**GCSE** Mathematics

# Grade Grabber 2

40 Mark Paper

Question 1 Factorise completely (i)

14x + 21

[ 1 mark ]

(ii)

$$x^2 + 11x + 28$$

[ 2 marks ]

(iii)

 $x^2 - 49$ 

[ 2 marks ]

## **Question 2**

Solve the following simultaneous equations

$$4x + 3y = 3$$
  
$$5x + 6y = 15$$

[4 marks]

(i) Archie has read that the formula  $Area \Delta = \frac{1}{2} a b \sin C$  can calculate the area of a triangle. Write down how Archie should use the formula to calculate the area of the following triangle;



[2 marks]

(ii) Also, write down how Archie could use the following formula  $c^{2} = a^{2} + b^{2} - 2ab \cos C$ 

to calculate the length of the triangle's unknown side.

[ 2 marks ]

#### **Question 4**

On 1st March 2021 it was reported on the Zoopla website that house prices in Shrewsbury had increased, on average, by 3.3 % in the past year.

What would this statistic predict that a house, which was bought for £380,000 on 1st March 2020, is worth on 1st March 2021 ?

[ 2 marks ]

Two functions, f and g, are defined as follows;

		f(x) = 3x + 8 $g(x) = 5x$	
( <b>a</b> )	Evaluate	(i) $f(13)$	
			[ 1 mark ]
		( <b>ii</b> ) g(17)	
			[1 mark]
		( <b>iii</b> ) $gg(4)$	
			[ 1 mark ]
		(iv) fg(10)	

[ 2 marks ]

(**b**) State the value of x for which f(x) = 0

[ 2 marks ]

(c) Determine the inverse of the function f(x)That is, find  $f^{-1}(x)$ 

[ 2 marks ]

Below is a partly completed table for the graph of  $y = 0.125 x^2$ 

x	- 12	- 8	- 4	- 2	0	2	4	8	12
$y = 0.125 x^2$		8							

(i) Complete the table by filling in the missing values of y



# (ii) Plot these points and join them with a smooth curve



(iv) From your graph, write down the approximate values of x where the line intersects the curve

### [ 2 marks ]

(v) Determine a more accurate answer to part (iv) by solving the equation

 $0.125 x^2 = 10$ 

[ 2 marks ]

(**a**) Expand the brackets;

$$(3x + 4)^2$$

[ 2 marks ]

- (**b**) The hypotenuse of a right angled triangle is of length 3x + 4 cm and the lengths of the other two sides are 3x + 3 cm and x cm
  - (i) Use the theorem of Pythagoras show that the relationship between 3x + 4, 3x + 3 and x can be expressed as;  $x^2 - 6x - 7 = 0$

[ 3 marks ]

(**ii**) Solve your equation and hence state the lengths of each of the three sides of the triangle.

[ 2 marks ]

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