

## Circles Past Paper Questions - Solutions

(1) 2010 Paper 2 Q6

Key words: radius, angle, length of arc.

units: cm, °.

Formulae:

Arc length = Fraction of circumference

$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{\text{angle}}{360} \times \pi d \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{140}{360} \times \pi \times 72 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\underline{\text{Arc length} = 87.96 \text{ cm}} \quad \checkmark \quad (3\text{ku})$$

(2) 2009 Paper 2 Q.11

Key words: sector, radius, angle, area, circumference.

Units / Information: angle = 100°, r = 30cm,

Formulae:

(a) Area of sector = Fraction × Area of circle

$$\text{Area of sector} = \frac{\text{Angle}}{360} \times \pi r^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{Area of sector} = \frac{260}{360} \times \pi \times 30^2 \quad \checkmark \quad (3\text{ku})$$

$$\underline{\text{Area of Paper} = 2042.04 \text{ cm}^2} \quad \checkmark \quad (\text{any rounding})$$

(b) Circumference of base = arc length of sector ✓

$$\text{circumference} = \frac{\text{angle}}{360} \times \pi d$$

$$\text{circumference} = \frac{260}{360} \times \pi \times 60 \quad \checkmark \quad (3\text{re})$$

$$\underline{\text{circumference} = 136.14 \text{ cm}} \quad \checkmark \quad (\text{any rounding})$$

(3) 2008 Paper 2 Q.8

- key words: arc, angle.
- units/information: arclength = 120cm.
- Formulae: Arc length = fraction of circumference.

(a) Angle =  $360 \div 12 \times 5$  ( $\frac{5}{12}$  of  $360^\circ$ )

Angle =  $150^\circ$  ✓

(1 KU)

(b) length of clock hand = radius of circle.

$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{\text{angle}}{360^\circ} \times \pi d$$

$$120 = \frac{150}{360} \times \pi \times d \quad \checkmark$$

$$d = 120 \times 360 \div 150 \div \pi \quad \checkmark$$

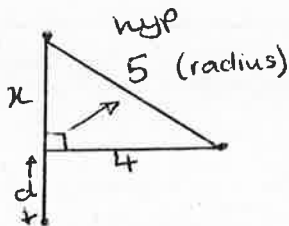
$$d = 91.67 \text{ cm} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{radius} = 91.67 \div 2 = \underline{45.8 \text{ cm}} \quad \checkmark$$

(4 RE)

(4) 2007 Paper 1 Q.12

- Key Words: cross-section, semi-circle, diameter, depth.
- units/information:  $d = 10\text{cm}$ , width of water surface =  $8\text{cm}$ .
- Formulae: ?
- Diagram shows chord  $\Rightarrow$  symmetry  $\Rightarrow$  right-angled triangle.



By Pythagoras:

$$x^2 = 5^2 - 4^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$x^2 = 9 \quad \checkmark$$

$$x = 3 \quad \checkmark$$

$$d = 5 - 3 \quad \checkmark \text{ (radius - 3)}$$

$$\underline{\text{depth} = 2 \text{ cm}} \quad \checkmark$$

(4 RE)

(5) 2007 Paper 2 Q.7

- Key words: identical, sector, radius, angle, total, area.
- Units/Information:  $r = 5\text{cm}$ , angle =  $64^\circ$ .
- Formulae:

• Area of sector = fraction  $\times$  area of circle

$$\text{Area of sector} = \frac{\text{angle}}{360^\circ} \times \pi r^2$$

$$\text{Area of sector} = \frac{64}{360} \times \pi \times 5^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{Area of sector} = 13.96 \quad \checkmark$$

• Total area of plastic =  $13.96 \times 4$

$$\text{Area} = \underline{\underline{55.9 \text{ cm}^2}} \quad \checkmark$$

(3ku)

(6) 2006 Paper 2 Q.8

- Key words: circular, pointer = radius, arc, angle, weight
- Units/Information: pointer =  $9\text{cm}$ ,  $100\text{g} \Rightarrow$  arc of  $2\text{cm}$ .  
angle =  $284^\circ$ .

