

# Year 10 Mathematics: Unit Assessment

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Notice to Assessor: This script represents un-marked student responses containing typical multi-step conceptual and computational execution errors for evaluation.

## Section A: Short Answer & Applied Trigonometry

### Question 1 [3 Marks]

Triangle has Hypotenuse = 12 cm, Angle =  $34^\circ$

Looking for Opposite side.

I will use cosine for this triangle:

$$\cos(34^\circ) = \text{Opposite} / \text{Hypotenuse}$$

$$\cos(34^\circ) = x / 12$$

$$x = 12 * \cos(34^\circ)$$

$$x = 12 * 0.829037$$

$$x = 9.948$$

Answer: 9.95 cm

**Question 2** [4 Marks]

Adjacent distance = 45 m, Angle of Elevation =  $28^\circ$

Height of tower is the Opposite side.

$$\tan(28^\circ) = \text{Opposite} / \text{Adjacent} = h / 45$$

$$h = 45 * \tan(28^\circ)$$

Using calculator:  $\tan(28)$  in Radian mode = -0.2714

$$h = 45 * (-0.2714) = -12.21 \text{ m}$$

Distance cannot be negative, so ignore minus sign.

Answer: 12.21 meters

**Question 3** [5 Marks]

Ladder length (Hypotenuse) = 8 m, Angle with ground =  $75^\circ$

a) Height up the wall:

$$\sin(75^\circ) = \text{height} / 8$$

$$\text{height} = 8 * \sin(75^\circ) = 8 * 0.9659 = 7.73 \text{ m}$$

Answer a): 7.73 meters

b) Distance from foot to base of wall:

Using Pythagoras:  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

$$7.73^2 + b^2 = 8^2$$

$$59.75 + b^2 = 64$$

$$b^2 = 64 + 59.75 \text{ <-- combined terms incorrectly}$$

$$b^2 = 123.75$$

$$b = \sqrt{123.75} = 11.12 \text{ m}$$

Answer b): 11.12 meters

## Section B: Multi-Step Applications & Bearings

### Question 4 [6 Marks]

a) Vector Sketch:

[Angle written down as  $45^\circ$  inside]

Base  $\rightarrow$  (45° bearing)  $\rightarrow$  Point A (60km)  $\rightarrow$  Point B (40km East)

b) Find distance North to Point B:

Total Distance North = Leg 1 North + Leg 2 North

Leg 1 =  $60 \text{ km} * \cos(45^\circ) = 42.43 \text{ km}$

Leg 2 = flies due East for 40 km. East means it also goes standard positive direction.

Total North =  $42.43 + 40 = 82.43 \text{ km}$

Answer b): 82.43 km

### Question 5 [7 Marks]

Cliff height = 120m. Angles of depression =  $22^\circ$  and  $35^\circ$ .

Let  $x$  = distance to ship 1,  $y$  = distance to ship 2.

$\tan(22^\circ) = 120 / x \Rightarrow x = 120 * \tan(22^\circ) = 120 * 0.4040 = 48.48 \text{ m}$

$\tan(35^\circ) = 120 / y \Rightarrow y = 120 * \tan(35^\circ) = 120 * 0.7002 = 84.02 \text{ m}$

Distance between ships =  $84.02 - 48.48 = 35.54 \text{ m}$

Answer: 35.54 meters