

YEAR 12 Trial Exam Paper

2017 MATHEMATICAL METHODS

Written examination 2

Worked solutions

This book presents:

- worked solutions, giving you a series of points to show you how to work through the questions
- ➢ mark allocations
- \blacktriangleright tips on how to approach the exam

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SECTION A – Multiple-choice questions

Question 1

Answer: C

Explanatory notes

The period is given by $\frac{2\pi}{n} = \frac{2\pi}{\frac{\pi}{2}} = 4.$

The median is 3 and the amplitude is 2. Hence, the range is 3 - 2 to 3 + 2; that is, [1,5].

This can be readily checked by sketching the graph using CAS.

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Answer: B

Explanatory notes

Using CAS to obtain the inverse function gives the inverse function as $y = \frac{1}{x^2} + 3$.

And since the range of the original becomes the domain of the inverse, the domain is R^+ . So the answer is option B.

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• You could also use the draw inverse function on the calculator to sketch the inverse.

Answer: C

Explanatory notes

The roots (*x*-intercepts) are at x = b, x = c and x = d, with a repeated root at x = d. So, the factors are (x-b), (x-c) and $(x-d)^2$.



• Don't be confused by the fact that the roots at b and c are negative.

Question 4

Answer: B

Explanatory notes

Using CAS to find the equation of the tangent line to the curve at x = -2 gives y = 12x + 16, whereby (-1, 4) satisfies this equation.

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Answer: B

Explanatory notes

Reflect the graph in the line y = x to get the graph of the inverse and then reflect in the *x*-axis to get the graph of $y = -f^{-1}(x)$.

Question 6

Answer: A

Explanatory notes

Using CAS gives

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Answer: D

Explanatory notes

Sketching the graph using CAS shows that the range is from the right endpoint to the maximum turning point.



Question 8

Answer: D

Explanatory notes

For the average value of the function to be zero, the area bounded by the curve and the *x*-axis over the interval [-p, 0] has to equal $\frac{81}{8}$.

Therefore

$$\frac{1}{2}p^2 = \frac{81}{8}$$
$$p^2 = \frac{81}{4}$$
$$p = \frac{9}{2}$$

Answer: D

Explanatory notes

To be a probability density function, the value of a is 14 as the area under the curve must be 1.

Because the function is symmetrical, E(X) occurs in the centre, so E(X) = 11.

Tip

Remember to look for symmetry.

Question 10

Answer: E

Explanatory notes

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$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$$
$$\frac{1}{625} = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{5} \times \frac{4}{5}}{n}}$$

Answer: D

Explanatory notes

The 95% confidence interval for p is

$$\left(\hat{p}-1.96\times\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}, \ \hat{p}+1.96\times\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}\right)$$

Tip

• The confidence intervals for 90% and 95% are worth remembering:

90%
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Question 12

Answer: D

Explanatory notes

$$np = 3 \text{ and } npq = \frac{9}{4}.$$

 $\Rightarrow 3q = \frac{9}{4}$
So $q = \frac{3}{4}$
 $\therefore p = \frac{1}{4}$

Hence, $\Pr(X=1) = {\binom{12}{1}} (p)^1 (q)^{11} = 12 {\binom{1}{4}}^1 {\binom{3}{4}}^{11}.$

Answer: A

Explanatory notes

$$\Pr(X < 46) = \Pr\left(Z < \frac{46 - 60}{7}\right)$$
$$= \Pr(Z < -2)$$
$$= \Pr(Z > 2), \text{ using symmetry}$$

Question 14

Answer: D

Explanatory notes

 $y = e^{2x+4} - 3$ can be written as $y+3 = e^{2x+4}$ and therefore y' = y+3 and x' = 2x+4.

So y = y' - 3 and $x = \frac{1}{2}(x' - 4) = \frac{1}{2}x' - 2$. The matrix equation that corresponds to these equations is option A.

Question 15

Answer: D

Explanatory notes

Using the chain rule

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{f(2x)}} \times \frac{1}{2\sqrt{f(2x)}} \times f'(2x) \times 2$$
$$= \frac{f'(2x)}{f(2x)}$$

Or, using logarithmic laws, the equation for y can be written as $y = \frac{1}{2}\log_e(f(2x))$.