• Formulae:

Arc length = fraction  $\times$  circumference

$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{\text{angle}}{360} \times \pi d$$

$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{284}{360} \times \pi \times 18 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{Arc length} = 44.6 \text{ cm} \quad \checkmark$$

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• Weight of Parcel =  $44.6 \div 2 \times 100 \quad \checkmark$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Weight} = 2230.5 \text{ g}}} \quad \checkmark$$

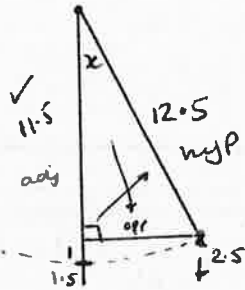
(7) 2005 Paper 2 Q10

Key words: vertical, maximum height, angle, length of arc, significant figures.

Units/Information: radius (chain) = 12.5m, all lengths m.

Formulae: length of arc = fraction of circumference.

(a)



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$$\cos(\text{angle}) = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}} \quad \checkmark (\text{method})$$

$$\cos x = \frac{11.5}{12.5} \quad \checkmark$$

$$x = \cos^{-1}(11.5 \div 12.5) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\underline{\underline{x = 23^\circ}}$$

(4RE)

(b) Arc length =  $\frac{\text{angle}}{360} \times \pi d$

$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{46}{360} \times \pi \times 25 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{Arc length} = 10.036 \text{ cm} \quad \checkmark$$

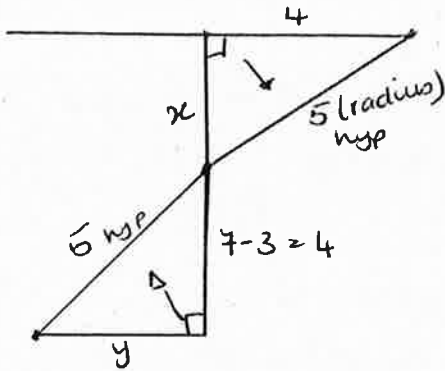
$$\underline{\underline{\text{Arc length} = 10.0 \text{ cm} (3 \text{ sig figs})}} \quad \checkmark$$

(4RE)

Note: If you can't do (a) you can still do (b).

(8) 2005 Paper 1 Q. 10

- Key words: radius, circle, segments, parallel, width.
- Units / Information:  $r = 5\text{cm}$ , lengths in cm.
- Formulae: segments  $\Rightarrow$  symmetry  $\Rightarrow$  right-angled  $\Delta \Rightarrow$  Pythagoras



$$x^2 = 5^2 - 4^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$x^2 = 9 \quad \checkmark$$

$$x = 3 \quad \checkmark$$

$$y^2 = 5^2 - 4^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$y^2 = 25 - 16 \quad \checkmark$$

$$y^2 = 9 \quad \checkmark$$

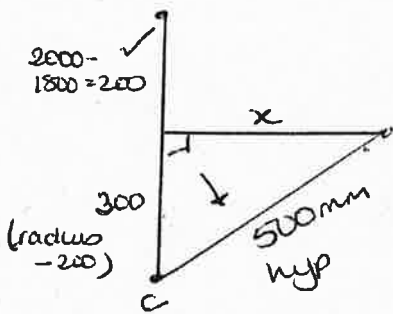
$$y = 3 \quad \checkmark$$

(5RE)

• width of base =  $3 \times 2 = 6\text{cm}$   $\checkmark$

(9) 2004 Paper 2 Q. 8

- Key words: arc of circle, radius, height, vertical edge, width.
- Units / Information:  $r = 500\text{mm}$ , all lengths mm.
- Formulae: ? Diagram shows segment / chord  $\Rightarrow$  symmetry  $\Rightarrow$  right-angled  $\Delta \Rightarrow$  Pythagoras.



