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BASIC MATHEMATICS

(Private Candidates Only)

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ANSWERS

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Instructions

1. This paper consists of Section A and B.
2. Answer all questions in section A and any four questions in section B.

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1. (a) (i) Find the LCM and GCF of 120 and 252.

Answer:

$$120 = 2^3 \times 3 \times 5$$

$$252 = 2^2 \times 3^2 \times 7$$

$$\text{LCM} = 2^3 \times 3^2 \times 5 \times 7 = 8 \times 9 \times 5 \times 7 = 2520$$

$$\text{GCF} = 2^2 \times 3 = 4 \times 3 = 12$$

Final Answer: LCM = 2520, GCF = 12

(a) (ii) Mariana has two pieces of cloth and she wants to cut both pieces into strips of equal width that are as wide as possible. If one piece is 156 centimeters wide and the other is 180 centimeters wide, how wide should she cut the strips.

Answer:

Find GCF of 156 and 180:

$$156 = 2^2 \times 3 \times 13$$

$$180 = 2^2 \times 3^2 \times 5$$

$$\text{GCF} = 2^2 \times 3 = 12$$

Final Answer: 12 cm

(b) Doto takes $\frac{1}{3}$ of an hour to read 60 pages of a story book. How long does he take to read 1 page? (Give your answer in seconds).

Answer:

$$\text{Time for 60 pages} = \frac{1}{3} \text{ hour} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \times 3600 = 1200 \text{ seconds}$$

$$\text{Time for 1 page} = 1200 / 60 = 20 \text{ seconds}$$

Final Answer: 20 seconds

2. (a) Simplify $9\sqrt{20} - 7\sqrt{45}$.

Answer:

$$9\sqrt{20} = 9 \times \sqrt{(4 \times 5)} = 9 \times 2\sqrt{5} = 18\sqrt{5}$$

$$7\sqrt{45} = 7 \times \sqrt{(9 \times 5)} = 7 \times 3\sqrt{5} = 21\sqrt{5}$$

$$9\sqrt{20} - 7\sqrt{45} = 18\sqrt{5} - 21\sqrt{5} = -3\sqrt{5}$$

Final Answer: $-3\sqrt{5}$

(b) Given that $\log 5 = 0.6990$ and $\log 7 = 0.8451$, calculate the value of $\log 175$.

Answer:

$$\log 175 = \log (5^2 \times 7)$$

$$= \log 5^2 + \log 7$$

$$= 2 \log 5 + \log 7$$

$$= 2 \times 0.6990 + 0.8451$$

$$= 1.3980 + 0.8451 = 2.2431$$

Final Answer: 2.2431

3. (a) Chakupwa is 9 kilograms heavier than Katani. If the sum of their weights is 109 kilograms, determine the weight of Chakupwa.

Answer:

Let Katani's weight = K

Chakupwa's weight = K + 9

$$K + (K + 9) = 109$$

$$2K + 9 = 109$$

$$2K = 100$$

$$K = 50$$

$$\text{Chakupwa} = 50 + 9 = 59$$

Final Answer: 59 kg

(b) If $\xi = \{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$ is a universal set and A and B are two sets such that $A = \{a, c, d\}$ and $B = \{b, c, d\}$,

(i) Represent the given information in a Venn diagram.

(ii) Find the number of elements in $A \cap B$.

Answer:

(i) diagram description

$$\xi = \{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$$

$$A = \{a, c, d\}$$

$$B = \{b, c, d\}$$

$$A \cap B = \{c, d\}$$

A only = {a}, B only = {b}, outside A and B = {e, f}

(ii) $A \cap B = \{c, d\}$

Number of elements = 2

Final Answer: (i) Described Venn diagram, (ii) 2

4. (a) (i) Draw the graph of a straight line that will pass through the points P(5, 3) and Q(-1, 1).

Answer:

$$\text{Slope} = (1 - 3)/(-1 - 5) = -2/-6 = 1/3$$

Equation using P(5, 3):

$$y - 3 = (1/3)(x - 5)$$

$$y - 3 = (1/3)x - 5/3$$

$$y = (1/3)x + 4/3$$

line passes through (5, 3) and (-1, 1).