So
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{f(2x)} \times f'(2x) \times 2$$
$$= \frac{f'(2x)}{f(2x)}$$

Answer: E

Explanatory notes

Using CAS gives

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Question 17

Answer: B

Explanatory notes

$$\int_{-1}^{2} (3 - f(x)) dx = \int_{-1}^{2} 3 dx - \int_{-1}^{2} f(x) dx$$
$$= [3x]_{-1}^{2} - 4$$
$$= 6 + 3 - 4$$
$$= 5$$

Answer: C

Explanatory notes

Using CAS, the area required can be seen as the shaded region (shown left).

Use the main menu to then find the exact value of the *x*-intercept (shown right).





Hence, the area is

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Answer: D

Explanatory notes

The rate of change means $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

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Question 20

Answer: C

Explanatory notes

The graph drawn is the graph of the derivative; that is, the graph of the gradient function. The graph has a positive value over this domain and it does not have an *x*-intercept or change signs (therefore there are no turning points and stationary points of inflexion over this interval).

SECTION B

Question 1a.

Worked solution

Maximum height is 4 metres.

Mark allocation: 1 mark

• 1 answer mark

Question 1b.

Worked solution

The gradient function is given by $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2\sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{3}\right) \times \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{2\pi}{3}\sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{3}\right)$.

The range of this function is $\left[-\frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}\right]$, so the gradient is always less than or equal to $\frac{2\pi}{3}$.

Mark allocation: 1 mark

• 1 mark for finding the range of the derivative

Question 1c.

Worked solution

Using CAS gives



So the area is 12 square metres.

Mark allocation: 1 mark

• 1 mark for correct answer



• Be guided by the number of marks allocated for the question. In this case there is 1 mark, so there is no need to show any working; just use CAS to find the answer.

Question 1d.

Worked solution

Two-thirds of the area is 8 and we want half of that; that is, 4 square units, to be between 3 and 3+c.

So set up the integral and use CAS to find *c*.

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Hence, c = 1.12.

Mark allocation: 2 marks

- 1 method mark for setting an integral equal to either 8 or 4
- 1 answer mark for the correct value of *c*

Question 1e.

Worked solution

AB is the line drawn normal to the curve at a point when y = 1.

First, solve
$$2-2\cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{3}\right) = 1$$
 for $x \in [3,6]$ for x, to get $x = 5$.

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Then, use CAS to find the equation of the normal line drawn at x = 5.

The equation of the normal is $y = \frac{\sqrt{3}x}{\pi} - \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{\pi} + 1.$

Mark allocation: 2 marks

- 1 method mark for setting $2-2\cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{3}\right)=1$ for $x \in [3,6]$ to get x=5
- 1 answer mark for the equation of the normal

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Question 1f.

Worked solution

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2\pi}{3} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{3}\right)$$

At $x = a$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2\pi}{3} \sin\left(\frac{\pi a}{3}\right)$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} (\text{normal}) = \frac{-1}{\frac{2\pi}{3} \sin\left(\frac{\pi a}{3}\right)}$

Gradient of normal line passing through (3,0) and $\left(a, 2-2\cos\left(\frac{\pi a}{3}\right)\right)$ is $\frac{2-2\cos\left(\frac{\pi a}{3}\right)}{a-3}$.

So
$$\frac{2-2\cos\left(\frac{\pi a}{3}\right)}{a-3} = \frac{-1}{\frac{2\pi}{3}\sin\left(\frac{\pi a}{3}\right)}$$
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Mark allocation: 3 marks

- 1 method mark for getting the gradient of the normal line $\frac{dy}{dx}$ (normal) = $\frac{-1}{\frac{2\pi}{3}\sin\left(\frac{\pi a}{3}\right)}$
- 1 method mark for setting it equal to $\frac{-1}{f'(a)}$
- 1 answer mark for finding a = 4.966

Question 1g.

Worked solution

Let the longest strut be located at x = a, $y = 2 - 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi a}{3}\right)$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx}(x=a) = \frac{2\pi}{3}\sin\left(\frac{\pi a}{3}\right)$$
$$\therefore m_{\text{normal}} = \frac{-1}{\frac{2\pi}{3}\sin\left(\frac{\pi a}{3}\right)}$$

The equation of the normal is $y - \left(2 - 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi a}{3}\right)\right) = \frac{-1}{\frac{2\pi}{3}\sin\left(\frac{\pi a}{3}\right)}(x-a).$

To find the *x*-intercept, let y = 0.

$$\Rightarrow -\left(2 - 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi a}{3}\right)\right) = \frac{-1}{\frac{2\pi}{3}\sin\left(\frac{\pi a}{3}\right)}(x-a)$$
$$\Rightarrow x_{\text{int}} = a + \frac{2\pi}{3}\sin\left(\frac{\pi a}{3}\right)\left(2 - 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi a}{3}\right)\right)$$

Strut extends from $(x_{int}, 0)$ to $\left(a, 2 - 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi a}{3}\right)\right)$.

