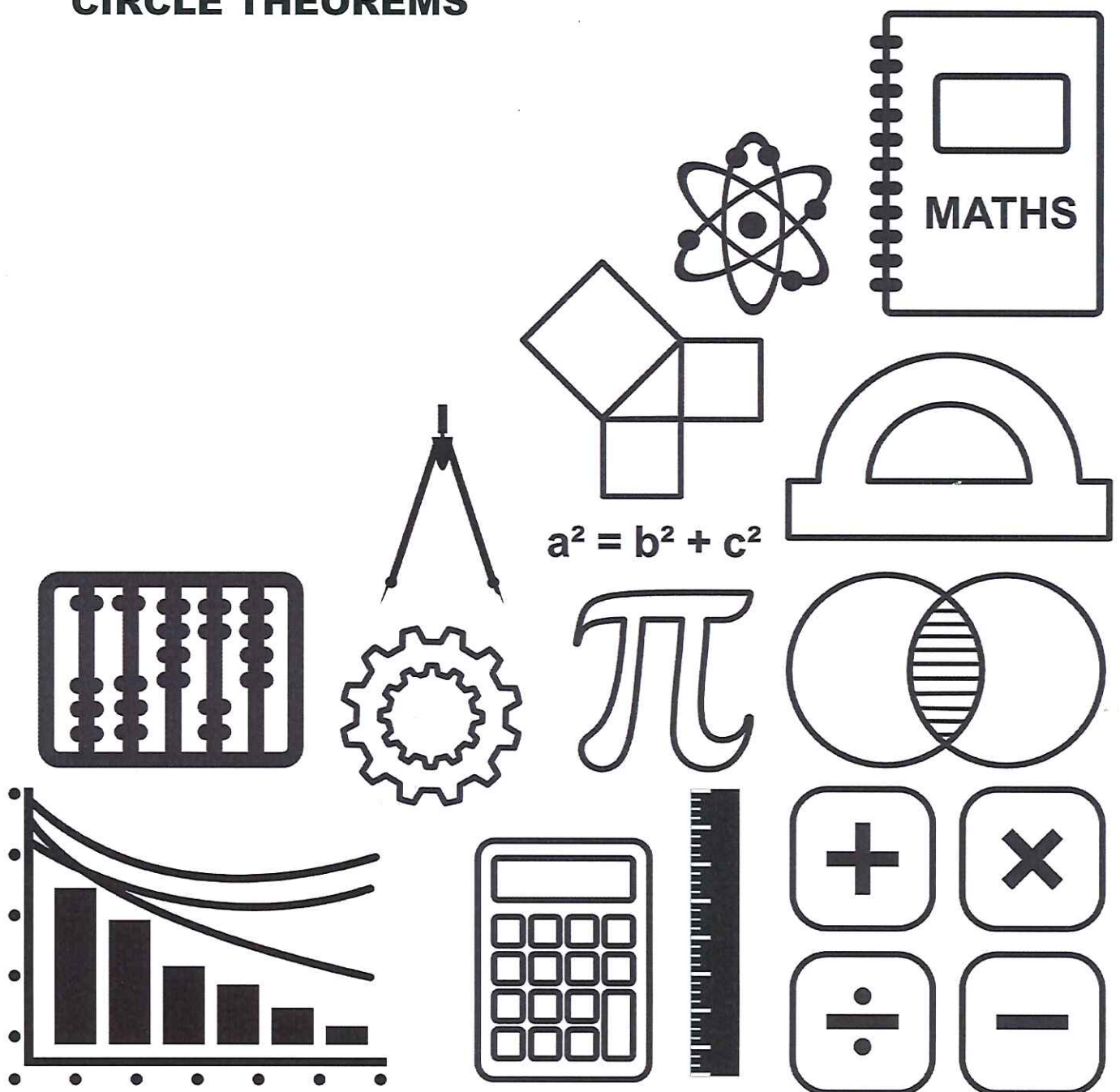


SOLUTIONS

GCSE TOPIC BOOKLET CIRCLE THEOREMS



1.

- (a) The points A , B and C lie on the circumference of a circle, centre O .

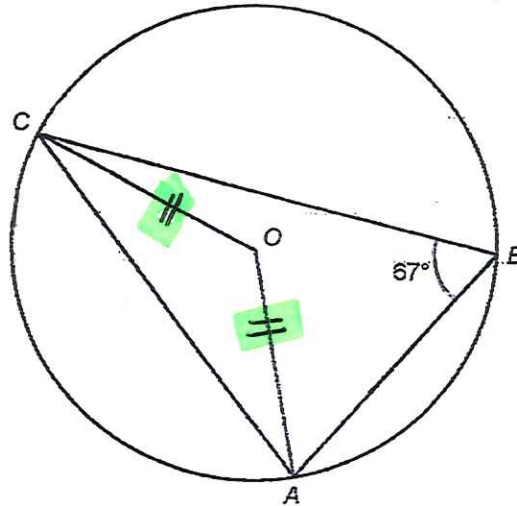


Diagram not drawn to scale

Find the size of $\angle OAC$.

[3]

$$\angle COA = 134^\circ \quad (\text{angle at centre} = 2 \times \text{angle in circumference})$$

$\triangle OCA$ is isosceles, 2 equal radii

$$\angle OAC = (180 - 134) \div 2 \quad \angle OAC = 23^\circ$$

- (b) The points D , E and F lie on the circumference of another circle. GH is a tangent to the circle at F .

