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SECTION 1: (General overview of Learner Performance in the question paper as a whole)

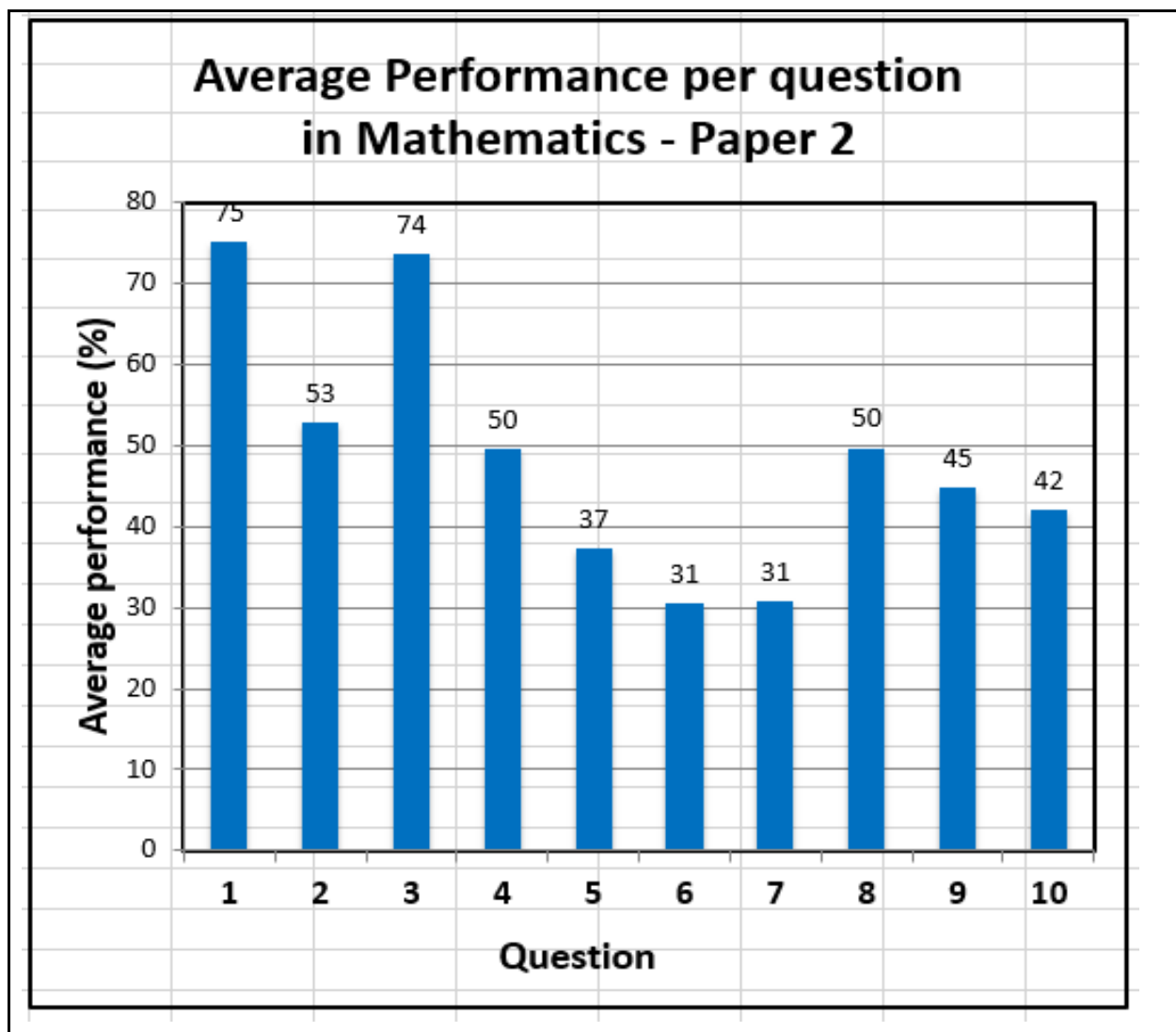
Learner Performance is discussed based on the sample of 100 scripts marked at the centre selected randomly.

Analysis of 100 randomly selected scripts varied from weak, moderate to good candidates. This small sample indicates that candidates performed best in Statistics (Q1 and Q2), Analytical Geometry (Q3 and Q4) and Geometry (Q 8). Performance in Trigonometry was the worst (less than 40 % in all sub questions). Question 9 and 10 which cover topics on Euclidean Geometry were answered very poorly. Learners results ranging from 0% to almost 100 % .The majority of the centres are performing poorly.

SAMPLE OF 100 SCRPTS

Mark	Levels	Number /%
0 – 44	1	23
45 – 59	2	23
60 – 74	3	11
75 – 89	4	11
90 – 104	5	10
105 – 119	6	10
120 - 150	7	12
TOTAL:100		

The Bar graph below shows the average performance from a sample of 100 scripts per question



SECTION 2: Comment on candidates' performance in individual questions

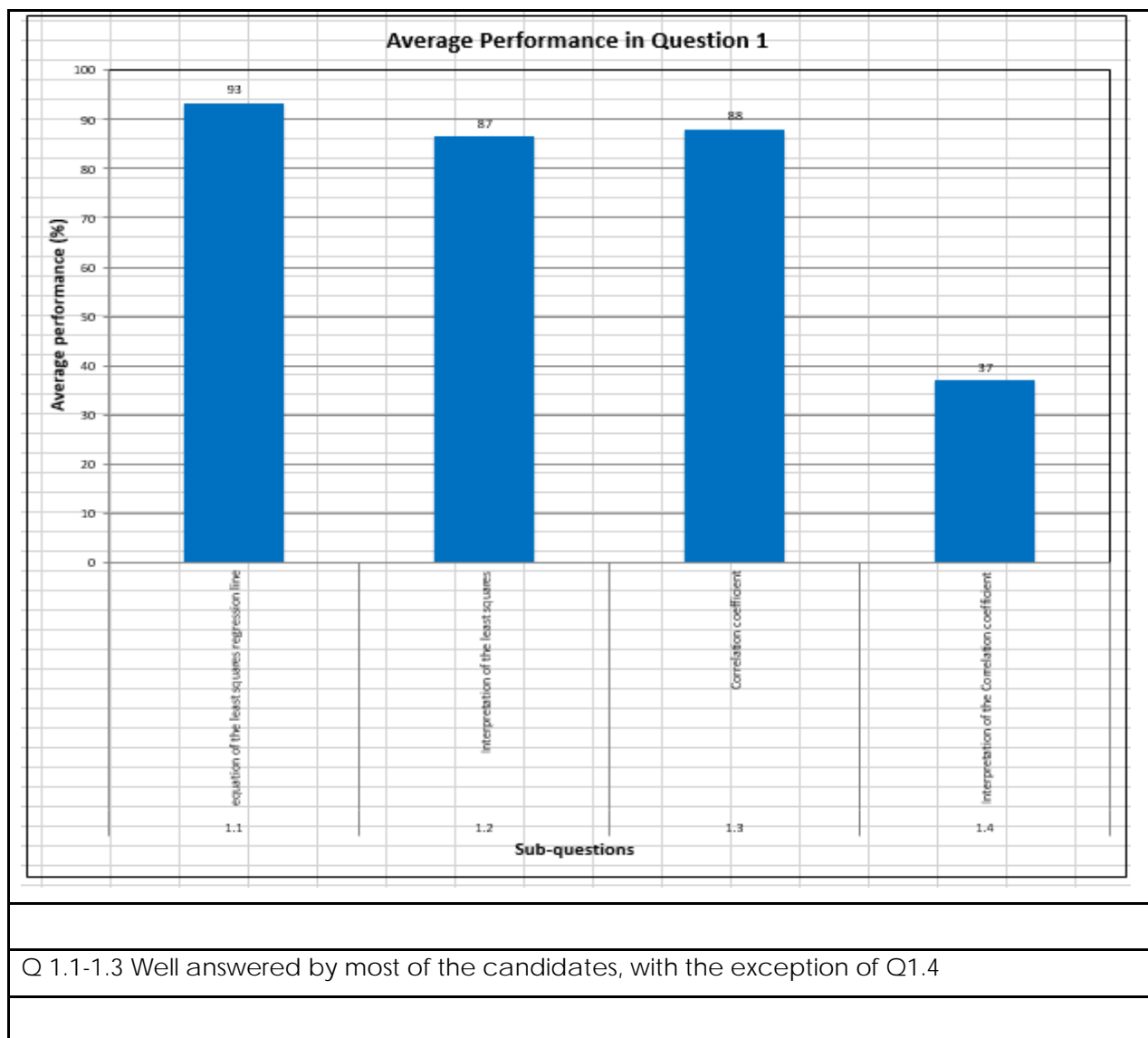
(It is expected that a comment will be provided for each question on a separate sheet).

QUESTION 1
(a) General comment on the performance of learners in the specific question. Was the question well answered or poorly answered?

The table below shows the monthly income (in rands) of 6 different people and the amount (in rands) that each person spends on the monthly repayment of a motor vehicle.

MONTHLY INCOME (IN RANDS)	9 000	13 500	15 000	16 500	17 000	20 000
MONTHLY REPAYMENT (IN RANDS)	2 000	3 000	3 500	5 200	5 500	6 000

- 1.1 Determine the equation of the least squares regression line for the data. (3)
- 1.2 If a person earns R14 000 per month, predict the monthly repayment that the person could make towards a motor vehicle. (2)
- 1.3 Determine the correlation coefficient between the monthly income and the monthly repayment of a motor vehicle. (1)
- 1.4 A person who earns R18 000 per month has to decide whether to spend R9 000 as a monthly repayment of a motor vehicle, or not. If the above information is a true representation of the population data, which of the following would the person most likely decide on:
- A Spend R9 000 per month because there is a very strong positive correlation between the amount earned and the monthly repayment.
 - B NOT to spend R9 000 per month because there is a very weak positive correlation between the amount earned and the monthly repayment.
 - C Spend R9 000 per month because the point (18 000 ; 9 000) lies very near to the least squares regression line.
 - D NOT to spend R9 000 per month because the point (18 000 ; 9 000) lies very far from the least squares regression line. (2)
- [8]**



(b) Why the question was poorly answered? Also provide specific examples, indicate common errors committed by learners in this question, and any misconceptions.
1.1-1.3 Some candidates still have challenges in using Casio Calculators. This is evident in the wrong values of a and b which resulted in an incorrect equation.
Other candidates calculated \bar{x} and δ_x instead of regression line.
Some candidates uses simple interest instead of regression line because of the word monthly repayment.
1.4 Most candidates leave this sub question blank due to a language barrier. They do not understand the meaning of most likely decide on .
Most of them choose option A instead of D.

