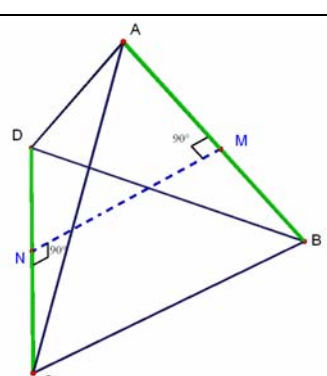
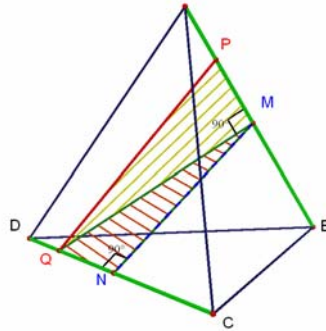


SUGGESTED SOLUTION

| No. | Answer | Explanation |
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| 1. | 120 | $\ominus 143 = 11 \times 13$ \therefore the number of reduced proper fractions $= 143 - 13 - 11 + 1 = 120$ |
| 2. | $\frac{1}{2009}$ | $\frac{(2008^2 - 2008 - 6)(2008^2 + 2 \times 2008 - 3)}{2005 \times 2007 \times 2009 \times 2010 \times 2011}$ $= \frac{(2008 - 3)(2008 + 2)(2008 + 3)(2008 - 1)}{2005 \times 2007 \times 2009 \times 2010 \times 2011}$ $= \frac{1}{2009}$ |
| 3. | $c > d > b > a$ | $\frac{b}{a} = \frac{15^{25}}{3^{50}} = \frac{15^{25}}{9^{25}} > 1$; $\frac{d}{b} = \frac{1024^{10}}{15^{25}} = \frac{16^{25}}{15^{25}} > 1$; $\frac{c}{d} = \frac{33^{20}}{1024^{10}} = \frac{33^{20}}{32^{20}} > 1$; |
| 4 | 18 and 16 | <p>Let x and y be the length and breadth respectively.</p> $2(x + y) = xy$ $2x = xy - 2y$ $y = \frac{2x}{x-2} = 2 + \frac{4}{x-2}$ <p>Therefore 4 must be divisible by $x - 2$.</p> <p>Thus $x - 2$ can be 1, 2 or 4. Hence, the corresponding values of y are 6, 4 or 3.</p> <p>From the above results, the possible areas of the rectangles are 18 and 16.</p> |
| 5 | 80° | <p>Let $\angle BAE = x$</p> <p>Then $\angle FAD = x$ and $\angle ABE = \frac{180^\circ - x}{2}$</p> <p>Since $AD \parallel BC$, $\angle ABE + \angle BAE + \angle EAF + \angle FAD = 180^\circ$</p> $\frac{180^\circ - x}{2} + x + 60^\circ + x = 180^\circ, \therefore x = 20^\circ$ <p>Therefore $\angle ABE = 80^\circ$</p> |
| 6 | AB can be 16cm, 20cm, 14cm or 22cm | <p>Let $AB = BC = x$ and $AC = y$</p> <p>Case(i) $AB + BD = 24$ and $AC + CD = 30$</p> $x + \frac{x}{2} = 24 \text{ and } y + \frac{x}{2} = 30$ $\therefore x = 16, AB = 16\text{cm}$ <p>Case(ii) $AB + BD = 30$ and $AC + CD = 24$</p> $x + \frac{x}{2} = 30 \text{ and } y + \frac{x}{2} = 24$ $\therefore x = 20, AB = 20\text{cm}$ <p>Also, consider $AC = BC$. Similarly, we have $AB = 14\text{cm}$ or 22cm.</p> |

