



JP Maths

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Solutions

The Sine and Cosine Rule



SOLUTIONS GUIDE

- Compare your **method** as well as your final answer.
- Check where **marks** would be awarded.
- If you got stuck, **try the question again** before reading the full solution.
- **Alternative** correct methods may be shown.



MARKING INFORMATION

- **Method marks** may be awarded even if the final answer is incorrect.
- **Alternative valid methods** may exist.
- Answers are given to the **accuracy** stated in each question.



HELPFUL ADVICE

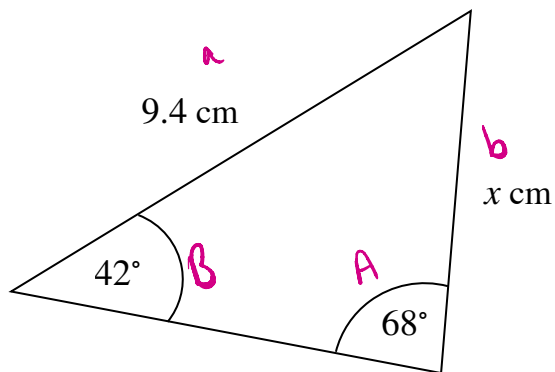
- **Review** any questions you found challenging.
- Make **notes** on any topics to revisit.
- **Practice** similar questions to build confidence.



Section 1: The Sine Rule

1. In the below triangle, work out the value of x .

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.



$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B}$$

$$\frac{9.4}{\sin 68} = \frac{x}{\sin 42}$$

$$x = \frac{9.4}{\sin 68} \times \sin 42$$

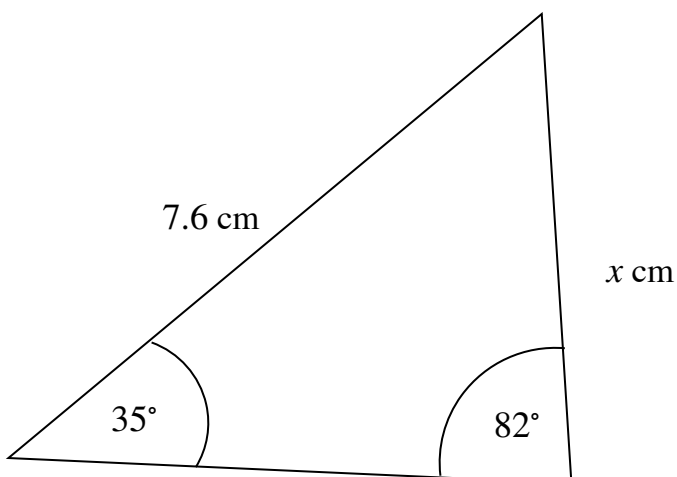
$$= 6.78$$

6.8 cm

(Total for Question 1 is 3 marks)

2. In the below triangle, work out the value of x .

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.



$$\frac{x}{\sin 35} = \frac{7.6}{\sin 82}$$

$$x = \frac{7.6}{\sin 82} \times \sin 35$$

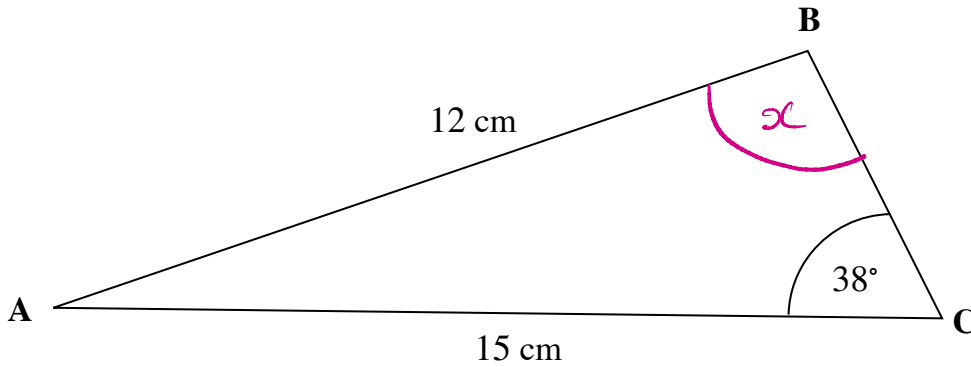
$$= 4.4$$

4.4 cm

(Total for Question 2 is 3 marks)

3. In the below triangle, work out the size of angle ABC

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.