Final Answer: $y = (1/3)x + 4/3$

(a) (ii) Use the graph obtained in part (a) (i) to find the x- and y-intercepts.

Answer:

y-intercept: $x = 0$

$$y = (1/3)(0) + 4/3 = 4/3$$

x-intercept: $y = 0$

$$0 = (1/3)x + 4/3$$

$$(1/3)x = -4/3$$

$$x = -4$$

Final Answer: x-intercept = -4, y-intercept = 4/3

(b) Point P lies on the x-axis. If the distance from P to Q(4, 5) is equal to the distance from P to R(-2, -3), find the coordinates of P.

Answer:

Let P = (x, 0)

Distance PQ = Distance PR

$$\sqrt{[(x - 4)^2 + (0 - 5)^2]} = \sqrt{[(x - (-2))^2 + (0 - (-3))^2]}$$

$$(x - 4)^2 + 25 = (x + 2)^2 + 9$$

$$x^2 - 8x + 16 + 25 = x^2 + 4x + 4 + 9$$

$$-8x + 41 = 4x + 13$$

$$-12x = -28$$

$$x = 28/12 = 7/3$$

$$P = (7/3, 0)$$

Final Answer: (7/3, 0)

5. (a) The ratio of the areas of two similar polygons is 144 : 225. If the length of the side of the smaller polygon is 60 cm, find the length of the corresponding side of the other polygon.

Answer:

$$\text{Ratio of areas} = 144/225 = (12/15)^2$$

$$\text{Ratio of sides} = 12/15 = 4/5$$

$$\text{Side of smaller} = 60 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Side of larger} = 60 \times (15/12) = 60 \times 5/4 = 75 \text{ cm}$$

Final Answer: 75 cm

(b) Find the length of one side of a regular six-sided polygon inscribed in a circle of radius 5 cm.

Answer:

Regular hexagon inscribed in circle:

Side length = radius = 5 cm

Final Answer: 5 cm

6. (a) The variable y is directly proportional to x^2 and inversely proportional to z^2 . If when $x = 3$ and $z = 1$, $y = 6$ and $x = 6$ and $z = 9$, find y when $x = 1$ and $z = 2$.

Answer:

$$y \propto x^2/z^2$$

$$y = k (x^2/z^2)$$

When $x = 3$, $z = 1$, $y = 6$:

$$6 = k (3^2/1^2) = k \times 9$$

$$k = 6/9 = 2/3$$

When $x = 6$, $z = 9$:

$$y = (2/3) (6^2/9^2) = (2/3) (36/81) = (2/3) (4/9) = 8/27 \text{ (matches condition, } k \text{ correct)}$$

When $x = 1$, $z = 2$:

$$y = (2/3) (1^2/2^2) = (2/3) (1/4) = 2/12 = 1/6$$

Final Answer: $1/6$

(b) A car travelling steadily covers a distance of 480 km in 25 minutes. What is its rate in m/s.

Answer:

$$\text{Distance} = 480 \text{ km} = 480 \times 1000 = 480000 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Time} = 25 \text{ minutes} = 25 \times 60 = 1500 \text{ seconds}$$

$$\text{Rate} = \text{distance/time} = 480000/1500 = 320 \text{ m/s}$$

Final Answer: 320 m/s

7. (a) A mixture is made up of powders C and D in the ratio 4 : 6. If 110 kg of this mixture is required, how much of powder C should be used?

Answer:

$$\text{Ratio C:D} = 4:6 = 2:3$$

$$\text{Total parts} = 2 + 3 = 5$$

$$\text{Total mixture} = 110 \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{Amount of C} = (2/5) \times 110 = 44 \text{ kg}$$

Final Answer: 44 kg

(b) Find the principal that will earn a profit of sh 7,290,000 at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum in 8 years.

Answer:

$$\text{Profit} = \text{Simple Interest} = \text{PRT}/100$$

$$\text{P} = \text{principal, R} = 2.5\%, \text{ T} = 8 \text{ years}$$

$$7290000 = \text{P} \times 2.5 \times 8 / 100$$

$$7290000 = \text{P} \times 20 / 100$$

$$7290000 = \text{P}/5$$

$$\text{P} = 7290000 \times 5 = 36450000$$

Final Answer: sh 36450000

8. (a) The sum of the first three terms of a G.P is 15. Find the sum of the first five terms if the common ratio of the G.P is $\frac{1}{2}$.

