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# Vectors

(9 – 1) Topic booklet

# Higher

These questions have been collated from previous years GCSE Mathematics papers.

**You must have:** Ruler graduated in centimetres and millimetres, protractor, pair of compasses, pen, HB pencil, eraser.

Total Marks

## Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
  - *there may be more space than you need.*
- Diagrams are NOT accurately drawn, unless otherwise indicated.
- You must **show all your working out**.
- If the question is a **1H** question you are not allowed to use a calculator.
- If the question is a **2H** or a **3H** question, you may use a calculator to help you answer.

## Information

- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
  - *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

## Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

**Answer ALL questions**  
**Write your answers in the space provided.**  
**You must write down all the stages in your working.**

$$6 \quad \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$



Find  $2\mathbf{a} - 3\mathbf{b}$  as a column vector.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dots \\ \dots \\ \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

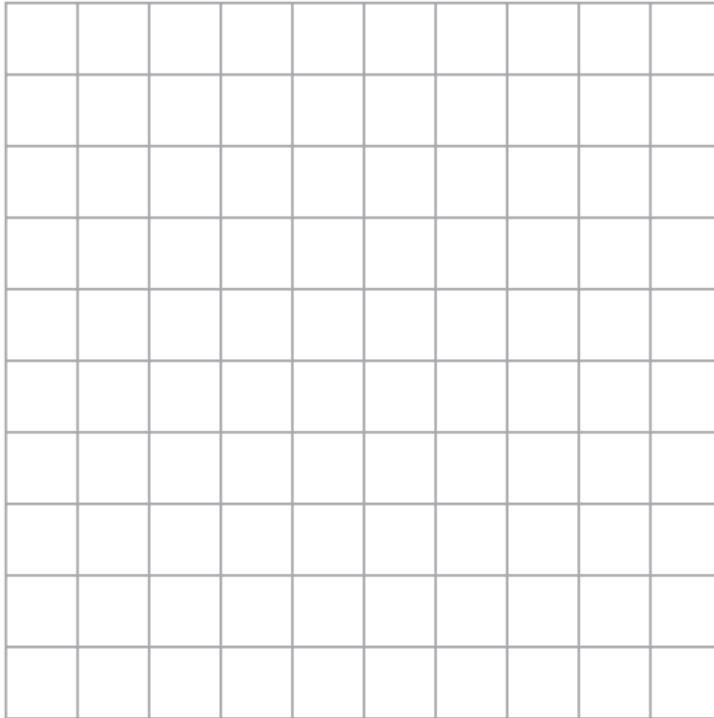
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**(Total for Question 6 is 2 marks)**

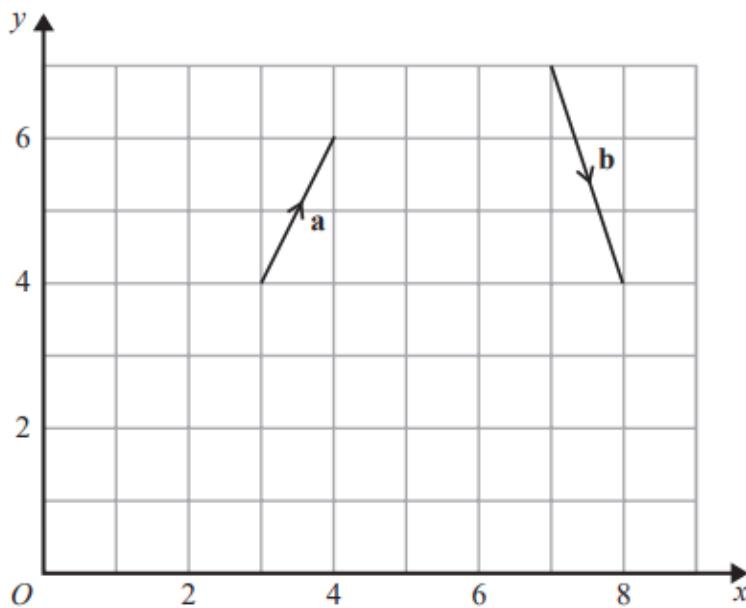
$$8 \quad \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$



On the grid below, draw and label the vector  $2\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$



10 The vector **a** and the vector **b** are shown on the grid.



(a) On the grid, draw and label vector  $-2\mathbf{a}$

(1)

(b) Work out  $\mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b}$  as a column vector.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dots \\ \dots \\ \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

(2)

13 **a** and **b** are vectors such that

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad 3\mathbf{a} - 2\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -17 \end{pmatrix}$$



Find **b** as a column vector.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dots \\ \dots \\ \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

15  $A, B$  and  $C$  are three points such that

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = 3\mathbf{a} + 4\mathbf{b}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AC} = 15\mathbf{a} + 20\mathbf{b}$$

(a) Prove that  $A, B$  and  $C$  lie on a straight line.

