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$$y = 3^x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

showing the coordinates of any points at which the graph crosses the axes.

(2)

- (b) Use algebra to solve the equation

$$3^{2x} - 9(3^x) + 18 = 0$$

giving your answers to 2 decimal places where appropriate.

(5)











10.

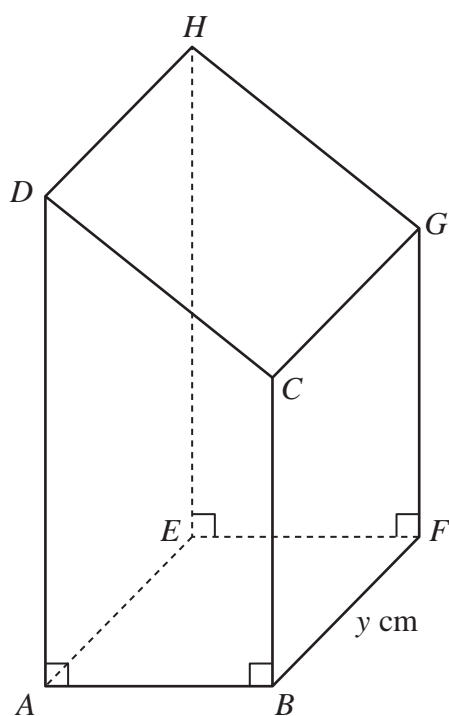


Figure 4

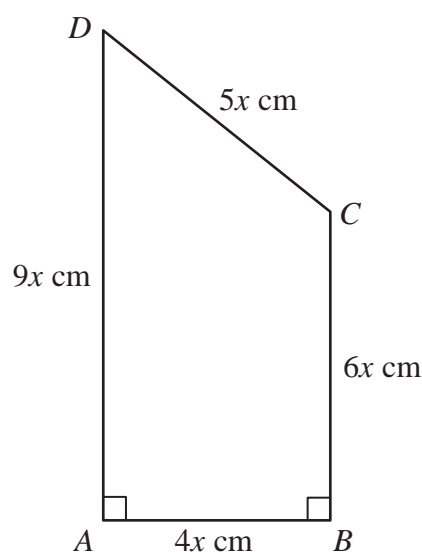


Figure 5

Figure 4 shows a closed letter box  $ABFEHGC D$ , which is made to be attached to a wall of a house.

The letter box is a right prism of length  $y$  cm as shown in Figure 4. The base  $ABFE$  of the prism is a rectangle. The total surface area of the six faces of the prism is  $S$  cm<sup>2</sup>.

The cross section  $ABCD$  of the letter box is a trapezium with edges of lengths  $DA = 9x$  cm,  $AB = 4x$  cm,  $BC = 6x$  cm and  $CD = 5x$  cm as shown in Figure 5. The angle  $DAB = 90^\circ$  and the angle  $ABC = 90^\circ$ .

The volume of the letter box is  $9600$  cm<sup>3</sup>.

(a) Show that

$$y = \frac{320}{x^2} \quad (2)$$

(b) Hence show that the surface area of the letter box,  $S$  cm<sup>2</sup>, is given by

$$S = 60x^2 + \frac{7680}{x} \quad (4)$$

(c) Use calculus to find the minimum value of  $S$ .

(6)

(d) Justify, by further differentiation, that the value of  $S$  you have found is a minimum.

(2)