Answer:

$$\text{G.P.: } a, ar, ar^2, \dots$$

$$r = 1/2$$

$$a + ar + ar^2 = 15$$

$$a + a(1/2) + a(1/2)^2 = 15$$

$$a + a/2 + a/4 = 15$$

$$(4a + 2a + a)/4 = 15$$

$$7a/4 = 15$$

$$a = 15 \times 4/7 = 60/7$$

First five terms: $a, a/2, a/4, a/8, a/16$

$$\text{Sum} = a [1 - r^5]/(1 - r)$$

$$= (60/7) [1 - (1/2)^5]/(1 - 1/2)$$

$$= (60/7) [1 - 1/32]/(1/2)$$

$$= (60/7) (31/32) (2/1)$$

$$= (60/7) (31/16)$$

$$= 1860/112 = 465/28$$

Final Answer: $465/28$

(b) In how many years would one's investment double if 100,000 shillings is invested at 10% interest compounded semi annually?

Answer:

$$A = P(1 + r/n)^{(nt)}$$

$$P = 100000, A = 200000, r = 0.1, n = 2$$

$$200000 = 100000 (1 + 0.1/2)^{(2t)}$$

$$2 = (1.05)^{(2t)}$$

$$\log 2 = 2t \log 1.05$$

$$\log 2 \approx 0.3010, \log 1.05 \approx 0.0212$$

$$0.3010 = 2t \times 0.0212$$

$$2t = 0.3010/0.0212 \approx 14.2$$

$$t \approx 7.1 \text{ years}$$

Final Answer: 7.1 years

9. (a) If $\sin(3x - 20^\circ) = -\sqrt{3}/2$, find the values of x for $0^\circ \leq x \leq 180^\circ$.

Answer:

$$\sin(3x - 20^\circ) = -\sqrt{3}/2$$

$$\sin \theta = -\sqrt{3}/2 \text{ when } \theta = 240^\circ \text{ or } 300^\circ \text{ (in } 0^\circ \text{ to } 360^\circ)$$

$$3x - 20^\circ = 240^\circ + 360^\circ k \text{ or } 3x - 20^\circ = 300^\circ + 360^\circ k$$

$$3x - 20^\circ = 240^\circ \rightarrow 3x = 260^\circ \rightarrow x = 260/3 \approx 86.67^\circ$$

$$3x - 20^\circ = 300^\circ \rightarrow 3x = 320^\circ \rightarrow x = 320/3 \approx 106.67^\circ$$

For $k = 1$:

$$3x - 20^\circ = 600^\circ \rightarrow 3x = 620^\circ \rightarrow x \approx 206.67^\circ \text{ (not in range)}$$

$$3x - 20^\circ = 660^\circ \rightarrow 3x = 680^\circ \rightarrow x \approx 226.67^\circ \text{ (not in range)}$$

Final Answer: $x \approx 86.67^\circ, 106.67^\circ$

(b) A kite flying at a height of 50 m is attached to a string which makes an angle of 60° with the ground. What is the length of the string? (Leave your answer in surd form).

Answer:

$$\text{Height} = 50 \text{ m, angle} = 60^\circ$$

$$\sin 60^\circ = \text{height/length of string}$$

$$\sqrt{3}/2 = 50/\text{length}$$

$$\text{length} = 50 \times 2/\sqrt{3} = 100/\sqrt{3}$$

Final Answer: $100/\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$

10. (a) Solve the equation $9x^2 + 5x - 54 = 0$ by using the factorization method.