(c) Provide suggestions for improvement in relation to Teaching and Learning
Avoid multiple choice questions as that is encouraging guess work.
Educators could use various approaches in their teaching and assessment .
Educators should also show all candidates how to use the different calculators to determine the values of a, b and r.

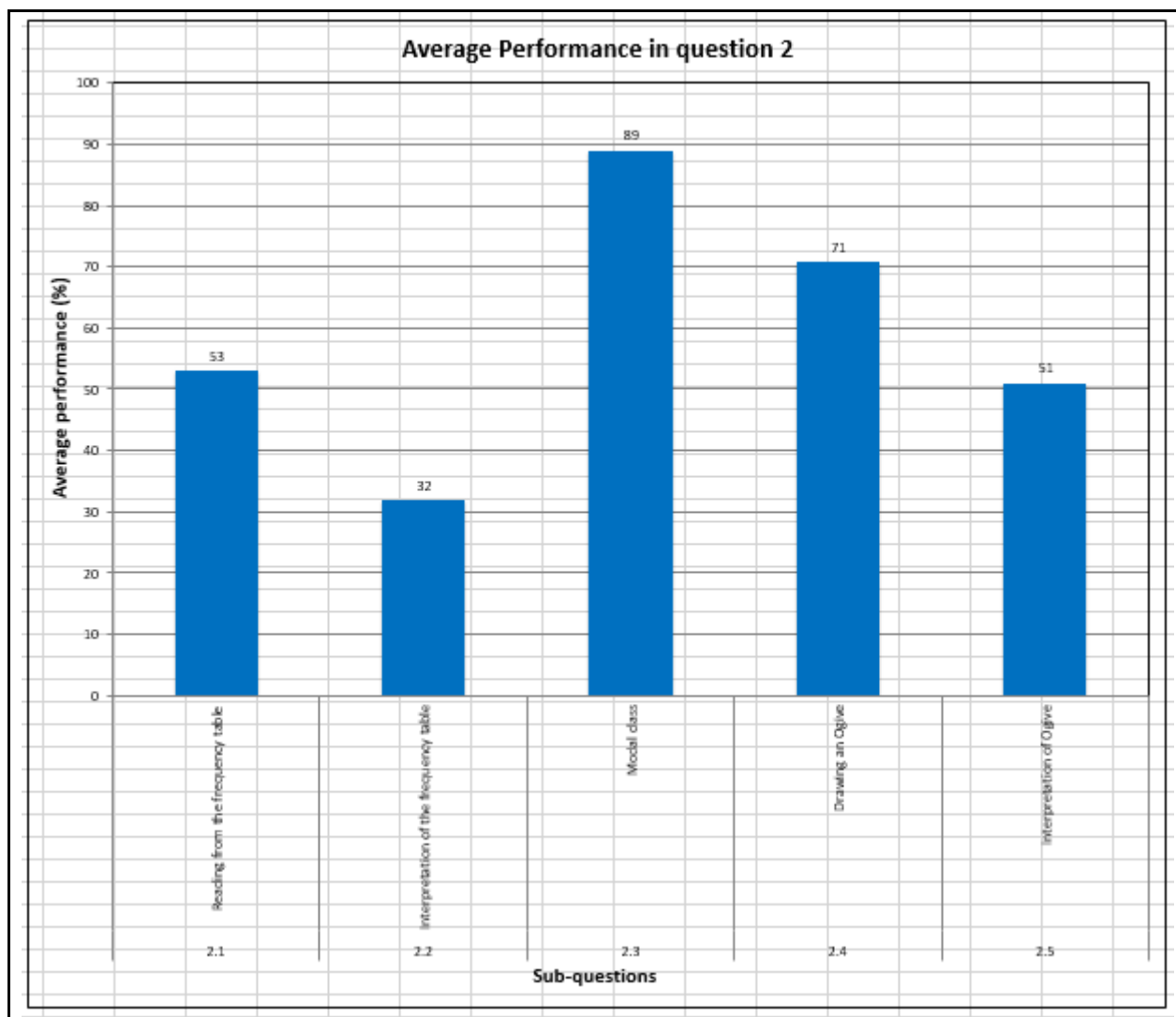
(d) Describe any other specific observations relating to responses of learners and comments that are useful to teachers, subject advisors, teacher development etc.
Question 1.4 was confusing to some learners, this is evident the option they choose(option A)

QUESTION 2

A survey was conducted among 100 people about the amount that they paid on a monthly basis for their cellphone contracts. The person carrying out the survey calculated the estimated mean to be R309 per month. Unfortunately, he lost some of the data thereafter. The partial results of the survey are shown in the frequency table below:

AMOUNT PAID (IN RANDS)	FREQUENCY
$0 < x \leq 100$	7
$100 < x \leq 200$	12
$200 < x \leq 300$	a
$300 < x \leq 400$	35
$400 < x \leq 500$	b
$500 < x \leq 600$	6

- 2.1 How many people paid R200 or less on their monthly cellphone contracts? (1)
- 2.2 Use the information above to show that $a = 24$ and $b = 16$. (5)
- 2.3 Write down the modal class for the data. (1)
- 2.4 On the grid provided in the ANSWER BOOK, draw an ogive (cumulative frequency graph) to represent the data. (4)
- 2.5 Determine how many people paid more than R420 per month for their cellphone contracts. (2)
- [13]**



(a) General comment on the performance of learners in the specific question. Was the question well answered or poorly answered?

Q 2.1 & Q 2.3 were well answered by almost all the candidates.

Q 2.2 , 2.4 & 2.5 were not well answered by the majority of the candidates

(b) Why the question was poorly answered? Also provide specific examples, indicate common errors committed by learners in this question, and any misconceptions.

Q 2.2 was not well answered as it involved two equation to be solved simultaneously.

The concept of a mean in grouped data is still a challenge.

Some candidates read the modal class as 35 from the frequency table instead of $300 < x \leq 400$.

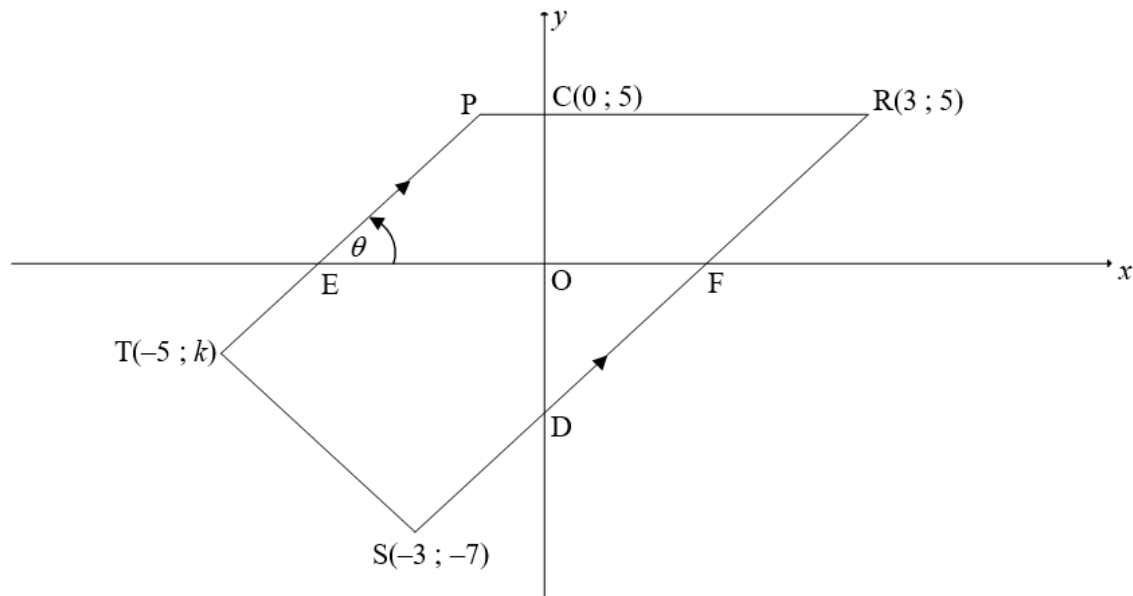
Some candidates are still sketching the Ogive by using lower limits instead of upper limits and ground incorrectly. Many learners also plotted the midpoint against the cumulative frequency.

(c) Provide suggestions for improvement in relation to Teaching and Learning
Expose learners to graph analysis and interpretation. Encourage learners to write down which points we need to plot to draw an Ogive. Learners must also be encouraged to write down the steps needed to calculate an estimate of the mean.

(d) Describe any other specific observations relating to responses of learners and comments that are useful to teachers, subject advisors, teacher development etc.
Some learners are using a ruler when they are sketching an Ogive.
Grounding of an Ogive should be emphasised.