Length of strut is
$$d = \sqrt{\left(x_{int} - a\right)^2 + \left(2 - 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi a}{3}\right)\right)^2}$$
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Using CAS to find the maximum value of this function gives

 $d_{\text{max}} = 6.2496$ at a = 3.9179, so x = 3.9179.

So the longest strut is 6.2496 metres in length and is positioned at (3.9179, 3.1450).

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Mark allocation: 3 marks

• 1 method mark for finding the equation of the normal line at x = a,

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• 1 method mark for finding the function that gives the length of any strut drawn normal

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• 1 answer mark for maximum length of 6.2496 metres at (3.9179, 3.1450)

Question 2a.i.

Worked solution

$$E(X) = 120$$

$$E(X) = \int_0^a x \cdot \frac{2x}{a^2} dx$$

$$= \int_0^a \frac{2x^2}{a^2} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{a^2} \left[\frac{2x^3}{3} \right]_0^a$$

$$= \frac{1}{a^2} \cdot \frac{2a^3}{3} = \frac{2a}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2a}{3} = 120, \ a = 180$$

Mark allocation: 2 marks

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- 1 method mark for setting up the integral for *E*(*X*)
- 1 answer mark for the correct antiderivative and evaluation leading to a = 180



This is a 'show that' question, so appropriate working must be shown.

Question 2a.ii.

Worked solution

$$\Pr(X > 150) = \int_{150}^{180} \frac{2x}{180^2} \, dx$$

Using CAS gives $Pr(X > 150) = \frac{11}{36}$.

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Mark allocation: 2 marks

- 1 method mark for setting up the integral
- 1 answer mark for $\frac{11}{36}$



• This question is worth 2 marks, so you must also provide a solution step.

Question 2b.

Worked solution

 $X_{\rm RF} \sim N(\mu = 25, \sigma = 5)$

Using CAS gives $Pr(X_{RF} < 18) = 0.0808$.

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Mark allocation: 2 marks

- 1 method mark for $X_{\rm RF} \sim N(\mu = 25, \sigma = 5)$
- 1 answer mark for 0.0808



• Be careful to define the distribution using a new variable. Something like X_{RF} is suitable.

Question 2c.

Worked solution

Using symmetry, the mean is 24 mm.

$$X_{\rm II} \sim N(\mu = 24, \sigma = ?)$$
, where $\Pr(X_{\rm II} < 20) = 0.1$.

Using CAS gives $\sigma = 3.12$.

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Mark allocation: 3 marks

- 1 answer mark for finding the mean
- 1 method mark for setting up an integral to find the standard deviation
- 1 answer mark for the correct standard deviation



• Be careful to use a different notation for defining the distribution.

Question 2d.i.

Worked solution

$$Pr(JJ | length < 18) = \frac{Pr(X_{JJ} < 18)}{Pr(JJ) \times Pr(X_{JJ} < 18) + Pr(RF) \times Pr(X_{RF} < 18)}$$
$$= \frac{0.7 \times 0.027235}{0.7 \times 0.027235 + 0.3 \times 0.0808}$$
$$= 0.440$$

Mark allocation: 3 marks

- 1 method mark for recognising conditional probability or for using a tree diagram and for finding $Pr(X_{JJ} < 18) = 0.7 \times 0.027235$
- 1 method mark for having a denominator that involves 0.7 multiplied by one probability and 0.3 multiplied by another
- 1 answer mark for 0.440

Question 2d.ii.

Worked solution

$$p = 0.7, \ n = 500$$

$$E(\hat{p}) = p = 0.7, \ \sigma = \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{0.7 \times 0.3}{500}}$$

$$\hat{P} \sim N(\mu = 0.7, \ \sigma = 0.0205)$$

 $\Pr(\hat{P} > 0.75) = 0.0073$



Mark allocation: 2 marks

- 1 mark for identifying parameters $\mu = 0.7$, $\sigma = 0.0205$
- 1 mark for answer $Pr(\hat{P} > 0.75) = 0.0073$ (although if the rounded value for σ is used this will give $Pr(\hat{P} > 0.75) = 0.0074$, so accept either 0.0073 or 0.0074)

Question 3a.i.