$$x^2 = 500^2 - 300^2 \quad \checkmark \text{ (Pythagoras)}$$

$$x^2 = 160000$$

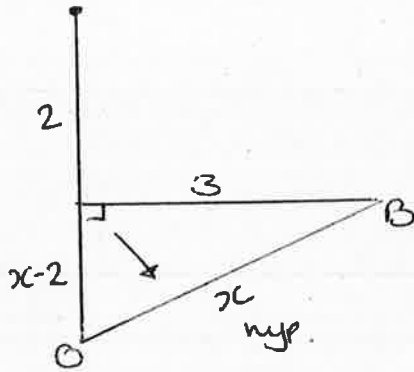
$$x = 400 \quad \checkmark$$

(5RE)

• width of doorway = 800mm  $\checkmark$

(10) 2003 Paper 2 Q.10

- key words: cylinder, cross-section, segment, radius, length
- units/Information: 6m wide, 2m high.
- formulae: segment  $\Rightarrow$  symmetry  $\Rightarrow$  right-angled  $\Delta$   $\Rightarrow$  Pythagoras.



- calculate  $OB = \text{radius}$
- let  $OB = x$ .

By Pythagoras:  $\checkmark$

$$x^2 = (x-2)^2 + 3^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$x^2 = x^2 - 4x + 4 + 9$$

$$2x^2 = x^2 - 4x + 13$$

$$4x = 13 \quad \checkmark$$

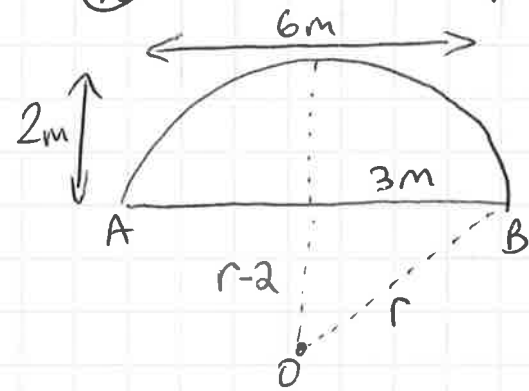
$$x = 13/4$$

$$x = 3\frac{1}{4} \text{ m.}$$

length of  $OB = 3.25 \text{ m.}$   $\checkmark$

(4RE)

10) 2003 Paper 2 Q10.



$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$r^2 = (r-2)^2 + 3^2$$

$$r^2 = (r-2)(r-2) + 9$$

$$r^2 = r^2 - 4r + 4 + 9$$

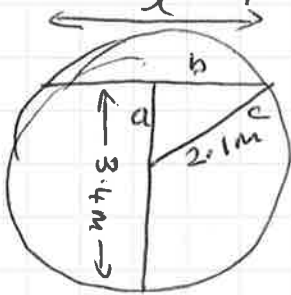
$$r^2 - r^2 + 4r = 13$$

$$4r = 13$$

$$r = \frac{13}{4} = 3.25 \text{ m.}$$

11) 2002 Paper 2 Q6.

a)



$$a = 3.4 - 2.1 = 1.3 \text{ m.}$$

$$b = \frac{x}{2}$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$2.1^2 = 1.3^2 + \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2$$

$$4.41 = 1.69 + \frac{x^2}{4}$$

$$\frac{x^2}{4} = 4.41 - 1.69$$

$$\frac{x^2}{4} = 2.72$$

$$x^2 = 10.88$$

$$x = \sqrt{10.88}$$

$$x = 3.2984$$

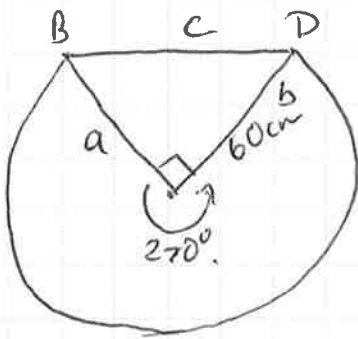
$$x = 3.3 \text{ m. to 1 dp.}$$

b)  $2.1 - 1.3 = 0.8 \text{ m}$

The same surface width would occur at a depth of 0.8m.