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| 7 | $-\frac{1}{6}$ | $a_1 = -\frac{1}{6}, a_2 = 7, a_3 = \frac{6}{7}, a_4 = -\frac{1}{6}, \dots$ The sequence will be repeated every 3 terms. When 2008 is divided by 3, the remainder is 1. $\therefore a_{2008} = a_1 = -\frac{1}{6}$. |
| 8 | 27.5 | Extend AD and BC to meet at the point E Since $\angle A = 90^\circ$ and $\angle B = 45^\circ$, so $\angle E = 45^\circ$ Therefore, $\triangle ABE$ and $\triangle CDE$ are isosceles. So $AE = 8$ and $CE = 3$ \therefore the area of the convex polygon = $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times 8 - \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times 3 = 27.5$ |
| 9 | 23 | Since Mr Chan is an adult, so he must be born on $\overline{19xy}$. This year is 2008, so $2008 - \overline{19xy} = 1 + 9 + x + y$ $2008 - 1900 - 10x - y = 1 + 9 + x + y$ $98 = 11x + 2y$ $x = 8 + \frac{10 - 2y}{11}, \therefore y = 5$ and $x = 8$ Mr Chan was born on 1985 and he is 23 years old now. |
| 10 | 446 | $\frac{2}{7} = 0.\dot{2}8571\dot{4}$ The sum of 2, 8, 5, 7, 1 and 4 is 27 When 2008 is divided by 27, the quotient is 74 and the remainder is 10. \therefore the value of n is $74 \times 6 + 2 = 446$. |
| 11 | 26 | Put $a = \sqrt{7} + \sqrt{6}, b = \sqrt{7} - \sqrt{6}$ Then $ab = 1$ and $a + b = 2\sqrt{7}$ From $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$ We have: $(\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{6})^2 = a^2 = (2\sqrt{7})^2 - 2 - b^2 = 26 - b^2$ $\therefore 0 < b^2 < 1$ \therefore the smallest integer is 26. |
| 12 | 5 | Put $r = \sqrt{5} - 2$ $r^2 + 2r + 2\sqrt{5} = (\sqrt{5} - 2)^2 + 2(\sqrt{5} - 2) + 2\sqrt{5} = 5$ |
| 13 | $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ (or $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$) |  <p>Because M and N are mid-points of AB and CD respectively and $\triangle DMC$ and $\triangle ANB$ are isosceles triangles, MN is perpendicular to DC and AB.</p> |



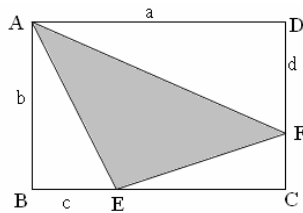
Let M, N be midpoints of AB and CD respectively. If P, Q are other points on these segments, ΔPQM and ΔQNM are right-angled triangles. Thus, $PQ > QM$ and $QM > MN$, MN is the shortest distance between the two edges.

Consider ΔBMN , which is a right-angled triangle,

$$MN^2 = BN^2 - BM^2 = \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$$

| 14 | 216 | Length | Breadth | Height | No. of rectangular blocks |
|----|-----|--------|---------|--------|---------------------------|
| | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| | | 3 | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| | | 3 | 3 | 1 | 9 |
| | | 3 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 36 |
| | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 27 |
| | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 36 |
| | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 54 |
| | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 27 |

15 15.5 (cm²)



Let $AD = a$, $AB = b$, $BE = c$ and $DF = d$.

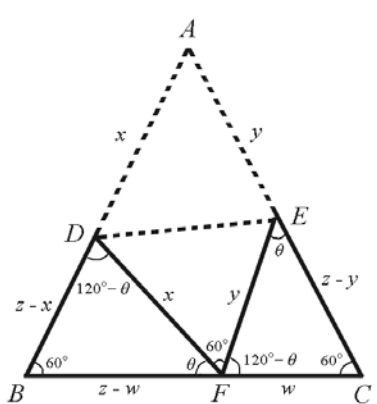
$$\therefore ab = 35, ad = 14, bc = 10 \text{ and } cd = \left(\frac{10}{b}\right)\left(\frac{14}{a}\right) = 4$$

Then the area of ΔCEF

$$= \frac{(a-c)(b-d)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{ab - ad - cb + cd}{2} = 7.5$$

$$\therefore \text{The area of } \Delta AEF = 35 - 5 - 7 - 7.5 = 15.5 \text{ (cm}^2\text{)}$$

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| 20 | 48 cm ² | <p>Join AF [This is the crucial construction line. With it, the computation is no more hard!]</p> <p>Note that</p> $\frac{x}{2} = \frac{x+y+6}{6}, \frac{y}{6} = \frac{x+y+2}{10}.$ <p>Hence we have</p> $4x - 2y = 12, 6x - 4y = -12.$ <p>Solving the equations, we obtain</p> $x = 18, y = 30.$ <p>Hence, $x + y = 48$.</p> |
| 21 | 140 | <p>Let $x = AD$, $y = AE$, $z = BC$ and $w = FC$. Let $\theta = \angle BFD$.</p>  <p>Note that $\triangle FBD$ is similar to $\triangle ECF$. Therefore, we have</p> $\frac{EC}{FB} = \frac{CF}{BD} = \frac{FE}{DF}$ $\frac{z-y}{z-w} = \frac{w}{z-x} = \frac{y}{x}.$ <p>Hence, $w = \frac{(z-x)y}{x}$ and $\frac{z-y}{z - \frac{(z-x)y}{x}} = \frac{y}{x}$.</p> <p>Solving z in terms of x and y, we have $z = \frac{xy(x+y)}{x^2 - xy + y^2}$.</p> <p>Since $x = 91$ and $y = 65$, we have $BC = z = 140$.</p> |

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