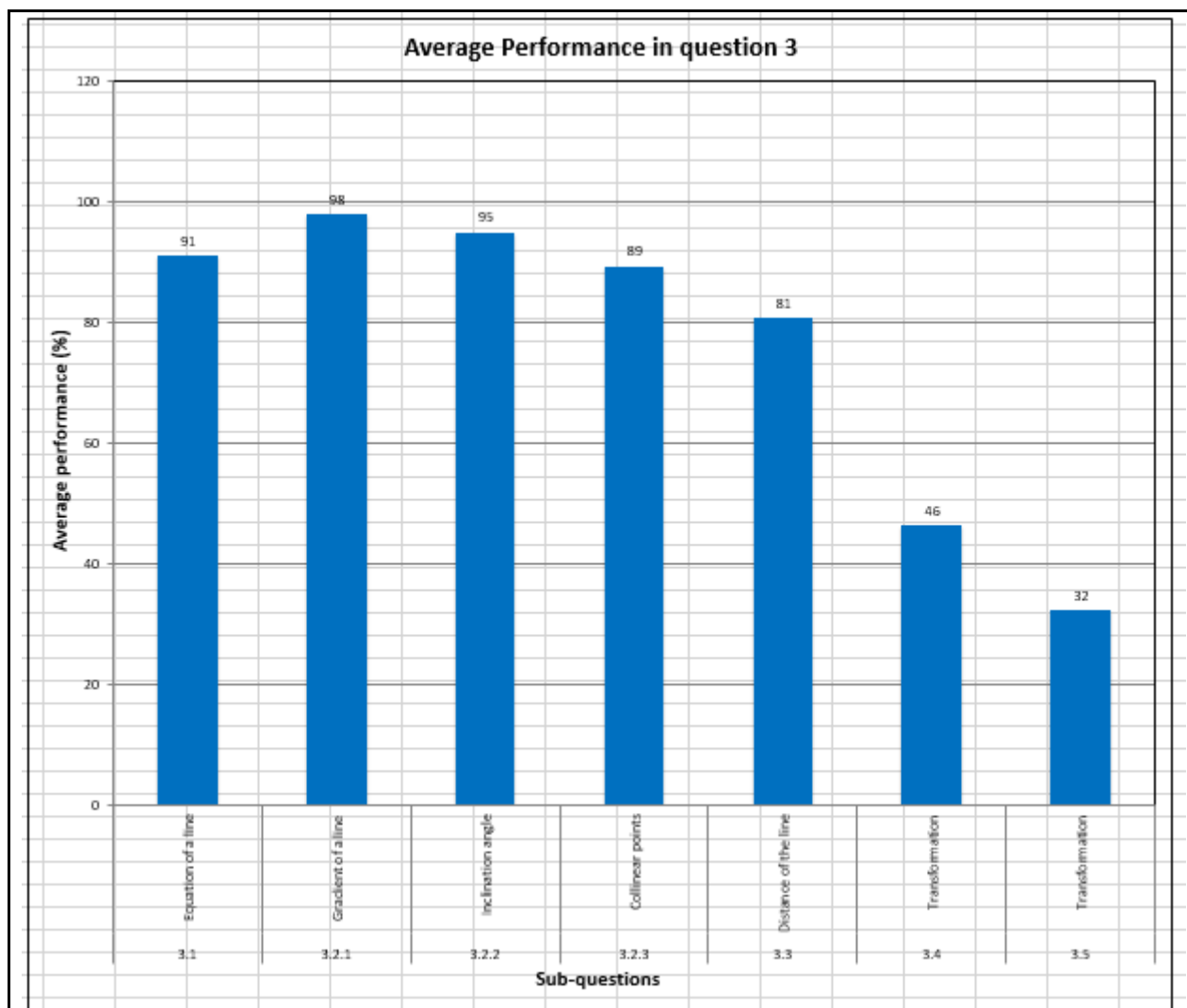
QUESTION 3

In the diagram, P, R(3 ; 5), S(-3 ; -7) and T(-5 ; k) are vertices of trapezium PRST and $PT \parallel RS$. RS and PR cut the y-axis at D and C(0 ; 5) respectively. PT and RS cut the x-axis at E and F respectively. $\hat{PEF} = \theta$.



- 3.1 Write down the equation of PR. (1)
- 3.2 Calculate the:
 - 3.2.1 Gradient of RS (2)
 - 3.2.2 Size of θ (3)
 - 3.2.3 Coordinates of D (3)
- 3.3 If it is given that $TS = 2\sqrt{5}$, calculate the value of k . (4)
- 3.4 Parallelogram TDNS, with N in the 4th quadrant, is drawn. Calculate the coordinates of N. (3)
- 3.5 $\triangle PRD$ is reflected about the y-axis to form $\triangle P'R'D'$. Calculate the size of $\hat{R'D'R'}$. (3)

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(a) General comment on the performance of learners in the specific question. Was the question well answered or poorly answered?

Q 3.1 & Q 3.2 were well answered.

Q 3.3 was attempted by many candidates but answered poorly.

Many candidates made mistakes with the substitution of T and S in the distance formula.

Many candidates also expanded $(-k - 7)^2$ incorrectly as $k^2 - 14k + 49$ and then used the quadratic formula to solve the equation.

Q 3.4 and Q 3.5 were poorly answered.

(b) Why the question was poorly answered? Also provide specific examples, indicate common errors committed by learners in this question, and any misconceptions.

Q 3.1 Even though this question was well answered, few candidates still find it challenging to calculate the equation of a horizontal line.

Q 3.2.1 there are still some learners who write the formula for the gradient of a line

incorrectly $m = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{y_2 - y_1}$ even though it was given in the formula sheet.

Q 3.2.3 this was a CA from Q 3.2.2, where some learners calculated the gradient of RS as -2

Q 3.5 was a challenge due to reflecting points in this sketch. Transformation of this sort, was last done in grade 9. $D \rightarrow D'$ etc. Therefore this question was not CAPS complaint.

(c) Provide suggestions for improvement in relation to Teaching and Learning

Familiarize all the learners with formula sheets from the beginning of the year.

Properties of quadrilaterals must be used throughout the topic.

Properties of Quadrilaterals must be taught thoroughly in grade 10.

(d) Describe any other specific observations relating to responses of learners and comments that are useful to teachers, subject advisors, teacher development etc.

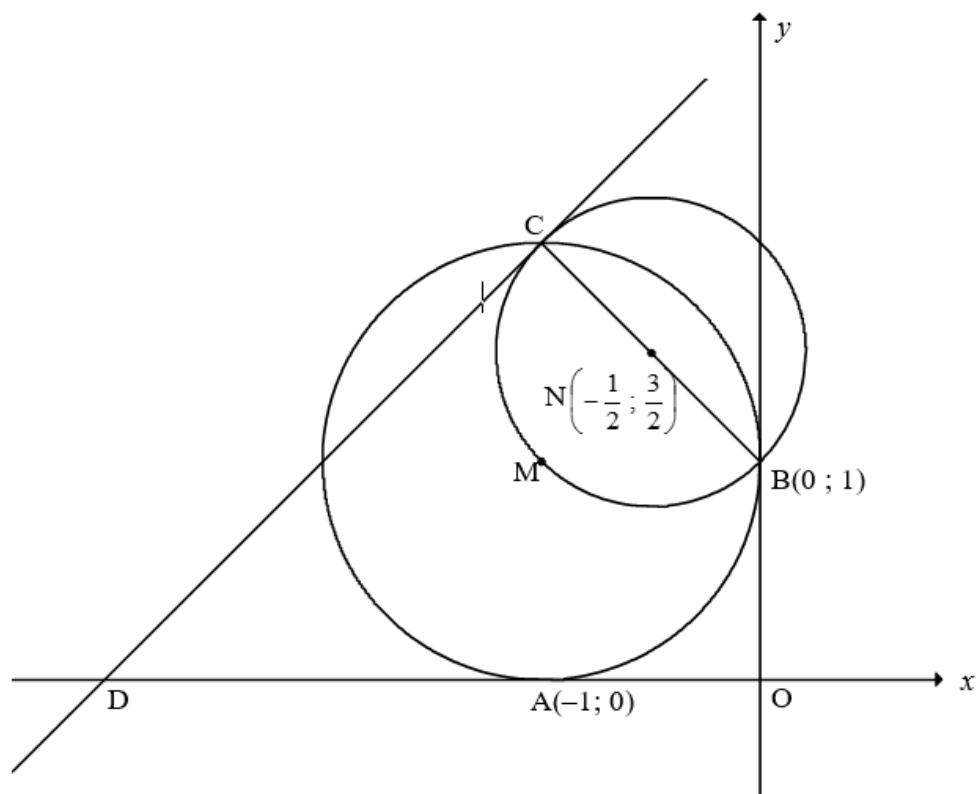
Learners do not write down the coordinates of the two points and do not label the points

as $(x_1; y_1)$ and $(x_2; y_2)$. They switch coordinates when substituting in gradient and distance

formula. Teachers must encourage learners to always write down the coordinates of the two points and to label them neatly and clearly.

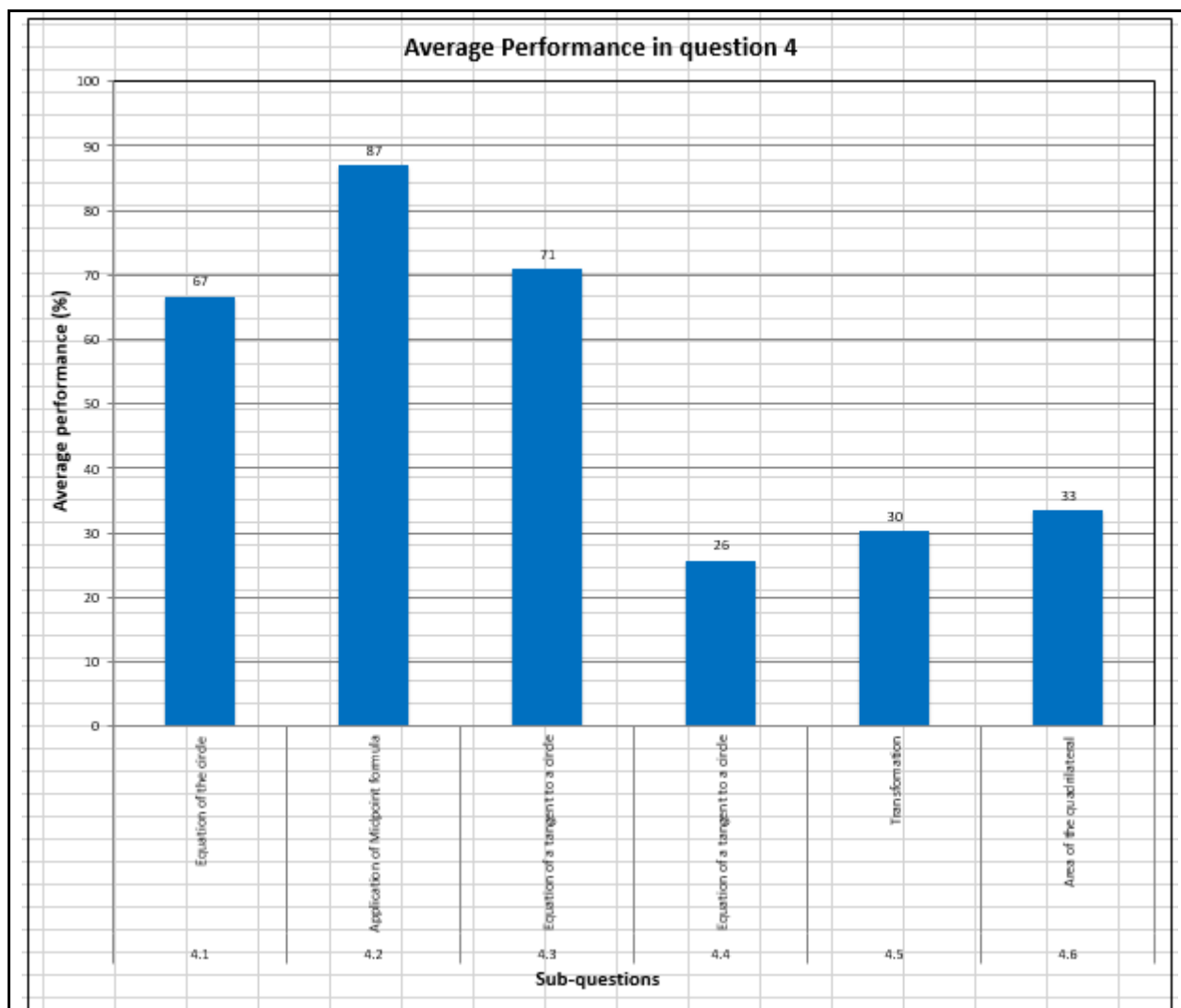
QUESTION 4

In the diagram, a circle having centre M touches the x -axis at $A(-1; 0)$ and the y -axis at $B(0; 1)$. A smaller circle, centred at $N\left(-\frac{1}{2}; \frac{3}{2}\right)$, passes through M and cuts the larger circle at B and C . BNC is a diameter of the smaller circle. A tangent drawn to the smaller circle at C , cuts the x -axis at D .