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1999 Paper 2 Q6



For line BD

$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{\text{Sector Angle}}{360^\circ} \times \pi D$$

$$D = 2 \times 60$$

$$D = 120 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{270}{360} \times \pi \times 120$$

$$\text{Arc length} = 282.743 \text{ cm}$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$c^2 = 60^2 + 60^2$$

$$c^2 = 7200$$

$$c = \sqrt{7200}$$

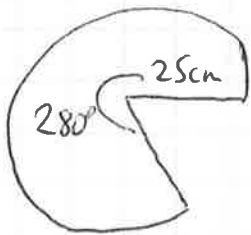
$$c = 84.853 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Perimeter} = 84.853 + 282.743$$

$$\text{Perimeter} = 367.596$$

$$\text{Perimeter} = \underline{\underline{367.6 \text{ cm to 1 d.p.}}}$$

13 2000 Paper 2 Q11

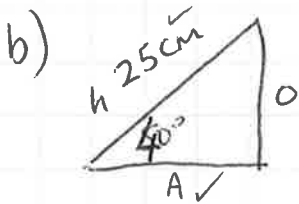


$$\text{Sector Area} = \frac{\text{Sector Angle}}{360} \times \pi r^2$$

$$\text{Sector Area} = \frac{280}{360} \times \pi \times 25^2$$

$$\text{Sector Area} = 1527.163$$

$$\text{Sector Area} = \underline{\underline{1527.2 \text{ cm}^2}}$$



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$$\cos x^\circ = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\cos 40^\circ = \frac{A}{25}$$

$$A = 25 \cos 40^\circ$$

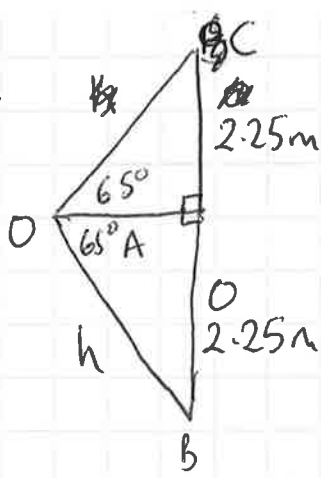
$$A = 19.151 = 19.2 \text{ cm. to 1 d.p.}$$

$$L = 19.2 + 25 = 44.2 \text{ cm} = 44 \text{ cm to nearest cm}$$

44 cm is the minimum length required.



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1998 Paper 2 Q3

$$\sin x^{\circ} = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\sin 65^{\circ} = \frac{2.25}{h}$$

$$h = \frac{2.25}{\sin 65^{\circ}}$$

$$h = 2.4826 = 2.5 \text{ m}$$

The length of OB is 2.5m.

b)

$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{\text{Sector Angle}}{360} \times \pi D$$

$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{130}{360} \times \pi \times (2.5 \times 2)$$

$$\text{Arc length} = 5.632 \text{ m}$$

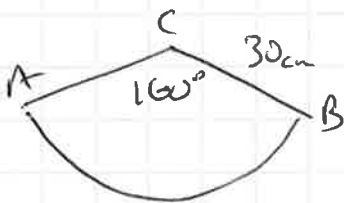
$$\text{Perimeter} = 5.632 + 8.3 + 4.5 + 8.3$$

$$\text{Perimeter} = 26.732$$

$$\text{Perimeter} = 26.7 \text{ m to 1 dp}$$

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1998 Paper 2 Q4



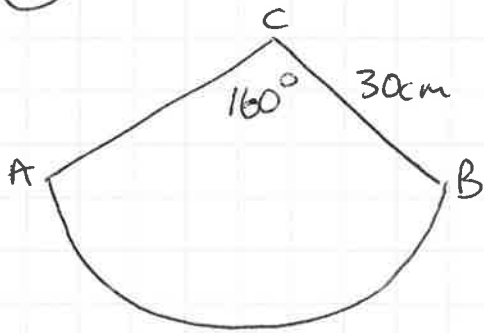
$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{\text{Sector Angle}}{360^{\circ}} \times \pi D$$

