



KS3.M-G12 Volume and Surface Area of Prisms

AQA KS3.M-G12 · Calculators not allowed · about 60 minutes

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Answer ALL questions. Show all your working.

- 1** Calculate the volume of a cuboid with length 5 cm, width 3 cm and height 4 cm. Give your answer in cubic centimetres.

(1)

- 2** Find the total surface area of a cuboid with dimensions 2 m by 3 m by 4 m. Give your answer in square metres.

(2)

- 3** Convert 3500 cm³ to litres. Give your answer in litres.

(1)

- 4** A triangular prism has a triangular end with base 6 cm and height 4 cm. The prism length is 10 cm. Calculate the volume of the prism in cubic centimetres.

(2)

- 5** A rectangular pool is 8 m long, 2 m wide and 1.5 m deep. How many litres of water does it hold when full? (1 m³ = 1000 L)

(1)

- 6** Show the net of a triangular prism has three rectangular faces and two triangular faces. If each triangular end has area 9 cm^2 and the rectangles have areas 18 cm^2 , 30 cm^2 and 24 cm^2 , calculate the total surface area of the prism.

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- 7** A cuboid box measures 25 cm by 20 cm by 10 cm . A label is stuck on one of the 25 cm by 20 cm faces. Calculate the area of that face and then the fraction of the total surface area that the label covers. Give the fraction in its simplest form.

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- 8** A prism has a regular hexagon cross section of area 20 cm^2 and length 12 cm . Calculate its volume. Then convert your answer to litres.

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- 9** Calculate the volume of a cylinder approximated as a prism by using area of circular cross section. A cylinder has radius 7 cm and height 10 cm . Use $\pi = 3.14$. Give your answer to 1 decimal place in cm^3 .

(2)

- 10** A triangular prism has triangular end with sides 7 cm, 24 cm and 25 cm. The triangular area is needed to find the volume. First show that the triangle is right-angled, then find the volume of the prism with length 15 cm. Give your answer in cm^3 .

(3)

- 11** A metal beam is a triangular prism. The triangle end is isosceles with base 8 cm and equal sides 5 cm. The beam is 40 cm long. Calculate the volume of the beam. (Hint: you may need to find the triangle height.)

(3)

- 12** A rectangular prism has internal dimensions 120 cm by 80 cm by 60 cm. A decorator will line the inside and needs to buy lining that is sold by the square metre. Calculate how many square metres of lining the decorator needs, ignoring any waste. Give your answer to 1 decimal place.

(2)

- 13** Sofia pours water into a triangular prism shaped tank. The triangular cross section has base 6 m and height 2 m. The tank length is 5 m. If Sofia pours 50 litres into the tank, by how many centimetres does the water level rise? ($1 \text{ m}^3 = 1000 \text{ L}$)

(3)

- 14** A manufacturer makes open-top rectangular boxes by cutting squares from the corners of a 30 cm by 20 cm card and folding up the sides. The squares cut out have side x cm. Write an expression for the volume of the box in terms of x and then find the volume when $x = 3$ cm.

(2)

- 15** A prism has a triangular cross section with base 10 cm and area 40 cm^2 . Calculate the height of the triangle, then the volume of the prism if its length is 18 cm.

(3)

- 16** A solid is made by joining two identical rectangular prisms, each 6 cm by 4 cm by 3 cm, along a 6 cm by 4 cm face. Calculate the volume and the total external surface area of the resulting solid.

(2)

- 17** Stretch question. A water trough is a right triangular prism with cross section an isosceles right triangle (two equal sides). The equal sides are 1.2 m long and form the legs. The trough is 3.5 m long. Calculate the capacity in litres. Give your answer to the nearest litre. ($1 \text{ m}^3 = 1000 \text{ L}$)

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- 18** Stretch question. A school needs to fill a model rectangular tank that measures 0.9 m by 0.6 m by 0.4 m. Water is delivered in drums of 25 L. How many full drums are needed to fill the tank? Show your working and give the final number of drums.

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Question 1

- **B1** 60 cm³ cao
- Answer: **60 cm³**

Question 2

- **M1** method: calculate areas of pairs of faces, e.g. $2(2 \times 3 + 2 \times 4 + 3 \times 4)$ or listing areas
- **A1** 52 m² cao
- Answer: **52 m²**

Question 3

- **B1** 3.5 L cao
- Answer: **3.5 L**

Question 4

- **M1** area of triangle = $\frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height} = \frac{1}{2} \times 6 \times 4 = 12 \text{ cm}^2$ or equivalent
- **A1** 120 cm³ cao
- Answer: **120 cm³**

Question 5

- **B1** 24000 L cao
- Answer: **24000 L**

Question 6

- **M1** method: add areas of two triangles and three rectangles
- **A1** 90 cm² cao
- Answer: **90 cm²**