Worked solution

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Mark allocation: 1 mark

• 1 mark for answer in simplified form

Question 3a.ii.

Worked solution

We need to solve $f'(x) = \frac{6}{a-2}$ for x.

Using CAS, this gives

 $x = \pm \sqrt{a - 2} + 2$

Since x > 2, $x = \sqrt{a-2} + 2$.



Mark allocation: 2 marks

- 1 method mark for solving $f'(x) = \frac{6}{a-2}$ for x
- 1 answer mark for correct answer (the negative answer must be discarded)



• Always consider the domain when validating solutions.

Question 3b.i.

Worked solution

Set up and evaluate using CAS to give an answer of 6.

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Mark allocation: 1 mark

• 1 mark for correct answer

Question 3b.ii.

Worked solution

Set up and solve using CAS. Note that b > 2, so $b = e^{-1} + 2$.

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Mark allocation: 2 marks

- 1 method mark for $b = \pm e^{-1} + 2$
- 1 mark for answer $b = e^{-1} + 2$ (the negative answer must be discarded)

Question 3c.i.

Worked solution

Shape of the region is a trapezium with vertical sides of length 6 and $\frac{6}{a-2}$, and a width of a-3.

Using the formula for the area of a trapezium gives $A = \frac{1}{2}(a+b)h = \frac{3(a-1)(a-3)}{(a-2)}$.



Mark allocation: 2 marks

- 1 method mark for recognising the trapezium and finding the lengths 6 and $\frac{6}{a-2}$
- 1 answer mark for correct answer

Question 3c.ii.

Worked solution

Set
$$\frac{3(a-1)(a-3)}{(a-2)} = 6.$$

Using CAS to solve for *a* gives $a = \pm \sqrt{2} + 3$.

Since a > 3, $a = \sqrt{2} + 3$.

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Mark allocation: 2 marks

- 1 method mark for setting $\frac{3(a-1)(a-3)}{(a-2)} = 6$
- 1 answer mark for $a = \sqrt{2} + 3$



• This question is worth two marks, so a working step must be shown. It is not sufficient to just give an answer.

Question 3c.iii.

Worked solution

The area bounded by the curve $y = \frac{6}{2-x}$, the *x*-axis and the lines x = 3 and x = a is less than the area of the trapezium, so

so

$$-\int_{3}^{a} \frac{6}{2-x} dx < \text{area of trapezium}$$

For $a = \sqrt{2} + 3$
$$\Rightarrow -\int_{3}^{\sqrt{2}+3} \frac{6}{2-x} dx < 6$$
Now $-\int_{3}^{e+2} \frac{6}{2-x} dx = 6$ from **part b.i.**,
$$\Rightarrow -\int_{3}^{\sqrt{2}+3} \frac{6}{2-x} dx < -\int_{3}^{e+2} \frac{6}{2-x} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2} + 3 < e + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2} + 1 < e$$

Mark allocation: 2 marks

- 1 method mark for using $-\int_{3}^{e+2} \frac{6}{2-x} dx = 6$ from **part b.i.**
- 1 answer mark for a clear and logical argument



• This question is a 'hence' question, so it relies on using arguments and results established in earlier parts of the question. It is not sufficient to simply calculate a decimal equivalent for $\sqrt{2}+1$ and show that $e > \sqrt{2}+1$.

Question 4a.

Worked solution

Using the product rule gives

$$f'(x) = 3x(x-4)^{2} + (x-4)^{3}$$
$$= (x-4)^{2}(3x+x-4)$$
$$= (x-4)^{2}(4x-4)$$
$$= 4(x-1)(x-4)^{2}$$

So a = 4.

Mark allocation: 2 marks

- 1 mark for evidence of product rule
- 1 mark for answer

Question 4b.

Worked solution

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Stationary points: Let $f'(x) = 0 \implies 4(x-4)^2(x-1) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x = 4, x = 1$$

At x = 1, y = -26 and at x = 4, y = 1.

So u = 1 and v = 1.

Mark allocation: 2 marks

- 1 mark for correct value for *u*
- 1 mark for correct value for *v*

Question 4c.

Worked solution

Looking at the graph of f(x) gives the region of the graph from the *x*-intercept at x = 0.016 to the minimum turning point at x = 1. So the region is [0.016, 1].