(2)

$D, E$  and  $F$  are three points on a straight line such that

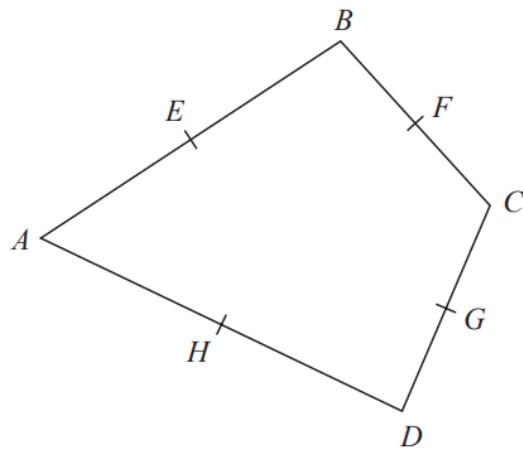
$$\overrightarrow{DE} = 3\mathbf{e} + 6\mathbf{f}$$

$$\overrightarrow{EF} = -10.5\mathbf{e} - 21\mathbf{f}$$

(b) Find the ratio

length of  $DF$  : length of  $DE$

(3)



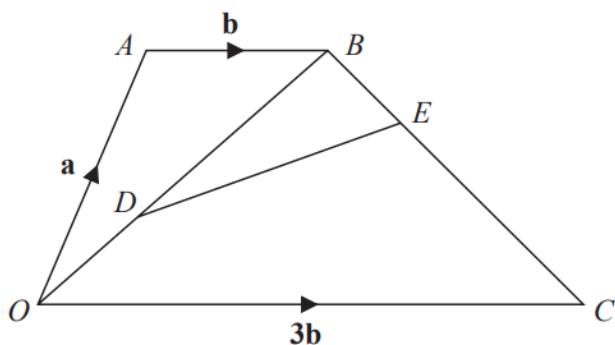
$ABCD$  is a quadrilateral.

$E, F, G$  and  $H$  are the midpoints of  $AB, BC, CD$  and  $DA$ .

$$\overrightarrow{AH} = \mathbf{a} \quad \overrightarrow{AE} = \mathbf{b} \quad \overrightarrow{DG} = \mathbf{c}$$

Prove, using vectors, that  $EFGH$  is a parallelogram.

18  $OABC$  is a trapezium.



$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{a}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \mathbf{b}$$

$$\overrightarrow{OC} = 3\mathbf{b}$$

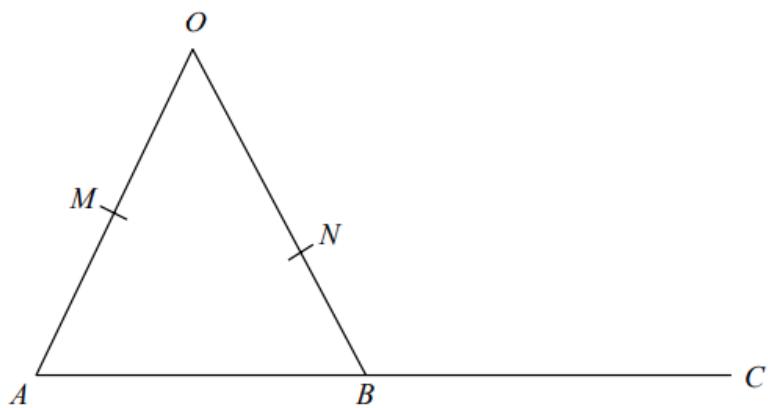
$D$  is the point on  $OB$  such that  $OD:DB = 2:3$

$E$  is the point on  $BC$  such that  $BE:EC = 1:4$

Work out the vector  $\overrightarrow{DE}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .

Give your answer in its simplest form.

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$OMA$ ,  $ONB$  and  $ABC$  are straight lines.

