

Circles - Chords Past Paper Questions – ANSWERS

1) $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$
 $24^2 = x^2 + 11^2$
 $x^2 = 576 - 121$
 $x^2 = 455$
 $x = \sqrt{455} = 21.3\text{cm}$

$AB = 21.3 \times 2 = 42.6\text{cm}$

2) $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$
 $15^2 = x^2 + 9^2$
 $x^2 = 225 - 81$
 $x^2 = 144$
 $x = \sqrt{144} = 12\text{cm}$

Width = $12 + 15 = 27\text{cm}$

3a) $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$
 $2 \cdot 1^2 = d^2 + 1 \cdot 3^2$
 $d^2 = 4 \cdot 41 - 1 \cdot 69$
 $d^2 = 2 \cdot 72$
 $d = \sqrt{2 \cdot 72} = 1.65\text{m}$

$x = 2 \times 1.65 = 3.3\text{m}$

4) $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$
 $500^2 = x^2 + 300^2$
 $x^2 = 250\,000 - 90\,000$
 $x^2 = 160\,000$
 $x = \sqrt{160\,000} = 400\text{mm}$

Width = $400 \times 2 = 800\text{mm}$

5) $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$
 $1 \cdot 7^2 = x^2 + 0 \cdot 9^2$
 $x^2 = 2 \cdot 89 - 0 \cdot 81$
 $x^2 = 2 \cdot 08$
 $x = \sqrt{2 \cdot 08} = 1.44\text{m}$

Height = $1.44 + 1.7 = 3.14\text{m}$

6) $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$
 $1 \cdot 95^2 = x^2 + 1 \cdot 25^2$
 $x^2 = 3 \cdot 8025 - 1 \cdot 5625$
 $x^2 = 2 \cdot 24$
 $x = \sqrt{2 \cdot 24} = 1.5\text{m}$

Height = $1.5 + 1.95 = 3.45\text{m}$

7) $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$
 $10^2 = x^2 + 6^2$
 $x^2 = 100 - 36$
 $x^2 = 64$
 $x = \sqrt{64} = 8\text{cm}$

Distance = $8 \times 2 = 16\text{cm}$

8) $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$
 $24^2 = x^2 + 15^2$
 $x^2 = 576 - 225$
 $x^2 = 351$
 $x = \sqrt{351} = 18.7\text{cm}$

H = $24 + 24 + 18.7 + 18.7 = 85.4\text{cm}$

9) $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$
 $2 \cdot 5^2 = x^2 + 1 \cdot 5^2$
 $x^2 = 6 \cdot 25 - 2 \cdot 25$
 $x^2 = 4$
 $x = \sqrt{4} = 2\text{m}$

$d = 2.5 - 2 = 0.5\text{m}$

10) $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$
 $110^2 = x^2 + 70^2$
 $x^2 = 12100 - 4900$
 $x^2 = 7200$
 $x = \sqrt{7200} = 84.9\text{mm}$

$d = 110 - 84.9 = 25.1\text{mm}$

11) $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$
 $1 \cdot 9^2 = x^2 + 1 \cdot 1^2$
 $x^2 = 3 \cdot 61 - 1 \cdot 21$
 $x^2 = 2 \cdot 4$
 $x = \sqrt{2 \cdot 4} = 1.55\text{m}$

$d = 1.9 - 1.55 = 0.35\text{m}$

12a) $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$
 $30^2 = x^2 + 27 \cdot 5^2$
 $x^2 = 900 - 756 \cdot 25$
 $x^2 = 143 \cdot 75$
 $x = \sqrt{143 \cdot 75} = 12 \cdot 0\text{cm}$

$d = 30 - 12 = 18\text{cm}$

b) $60 - 18 = 42\text{cm}$