

### 3 Coordinate geometry

#### 3.1 Coordinates

#### Notes and examples

Use and interpret Cartesian coordinates in two dimensions.

#### 3.2 Drawing linear graphs

#### Notes and examples

Draw straight-line graphs for linear equations.

Examples include:

- $y = -2x + 5$
- $y = 7 - 4x$
- $3x + 2y = 5$  .

#### 3.3 Gradient of linear graphs

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Find the gradient of a straight line.
- 2 Calculate the gradient of a straight line from the coordinates of two points on it.

#### 3.4 Length and midpoint

#### Notes and examples

- 1 Calculate the length of a line segment.
- 2 Find the coordinates of the midpoint of a line segment.

#### 3.5 Equations of linear graphs

#### Notes and examples

Interpret and obtain the equation of a straight-line graph.

Questions may:

- use and request lines in different forms, e.g.  
 $ax + by = c$   
 $y = mx + c$   
 $x = k$
- involve finding the equation when the graph is given
- ask for the gradient or  $y$ -intercept of a graph from an equation, e.g. find the gradient and  $y$ -intercept of the graph with equation  $5x + 4y = 8$ .

Candidates are expected to give equations of a line in a fully simplified form.

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#### 3.6 Parallel lines

#### Notes and examples

Find the gradient and equation of a straight line parallel to a given line.

e.g. Find the equation of the line parallel to  $y = 4x - 1$  that passes through  $(1, -3)$ .

#### 3.7 Perpendicular lines

#### Notes and examples

Find the gradient and equation of a straight line perpendicular to a given line.

Examples include:

- Find the gradient of a line perpendicular to  $2y = 3x + 1$ .
- Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of the line joining the points  $(-3, 8)$  and  $(9, -2)$ .