$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{160}{360} \times \pi \times 60$$

$$\text{Arc length} = 83.7758$$

$$\text{Arc length} = 83.8 \text{ cm}$$

(16) 1997 Q1



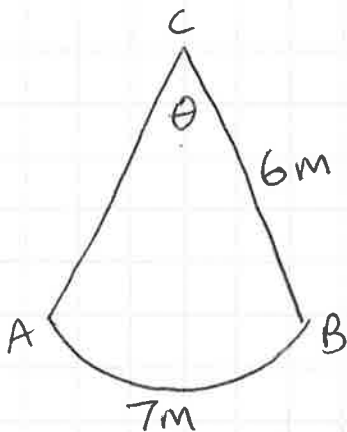
$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{\text{Sector Angle}}{360^\circ} \times \pi D$$

$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{160}{360} \times \pi \times 60$$

$$\text{Arc length} = 83.7758$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Arc length} = 83.8 \text{ cm}}}$$

(17) 1996 Q3



$$\frac{\text{Arc length}}{\pi D} = \frac{\text{Sector Angle}}{360}$$

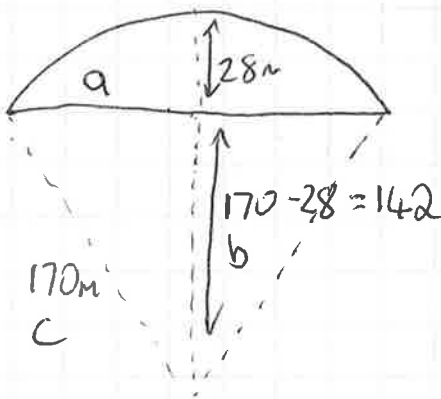
$$\frac{7\text{m}}{\pi \times 12} = \frac{\theta}{360}$$

$$0.189 = \frac{\theta}{360}$$

$$\theta = 66.845$$

$$\underline{\underline{\theta = 67^\circ \text{ to nearest degree}}}$$

(18) 1995 Q14



$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$170^2 = a^2 + 142^2$$

$$a^2 = 28900 - 20164$$

$$a^2 = 8736$$

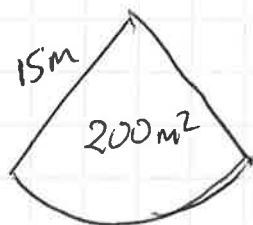
$$a = \sqrt{8736}$$

$$a = 93.4665$$

$$AB = 2 \times a = 2 \times 93.4665 = 186.933$$

$$= \underline{\underline{186.9 \text{ m}}}$$

19) 1994 Q10



$$\frac{\text{Arc length}}{\pi D} = \frac{\text{Sector Angle}}{360} = \frac{\text{Sector Area}}{\pi r^2}$$

$$\frac{\text{Arc length}}{\pi \times 30} = \frac{200}{\pi \times 15^2}$$

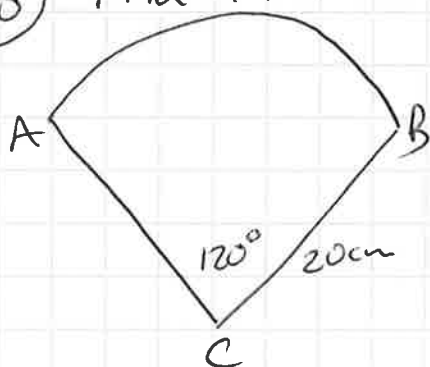
$$\frac{\text{Arc length}}{94.2478} = 0.2829$$