$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b}$$

$$\frac{\sin x}{15} = \frac{\sin 38}{12}$$

$$\sin x = \frac{15 \sin 38}{12}$$

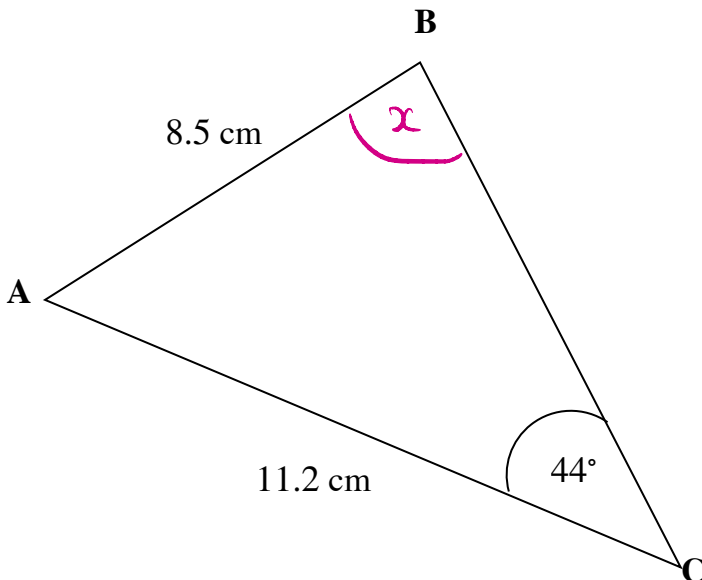
$$x = \sin^{-1}(\text{ans})$$
$$= 50.3$$

50.3°

(Total for Question 3 is 3 marks)

4. In the below triangle, work out the size of angle ABC

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.



$$\frac{\sin x}{11.2} = \frac{\sin 44}{8.5}$$

$$\sin x = \frac{11.2 \sin 44}{8.5}$$

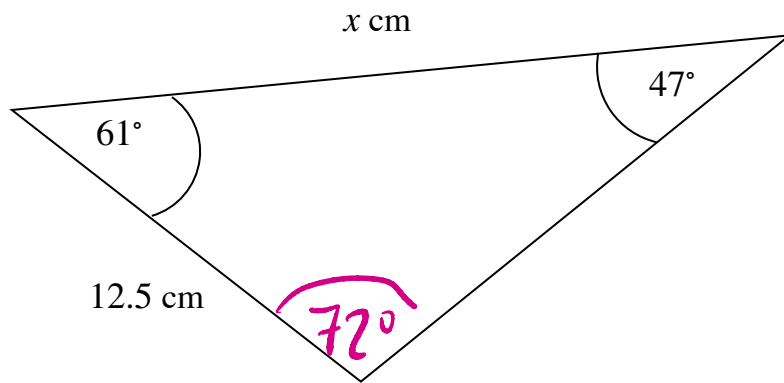
$$x = \sin^{-1}(\text{ans})$$
$$= 66.3$$

66.3°

(Total for Question 4 is 3 marks)

5. In the below triangle, work out the value of x .

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.



$$180 - 61 - 47 = 72^\circ$$

$$\frac{x}{\sin 72} = \frac{12.5}{\sin 47}$$

$$x = \frac{12.5}{\sin 47} \times \sin 72 = 16.3$$

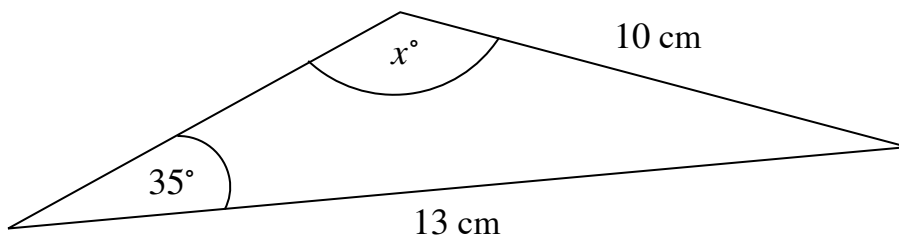
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16.3 cm

(Total for Question 5 is 4 marks)

6. In the below triangle, angle x° is obtuse.

work out the size of the angle marked x° .