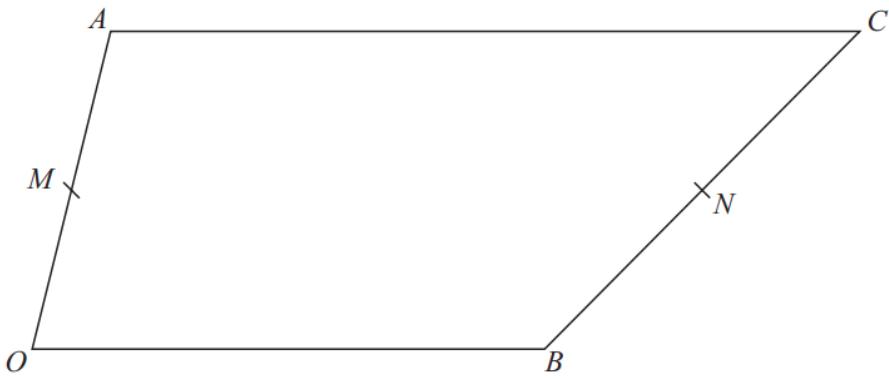
$M$  is the midpoint of  $OA$ .

$B$  is the midpoint of  $AC$ .

$\vec{OA} = 6\mathbf{a}$     $\vec{OB} = 6\mathbf{b}$     $\vec{ON} = k\mathbf{b}$  where  $k$  is a scalar quantity.

Given that  $MNC$  is a straight line, find the value of  $k$ .

19 The diagram shows quadrilateral  $OACB$ .



$M$  is the midpoint of  $OA$ .

$N$  is the point on  $BC$  such that  $BN:NC = 4:5$

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{a} \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = \mathbf{b} \quad \overrightarrow{AC} = k\mathbf{b} \text{ where } k \text{ is a positive integer.}$$

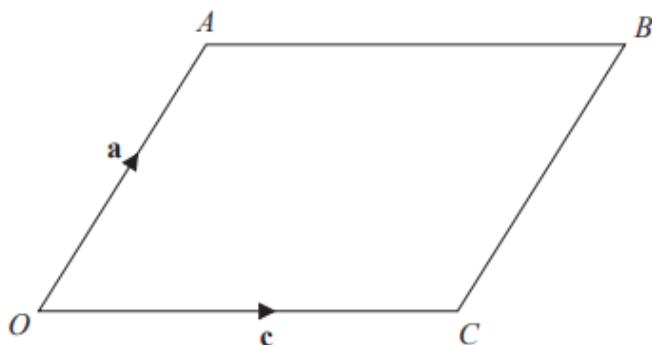
(a) Express  $\overrightarrow{MN}$  in terms of  $k$ ,  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .  
Give your answer in its simplest form.

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(4)

(b) Is  $MN$  parallel to  $OB$ ?  
Give a reason for your answer.

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(1)

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$OABC$  is a parallelogram.

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{a} \text{ and } \overrightarrow{OC} = \mathbf{c}$$

$X$  is the midpoint of the line  $AC$ .

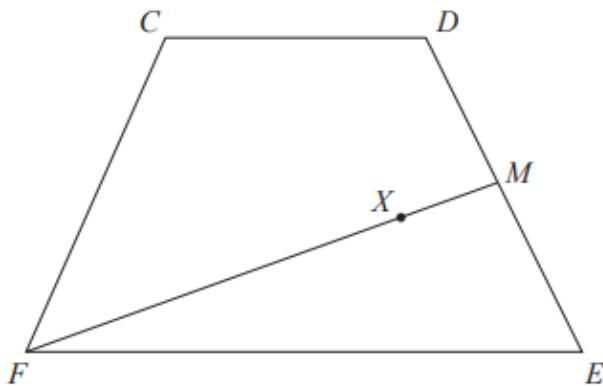
$OCD$  is a straight line so that  $OC : CD = k : 1$

$$\text{Given that } \overrightarrow{XD} = 3\mathbf{c} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}$$

find the value of  $k$ .

$$k = \dots$$

20  $CDEF$  is a quadrilateral.



$$\vec{CD} = \mathbf{a}, \vec{DE} = \mathbf{b} \text{ and } \vec{FC} = \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}.$$

(a) Express  $\vec{FE}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and/or  $\mathbf{b}$ .  
Give your answer in its simplest form.

(2)

$M$  is the midpoint of  $DE$ .