- 4.1 Determine the equation of the circle centred at M in the form $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$ (3)
- 4.2 Calculate the coordinates of C . (2)
- 4.3 Show that the equation of the tangent CD is $y - x = 3$. (4)
- 4.4 Determine the values of t for which the line $y = x + t$ will NOT touch or cut the smaller circle. (3)
- 4.5 The smaller circle centred at N is transformed such that point C is translated along the tangent to D . Calculate the coordinates of E , the new centre of the smaller circle. (3)
- 4.6 If it is given that the area of quadrilateral $OBCD$ is $2a^2$ square units and $a > 0$, show that $a = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}$ units. (5)

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(a) General comment on the performance of learners in the specific question. Was the question well answered or poorly answered?

Many candidates attempted this question but did not do well.

Candidates displayed arrays of misconceptions and errors in solving this question.

Q 4.1, Q 4.2 & Q 4.3 were well answered.

Q 4.4, Q 4.5 & Q 4.6 was poorly answered.

(b) Why the question was poorly answered? Also provide specific examples, indicate common errors committed by learners in this question, and any misconceptions.

A mixture of procedural, conceptual errors and misconceptions could be attributed to the poor performance from Q 4.4 to Q 4.6

Q 4.1 Candidates struggle to find the coordinates of M and they could not see tangent AO and OB. Since the radius \perp tangent it implies that $M(-1;1)$.

Q.4.3 candidates used the given equation in the question to get the gradient instead of

proving that, using $m_{rad} \times m_{tan} = -1$ in order to get the gradient of CD.
Q 4.4 Candidates do not have the insight to visualize tangents drawn at a circle with $m = 1$.
Candidates needed to draw $y = x + 3$ and $y = x + 1$ as tangents to the circle.
Q 4.5 Many candidates could not see that point C has been translated to D, meaning 2 units to the left and 2 units down. Transformation seems to be a challenge to many candidates.
Q 4.6 Candidates that divided OBCD into smaller different shapes e.g. triangles, squares, rectangles or even trapezium answered this question well.

(c.) Provide suggestions for improvement in relation to Teaching and Learning
Educators are examination bound, too often they only teach what they saw in previous papers .They should teach according to the outline in CAPS document to give learners all the necessary theory that is required for the grade 12 examination.

(d) Describe any other specific observations relating to responses of learners and comments that are useful to teachers, subject advisors, teacher development etc.
All the necessary theory for all topics need to be written down neatly in learners' books and only then should learners look at previous years' question papers. Learners must learn the art of answering question according to the different cognitive levels. Most learners should answer level 1 and 2 questions comfortably to obtain a minimum pass. They attempt level 3 and 4 questions without having a good foundation of level 1 and level 2.

QUESTION 5

5.1 Simplify the following expression to ONE trigonometric term:

$$\frac{\sin x}{\cos x \cdot \tan x} + \sin(180^\circ + x) \cos(90^\circ - x) \quad (5)$$

5.2 **Without using a calculator**, determine the value of: $\frac{\sin^2 35^\circ - \cos^2 35^\circ}{4 \sin 10^\circ \cos 10^\circ}$ (4)

5.3 Given: $\cos 26^\circ = m$

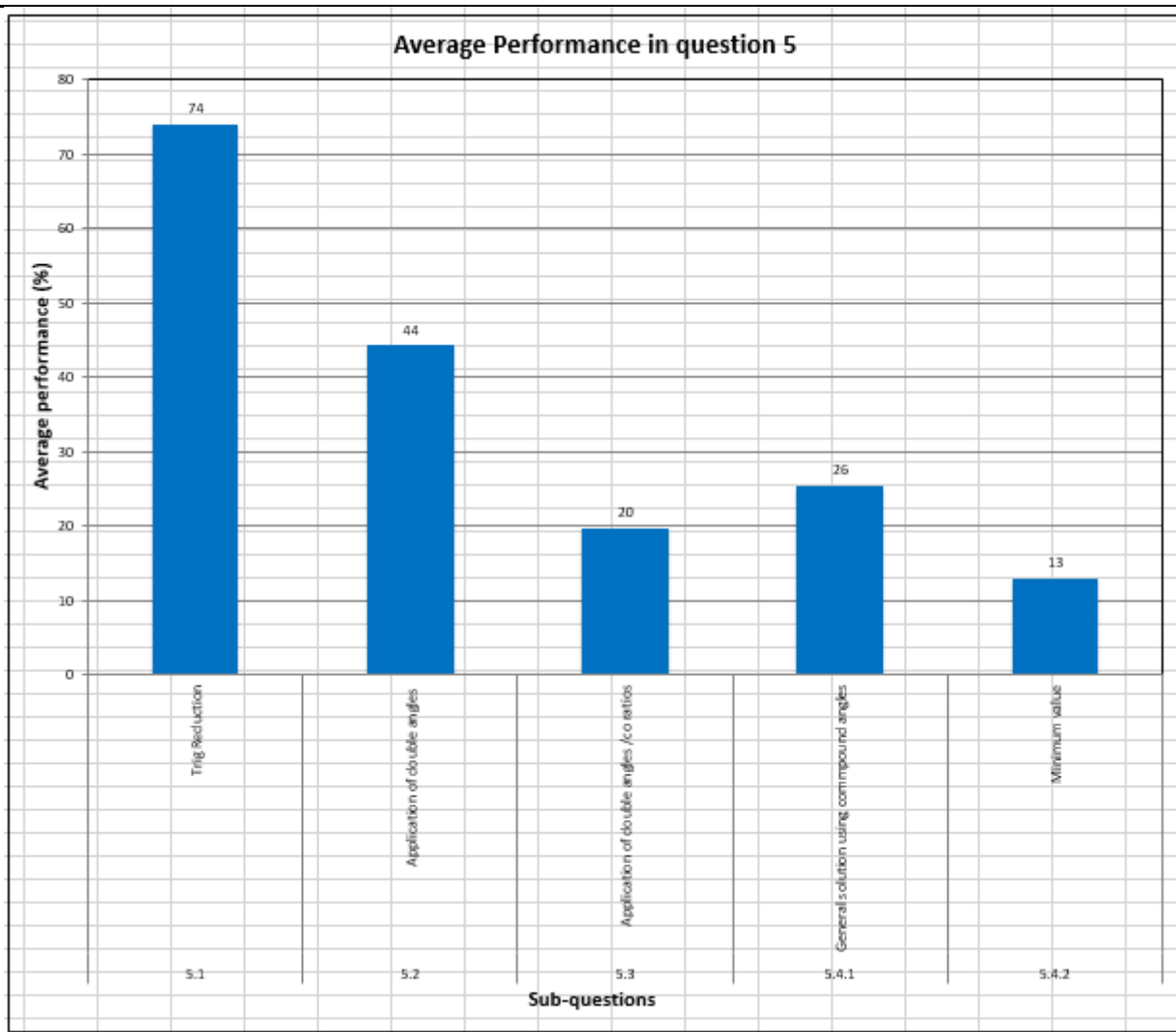
Without using a calculator, determine $2 \sin^2 77^\circ$ in terms of m . (4)

5.4 Consider: $f(x) = \sin(x + 25^\circ) \cos 15^\circ - \cos(x + 25^\circ) \sin 15^\circ$

5.4.1 Determine the general solution of $f(x) = \tan 165^\circ$ (6)

5.4.2 Determine the value(s) of x in the interval $x \in [0^\circ; 360^\circ]$ for which $f(x)$ will have a minimum value. (3)

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(a) General comment on the performance of learners in the specific question.
Was the question well answered or poorly answered?

Q 5.1 This question was well answered by almost all candidates. Candidates understand
reduction formulae, co-functions and expressing $\tan x$ in terms of $\frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$
Q 5.2, Q 5.3 and Q 5.4 were poorly answered, most candidates could not even attempt it.

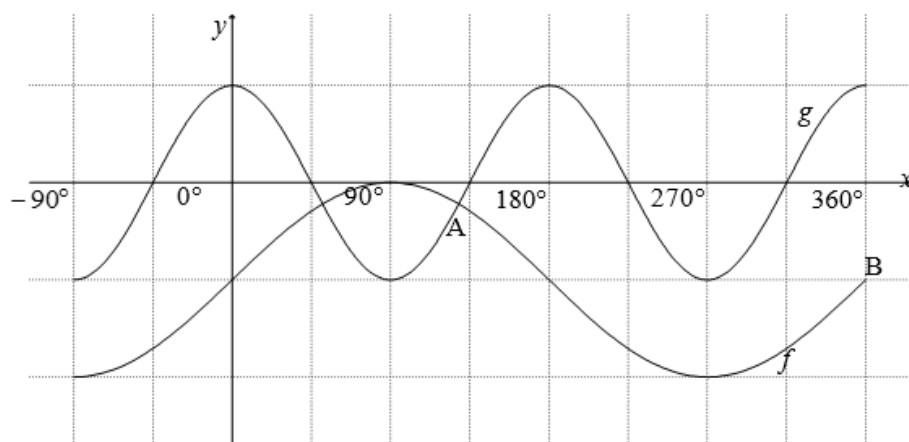
(b) Why the question was poorly answered? Also provide specific examples, indicate common errors committed by learners in this question, and any misconceptions.
Q 5.2 : Candidates could not identify the double angle for $\cos 2x$ and $\sin 2x$
Q 5.3 It is a higher order question which needs a very good understanding of double angles. Candidates were supposed to use either reduction formulae or co functions then double angles which still is a challenge to them.
Q 5.4.1 Candidates are struggling with compound angles and general solutions as they are higher order questions. If the question was rephrased as "Find the general solution of $\sin(x + 10^\circ) = \tan 165^\circ$ " candidates would be able to solve the equation. In Q5.3 the learners were asked to determine the solution without the use of a calculator.
However, in Q5.4.1 where the use of a calculator was allowed many learners attempted to find the general solution without the use of a calculator.
Q 5.4.2 is a continuation from 5.4.1 of which candidates failed to write $f(x) = \sin(x + 10)$.