$$\text{Arc length} = 0.2829 \times 94.2478$$

$$\text{Arc length} = 26.6$$

$$\text{Arc length} = 26.7\text{m}$$

20) 1992 Q1



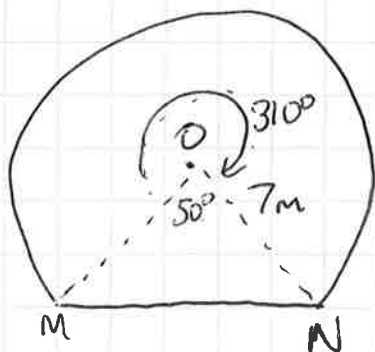
$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{\text{Sector Angle}}{360} \times \pi D$$

$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{120}{360} \times \pi \times 40$$

$$\text{Arc length} = 41.8879$$

$$\text{Arc length} = 41.9\text{ cm}$$

21) 2014 Paper 2 Nat 5.



$$\text{Sector Area} = \frac{\text{Sector Angle}}{360} \times \pi r^2$$

$$\text{Sector Area} = \frac{310}{360} \times \pi \times 7^2$$

$$\text{Sector Area} = 132.5577$$

$$\text{Sector Area} = 132.6\text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Area of } \Delta = \frac{1}{2} ab \sin C$$

$$\text{Area of } \Delta = \frac{1}{2} \times 7 \times 7 \times \sin 50$$

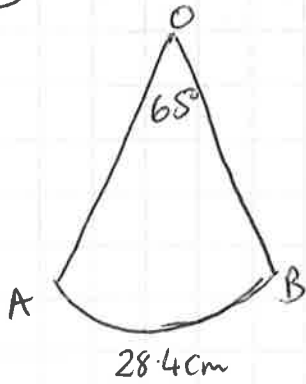
$$\text{Area of } \Delta = 18.768\text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Total Area} = 132.5577 + 18.768$$

$$\text{Total Area} = 151.325$$

$$\text{Total Area} = 151.3\text{ m}^2$$

(22) 2015 Paper 2 Nat 5 Q13



$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{\text{Sector Angle}}{360} \times \pi D$$

$$28.4 = \frac{65}{360} \times \pi \times D$$

$$28.4 = 0.5672 \times D$$

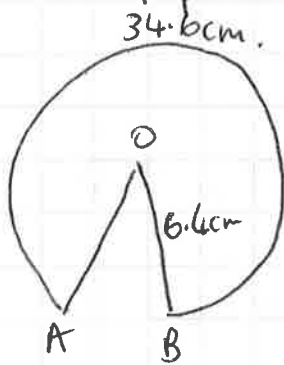
$$D = 28.4 \div 0.5672$$

$$D = 50.067$$

~~D = 50.067~~

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Length of Perimeter} = D \div 2 = 50.067 \div 2 = 25 \text{ cm.}}}$$

(23) 2015 Paper 2 Int 2. Q10



$$\frac{\text{Arc length}}{\pi D} = \frac{\text{Sector Angle}}{360} = \frac{\text{Sector Area}}{\pi r^2}$$

$$\frac{34.6}{\pi \times 12.8} = \frac{\theta}{360}$$

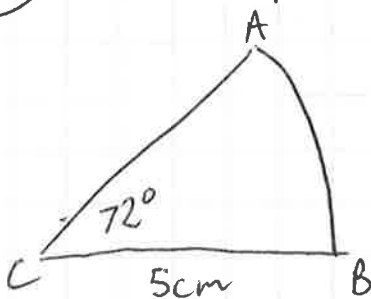
$$0.8604 = \frac{\theta}{360}$$

$$\theta = 0.8604 \times 360$$

$$\theta = 309.755$$

$$\underline{\underline{\theta = 310^\circ}}$$

(24) 2013 Paper 1 Int 2. Q3

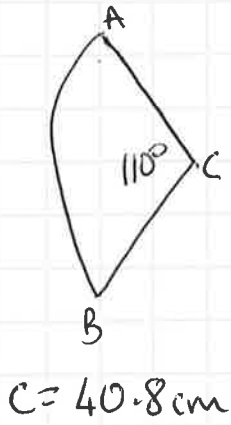


$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{\text{Sector Angle}}{360} \times \pi D$$