Answer:

$$9x^2 + 5x - 54 = 0$$

$$(3x + 9)(3x - 6) = 0$$

$$9x^2 - 18x + 27x - 54 = 9x^2 + 9x - 54 \text{ (doesn't match, retry)}$$

Try factors:

$$(9x - 27)(x + 2) = 9x^2 + 18x - 27x - 54 = 9x^2 - 9x - 54 \text{ (doesn't match)}$$

Use quadratic formula to confirm:

$$x = [-5 \pm \sqrt{(25 + 1944)}]/18 = [-5 \pm \sqrt{1969}]/18 \text{ (not easily factorizable)}$$

Try correct factors:

$$(3x - 6)(3x + 9) = 9x^2 + 27x - 18x - 54 = 9x^2 + 9x - 54 \text{ (still incorrect)}$$

Since factorization is complex, use trial:

$$(9x - 27)(x + 2) \text{ or adjust, but confirm via discriminant:}$$

Use factorization after testing:

$$9x^2 + 5x - 54 = 0$$

$$(9x + 27)(x - 2) = 9x^2 - 18x + 27x - 54 = 9x^2 + 9x - 54 \text{ (incorrect)}$$

Final Answer: Use quadratic formula: $x = [-5 \pm \sqrt{1969}]/18$ (factorization not straightforward)

(b) Nyakwimba has 3,000 shillings to buy either expensive or cheaper pens. The two types differ in price by 100 shillings. If he buys the expensive type he will get one pen less than if he buys the cheaper ones. What is the price of each type of the pens?

Answer:

Let cheaper pen price = x shillings

Expensive pen price = x + 100 shillings

Number of cheaper pens = 3000/x

Number of expensive pens = 3000/(x + 100)

$$3000/x - 3000/(x + 100) = 1$$

$$3000(x + 100) - 3000x = x(x + 100)$$

$$300000 = x^2 + 100x$$

$$x^2 + 100x - 300000 = 0$$

$$(x + 600)(x - 500) = 0$$

$$x = 500 \text{ (discard negative)}$$

Cheaper = 500 shillings

Expensive = $500 + 100 = 600$ shillings

Final Answer: Cheaper: 500 shillings, Expensive: 600 shillings

11. A school is preparing for a trip of 360 students. The company providing the transport has 12 buses of 45 seats each and 8 buses of 30 seats each and has only 10 drivers available. The rental cost for a large bus is 648,000 shillings and 300,000 shillings for a small bus. How many buses of each type should be used for the minimum cost?

Answer:

Let x = number of large buses, y = number of small buses

Constraints:

$$x + y \leq 10 \text{ (drivers)}$$

$$45x + 30y \geq 360 \rightarrow 3x + 2y \geq 24 \text{ (seats)}$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 12, 0 \leq y \leq 8$$

$$\text{Cost: } C = 648000x + 300000y$$

Vertices of feasible region:

$$(4, 6): 3 \times 4 + 2 \times 6 = 24, 4 + 6 = 10$$

$$C = 648000 \times 4 + 300000 \times 6 = 2592000 + 1800000 = 4392000$$

$$(8, 0): 3 \times 8 + 2 \times 0 = 24$$

$$C = 648000 \times 8 + 300000 \times 0 = 5184000$$

$$(6, 3): 3 \times 6 + 2 \times 3 = 24$$

$$C = 648000 \times 6 + 300000 \times 3 = 3888000 + 900000 = 4788000$$

Min cost at (4, 6)

Final Answer: 4 large buses, 6 small buses

12. The following distribution table shows the scores of 64 students in a Chemistry weekly test.

Scores | 30 – 39 | 40 – 49 | 50 – 59 | 60 – 69 | 70 – 79 | 80 – 89 | 90 – 99

Frequency | 5 | 10 | 16 | 20 | 4 | 6 | 3

(a) Calculate the mean and mode.

(b) Draw the ogive and use it to estimate the median.

Answer:

(a) Mean:

Midpoints: 34.5, 44.5, 54.5, 64.5, 74.5, 84.5, 94.5

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sum} &= (34.5 \times 5) + (44.5 \times 10) + (54.5 \times 16) + (64.5 \times 20) + (74.5 \times 4) + (84.5 \times 6) + (94.5 \times 3) \\ &= 172.5 + 445 + 872 + 1290 + 298 + 507 + 283.5 = 3867.5\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Mean} = 3867.5 / 64 \approx 60.43$$

Mode: Modal class 60–69 (frequency 20)

(b) Cumulative frequencies:

$$\leq 39: 5$$

$$\leq 49: 5 + 10 = 15$$

$$\leq 59: 15 + 16 = 31$$

$$\leq 69: 31 + 20 = 51$$

$$\leq 79: 51 + 4 = 55$$

$$\leq 89: 55 + 6 = 61$$

$$\leq 99: 61 + 3 = 64$$

diagram description , median (32nd value) is in 60–69 class:

$$\text{Median} \approx 59 + (32 - 31)/20 \times 10 = 59 + 0.5 = 59.5$$

Final Answer: (a) Mean: 60.43, Mode: 60–69, (b) Median: 59.5

13. (a) Prove that opposite angles of a cyclic quadrilateral are supplementary.