(c) Provide suggestions for improvement in relation to Teaching and Learning
Double and compound angles is still challenge to learners.
Educators are encouraged to emphasize that $\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x = -\cos 2x$ and $4\sin 10^\circ \cos 10^\circ = 2(2\sin 10^\circ \cos 10^\circ) = 2\sin 20^\circ$
Teachers are encouraged to teach compound angles in reverse to enable learners to identify compound angles from the expanded form.

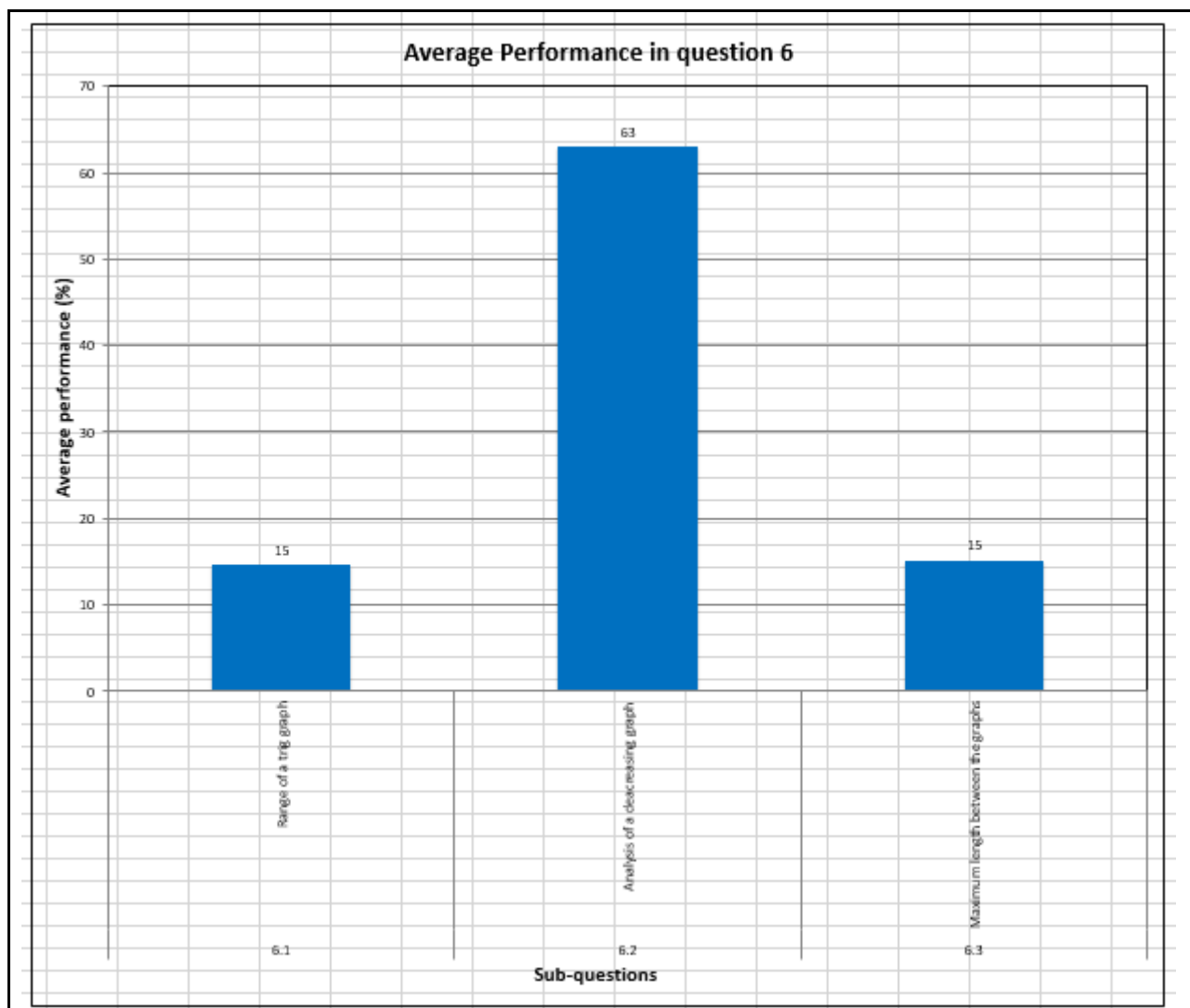
(d) Describe any other specific observations relating to responses of learners and comments that are useful to teachers, subject advisors, teacher development etc.
In Q 5.1 we wanted learners to reduce $\sin(180+x)$ and $\cos(90-x)$. instead learners multiplied the negative sign of $\sin(180+x)$ with the plus sign. In this section learners must put the -signs where they belong and only in the following step they should multiply the signs out. There was poor use of the CAST diagram and reference.

QUESTION 6

In the diagram, the graphs of $f(x) = \sin x - 1$ and $g(x) = \cos 2x$ are drawn for the interval $x \in [-90^\circ; 360^\circ]$. Graphs f and g intersect at A. B($360^\circ; -1$) is a point on f .



- 6.1 Write down the range of f . (2)
- 6.2 Write down the values of x in the interval $x \in [-90^\circ; 360^\circ]$ for which graph f is decreasing. (2)
- 6.3 P and Q are points on graphs g and f respectively such that PQ is parallel to the y -axis. If PQ lies between A and B, determine the value(s) of x for which PQ will be a maximum. (6)
[10]



(a) General comment on the performance of learners in the specific question. Was the question well answered or poorly answered?

Q 6.1. & Q 6.2 well answered

Q 6.3. Poorly answered

(b) Why the question was poorly answered? Also provide specific examples, indicate common errors committed by learners in this question, and any misconceptions.

Candidates find it challenging to locate P and Q on the graph which is parallel to the y axis.

Though they subtracted the two graphs correctly, they couldn't go further. This was an

integration of P1 and P2. Although the perpendicular distance between two functions is

usually examined in Paper 1, trigonometric functions cannot be excluded from this.

Many candidates are confused with decreasing and $f(x) < 0$. $f(x) < 0$ means they have to look where the graph lies below the x axis.

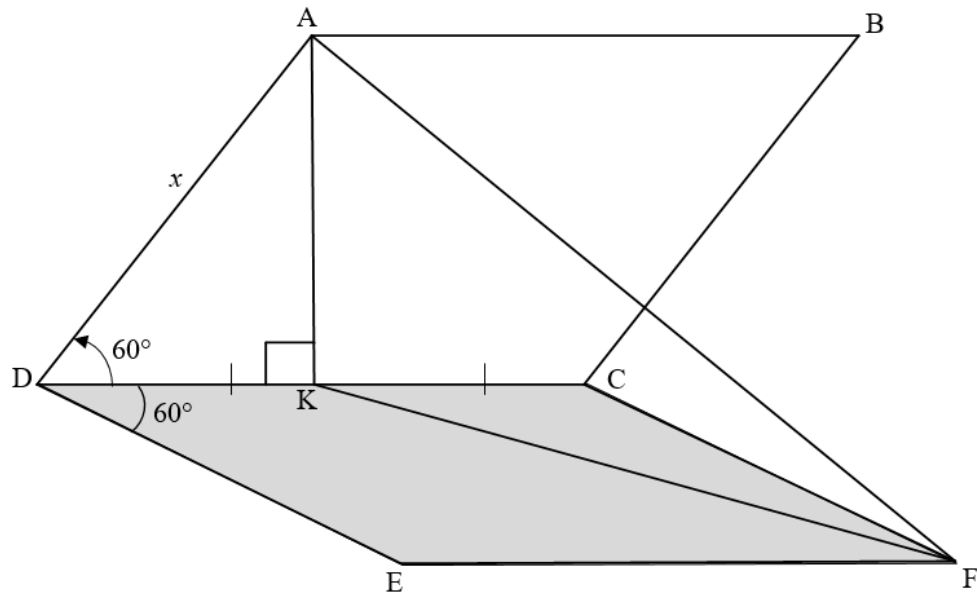
6.3 Was a higher order question which needs a thorough understanding of maximum value.

(c) Provide suggestions for improvement in relation to Teaching and Learning
Educators are encouraged to integrate the different topics as this is done increasingly in P1 & P2. Teachers must teach learners the perpendicular distance between any two functions for P1 and P2. Tell them not to find the derivative of trig functions because it is not in the syllabus.
Graph interpretation is still a challenge. Educators must explain more the difference between decreasing and strictly decreasing in their teaching.

(d) Describe any other specific observations relating to responses of learners and comments that are useful to teachers, subject advisors, teacher development etc.
6.1 Candidates incorrectly write interval as $-2 \geq y \leq 0$ or $y \in (0;-2$
6.2 Candidates incorrectly write interval as $180^\circ < x < 270^\circ$ or $x \in [-90^\circ; 90^\circ]$
6.3 Equation is differentiated incorrectly for example <div style="text-align: right;"> $-2 \sin^2 x - \sin x + 2 = PQ$ $-4 \sin x - 1 = PQ^2$ </div>
PQ represents a parabolic function. To find the maximum value of a parabolic function, learners had to find $\sin x = \frac{-b}{2a} = -\frac{1}{4}$ or should have written in the form $PQ = a(x - p)^2 + q$

QUESTION 7

The diagram below shows a solar panel, $ABCD$, which is fixed to a flat piece of concrete slab $EFCD$. $ABCD$ and $EFCD$ are two identical rhombuses. K is a point on DC such that $DK = KC$ and $AK \perp DC$. AF and KF are drawn. $\hat{ADC} = \hat{CDE} = 60^\circ$ and $AD = x$ units.