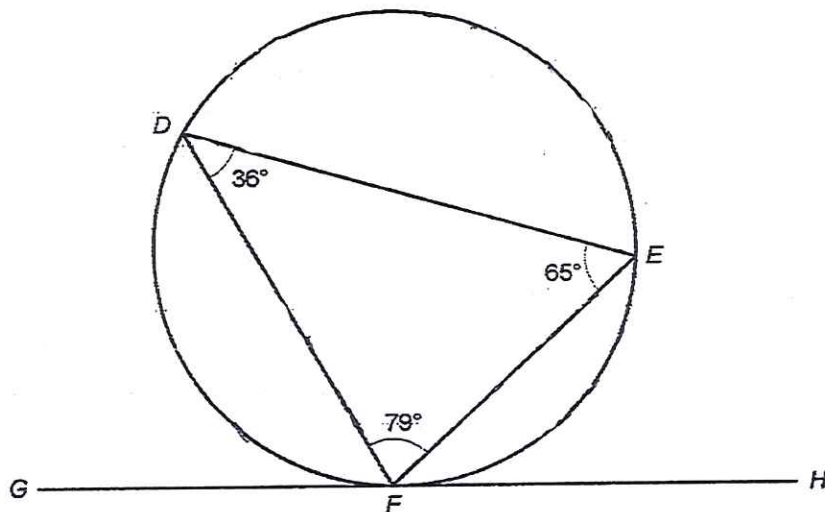


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Write down the size of $\angle EFH$, giving a reason for your answer.

[2]

$$\angle EFH = 36^\circ$$

Reason: Alternate segment theorem

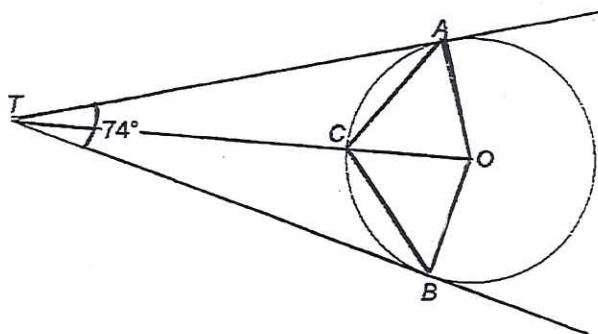


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The diagram shows a circle with centre O.

AT and BT are tangents to the circle and $\hat{ATB} = 74^\circ$.

(a) Calculate the size of each of the following angles.

(i) $\hat{AOT}$

$$\hat{OAT} = 90^\circ \quad (\text{angle between tangent and radius} = 90^\circ) \quad [2]$$

$$\hat{TOA} = 180 - (90 + 74)$$

$$\hat{TOA} = 180 - 127$$

$$\hat{TOA} = 53^\circ$$

(ii) $\hat{OBC}$

$$\hat{TOA} = \hat{TOB} = 53 \quad [2]$$

$$OC = OB \quad (\text{equal radii})$$

$$\hat{OBC} = (180 - 53) \div 2$$

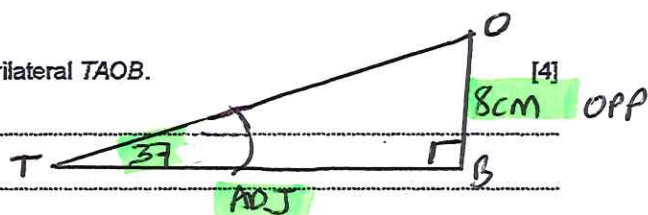
$$\hat{OBC} = 63.5^\circ$$

(iii) $\hat{ACB}$

$$\hat{OBC} = \hat{OCB} = \hat{OCA} = 63.5^\circ \quad [1]$$

$$\hat{ACB} = \hat{OCB} + \hat{ACO} = 2 \times 63.5 = 127^\circ$$

(b) The radius of the circle is 8 cm.
Calculate the perimeter of the quadrilateral TAOB.



$$\tan 37 = \frac{8}{TB}$$

$$TB = 8 \div \tan 37$$

$$TB = 10.62 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Perimeter TAOB} = 10.62 + 8 + 10.62 + 8$$

$$= 37.2 \text{ cm} \quad (1 \text{ dp})$$

3.

The points P , Q and R lie on the circumference of a circle, centre O .
 PQ is a diameter of the circle.
 The straight line ARB is a tangent to the circle.

$\hat{QRB} = x$, where x is measured in degrees.

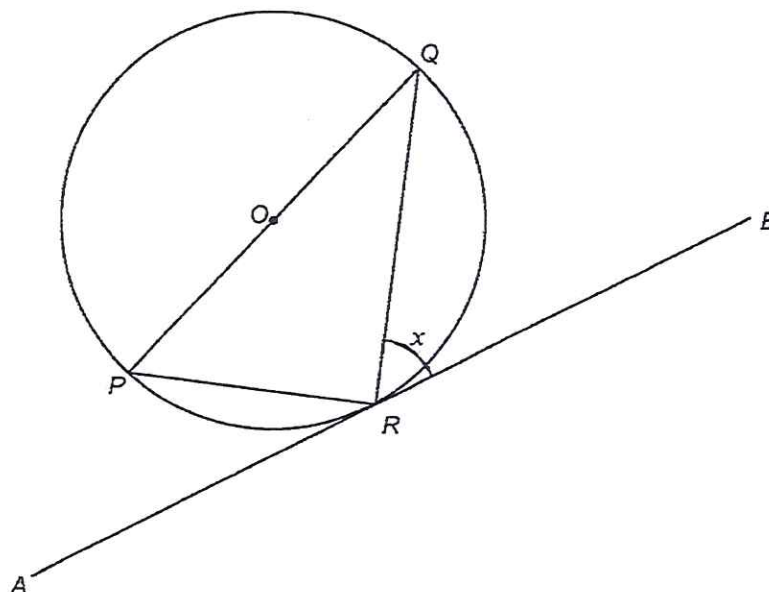


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Calculate the size of $\hat{PQR}$ in terms of x .
 You must give a reason for each step of your solution.

