

Geometry & Trigonometry

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1. Geometry — Triangles

Key formulas for Triangles:

Q. Area of Triangle?

Ans: $(1/2) \times \text{Base} \times \text{Height}$. Also: $\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$ where $s=(a+b+c)/2$ (Heron's Formula)

Q. Pythagorean Theorem?

Ans: In right triangle: $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ (c = hypotenuse). Common triplets: 3-4-5, 5-12-13, 8-15-17

Q. Sum of angles in triangle?

Ans: 180 degrees always. Exterior angle = sum of two non-adjacent interior angles.

Q. Properties of Equilateral Triangle?

Ans: All sides equal, all angles = 60 degrees. Area = $(\sqrt{3}/4) \times a^2$. Height = $(\sqrt{3}/2) \times a$

2. Circles

Q. Area and Circumference of Circle?

Ans: Area = $\pi \times r^2$. Circumference = $2 \times \pi \times r$. ($\pi = 22/7$ or 3.14)

Q. Area of Sector?

Ans: $(\theta/360) \times \pi \times r^2$ where θ is the angle in degrees

Q. Tangent property of circle?

Ans: Tangent is perpendicular to radius at point of contact. Two tangents from external point are equal in length.

3. Trigonometry — Key Ratios

In right triangle: $\sin = \text{Perpendicular}/\text{Hypotenuse}$, $\cos = \text{Base}/\text{Hypotenuse}$, $\tan = \text{Perpendicular}/\text{Base}$.

Memory trick: SOH-CAH-TOA

Q. sin 0, 30, 45, 60, 90 degrees?

Ans: 0, 1/2, 1/sqrt(2), sqrt(3)/2, 1

Q. cos 0, 30, 45, 60, 90 degrees?

Ans: 1, sqrt(3)/2, 1/sqrt(2), 1/2, 0

Q. tan 0, 30, 45, 60, 90 degrees?

Ans: 0, 1/sqrt(3), 1, sqrt(3), undefined (infinity)

Q. Important identity: $\sin^2 + \cos^2 = ?$

Ans: $\sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x) = 1$ (always). Also: $1 + \tan^2 = \sec^2$. $1 + \cot^2 = \text{cosec}^2$

4. MCQ Practice

Q. Area of circle with radius 7 cm ($\pi=22/7$):

- (a) 144 sq cm
- (b) 154 sq cm
- (c) 164 sq cm
- (d) 174 sq cm

Answer: (b) 154 sq cm

Q. Pythagorean triplet from: 5,12,13?

- (a) Yes
- (b) No
- (c) Sometimes
- (d) Cannot determine

Answer: (a) Yes

Q. $\sin 45$ degrees = ?

- (a) $1/2$
- (b) $\sqrt{3}/2$
- (c) $1/\sqrt{2}$
- (d) 1

Answer: (c) $1/\sqrt{2}$

Q. Sum of all angles in a quadrilateral:

- (a) 180
- (b) 270
- (c) 360
- (d) 420

Answer: (c) 360