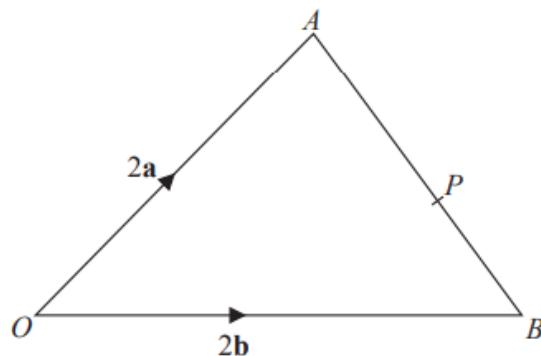
$X$  is the point on  $FM$  such that  $FX:XM = n:1$

$CXE$  is a straight line.

(b) Work out the value of  $n$ .

$n = \dots$  (4)

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$OAB$  is a triangle.

$P$  is the point on  $AB$  such that  $AP:PB = 5:3$

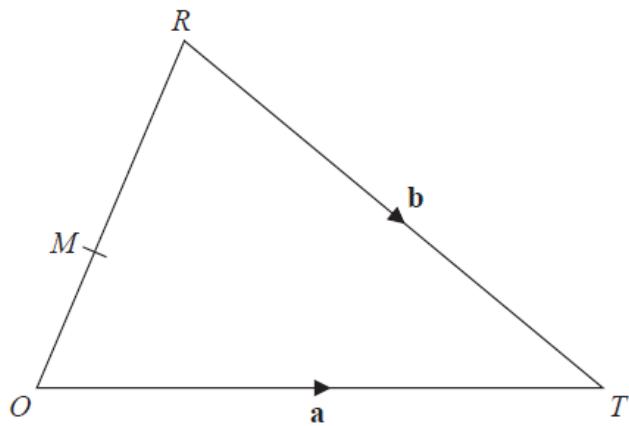
$$\overrightarrow{OA} = 2\mathbf{a}$$

$$\overrightarrow{OB} = 2\mathbf{b}$$

$$\overrightarrow{OP} = k(3\mathbf{a} + 5\mathbf{b}) \text{ where } k \text{ is a scalar quantity.}$$

Find the value of  $k$ .

20  $ORT$  is a triangle.



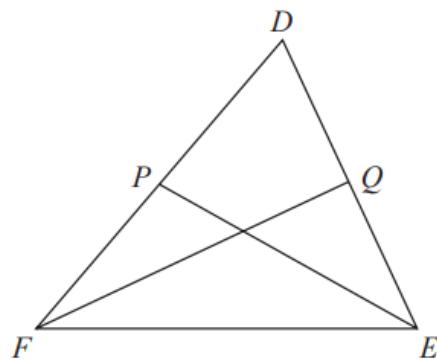
$$\overrightarrow{OT} = \mathbf{a} \quad \overrightarrow{RT} = \mathbf{b}$$

$M$  is the point on  $OR$  such that  $OM:MR = 2:3$

Express  $\overrightarrow{MT}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .

Give your answer in its simplest form.

21  $DEF$  is a triangle.



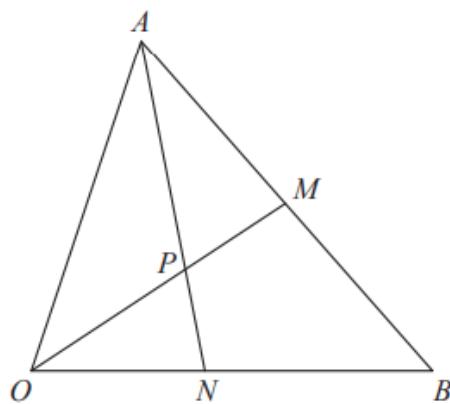
$P$  is the midpoint of  $FD$ .

$Q$  is the midpoint of  $DE$ .

$$\vec{FD} = \mathbf{a} \text{ and } \vec{FE} = \mathbf{b}$$

Use a vector method to prove that  $PQ$  is parallel to  $FE$ .

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$OAB$  is a triangle.

$OPM$  and  $APN$  are straight lines.

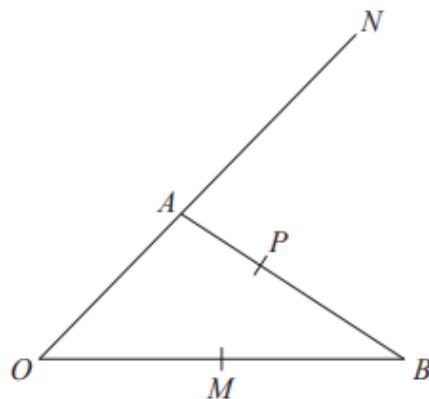
$M$  is the midpoint of  $AB$ .