$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{72}{360} \times 3.14 \times 10^2$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Arc length} = 6.28 \text{ cm}}}$$

(25) 2012 Paper 2 Int 2 Q1



$$\frac{\text{Arc length}}{\pi D} = \frac{\text{Sector Angle}}{360} = \frac{\text{Sector Area}}{\pi r^2}$$

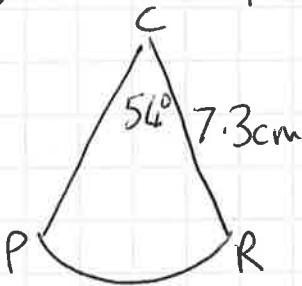
$$\frac{\text{Arc length}}{40.8} = \frac{110}{360}$$

$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{110}{360} \times 40.8$$

$$\text{Arc length} = 12.466$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Arc length} = 12.5 \text{ cm}}}$$

(26) 2011 Paper 2 Int 2 Q5.



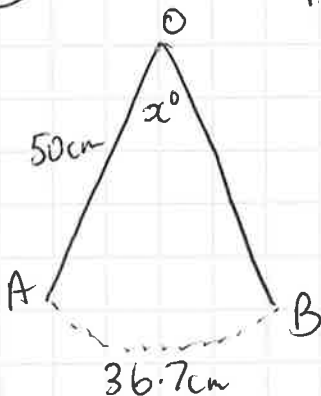
$$\text{Sector Area} = \frac{\text{Sector Angle}}{360} \times \pi r^2$$

$$\text{Sector Area} = \frac{54}{360} \times \pi \times 7.3^2$$

$$\text{Sector Area} = 25.1123$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Sector Area} = 25.1 \text{ cm}^2}}$$

(27) 2013 Paper 2 Credit Q8



$$\frac{\text{Arc length}}{\pi D} = \frac{\text{Sector Angle}}{360} = \frac{\text{Sector Area}}{\pi r^2}$$

$$\frac{36.7}{\pi \times 100} = \frac{x}{360}$$

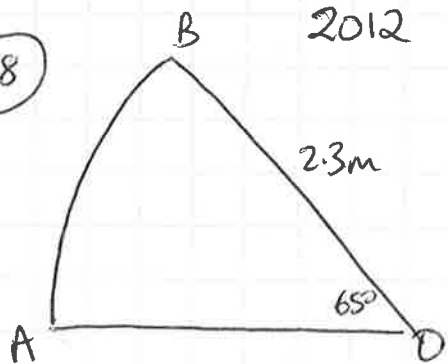
$$0.1168 = \frac{x}{360}$$

$$x = 0.1168 \times 360$$

$$x = 42.055$$

$$\underline{\underline{x = 42^\circ}}$$

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2012 Paper 2 Credit Q4

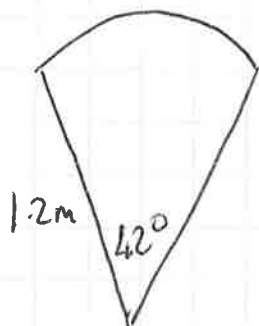
$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{\text{Sector Angle}}{360} \times \pi D$$

$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{65}{360} \times \pi \times 4.6$$

$$\text{Arc length} = 2.6092$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Arc length} = 2.6 \text{ m}}}$$

(29) 2011 Paper 2 Credit Q5



$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{\text{Sector Angle}}{360} \times \pi D$$

$$\text{Arc length} = \frac{42}{360} \times \pi \times 2.4$$

$$\text{Arc length} = 0.8796$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Arc length} = 0.88 \text{ m}}}$$

No this would not pass safety regulations as the arc length is 0.88m which is less than 0.9m.