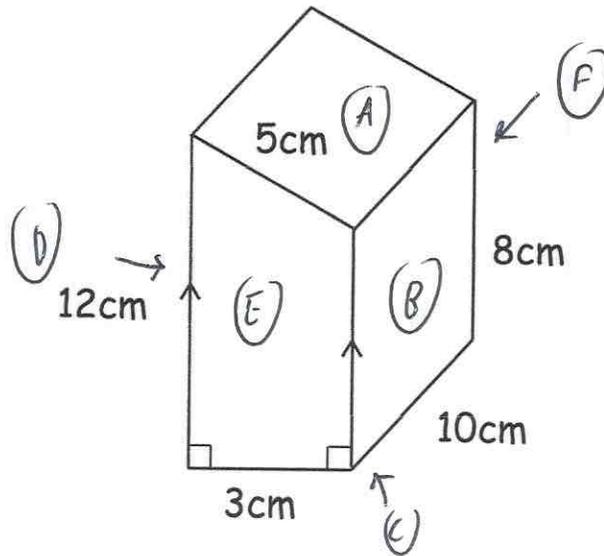
Work out the total surface area of the prism.

- (A) $4 \times 5 = 20 \text{ cm}^2$
- (B) $9 \times 5 = 45 \text{ cm}^2$
- (C) $12 \times 5 = 60 \text{ cm}^2$
- (D) $7 \times 5 = 35 \text{ cm}^2$
- (E) 148 cm^2
- (F) 148 cm^2
- (G) $16 \times 5 = 80 \text{ cm}^2$
- (H) $16 \times 5 = 80 \text{ cm}^2$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 + \\
 \hline
 616
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 616 \\
 \hline
 \text{cm}^2 \\
 (4)
 \end{array}$$

7. Shown below is a prism.



Work out the total surface area of the prism.

$$(A) \quad 5 \times 10 = 50$$

$$(B) \quad 8 \times 10 = 80$$

$$(C) \quad 3 \times 10 = 30$$

$$(D) \quad 12 \times 10 = 120$$

$$(E) \quad \frac{1}{2}(8 + 12) \times 3 = 30$$

$$(F) \quad 30$$

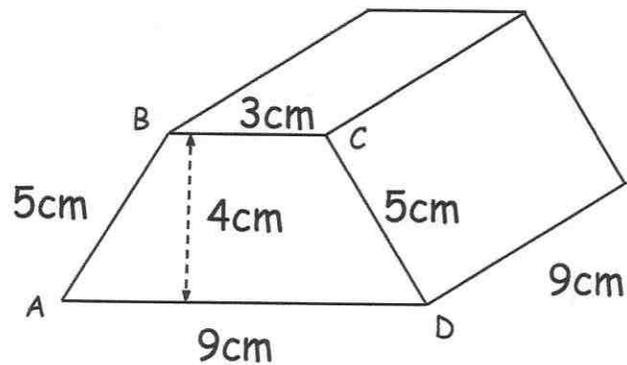
$$\begin{array}{r} + \\ \hline 340 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 340 \\ \hline \dots\dots\dots \text{cm}^2 \\ (4) \end{array}$$

8.

Shown below is a prism.

The cross section of the prism is a trapezium, ABCD.



$$AD = 9\text{cm}$$

$$AB = CD = 5\text{cm}$$

$$BC = 3\text{cm}$$

Work out the total surface area of the prism.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{front} &: \frac{1}{2}(3+9) \times 4 \\ &= 24\text{cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{back} : 24\text{cm}^2$$

$$\text{bottom} : 9 \times 9 = 81\text{cm}^2$$

$$\text{top} : 3 \times 9 = 27\text{cm}^2$$

$$\text{left} : 5 \times 9 = 45\text{cm}^2$$

$$\text{right} : 45\text{cm}^2$$

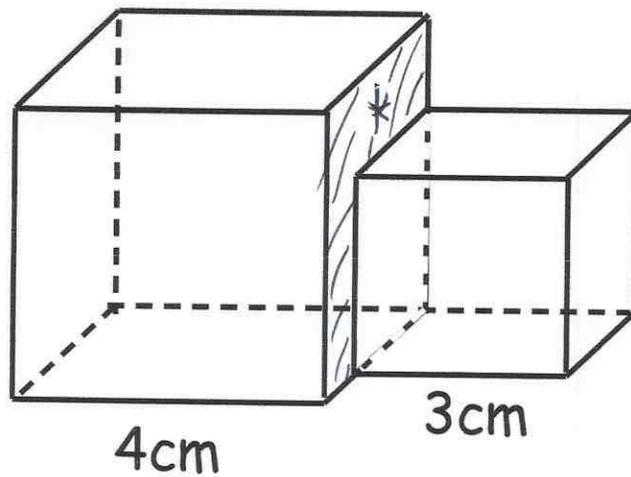
$$\underline{\quad\quad\quad}$$

$$246$$

246

.....cm²
(4)

9. Brad creates an ornament by joining two cubes as shown below.



Work out the total surface area of the ornament.

Both cubes have 5 full faces.

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

$$16 \times 5 = 80 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$3 \times 3 = 9$$

$$9 \times 5 = 45 \text{ cm}^2$$

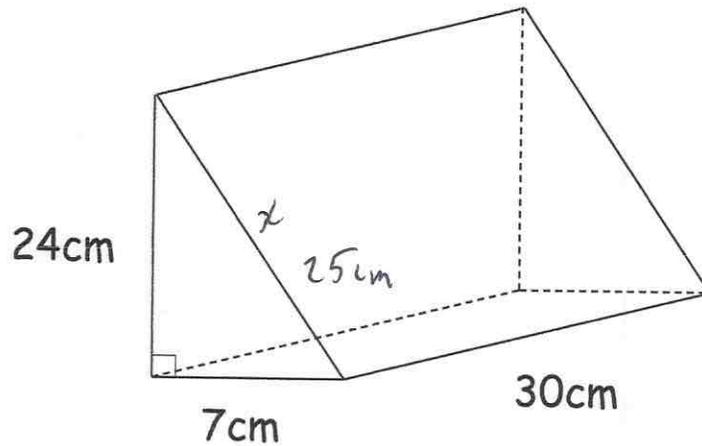
$$* (4 \times 4) - (3 \times 3) = 7 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 80 \\ 45 \\ + 7 \\ \hline 132 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 132 \\ \hline \end{array} \text{ cm}^2$$

(4)

10. Shown below is a prism.
The cross section of the prism is a right angle triangle.



Work out the surface area of the prism.

$$7^2 + 24^2 = x^2$$

$$49 + 576 = x^2$$

$$x^2 = 625$$

$$x = 25$$

$$\text{front: } \frac{1}{2}(24 \times 7) = 84 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\text{back: } 84 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\text{bottom: } 7 \times 30 = 210 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\text{right: } 25 \times 30 = 750 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\text{left: } 24 \times 30 = 720 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 84 \\ 84 \\ 210 \\ 750 \\ + 720 \\ \hline 1848 \end{array}$$

$$\dots\dots\dots 1848 \text{ cm}^2$$

(5)