[4]

$$\hat{QPR} = x \quad \text{alternate segment theorem}$$

$$\hat{QRP} = 90^\circ \quad \text{angle in a semi circle is a right angle}$$

$$\hat{PQR} = 180 - 90 - x \quad \text{angles in a triangle total } 180^\circ$$

$$\underline{\underline{\hat{PQR} = 90 - x}}$$

4.

The diagram shows a circle with centre O .

The straight lines AC and CE are tangents to the circle at B and D respectively.

$\angle BFD = 78^\circ$.

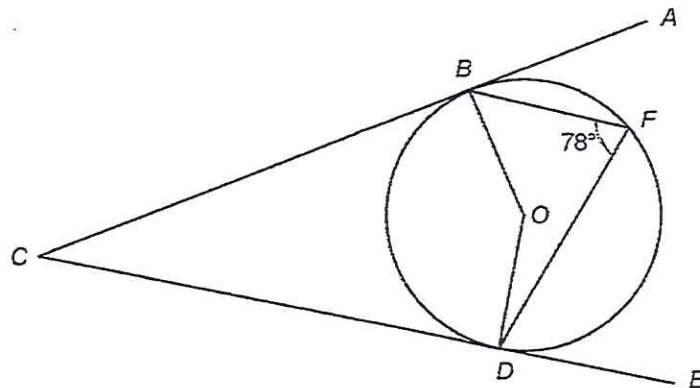


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Find the size of $\angle BCD$. You must give reasons in your solution.

[4]

$$\angle BOD = 156^\circ$$

angle at the centre is
twice the angle at the
circumference

$$\angle OBC = \angle ODC = 90^\circ$$

angle between tangent and
radius is a right angle

$$\therefore \angle BCD = 360^\circ - (90 + 90 + 156)$$

$$\angle BCD = 360^\circ - 336^\circ$$

$$\underline{\underline{\angle BCD = 24^\circ}}$$

5.

The points A, B, C and D lie on the circumference of a circle, centre O .
 EF is a tangent to the circle at C .
 $AB = AC$.
 $\angle BCE = 38^\circ$ and $\angle ACD = 41^\circ$.

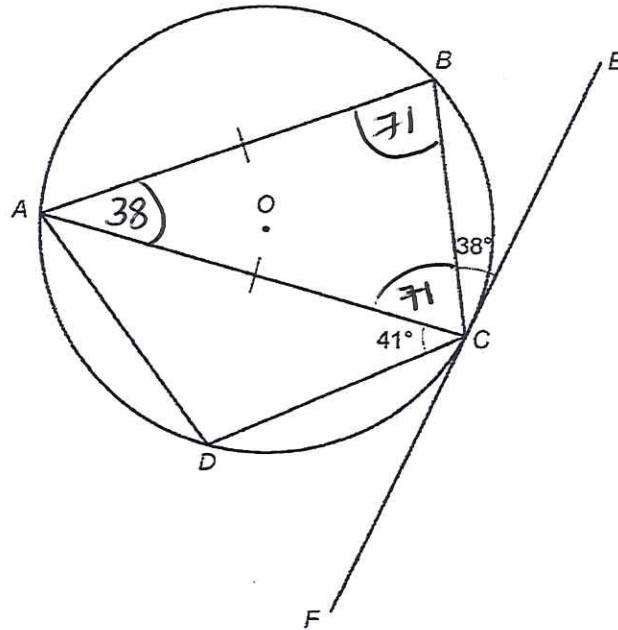


Diagram not drawn to scale

Write down the size of

(a) $\angle BAC$

38°

(alternate segment theorem)

[1]

(b) $\angle ABC$

$(180 - 38) \div 2$ (isosceles triangle)
 $= 71^\circ$

[1]

(c) $\angle ADC$

$= 180 - 71 =$ 109°

(opposite angles in a cyclic quadrilateral add up to 180°)

[1]

(d) $\angle COB$

$= 76^\circ$

(angle at centre = $2 \times$ angle at circumference)

[1]

6.

The points A and B lie on the circumference of a circle with centre O . The straight lines PAQ and RBQ are tangents to the circle.

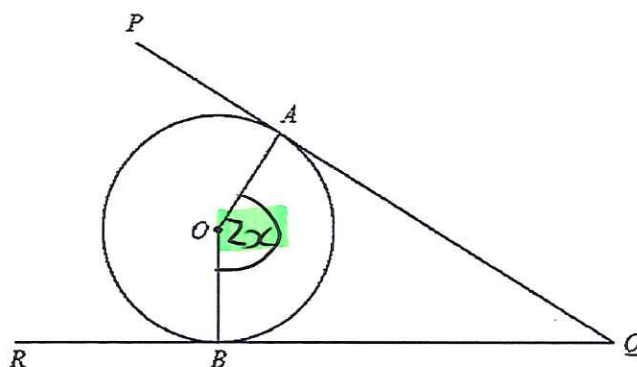


Diagram not drawn to scale

You are given that $\hat{AOB} = 2x$, where x is measured in degrees.