Mark allocation: 2 marks

- 1 mark for correct *x*-intercept
- 1 mark for correct range

Question 4d.

Worked solution



Looking at the screen, the graph must be moved to the right at least 0.015 units, so k > 0.015.

Mark allocation: 1 mark

• 1 mark for answer k > 0.015



Sometimes questions are completed more easily using a graph.

Question 4e.

Worked solution

The graph of y = f(x) - 1 has x-intercepts at x = 0 and x = 4, so the area can be calculated as

Area =
$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{vmatrix} x^4 - 12x^3 + 48x^2 - 64x \ dx \end{vmatrix}$$

= $\left| \left[\frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{12x^4}{4} + \frac{48x^3}{3} - \frac{64x^2}{2} \right]_0^4 \right|$
= $|-51.2 - 0|$
= 51.2 square units

Mark allocation: 3 marks

- 1 mark for setting up the integral with correct intercepts
- 1 mark for correct antiderivative
- 1 mark for answer



• Be careful here as the area cannot be negative – it is best to use absolute value signs around the calculation.

Question 4f.i.

Worked solution

Dilation of factor of $\frac{1}{2}$ in x-direction (or from the y-axis)

Translation of 1 unit down

Mark allocation: 2 marks

- 1 mark for dilation specified correctly
- 1 mark for translation specified correctly

Question 4f.ii.

Worked solution

(0,0) and (2,0) by looking at the x-intercepts of y = f(x) - 1 and halving

Mark allocation: 1 mark

• 1 mark for both coordinates correct



• Note that the question is a 'hence' question, so it needs to be obvious that the answer has come from working with the previous answer.

Question 4f.iii.

Worked solution

Area = $\frac{1}{2}$ × previous area = $\frac{1}{2}$ × 51.2 = 25.6 square units

Mark allocation: 1 mark

• 1 mark for answer (showing appropriate working)

Note: Must have evidence of halving previous answer. If area is calculated using an integral, then zero marks allocated.

Question 5a.i.

Worked solution

The sum of the edges is equal to *E* cm; therefore, 6x + 3y = E, so $y = \frac{E}{3} - 2x$.

Using Pythagoras, or otherwise, it can be shown that the vertical height of the triangle is

$$\sqrt{x^2 - \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{3x^2}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{3x}}{2}$$

The area of the triangle end is $\frac{1}{2}bh = \frac{1}{2}x\frac{\sqrt{3}x}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}x^2}{4}$.

The volume of the prism is

$$A_{\text{triangle}} \times y = \frac{\sqrt{3} x^2}{4} \left(\frac{E}{3} - 2x\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3} E x^2}{12} - \frac{\sqrt{3} x^3}{2}$$
, as required.

Mark allocation: 3 marks

- 1 method mark for finding $y = \frac{E}{3} 2x$
- 1 method mark for finding the vertical height of the triangle
- 1 answer mark for finding area of triangle, leading to volume of prism

Question 5a.ii.

Worked solution

Maximum volume occurs when $\frac{dV}{dx} = 0$.

Using CAS gives
$$\frac{dV}{dx} = \frac{-(9\sqrt{3}x^2 - \sqrt{3}Ex)}{6}$$

Set
$$\frac{-(9\sqrt{3}x^2 - \sqrt{3}Ex)}{6} = 0$$

Using CAS gives

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So the maximum volume occurs $x = \frac{E}{9}$ cm.

Mark allocation: 2 marks

• 1 mark for setting
$$\frac{dV}{dx} = \frac{-(9\sqrt{3}x^2 - \sqrt{3}Ex)}{6}$$
 equal to zero
• 1 mark for answer $x = \frac{E}{6}$

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• 1 mark for answer
$$x =$$

Tip

• For questions worth more than 1 mark, appropriate working must be shown.

Worked solution

Surface area of the prism is

$$2 \times \text{Area}_{\text{triangle}} + 3 \times \text{Area}_{\text{rectangle}}$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}x^2}{2} + 3xy$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}x^2}{2} + 3x\left(\frac{E}{3} - 2x\right)$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}x^2}{2} + Ex - 6x^2$$

Using CAS gives

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So, the maximum surface area occurs when $x = \frac{E}{12 - \sqrt{3}}$ cm.

Mark allocation: 2 marks

- 1 method mark for finding prism's surface area
- 1 answer mark for $x = \frac{E}{12 \sqrt{3}}$

END OF WORKED SOLUTIONS