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.



$$\frac{\sin x}{13} = \frac{\sin 35}{10}$$

$$\sin x = \frac{13 \sin 35}{10}$$

$$x = \sin^{-1}(\text{ans}) = 48.2$$

$$180 - 48.2 = 131.8$$

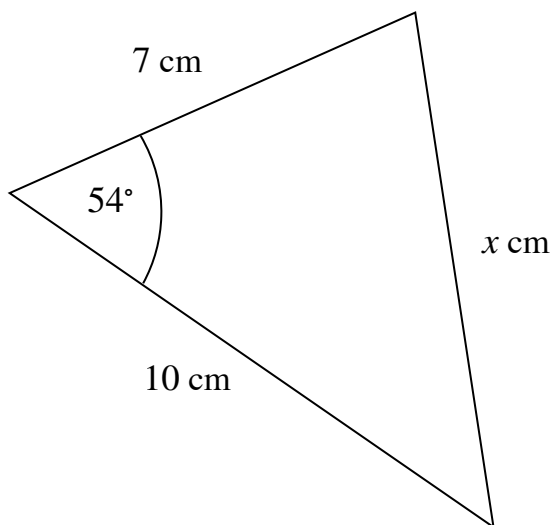
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131.8

(Total for Question 6 is 4 marks)

Section 2: The Cosine Rule

7. In the below triangle, work out the value of x .

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.



$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

$$x^2 = 7^2 + 10^2 - 2(7)(10) \cos 54$$

$$x = \sqrt{}$$

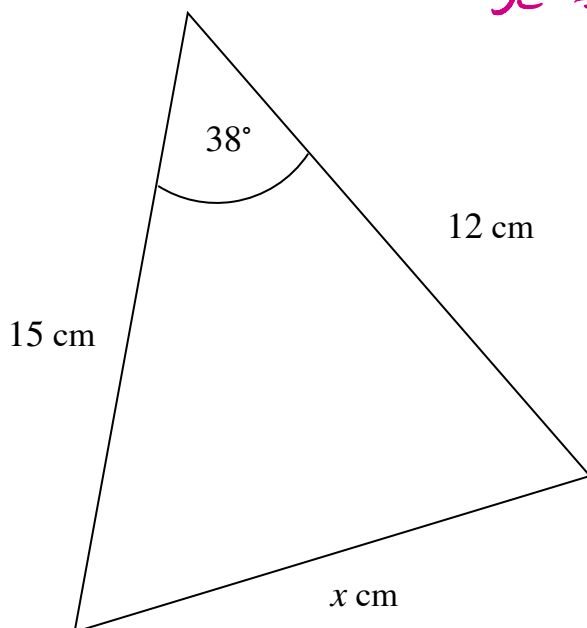
$$= 8.2$$

8.2 cm

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(Total for Question 7 is 3 marks)

8. In the below triangle, work out the value of x .

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.



$$x^2 = 15^2 + 12^2 - 2(15)(12) \cos(38)$$

$$x = \sqrt{}$$

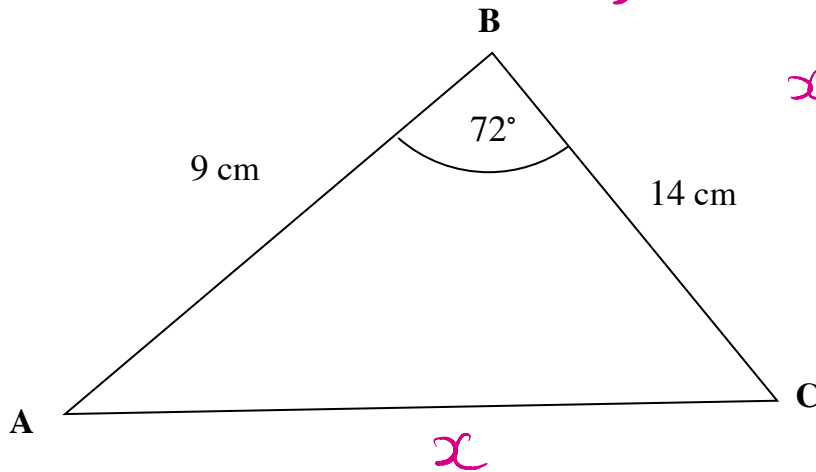
$$= 9.2$$

9.2 cm

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(Total for Question 8 is 3 marks)

9. In the below triangle, work out the length of AC.

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.