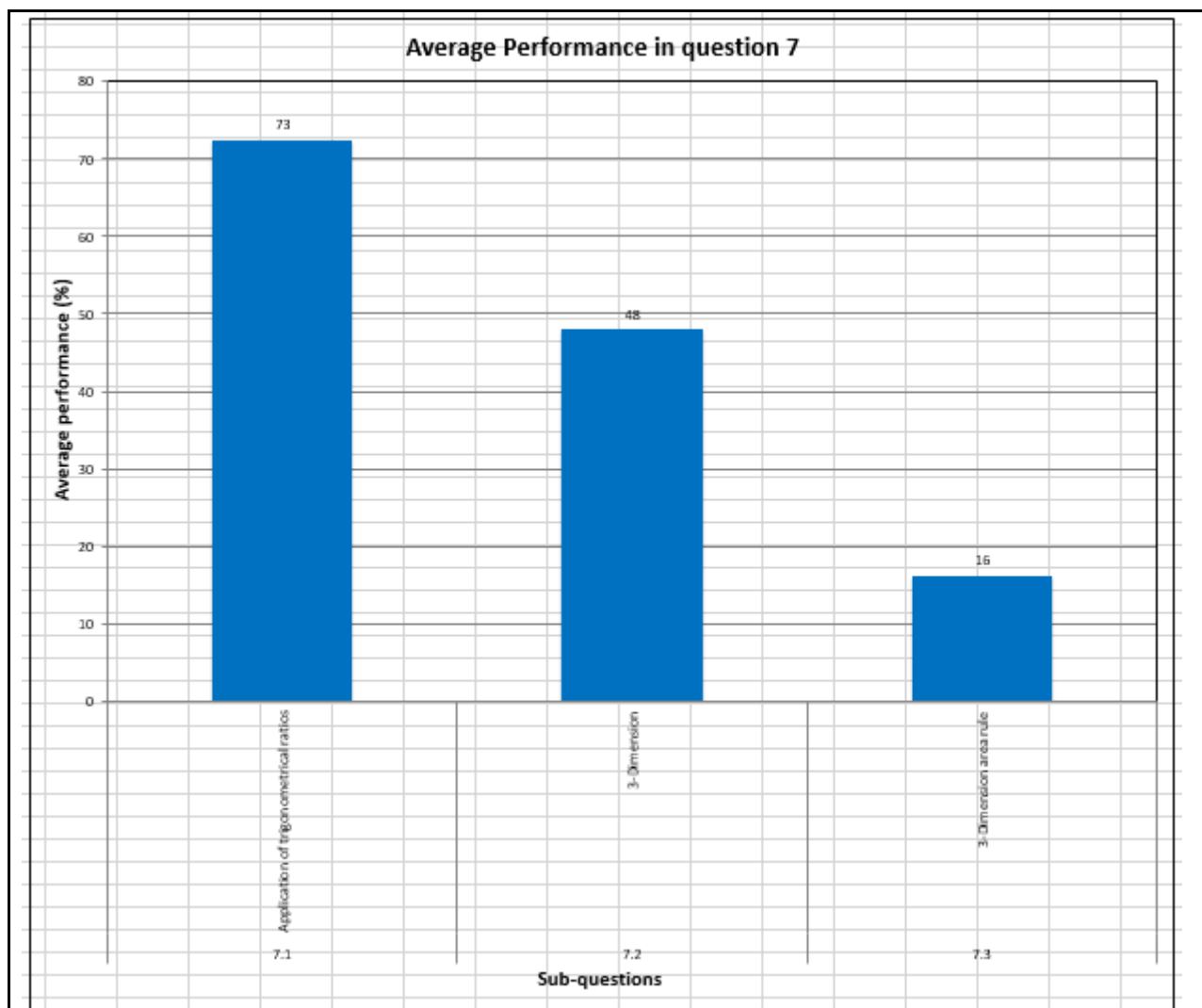


7.1 Determine AK in terms of x . (2)

7.2 Write down the size of \hat{KCF} . (1)

7.3 It is further given that \hat{AKF} , the angle between the solar panel and the concrete slab, is y . Determine the area of $\triangle AKF$ in terms of x and y . (7)

[10]



(a) General comment on the performance of learners in the specific question. Was the question well answered or poorly answered?

Q 7.1 and Q7.2 was well answered

Q 7.3 poorly answered

(b) Why the question was poorly answered? Also provide specific examples, indicate common errors committed by learners in this question, and any misconceptions.

7.3 Was a higher order question with 7 marks. The question was supposed to be broken down into sub-question to give a hint to the learners.

Candidates have to first use cosine rule to calculate the length of KF and then area rule in triangle AKF to find the area of the triangle.

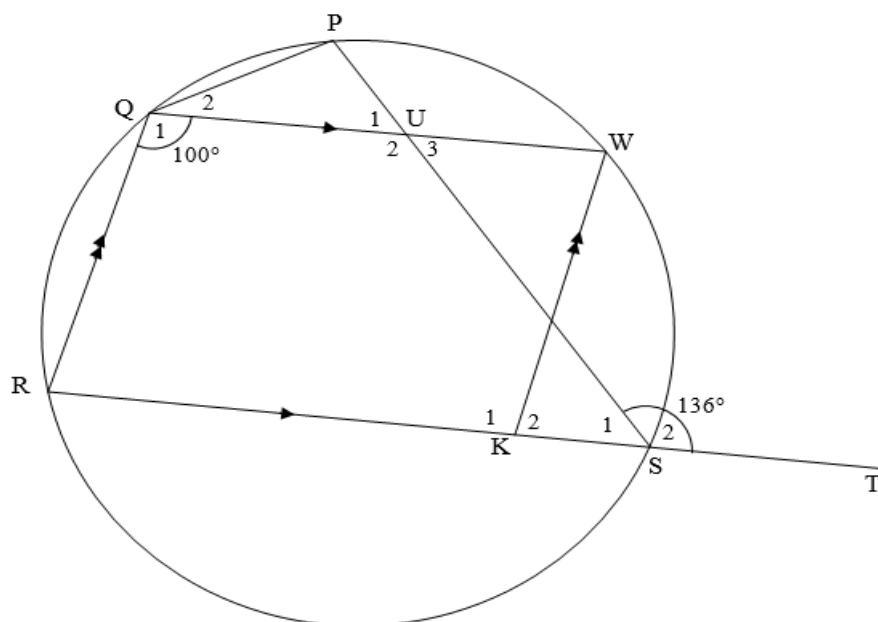
Some candidates do not know the difference between 2D and 3D.

(c) Provide suggestions for improvement in relation to Teaching and Learning
Educators are encouraged to do more examples on 2D and 3D in class including using compound angles and double angles in 3D shapes.

(d) Describe any other specific observations relating to responses of learners and comments that are useful to teachers, subject advisors, teacher development etc.
The solar panel and the concrete slab formed a problem in 3 dimensions. Though $\hat{AKF} = y$ it does not mean that $\hat{AKC} + \hat{CKF} = y$. Many candidates assumed that and calculated $\hat{CKF} = y - 90^\circ$ which was a breakdown and got zero for that question.

QUESTION 8

- 8.1 In the diagram, PQRS is a cyclic quadrilateral. Chord RS is produced to T. K is a point on RS and W is a point on the circle such that QRKW is a parallelogram. PS and QW intersect at U. $\hat{PST} = 136^\circ$ and $\hat{Q}_1 = 100^\circ$. PS and QW intersect at U.



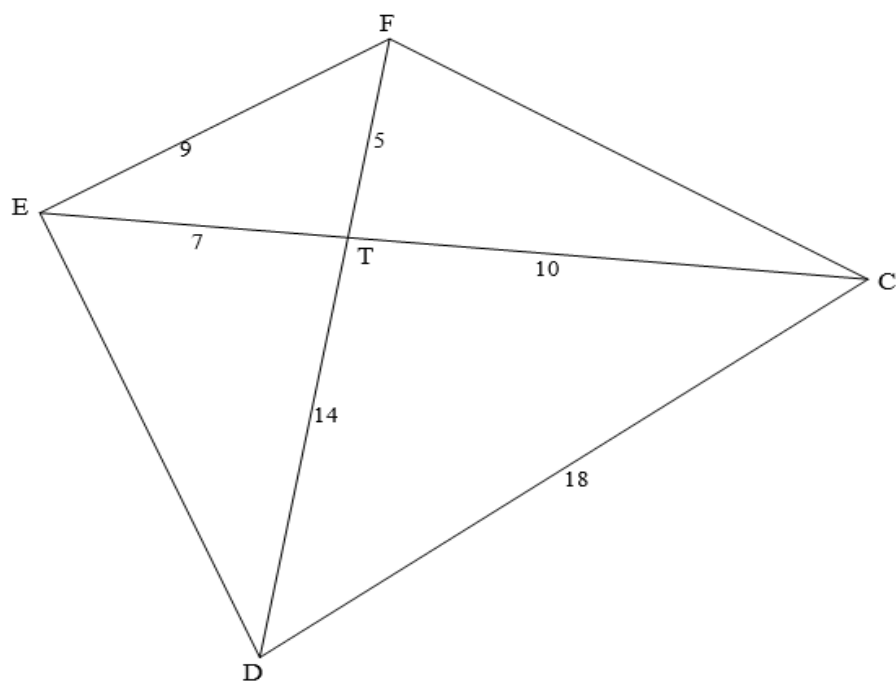
Determine, with reasons, the size of:

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| 8.1.1 | \hat{R} | (2) |
| 8.1.2 | \hat{P} | (2) |
| 8.1.3 | \hat{PQW} | (3) |
| 8.1.4 | \hat{U}_2 | (2) |

8.2

In the diagram, the diagonals of quadrilateral CDEF intersect at T.