Write down the size of $\hat{AOQ}$ in terms of x .
Give reasons in your answer.

$$\hat{OBQ} \text{ and } \hat{OAQ} = 90^\circ$$

angle between tangent & radius is a right angle

Angles in a quadrilateral total 360°

$$\hat{AOB} = 360 - (90 + 90 + 2x)$$

$$\hat{AOB} = 180 - 2x$$

[4]

$$\hat{AOQ} = \frac{1}{2} \hat{AOB} \quad (\text{symmetry})$$

$$\hat{AOQ} = 90 - x$$

7.

- (a) The diagram shows a circle with centre O and a tangent TAP . The points A , B and C lie on the circumference of the circle.

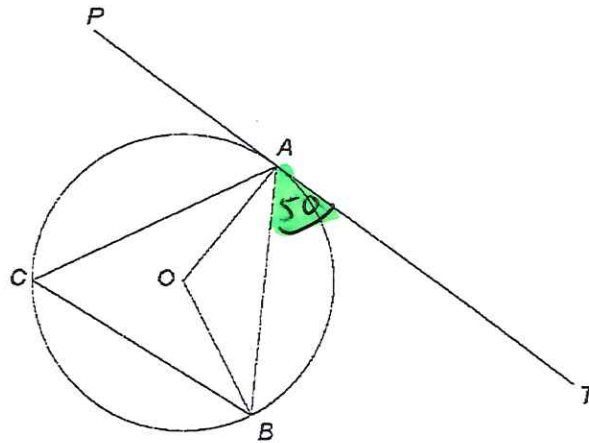


Diagram not drawn to scale

Given that $\hat{TAB} = 50^\circ$, calculate the reflex angle $\hat{AOB}$.
You must show all your working.

[3]

$$\hat{ACB} = 50^\circ \quad (\text{Alternate segment theorem})$$

$$\hat{AOB} = 100^\circ \quad (\text{Angle at centre} = 2 \times \text{angle circumference})$$

$$\text{Reflex } \hat{AOB} = 260^\circ \quad (\text{angles at a point})$$

- (b) The points B, C, D and E lie on the circumference of another circle. The point A lies outside the circle. ABE and ACD are straight lines.

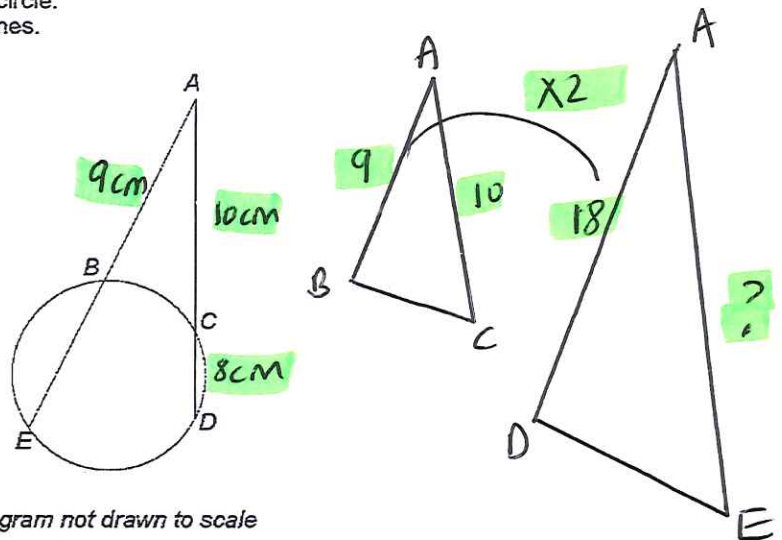


Diagram not drawn to scale

Given that $AB = 9\text{cm}$, $AC = 10\text{cm}$ and $CD = 8\text{cm}$, calculate the length of BE . [2]

$$9 \times 2 = 18 \quad 10 \times 2 = 20 \quad \underline{\underline{AE = 20\text{cm}}}$$

$$BE = AE - AB$$

$$BE = 20 - 9$$

$$\underline{\underline{BE = 11\text{cm}}}$$

8.

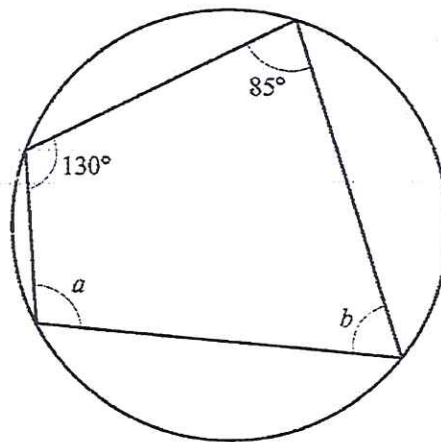


Diagram not drawn to scale

Giving a reason for your answers, calculate the size of the angles marked a and b in the diagram.

$$a = 180 - 85 \quad a = 95^\circ$$

$$b = 180 - 130 \quad b = 50^\circ$$

} opposite angles of a
cyclic quadrilateral
total 180°

$$a = \underline{\underline{95^\circ}}$$

$$b = \underline{\underline{50^\circ}}$$

[3]

9.