$$x^2 = 9^2 + 14^2 - 2(9)(14)\cos(72)$$

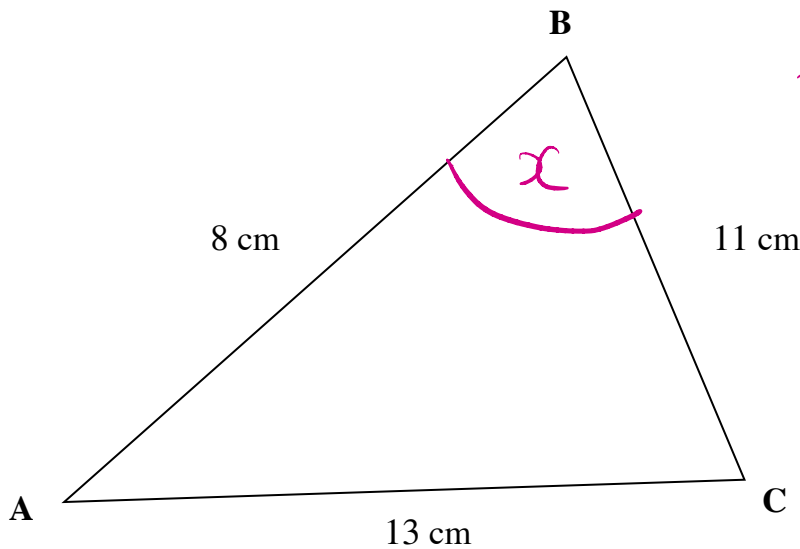
$$x = \sqrt{\text{ans}} \\ = 14.1$$

14.1 cm

(Total for Question 9 is 3 marks)

10. In the below triangle, work out the angle of ABC.

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.



$$\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$$

$$= \frac{8^2 + 11^2 - 13^2}{2(8)(11)}$$

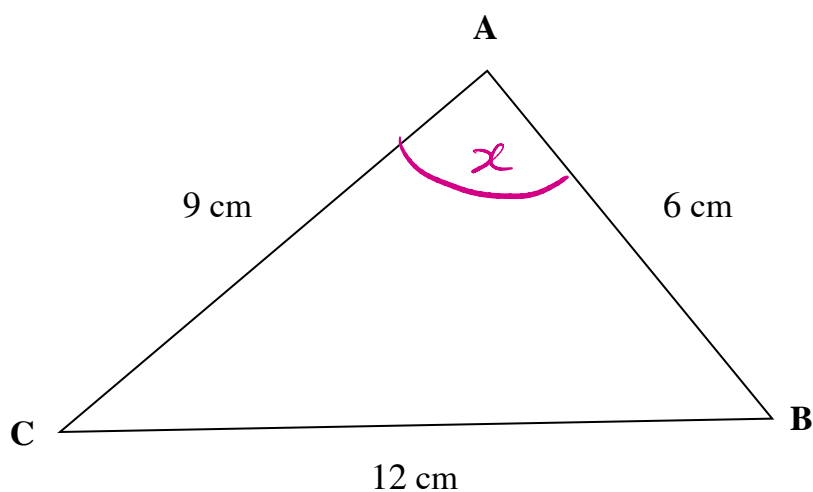
$$A = \cos^{-1}(\text{ans}) \\ = 84.8$$

84.8 °

(Total for Question 10 is 3 marks)

11. In the below triangle, work out the size of angle BAC.

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.