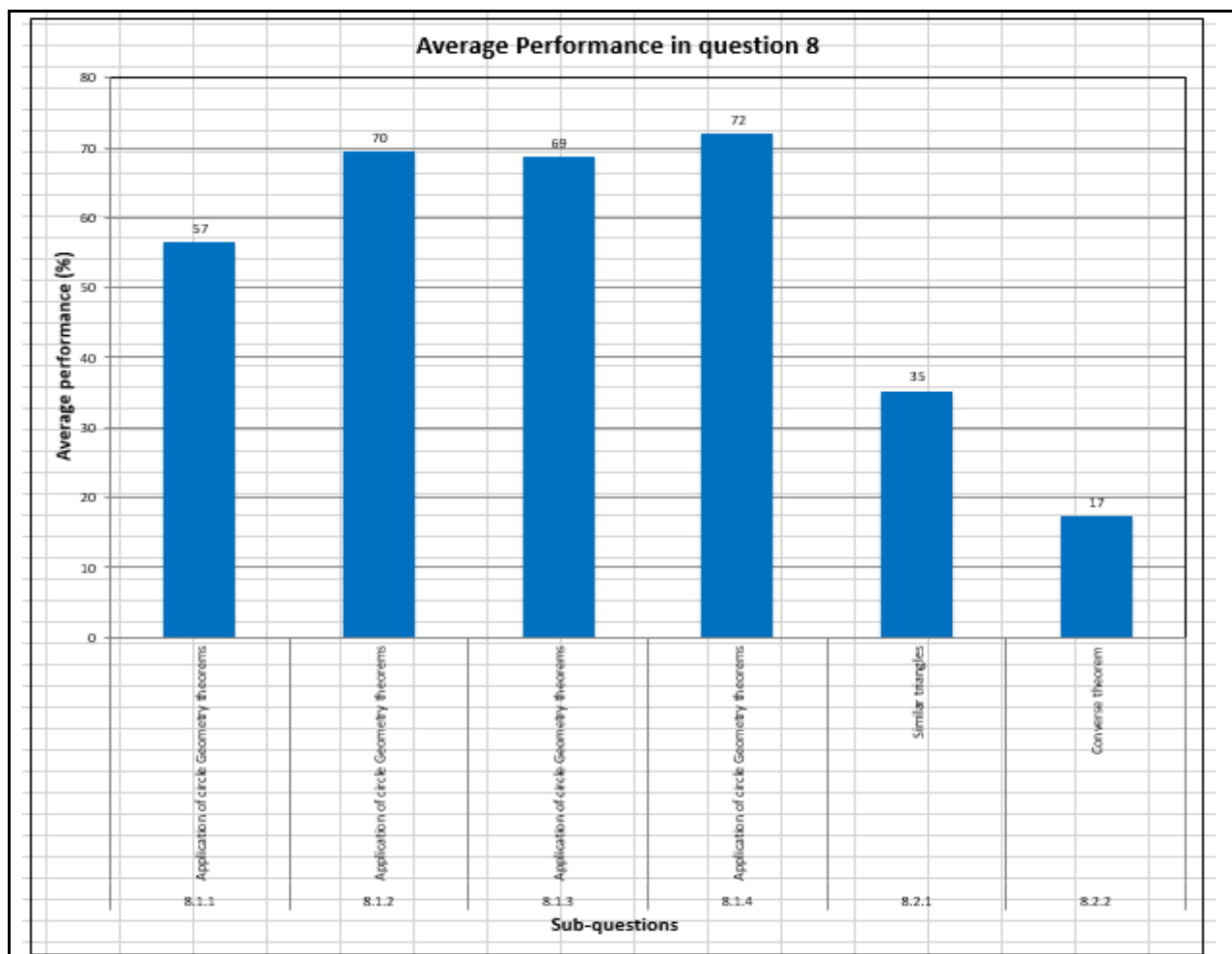
EF = 9 units, DC = 18 units, ET = 7 units, TC = 10 units, FT = 5 units and TD = 14 units.



Prove, with reasons, that:

8.2.1 $\angle EFD = \angle ECD$ (4)

8.2.2 $\angle FDC = \angle DEC$ (3)
[16]



(a) General comment on the performance of learners in the specific question. Was the question well answered or poorly answered?

Q 8.1.1 to Q 8.1.4 Were attempted correctly by almost all the candidates even though some reasons were not correct.

Q 8.2 Was poorly answered.

(b) Why the question was poorly answered? Also provide specific examples, indicate common errors committed by learners in this question, and any misconceptions.

Basic application of theorems is lacking in some learners.

Some candidates who attempted the question lost marks for reasons and making assumptions

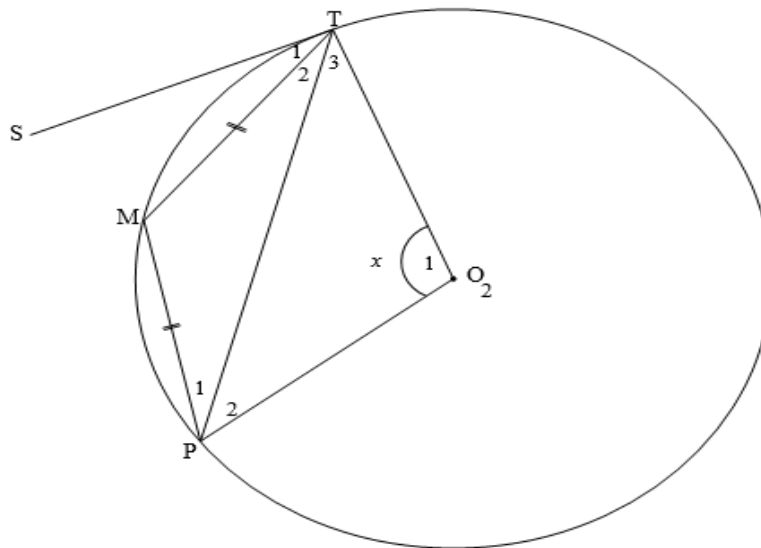
Candidates struggle to prove triangles similar by using sides that are proportional.

Q 8.2.2 Candidates could not conceptualize that they first had to prove that EFCD is a cyclic quadrilateral.

(c) Provide suggestions for improvement in relation to Teaching and Learning
Educators are encouraged to help learners on how to identify theorems to use in a given diagram as well basic application of those theorems.
Educators must emphasize the correct and acceptable way of proving why a figure is a cyclic quadrilateral. Using converse of particular theorems as a reason is still a challenge to many candidates. Compared to the last few years, there has been an improvement in using the word converse as part of the reason. Teachers should teach similar triangles by proving corresponding angles equal and corresponding sides in proportion.
There has also been an improvement in including the parallel lines with alternate, corresponding and co-interior angles.
(d) Describe any other specific observations relating to responses of learners and comments that are useful to teachers, subject advisors, teacher development etc.
Though there is an improvement in the responses of learners in Euclidean Geometry, there are some learners and teachers who still struggle with this topic.

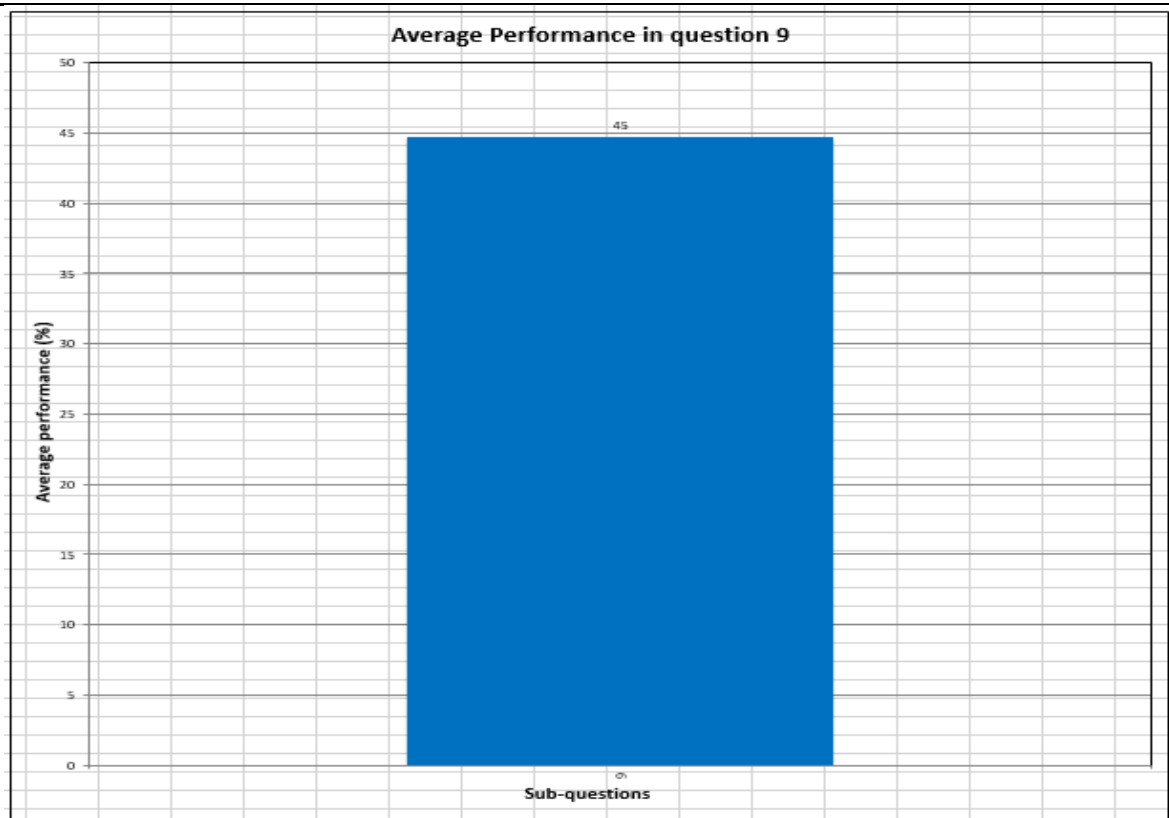
QUESTION 9

In the diagram, O is the centre of the circle. ST is a tangent to the circle at T . M and P are points on the circle such that $TM = MP$. OT , OP and TP are drawn. Let $\hat{O}_1 = x$.



Prove, with reasons, that $\hat{STM} = \frac{1}{4}x$.

[7]



(a) General comment on the performance of learners in the specific question. Was the question well answered or poorly answered?

Q 9: Was attempted by many learners but answered poorly.

(b) Why the question was poorly answered? Also provide specific examples, indicate common errors committed by learners in this question, and any misconceptions.
Many basic geometric concepts were needed. Combining them was really a problem.
Angles around a point , angles at the centre, angles opposite equal sides,
tangent and chord theorem and tangent \perp radius were the key theorems in this question.
The fraction complicated the question even more. Candidates have challenges in working with fractions.
Candidates wrongly assumed that TMPO is a cyclic quadrilateral of which it is not.
They calculated $\hat{M} = 180^\circ - x$ and could therefore not prove that angle $\hat{STM} = \frac{1}{4}x$.

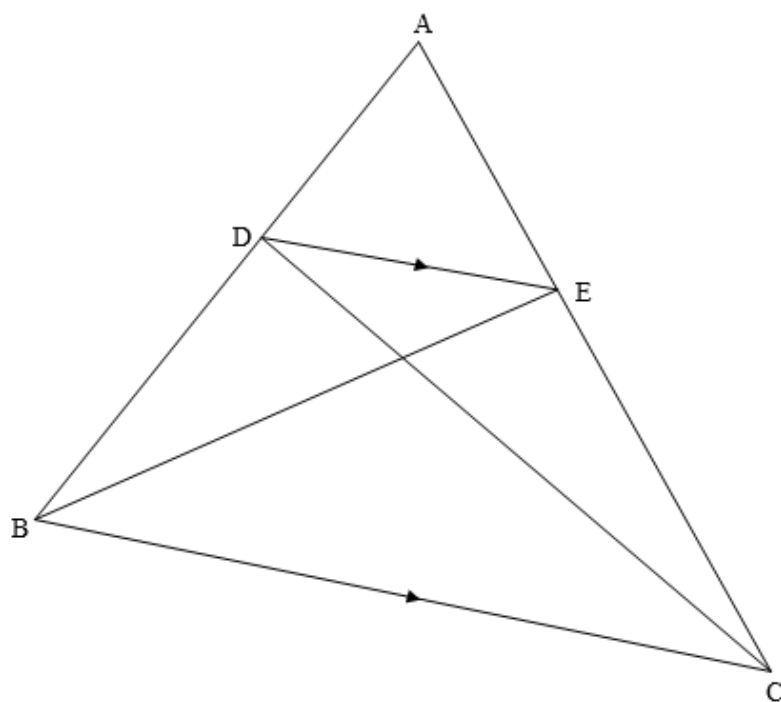
(c) Provide suggestions for improvement in relation to Teaching and Learning
Candidates are still struggling to use the acceptable reasons. All teachers and learners should have a copy of examination guidelines that highlight the acceptable reasons for Euclidean geometry.
Examples of incorrect reasons:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • centre theorem instead of angle at centre = 2x angle at circumference. • Isosceles triangles instead of angles opposite = sides • Prop theorem instead of Prop theorem ;AB//CD.