The points A, B, C and D lie on the circumference of a circle, centre O .

AE and CE are tangents to the circle.

$\angle CDA = 108^\circ$.

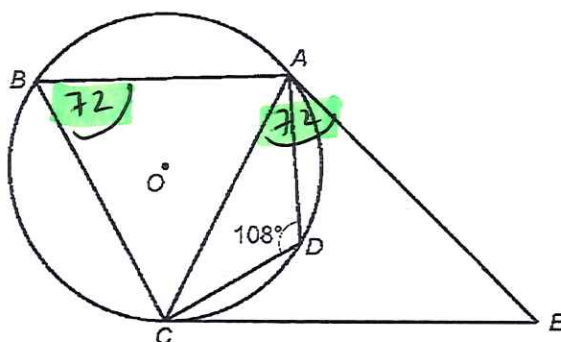


Diagram not drawn to scale

Giving reasons for your answers, find

- (a) the size of $\angle ABC$, 72° $(180 - 108)$ [2]

opposite angles in a cyclic quadrilateral
total 180°

- (b) the size of $\angle CEA$. [3]

$\angle CAE = 72^\circ$ (alternate segment theorem)

$\angle ACE = 72^\circ$

(equal tangents, isosceles triangle)

$\angle EAC = 180 - (72 + 72)$ (angle sum of a triangle)

$= 180 - 144$

$\angle CEA = 36^\circ$

10.

The points A, B, C and D lie on the circumference of a circle, centre O .

Triangle ABC is equilateral.

EF is a tangent to the circle at A .

$\hat{ACD} = 46^\circ$.

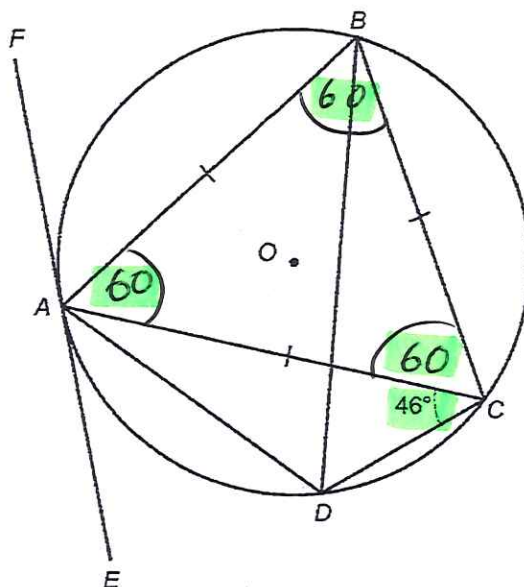


Diagram not drawn to scale

Write down the size of

(a) $\hat{ABD}$ 46° (angles in the same segment) [1]

(b) $\hat{CAE}$ 60° (alternate segment theorem) [1]

(c) $\hat{AOB}$ 120° (angle at centre is double angle at circumference) [1]

(d) $\hat{BAD}$ 74 $\hat{ABD} = \hat{ACD}$ (angles in the same segment) $= 46^\circ$ [1]

$\hat{DBC} = \hat{DAC} = 14^\circ$ (angles in the same segment)

$\hat{BAD}$ $= \hat{BAC} + \hat{DAC} = 60 + 14 = \underline{\underline{74^\circ}}$

11.

The three points A, B and C lie on the circumference of a circle centre O.
The tangent XAY touches the circle at A.

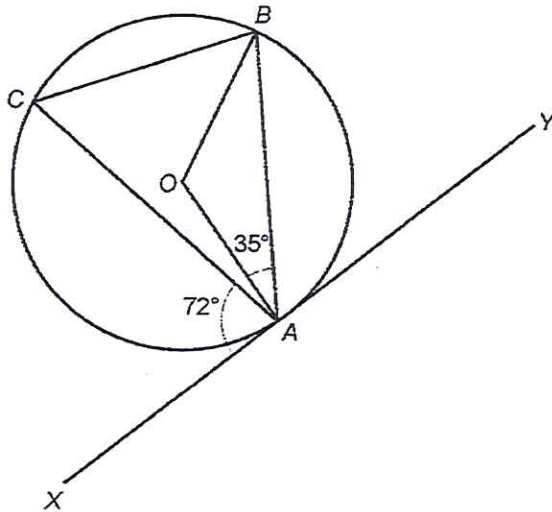


Diagram not drawn to scale

Find each of the following angles.
Give reasons for your answers.

(a) $\hat{CBO}$ $\hat{CBA} = 72^\circ$ alternate segment theorem [2]

$\hat{OBA} = 35^\circ$ isosceles triangle

$\hat{CBO} = 72 - 35$ $\hat{CBO} = 37^\circ$

(b) $\hat{BCA}$ $\hat{BOA} = 180 - (2 \times 35) = 110^\circ$ isosceles triangle [2]

$\hat{BCA} = 110/2 = 55^\circ$ angle at centre = 2 x angle at circumference

12.

The points A , B , C and D lie on the circumference of the circle with centre O .
 $\widehat{BCD} = x$, where x is measured in degrees.