$$\cos(x) = \frac{9^2 + 6^2 - 12^2}{2(9)(6)}$$

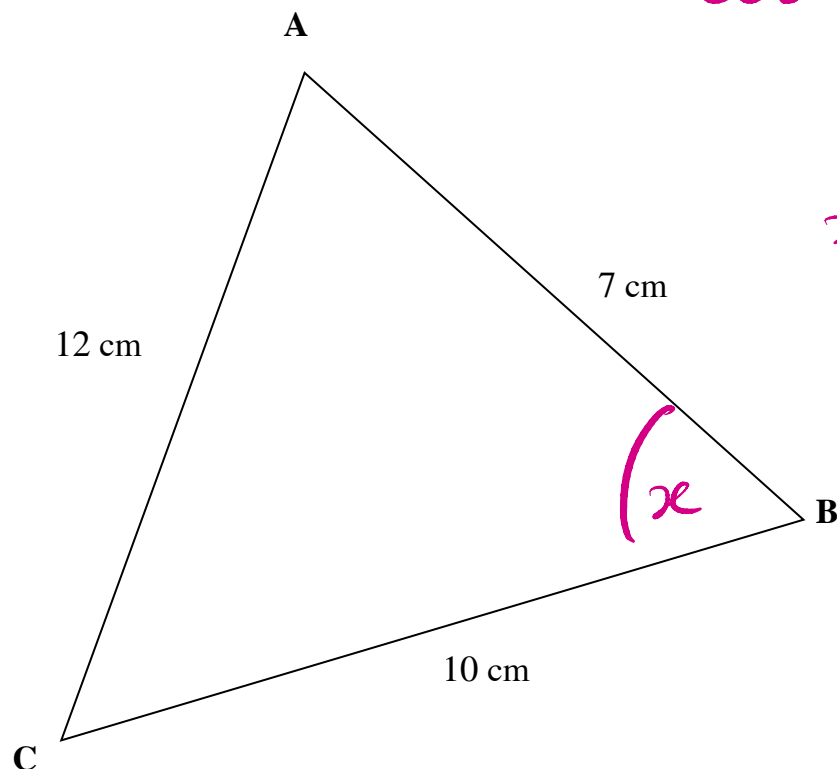
$$x = \cos^{-1}(\text{ans})$$
$$= 104.5$$

104.5 °

(Total for Question 11 is 3 marks)

12. In the below triangle, work out the size of angle ABC.

Give your answer to 1 decimal place.



$$\cos x = \frac{7^2 + 10^2 - 12^2}{2(7)(10)}$$

$$x = \cos^{-1}(\text{ans})$$
$$= 88.0$$

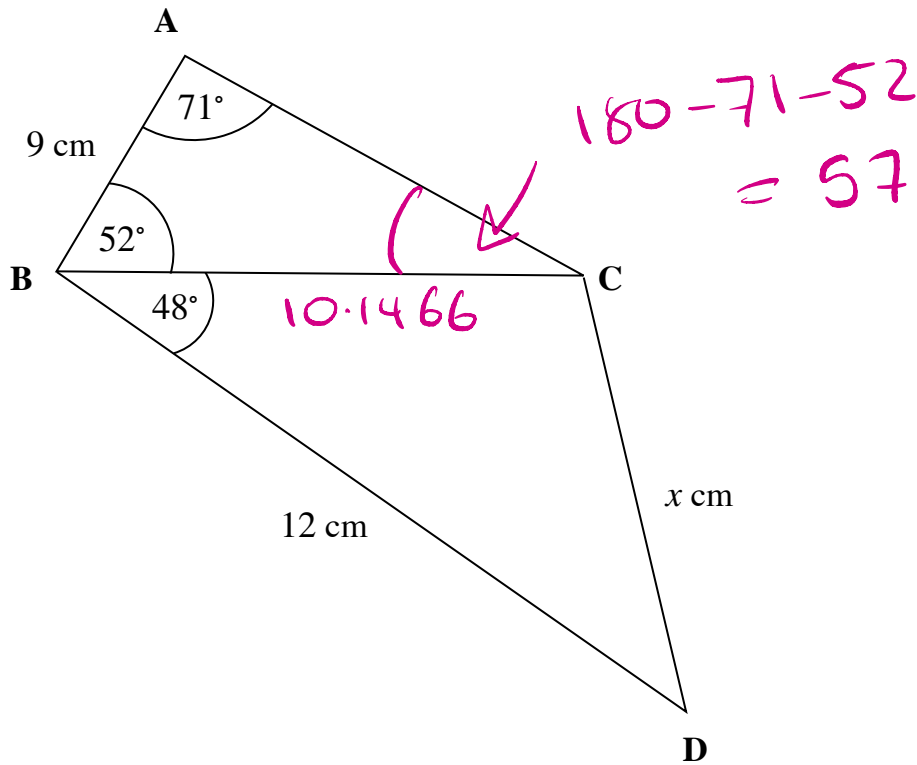
88.0 °

(Total for Question 10 is 3 marks)

Section 3: Mixed Questions

13. In the below triangle, work out the size of CD.

Give your answer to 3 significant figures.