Answer:

Consider cyclic quadrilateral ABCD inscribed in a circle.

Opposite angles: $\angle ABC$ and $\angle ADC$, $\angle BAD$ and $\angle BCD$.

Inscribed angle theorem: $\angle ABC$ subtends arc ADC, $\angle ADC$ subtends arc ABC.

$$\angle ABC = (1/2) \times \text{measure of arc ADC}$$

$$\angle ADC = (1/2) \times \text{measure of arc ABC}$$

$$\text{Arc ADC} + \text{arc ABC} = 360^\circ \text{ (full circle)}$$

$$\angle ABC + \angle ADC = (1/2)(\text{arc ADC}) + (1/2)(\text{arc ABC}) = (1/2)(360^\circ) = 180^\circ$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \angle BAD + \angle BCD = 180^\circ.$$

Final Answer: Opposite angles sum to 180° (proved)

(b) Find the values of x, y and z in the figure below.

Answer:

Cyclic quadrilateral ABCD:

$$\angle ADC = 70^\circ, \angle BCD = 40^\circ, \angle ABC = z, \angle BAD = x, \angle ABD = y$$

Opposite angles supplementary:

$$\angle ABC + \angle ADC = 180^\circ \rightarrow z + 70^\circ = 180^\circ \rightarrow z = 110^\circ$$

$$\angle BAD + \angle BCD = 180^\circ \rightarrow x + 40^\circ = 180^\circ \rightarrow x = 140^\circ$$

In $\triangle ABD$, $\angle ABD = y$, but need more info (e.g., another angle or side). Assume y is part of another triangle or angle sum, but figure-based, cannot determine y without additional data.

Final Answer: $x = 140^\circ$, $z = 110^\circ$, y cannot be determined

(c) Find the distance in kilometers between Lushoto ($4^\circ 47'S$, $38^\circ 20'E$) and Mkata ($5^\circ 45'S$, $38^\circ 20'E$).

Answer:

Same longitude $38^\circ 20'E$, different latitudes:

$$\text{Lushoto: } 4^\circ 47'S = 4 + 47/60 = 4.7833^\circ$$

$$\text{Mkata: } 5^\circ 45'S = 5 + 45/60 = 5.75^\circ$$

$$\text{Difference} = 5.75^\circ - 4.7833^\circ = 0.9667^\circ$$

Distance = $R \times \theta$ (along meridian, $R = 6400$ km from previous context)

$$\theta = 0.9667^\circ \times (\pi/180) \approx 0.01687 \text{ radians}$$

$$\text{Distance} = 6400 \times 0.01687 \approx 108 \text{ km}$$

Final Answer: 108 km

14. (a) Give a short description of each of the following terms:

(i) Gross profit (ii) Net profit (iii) Trading account (iv) Profit and loss account

Answer:

(i) Gross profit: Total revenue minus cost of goods sold.

(ii) Net profit: Gross profit minus all expenses.

(iii) Trading account: Shows gross profit/loss from buying and selling.

(iv) Profit and loss account: Shows net profit/loss after all expenses.

Final Answer: (i) Revenue minus cost of goods, (ii) Gross profit minus expenses, (iii) Shows gross profit/loss, (iv) Shows net profit/loss

(b) In July 1st 2010 Mr. Mabua started business with Capital in Cash 10,000,000/=

3 Purchased goods for Cash 2,500,000/=

4 Sold goods for Cash 5,500,000/=

7 Purchased goods for Cash 1,800,000/=

11 Bought goods for Cash 2,350,000/=

16 Paid Cash for the rent 1,110,000/=

27 Paid Cash for wages 550,000/=

29 Sold goods for Cash 3,100,000/=

NB: Stock in hand at 31. July 2010 was 400,000/=

Prepare Trading, Profit and Loss Account.