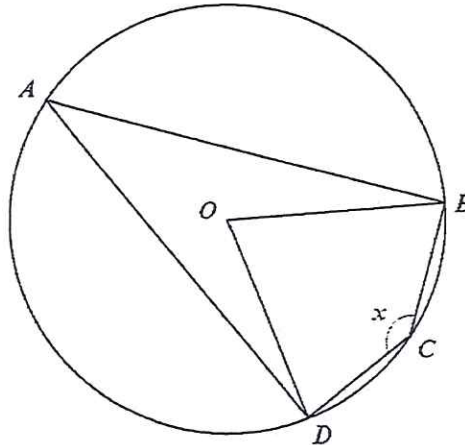


Diagram not drawn to scale

Show, giving reasons in your answer, that the size of $\widehat{DOB}$ in degrees is $360 - 2x$.

$$\widehat{DAB} = 180 - x$$

opposite
 angles in a
 cyclic quadrilateral
 add upto 180°

$$\widehat{DOB} = 2 \times \widehat{DAB}$$

angle at centre = $2 \times$
 angle at circumference

$$\widehat{DOB} = 2 \times (180 - x)$$

$$\widehat{DOB} = 360 - 2x$$

[4]

13.

The diagram shows a circle with $BC = 30\text{ cm}$, $AB = 50\text{ cm}$ and $CD = 25\text{ cm}$.

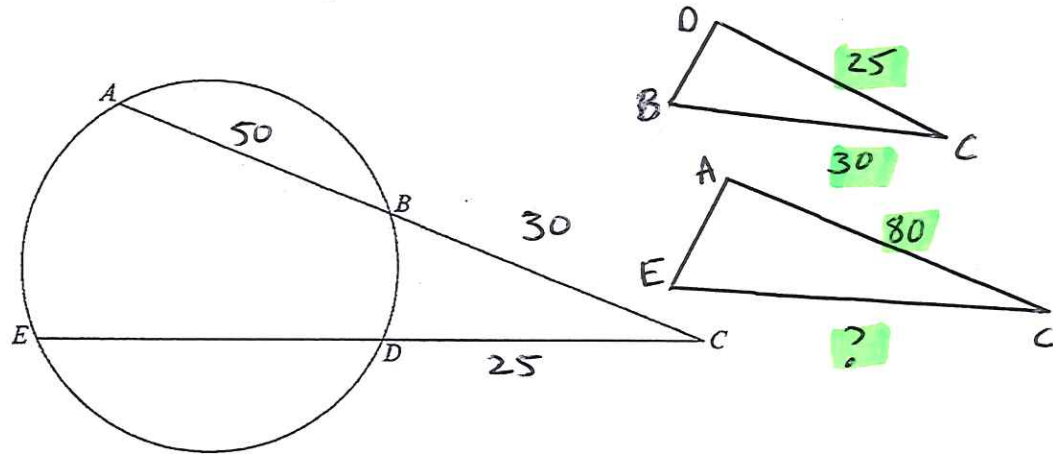


Diagram is not drawn to scale

Calculate the length of ED .

$$CD \xrightarrow{\times \frac{80}{25}} CA$$

$$3.2$$

$$BC \xrightarrow{\times 3.2} EC$$

$$EC = 3.2 \times 30 = 96$$

$$ED = 96 - 25 = \underline{\underline{71\text{ cm}}}$$

[4]

14.

The diagram shows a circle with centre O and a tangent PT that touches the circle at C .

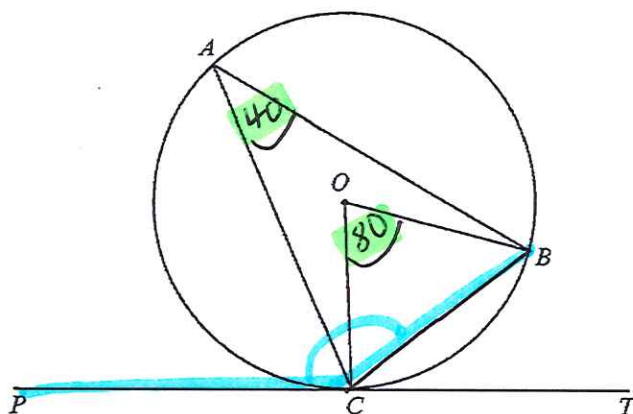


Diagram not drawn to scale

The reflex angle at the centre of the circle is 280° .

Find the size of each of the following angles.

You must give a reason for each answer.

(a) $\hat{BAC}$ acute angle at centre = 80°

$$\hat{BAC} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ of } 80^\circ = 40^\circ$$

(Angle at centre is twice angle at circumference) [2]

(b) $\hat{BCP}$

$$\hat{BCP} = \hat{PCO} + \hat{OCB}$$

$$\hat{PCO} = 90^\circ \text{ (angle between tangent \& radius = } 90^\circ)$$

$$\hat{OCB} = (180 - 80) \div 2 = 50^\circ \text{ (isosceles triangle)}$$

$$\hat{BCP} = 90^\circ + 50^\circ = 140^\circ$$

[3]

15.

(a)

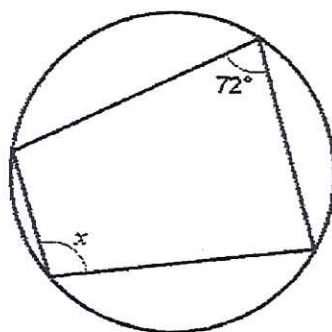


Diagram not drawn to scale

Calculate the size of the angle x in the diagram above.