$$\frac{BC}{\sin 71} = \frac{9}{\sin 57} \Rightarrow BC = \frac{9}{\sin 57} \times \sin 71$$

$$= 10.1466$$

$$x^2 = (10.1466)^2 + 12^2 - 2(10.1466)(12) \cos(48)$$

$$x = \sqrt{\text{ans}}$$

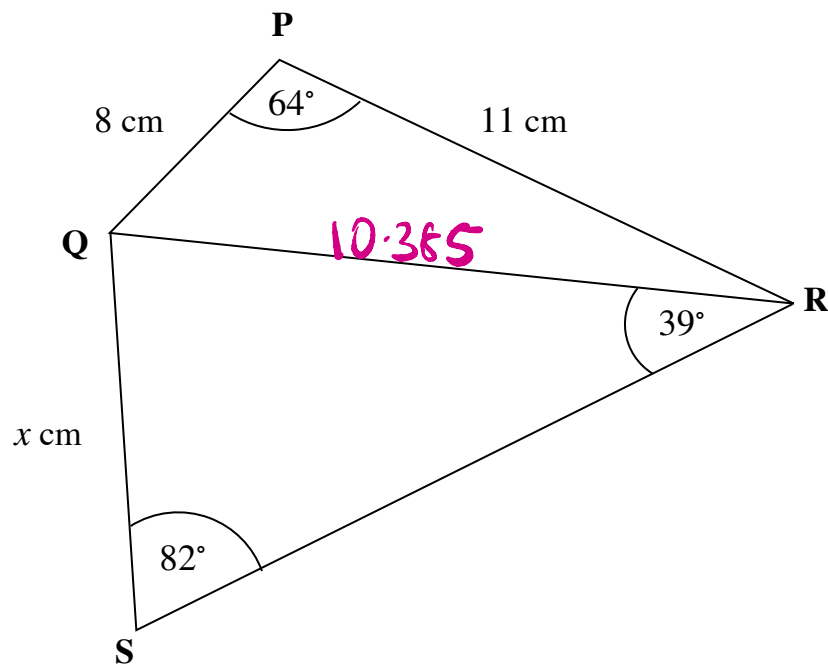
$$= 9.2$$

9.2 cm

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(Total for Question 13 is 4 marks)

14. In the below triangle, work out the size of QS.

Give your answer to 3 significant figures.



$$QR^2 = 8^2 + 11^2 - 2(8)(11)\cos(64)$$

$$QR = \sqrt{\text{ans}} = 10.385$$

$$\frac{x}{\sin(39)} = \frac{10.385}{\sin(82)}$$

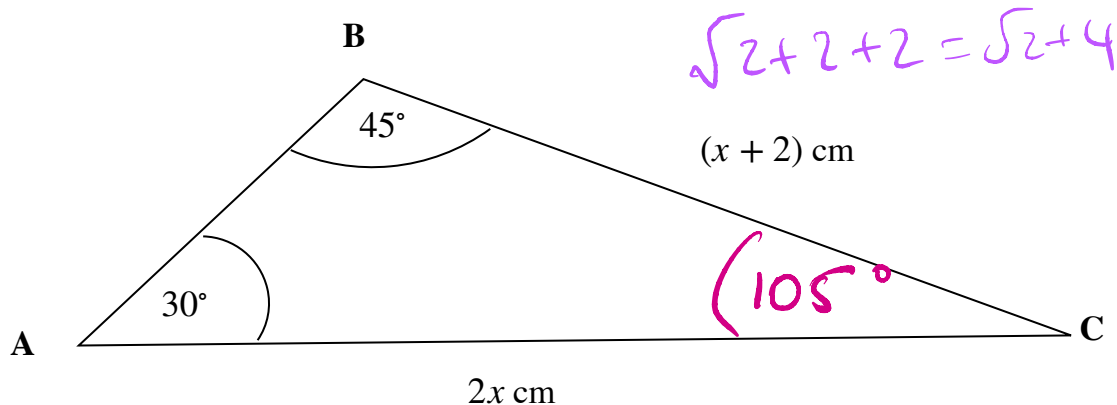
$$x = \frac{10.385}{\sin 82} \times \sin 39 = 6.6$$

6.6 cm

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(Total for Question 14 is 4 marks)

15. In the below triangle, work out the size of AB.

Give your answer to 3 significant figures.



$$\frac{x+2}{\sin 30} = \frac{2x}{\sin 45}$$

$$\frac{x+2}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2x}{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(x+2) = \frac{1}{2}(2x)$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}x + \sqrt{2} = x$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}x - x = -\sqrt{2}$$

$$x\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - 1\right) = -\sqrt{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - 1} = 2 + \sqrt{2}$$

