

## Task description

The task is a 50 minute topic test assessing student knowledge, skills and understanding in the following topics,

## FINANCIAL MATHEMATICS

- calculate weekly, fortnightly, monthly and yearly earnings.
- calculate leave loading as $17.5 \%$ of normal pay for up to four weeks.
- calculate earnings from wages for various time periods, given an hourly rate of pay, including penalty rates for overtime and special rates for Sundays and public holidays.
- calculate earnings from non-wage sources, including commission and piecework.


## QUADRATIC METHODS 1

- solve a range of linear equations, including equations that involve two or more fractions.
- solve equations of the form $a x^{2}+b x+c=0$ by factorisation and by 'completing the square'.
- use the quadratic formula to solve quadratic equations.
- use the discriminant to identify whether a given quadratic equation has real solutions, and if there are real solutions, whether they are or are not equal.
- solve quadratic equations resulting from substitution into formulas.
- create quadratic equations to solve a variety of problems and check solutions.
- substitute a pronumeral to simplify higher-order equations so that they can be seen to belong to general categories and then solve the equations, eg substitute $u$ for $x^{2}$ to solve $x^{4}-13 x^{2}+36=0$ for $x$.
- rearrange literal equations.
- $\quad$ solve simultaneous equations, where one equation is non-linear, using algebraic and graphical techniques.


## TRIGONOMETRY

- apply Pythagoras' theorem and trigonometry to solve three-dimensional problems in right-angled triangles.
- solve problems involving the lengths of the edges and diagonals of rectangular prisms and other three-dimensional objects.
- use a given diagram to solve problems involving right-angled triangles in three dimensions.
- draw diagrams and use them to solve word problems involving right-angled triangles in three dimensions, including using bearings and angles of elevation or depression.
- investigate graphs of the sine, cosine and tangent functions for angles of any magnitude, including negative angles.
- determine the angle of inclination, $\theta$, of a line on the Cartesian plane.
- determine and use the exact sine, cosine and tangent ratios for angles of $30^{\circ}, 45^{\circ}$ and $60^{\circ}$.
- prove and use the relationships between the sine and cosine ratios of complementary angles in rightangled triangles.
- determine the possible acute and/or obtuse angle(s), given a trigonometric ratio.
- use the sine rule to find unknown sides and angles of a triangle.
- use the cosine rule to find unknown sides and angles of a triangle.
- use the area rule to find the area of a triangle.
- solve a variety of practical problems that involve non-right-angled triangles.
- use appropriate trigonometric ratios and formulas to solve two-dimensional problems that require the use of more than one triangle, where the diagram is provided and where a verbal description is given.


## WORKING MATHEMATICALLY

- develops understanding and fluency in mathematics through exploring and connecting mathematical concepts, choosing and applying mathematical techniques to solve problems, and communicating their thinking and reasoning coherently and clearly.


## Additional Information

- Students are required to bring an approved scientific calculator, a ruler, a blue or black pen, a lead pencil and an eraser.
- You will be provided with an examination paper.

Students are expected to utilize the following resources when undertaking their preparation for this task:

- Syllabus, available from https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-10/learning-areas/mathematics/mathematics-k-10.
- Past papers and topic resources available from STURDY.


## Task Criteria

You will be assessed on the following processes

- exploring and connecting mathematical concepts (understanding/fluency).
- choosing and applying efficient techniques to solve problems (fluency/problem solving).
- communicating their thinking and reasoning coherently and clearly (communicating/reasoning).


## Feedback

- Worked solutions including specific marking criteria for each question.
- Written general advice as comments and annotations from teachers.
- Verbal feedback from the class teacher.


## Student Acknowledgement of Academic Integrity

By submitting the task for marking, I acknowledge the following:

1. The work submitted is my own work and appropriately acknowledges of all sources has been made.
2. I have not used generative AI in the construction of the task.
3. If there is an allegation of malpractice, I will be required to show my drafts/ planning to prove the task is all my own work.
4. I am aware that the work may be submitted to plagiarism detection processes.
5. Where the work of others is used and not acknowledged, a finding of plagiarism will be made and a mark of zero awarded and I will have to resubmit the task.

## Marking Guidelines

Extensive marking guidelines will be provided on return of the task along with the written feedback.