[1]

Opposite angles in a cyclic quadrilateral add up to 180°
 $x = 108^\circ$

- (b) The diagram below shows a circle with centre O .
 A , B and C are points on the circumference of the circle.
 The tangent, PAH , touches the circle at A .
 OBH is a straight line.

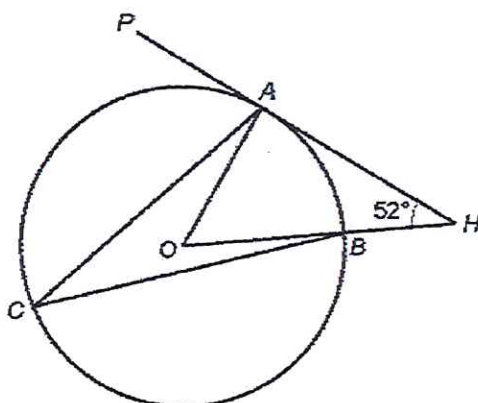


Diagram not drawn to scale

Given that $\hat{AHB} = 52^\circ$, calculate $\hat{ACB}$.
 You must show your working.

[3]

$\hat{HAO} = 90^\circ$ (angle between tangent & radius = 90°)
 $\hat{AOH} = 180 - (90 + 52) = 38^\circ$ (angle sum of triangle)
 $\hat{ACB} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ of } 38^\circ$ (angle at centre = $2 \times$ angle at circumference)

$\hat{ACB} = 19^\circ$

16.

The diagram shows a circle with centre O .
The straight lines RT and ST are tangents to the circle, meeting the circle at B and C respectively.

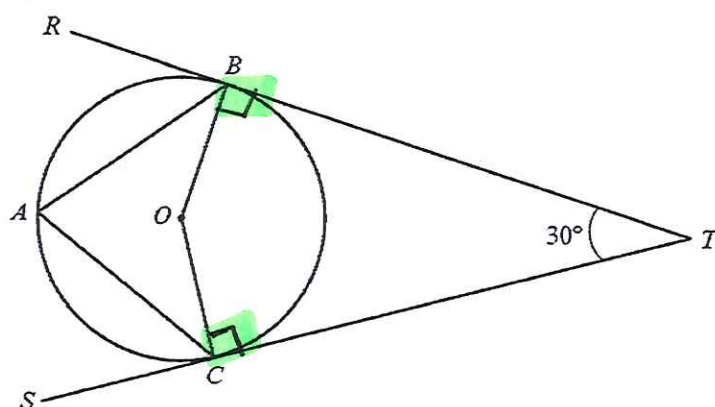


Diagram not drawn to scale

Given that $\hat{BTC} = 30^\circ$, calculate the size of $\hat{BAC}$.
You must give reasons in your solution.

$$\hat{OBT} = \hat{OCT} = 90^\circ \quad (\text{angle between tangent and radius} = 90^\circ)$$

$$\hat{BOC} = 360 - (90 + 90 + 30) = 150^\circ \quad (\text{angles in a quadrilateral add up to } 360^\circ)$$

$$\hat{BAC} = 75^\circ \quad (\text{angle at centre} = 2 \times \text{angle at circumference})$$

[4]

17.

The points A, B, C and D lie on the circumference of a circle with centre O. All the angles are measured in degrees.

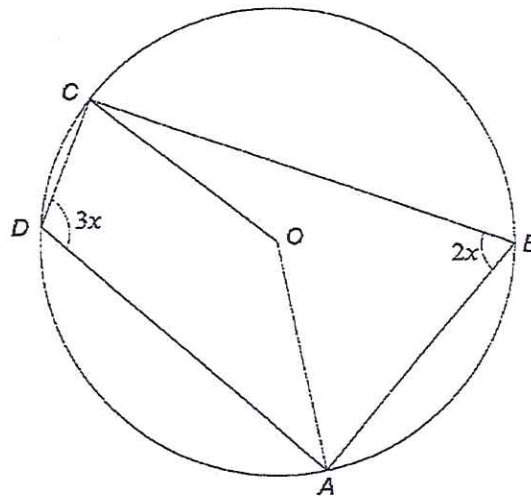


Diagram not drawn to scale

Find the size of the obtuse angle $\widehat{AOC}$.

[4]

$$3x + 2x = 180^\circ$$

$$5x = 180^\circ$$

$$x = 180/5 = 36^\circ \quad (\text{opposite angles in a cyclic quadrilateral total } 180^\circ)$$

$$\widehat{AOC} = 4x$$

$$\widehat{AOC} = 4 \times 36^\circ$$

$$\widehat{AOC} = 144^\circ$$

(angle at centre = 2 × angle at circumference)

(a)

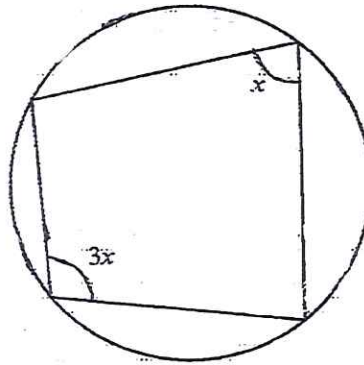


Diagram not drawn to scale

Find the size of angle x .