Answer:

Trading Account (July 2010):

Dr	Cr
Purchases: 2500000 + 1800000 + 2350000 = 6650000	Sales: 5500000 + 3100000 = 8600000
Closing Stock: 400000	
Cost of Goods Sold: 6650000 - 400000 = 6250000	Gross Profit: 8600000 - 6250000 = 2350000

Total: 6650000	Total: 8600000
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Profit and Loss Account (July 2010):

Dr	Cr
Rent: 1110000	Gross Profit: 2350000
Wages: 550000	
Net Profit: $2350000 - 1110000 - 550000 = 690000$	
Total: 2350000	Total: 2350000

Final Answer: Gross Profit: 2350000, Net Profit: 690000

(a) (i) Find the inverse of matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A| = (2 \times 2) - (-1 \times 1) = 4 + 1 = 5$$

$$\text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = (1/5) \times \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/5 & 1/5 \\ -1/5 & 2/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Final Answer: $\begin{bmatrix} 2/5 & 1/5 \\ -1/5 & 2/5 \end{bmatrix}$

15. (a) (ii) Find the point P(x, y) if $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2x - y = 5 \quad (1)$$

$$x + 2y = 8 \quad (2)$$

Add (1) and (2):

$$3x + y = 13 \quad (3)$$

Subtract (1) from (2):

$$3y = 3 \rightarrow y = 1$$

Substitute $y = 1$ in (1):

$$2x - 1 = 5$$

$$2x = 6$$

$$x = 3$$

$$P = (3, 1)$$

Final Answer: (3, 1)

(b) Determine the image of the point obtained in part (a) (ii) under enlargement by the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ followed by a reflection in the line $y = x$.

Answer:

$$P = (3, 1)$$

Enlargement matrix = $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Reflection in $y = x$: Swap coordinates

$$(6, 2) \rightarrow (2, 6)$$

Final Answer: (2, 6)

15. (a) A bag contains 6 red balls and 4 blue balls. A ball is drawn at random and then replaced. Another ball is drawn. Use a tree diagram to find the probability that both balls are blue.

Answer:

$$P(\text{blue}) = 4/10 = 2/5$$

$$P(\text{red}) = 6/10 = 3/5$$

Blue and Blue (with replacement):

$$P(\text{blue, blue}) = (2/5) \times (2/5) = 4/25$$

Final Answer: 4/25

(b) Given the function $f(x) = x^2 + 6x + 10$

(i) Find the minimum point of $f(x)$.

(ii) Find the x and y intercepts.

(iii) Determine the axis of symmetry of $f(x)$.

(iv) Draw the graph of $f(x)$ using the results in part (i) – (iii) and use it to indicate the solution of the equation $x^2 + 6x + 7 = 0$.

(v) Find the domain and range of $f(x)$.

Answer:

$$(i) f(x) = x^2 + 6x + 10 = (x + 3)^2 - 9 + 10 = (x + 3)^2 + 1$$

Minimum point at vertex: $x = -3, y = 1$

Minimum point: $(-3, 1)$

$$(ii) x\text{-intercepts: } x^2 + 6x + 10 = 0$$

$$\text{Discriminant} = 6^2 - 4 \times 10 = 36 - 40 = -4 \text{ (no real roots)}$$

$$y\text{-intercept: } x = 0, y = 10$$

$$y\text{-intercept: } (0, 10)$$

$$(iii) \text{ Axis of symmetry: } x = -3 \text{ (from vertex)}$$

(iv) diagram description:

Vertex at $(-3, 1)$, opens upward, y-intercept $(0, 10)$.

$$\text{For } x^2 + 6x + 7 = 0 \rightarrow f(x) = 3$$

$$(x + 3)^2 + 1 = 3 \rightarrow (x + 3)^2 = 2 \rightarrow x + 3 = \pm\sqrt{2} \rightarrow x = -3 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{Solutions: } x \approx -4.414, -1.586$$

(v) Domain: All real numbers $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range: $y \geq 1$ (from minimum point)

Final Answer: (i) $(-3, 1)$, (ii) y-intercept: $(0, 10)$, no x-intercepts, (iii) $x = -3$, (iv) Solutions: $x \approx -4.414, -1.586$, (v) Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$, Range: $[1, \infty)$