Higher Check In - 10.05 Triangle mensuration

1. Calculate angle *x*, giving your answer to 3 significant figures.



2. Calculate angle *B*, giving your answer to 3 significant figures.



3. Calculate length *EF*, giving your answer to 1 decimal place.



4. Calculate length GH, giving your answer to 3 significant figures.



5. Calculate angle K, giving your answer to 3 significant figures.



6. Rakesh thinks that $\sin 30^{\circ} + \sin 60^{\circ} = \sin 90^{\circ}$. Show that he is incorrect.





7. Mary says that you can calculate *x* using the cosine ratio, but Shah says that you can use the sine rule. Explain why both Mary and Shah are correct.



8. A square-based pyramid has its vertex vertically above the centre of the square (so it is called a right pyramid). If **all** the edges of the pyramid are 10 cm long, show that the angle between each face of the pyramid and the square base is 54.7°, correct to 1 decimal place.



9. Find the angle between the lines *BD* and *DF*. Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.



10. A ship sails on a bearing of 052° for 60 km, then changes direction and sails on a bearing of 155° for another 80 km.
How far is the ship now from its starting point? Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures. (Hint: first draw a diagram.)

Extension

Each side of the regular octagon below measures 1 m. Work out the area of the octagon. Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.







Answers

- 39.0°
 26.9°
- 3. 9.7 cm
- 4. 10.7 cm
- 5. 56.6°
- 6. $\sin 30^{\circ} = \frac{1}{2}$, $\sin 60^{\circ} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ so $\sin 30^{\circ} + \sin 60^{\circ} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}}{2}$ But $\sin 90^{\circ} = 1$ so $\sin 30^{\circ} + \sin 60^{\circ} \neq \sin 90^{\circ}$
- 7. As the triangle has a right angle you can use the cosine ratio This gives $x = \frac{8.7}{\cos 48^{\circ}} = 13.0 \text{ cm } (3 \text{ sf})$ You can also use the sine rule $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B}$

where angle $A = 90^{\circ}$, angle $B = 180 - (90^{\circ} + 48^{\circ})$ and side b = 8.7 cm

This gives $\frac{x}{\sin 90^{\circ}} = \frac{8.7}{\sin 42^{\circ}}$ so $x = \frac{8.7 \times \sin 90^{\circ}}{\sin 42^{\circ}} = 13.0 \text{ cm} (3 \text{ sf})$

8. First, work out the distance *x* from the apex of the pyramid to the midpoint of each face.



9. 60.3° (1 dp)

10. 88.5 km (3 sf)





Extension

Divide the octagon into 8 isosceles triangles. The angle at the centre of each triangle is $360^{\circ} \div 8 = 45^{\circ}$. Divide each isosceles triangle into two congruent right-angled triangles.





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