[2]

$$x + 3x = 180^\circ$$

$$4x = 180^\circ$$

$$x = 180/4$$

$$x = 45^\circ$$

(opposite angles in a cyclic quadrilateral total 180°)

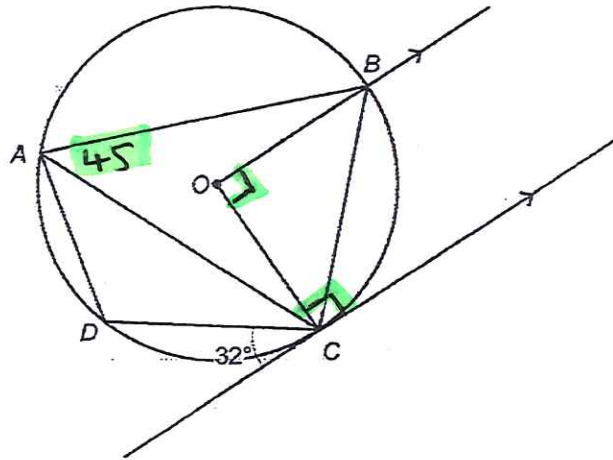
(b) In the diagram, O is the centre of the circle and OB is parallel to the tangent at C .

Diagram not drawn to scale

Calculate the size of $\widehat{DAB}$.
You must indicate any angles you calculate.

[4]

$$\widehat{OCB} = 90^\circ$$

$$\widehat{BOC} = 90^\circ$$

$$\widehat{BAC} = 45^\circ$$

$$\widehat{DAC} = 32^\circ$$

(angle between radius & tangent = 90°)

(interior angles parallel lines)

(angle at centre = $2 \times$ angle at circumference)

(alternate segment theorem)

$$\widehat{DAB} = \widehat{DAC} + \widehat{BAC} = 45 + 32 = 77$$

$$\widehat{DAB} = 77^\circ$$

19.

The points A, B and C lie on the circumference of a circle, centre O.
AD is a tangent to the circle. DCB is a straight line.

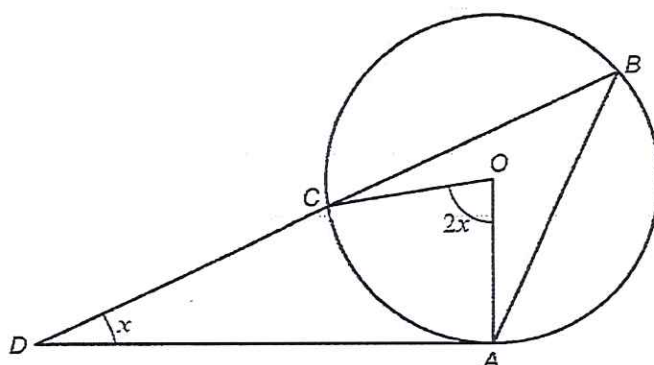


Diagram not drawn to scale

Find the size of each of the following angles, in terms of x .
Write your answers in their simplest form.

(a) $\widehat{OCD}$, [2]

$$\widehat{OAD} = 90^\circ \quad (\text{angle between radius \& tangent is a right angle})$$

$$\widehat{OCD} = 360 - (90 + 2x + x) \quad (\text{angles in a quadrilateral total } 360^\circ)$$

$$\widehat{OCD} = 270 - 3x$$

(b) $\widehat{OAB}$. [3]

$$\widehat{ABC} = x \quad (\text{angle at centre} = 2 \times \text{angle at circum.})$$

$$\widehat{DAB} = 180 - 2x \quad (\text{angles in a triangle add upto } 180^\circ \text{ in } \triangle DAB)$$

$$\widehat{DAO} = 90^\circ \quad (\text{angle between tangent \& radius})$$

$$\widehat{OAB} = \widehat{DAB} - \widehat{DAO} = 180 - 2x - 90 = 90 - 2x$$

20.

In this question, you will be assessed on the quality of your organisation, communication and accuracy in writing.

Points A, B, C and D lie on the circumference of a circle, centre O.

BD is a diameter of the circle.

The straight line $BC = 4.7$ cm and $\hat{BAC} = 28^\circ$.

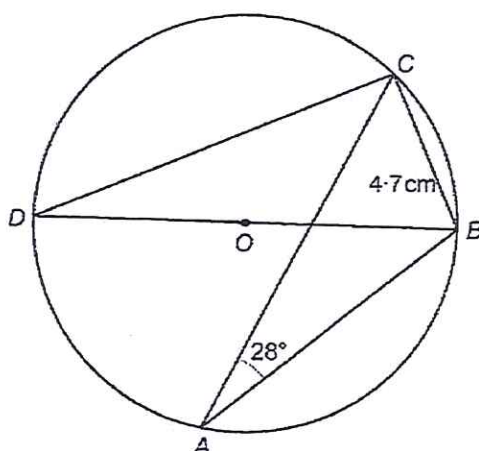


Diagram not drawn to scale

Write down the size of $\hat{BDC}$.
Hence, calculate the length BD.
You must show all your working.

[5 + 2 OCW]

$\hat{BDC} = 28^\circ$ (angles in the same segment)

$\hat{BCD} = 90^\circ$ (angle in a semicircle = 90°)



$$\sin 28 = \frac{\text{OPP}}{\text{HYP}}$$

$$\sin 28 = \frac{4.7}{\text{HYP}}$$

$$DB = \text{HYP} = \frac{4.7}{\sin 28}$$

$DB = 10.01$ cm

(2dp)