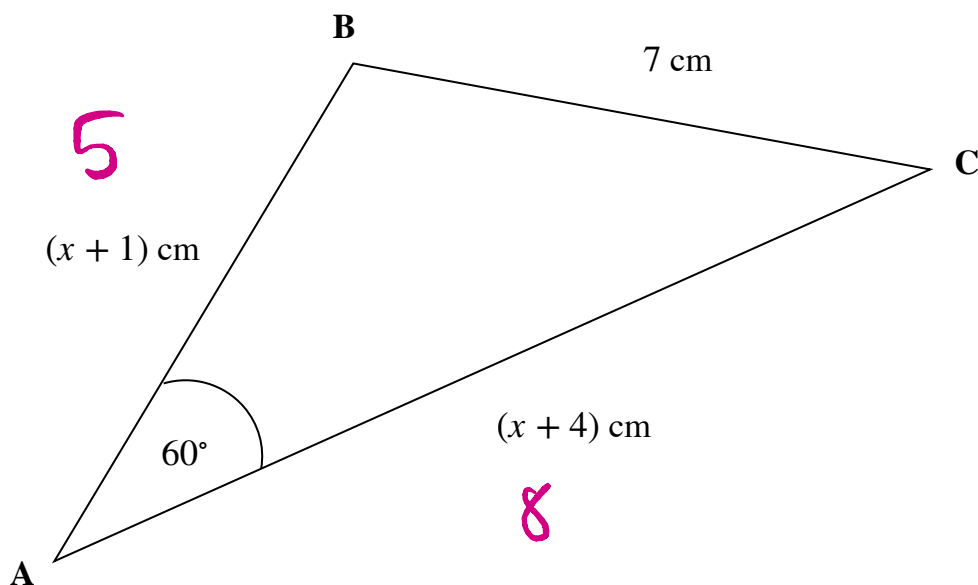
$$\frac{AB}{\sin 105} = \frac{\sqrt{2+4}}{\sin 30}$$

$$AB = \frac{\sqrt{2+4}}{\sin 30} \times \sin 105 = 13.2$$

13.2 cm

(Total for Question 15 is 5 marks)

16. Work out the perimeter of the triangle ABC.



$$7^2 = (x+1)^2 + (x+4)^2 - 2(x+1)(x+4)\cos(60)$$

$$49 = x^2 + 2x + 1 + x^2 + 8x + 16 - (x^2 + 5x + 4)$$

$$49 = x^2 + 5x + 13$$

$$x^2 + 5x - 36 = 0$$

$$(x+9)(x-4) = 0$$

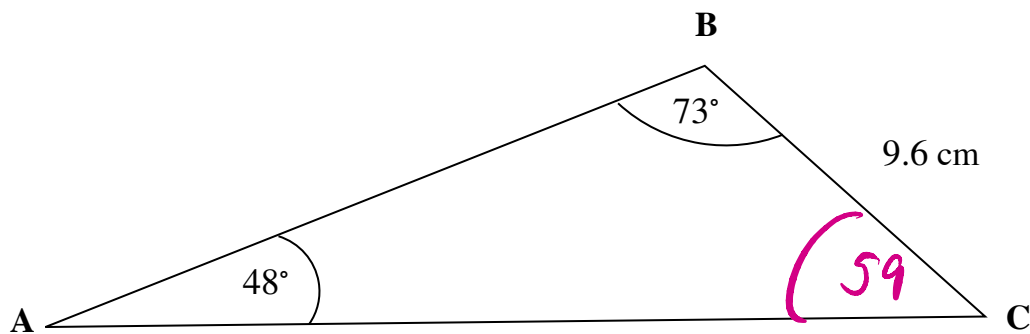
$$x = -9, 4 \Rightarrow \boxed{x=4}$$

$$P = 7 + 5 + 8 = 20$$

20 cm

(Total for Question 16 is 5 marks)

17. Work out the perimeter of the triangle ABC.



$$\frac{AC}{\sin 73} = \frac{9.6}{\sin 48} \Rightarrow AC = \frac{9.6}{\sin 48} \times \sin 73$$
$$= 12.35$$

$$\frac{AB}{\sin 59} = \frac{9.6}{\sin 48} \Rightarrow AB = \frac{9.6}{\sin 48} \times \sin 59$$
$$= 11.07$$

$$P = 12.35 + 9.6 + 11.07$$
$$= 33.02$$

33 cm

(Total for Question 17 is 5 marks)