Question 7

- **M1** area of face = $25 \times 20 = 500 \text{ cm}^2$
- **M1** total surface area = $2(25 \times 20 + 25 \times 10 + 20 \times 10) = 2(500 + 250 + 200) = 2 \times 950 = 1900 \text{ cm}^2$
- **A1** fraction $500/1900 = 5/19$ cao
- Answer: **5/19**

Question 8

- **M1** volume method: area cross section $\times$ length = $20 \times 12 = 240 \text{ cm}^3$
- **M1** convert cm³ to litres: $240 \text{ cm}^3 = 0.24 \text{ L}$ or show $240/1000$
- **A1** 240 cm³ and 0.24 L cao
- Answer: **240 cm³; 0.24 L**

Question 9

- **M1** area = $\pi r^2 = 3.14 \times 7^2 = 3.14 \times 49 = 153.86$; volume = area $\times$ height = 153.86×10
- **A1** 1538.6 cm³ cao
- Answer: **1538.6 cm³**

Question 10

- **M1** show Pythagoras: $7^2 + 24^2 = 49 + 576 = 625 = 25^2$
- **M1** area of triangle = $\frac{1}{2} \times 7 \times 24 = 84 \text{ cm}^2$
- **A1** volume = $84 \times 15 = 1260 \text{ cm}^3$ cao
- Answer: **1260 cm³**

Question 11

- **M1** find triangle height using Pythagoras: half base = 4, height = $\sqrt{5^2 - 4^2} = \sqrt{25 - 16} = 3$ cm
- **M1** area triangle = $\frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height} = \frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times 3 = 12$ cm²
- **A1** volume = $12 \times 40 = 480$ cm³ **cao**
- **Answer: 480 cm³**

Question 12

- **M1** total surface area in cm² = $2(120 \times 80 + 120 \times 60 + 80 \times 60) = 2(9600 + 7200 + 4800) = 2 \times 21600 = 43200$ cm²
- **A1** convert to m²: $43200 \text{ cm}^2 = 4.32 \text{ m}^2$ so 4.3 m^2 to 1 d.p. **cao**
- **Answer: 4.3 m²**

Question 13

- **M1** convert 50 L to m³: $50/1000 = 0.05$ m³ and find area triangle = $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 \times 2 = 6$ m²
- **M1** volume = area $\times$ height_along_length = $6 \times \text{rise} \times 5$, so $6 \times 5 \times \text{rise} = 30 \times \text{rise}$, set $30 \times \text{rise} = 0.05$
- **A1** rise = $0.05/30 = 0.001666\dots$ m = $0.166666\dots$ cm so 0.17 cm to 2 d.p. **cao**
- **Answer: 0.17 cm**

Question 14

- **M1** expression for dimensions after cutting: $(30 - 2x)(20 - 2x)(x)$ so volume = $x(30 - 2x)(20 - 2x)$
- **A1** when $x=3$: volume = $3 \times 24 \times 14 = 1008$ cm³ **cao**
- **Answer: $x(30 - 2x)(20 - 2x)$; 1008 cm³**

Question 15

- **M1** use area triangle = $\frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height}$ so height = $2 \times \text{area} / \text{base} = 2 \times 40 / 10 = 8$ cm
- **M1** volume = area $\times$ length = $40 \times 18 = 720$ cm³
- **A1** height 8 cm and volume 720 cm³ **cao**
- **Answer: height 8 cm; volume 720 cm³**

Question 16

- **M1** volume = $2 \times (6 \times 4 \times 3) = 2 \times 72 = 144$ cm³
- **A1** surface area: two prisms joined removes two 6×4 faces: total SA = $2 \times \text{SA}(\text{prism}) - 2 \times 24 = 2 \times (2(6 \times 4 + 6 \times 3 + 4 \times 3)) - 48 =$ compute gives 168 cm² **cao**
- **Answer: 144 cm³; 168 cm²**

Question 17

- **M1** area triangle = $\frac{1}{2} \times \text{leg} \times \text{leg} = \frac{1}{2} \times 1.2 \times 1.2 = 0.72$ m²
- **M1** volume = area $\times$ length = $0.72 \times 3.5 = 2.52$ m³
- **M1** convert to litres: $2.52 \times 1000 = 2520$ L
- **A1** capacity = 2520 L to nearest litre **cao**
- **Answer: 2520 L**

Question 18

- **M1** volume tank = $0.9 \times 0.6 \times 0.4 = 0.216$ m³
- **M1** convert to litres: $0.216 \times 1000 = 216$ L
- **M1** divide by 25 L per drum: $216/25 = 8.64$ so need 9 drums
- **A1** 9 drums **cao**
- **Answer: 9**