(d) Describe any other specific observations relating to responses of learners and comments that are useful to teachers, subject advisors, teacher development etc.
Regular Euclidean workshops for teachers that have challenges with this topic , is recommended.
Schools are encouraged to have regular subject meetings every week to discuss different teaching strategies.

QUESTION 10

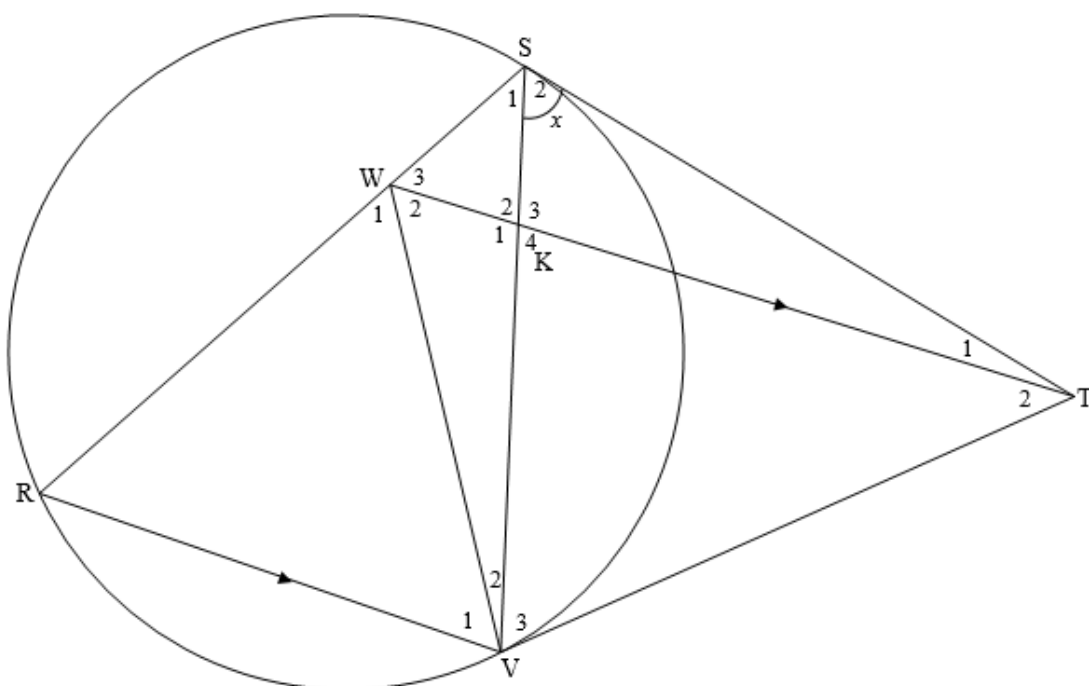
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- 10.1 In the diagram, $\triangle ABC$ is drawn. D is a point on AB and E is a point on AC such that $DE \parallel BC$. BE and DC are drawn.



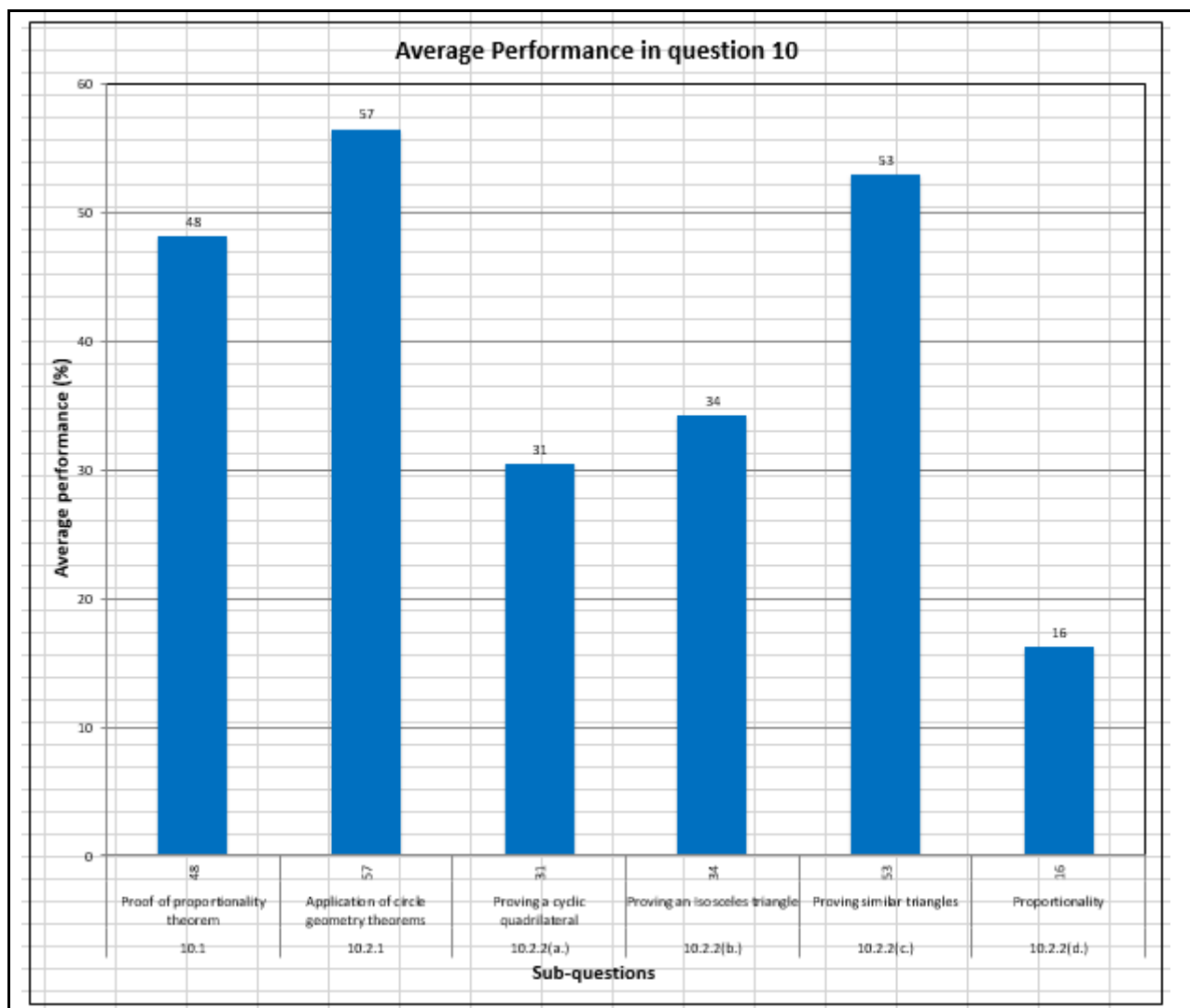
Use the diagram to prove the theorem which states that a line drawn parallel to one side of a triangle divides the other two sides proportionally, in other words prove that $\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC}$ (6)

- 10.2 In the diagram, ST and VT are tangents to the circle at S and V respectively. R is a point on the circle and W is a point on chord RS such that WT is parallel to RV . SV and WV are drawn. WT intersects SV at K . Let $\hat{S}_2 = x$.



- 10.2.1 Write down, with reasons, THREE other angles EACH equal to x . (6)
- 10.2.2 Prove, with reasons, that:
- (a) $WSTV$ is a cyclic quadrilateral (2)
 - (b) $\triangle WRV$ is isosceles (4)
 - (c) $\triangle WRV \parallel \triangle TSV$ (3)
 - (d) $\frac{RV}{SR} = \frac{KV}{TS}$ (4)

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(a) General comment on the performance of learners in the specific question. Was the question well answered or poorly answered?

Q 10.1 Was answered reasonable.

Q 10.2.1 well answered

Q 10.2.2(a) relatively well answered

Q 10.2.2(b) not well answered though attempted by most learners

Q 10.2.2(c) was not answered well

Q 10.2.2(d) very poorly answered

(b) Why the question was poorly answered? Also provide specific examples, indicate common errors committed by learners in this question, and any misconceptions.

Q 10.2.1 Candidates give statements with wrong reason, eg. Instead of using tangents from the

common point they use angles opposite equal sides without mentioning the tangents are equal. The order in which three angles equal to x were mentioned, was important.

Candidates started incorrectly by stating that $\hat{S}_2 = \hat{W}_2$, assuming that WSVT is a cyclic quadrilateral. This was considered as a breakdown.
Q 10.2.2(c) Many candidates simply matched up the angles correctly but struggled to reason correctly. e.g $\hat{W} = \hat{T}, \hat{R} = \hat{S}$ and $\hat{V} = \hat{V}$ (common) which was a breakdown.
Q 10.2.2(d) Candidates had to use a combination of similarity and proportionality. Many candidates could not choose the correct ratios and the two correct triangles to prove that
$\frac{RV}{SR} = \frac{KV}{TS}.$

(c) Provide suggestions for improvement in relation to Teaching and Learning
Educators must frequently make an appointment with subject advisor for assistance.
Geogebra could be used to provide visual reinforcement of how the theorems work and how they are applied in various situation.
Geogebra helps learners to discover for themselves the different theorems. This helps them to remember theorems for longer without the teacher telling them.

(d) Describe any other specific observations relating to responses of learners and comments that are useful to teachers, subject advisors, teacher development etc.
Educators must alert candidates to a combination of similar triangles and parallel lines in one diagram. Usually, both of these will be combined for a higher order question.
Educators must also alert candidates to equal lines in a diagram that can lead to replacement in equal ratios.
Educators need to consult subject advisor if they need training and apply for teacher development quarterly
THE SECRET TO SUCCESS IS PRACTISE.
Practice, practice, practice from the beginning of the year till the end of the year!!!