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{a} \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = \mathbf{b}$$

$$OP:PM = 3:2$$

Work out the ratio  $ON:NB$

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$OAN$ ,  $OMB$  and  $APB$  are straight lines.

$AN = 2OA$ .

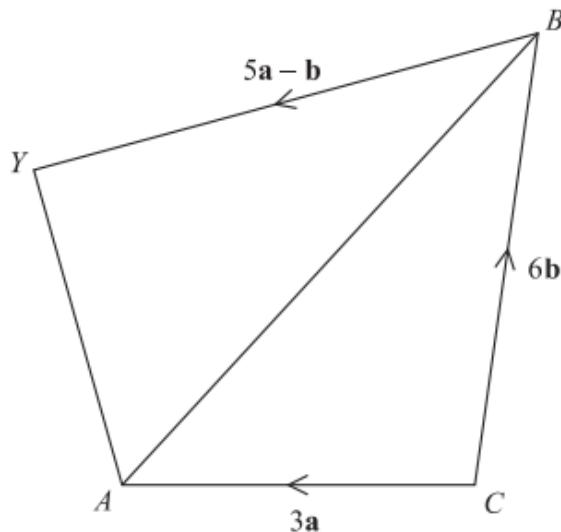
$M$  is the midpoint of  $OB$ .

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{a} \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = \mathbf{b}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AP} = k\overrightarrow{AB} \text{ where } k \text{ is a scalar quantity.}$$

Given that  $MPN$  is a straight line, find the value of  $k$ .

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$CAYB$  is a quadrilateral.

$$\vec{CA} = 3\mathbf{a}$$

$$\vec{CB} = 6\mathbf{b}$$

$$\vec{BY} = 5\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$$

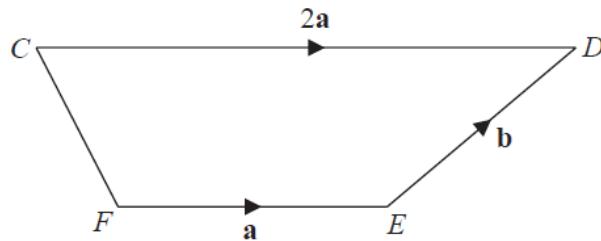
$X$  is the point on  $AB$  such that  $AX:XB = 1:2$

Prove that  $\vec{CX} = \frac{2}{5} \vec{CY}$

22 Given that the vector  $a\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} + b\begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  is parallel to the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$   
find an expression for  $b$  in terms of  $a$ .



24  $CDEF$  is a quadrilateral.

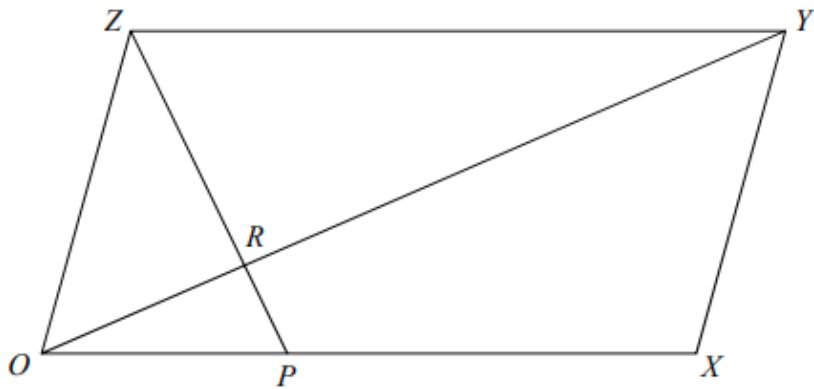


$$\vec{FE} = \mathbf{a} \quad \vec{ED} = \mathbf{b} \quad \vec{CD} = 2\mathbf{a}$$

The point  $P$  is such that  $CEP$  is a straight line and that  $CE = EP$

Use a vector method to prove that  $CF$  is parallel to  $DP$ .

24  $OXYZ$  is a parallelogram.



$$\overrightarrow{OX} = \mathbf{a}$$

$$\overrightarrow{OY} = \mathbf{b}$$

$P$  is the point on  $OX$  such that  $OP:PX = 1:2$

$R$  is the point on  $OY$  such that  $OR:RY = 1:3$

Work out, in its simplest form, the ratio  $ZP:ZR$

You must show all your working.