



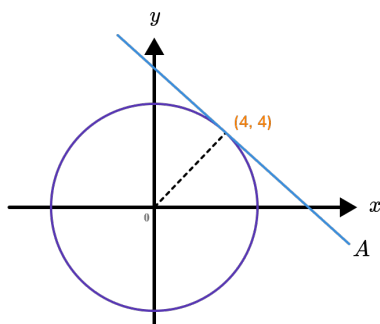
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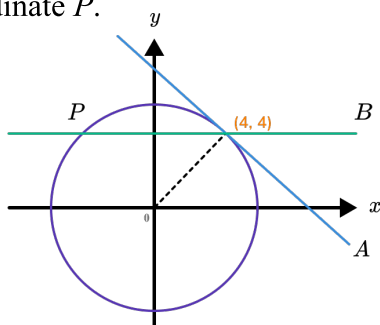
# GCSE Exam Questions: Parallel and Perpendicular Lines

- 1) (a) The line  $A$  is the tangent to the circle of centre  $O$ . The tangent meets the circle at the coordinate  $(4, 4)$ . Calculate the gradient of the tangent.



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(2)

- (b) Line  $B$  is parallel to the  $x$  axis going through the point  $(4, 4)$ . State the coordinate  $P$ .



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(1)  
(3 marks)

- 2) (a) The equation of a line  $A$  is  $2y + 4x = 11$ . Another line  $B$  is parallel to line  $A$ . What is the gradient of line  $B$ ? Circle the correct answer.

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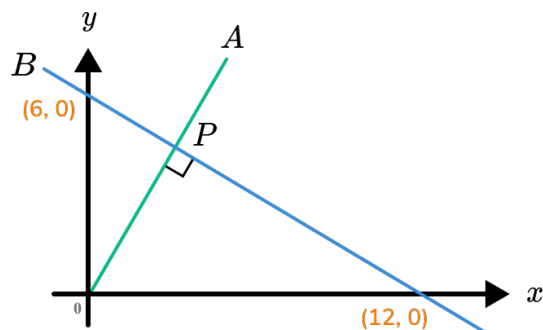
- (b) Line  $C$  is perpendicular to line  $A$ . What is the gradient of line  $C$ ? Circle the correct answer.

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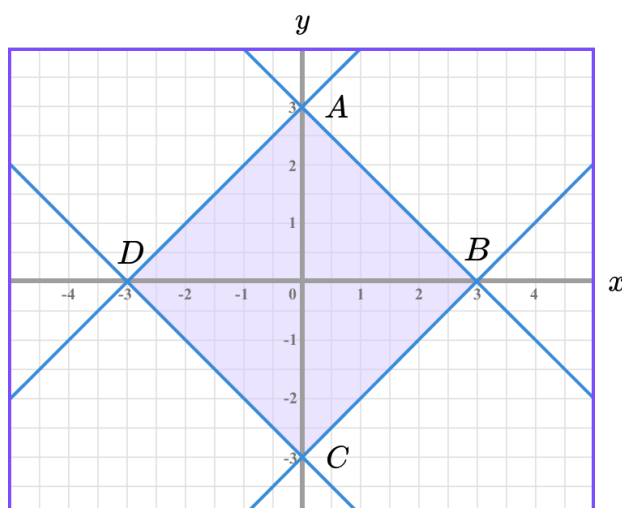
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- 3) Two lines  $A$  and  $B$  are perpendicular. They intersect at the point  $P$ . Calculate the coordinate  $P$ .



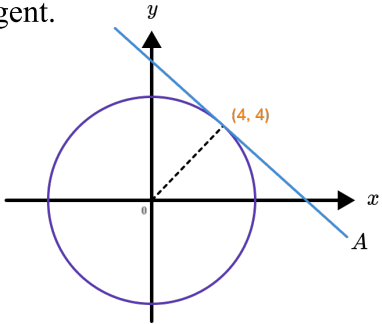
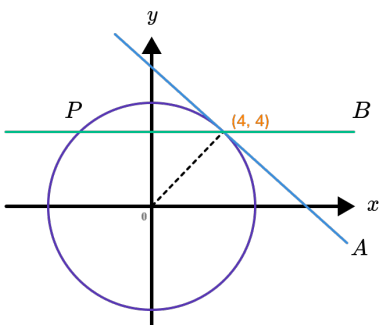
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- 4) Show that the shape  $ABCD$  is a square using parallel and perpendicular lines.

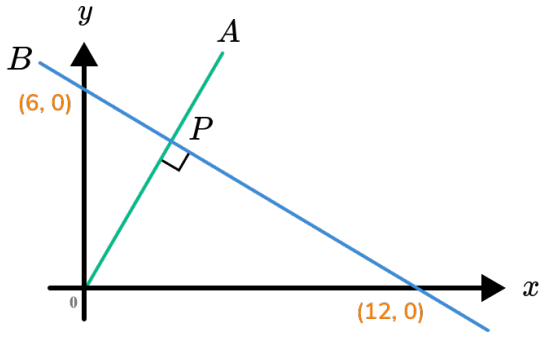
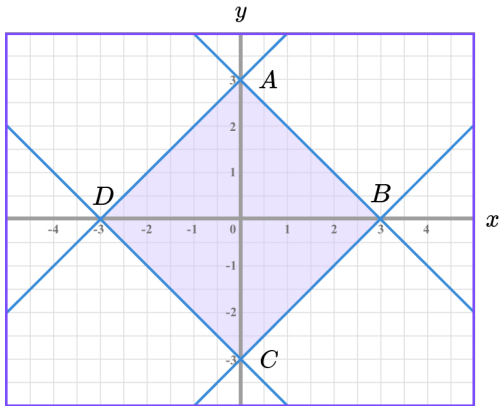


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	Question	Answer	Marks
1) (a)	<p>The line <math>A</math> is the tangent to the circle of centre <math>O</math>. The tangent meets the circle at the coordinate <math>(4, 4)</math>. Calculate the gradient of the tangent.</p> 	<p>(a)</p> $m = \frac{4 - 0}{4 - 0} = 1$ $n = -1 \div 1 = -1$	<p>(1)</p> <p>(1)</p>
(b)	<p>Line <math>B</math> is parallel to the <math>x</math> axis going through the point <math>(4, 4)</math>. State the coordinate <math>P</math>.</p> 	(b) $(-4, 4)$	(1)
2) (a)	<p>The equation of a line <math>A</math> is <math>2y + 4x = 11</math>. Another line <math>B</math> is parallel to line <math>A</math>. What is the gradient of line <math>B</math>? Circle the correct answer.</p> <p>4      2      <math>-\frac{1}{2}</math>      - 2      <math>\frac{1}{2}</math></p>	(a) - 2	(1)
(b)	<p>Line <math>C</math> is perpendicular to line <math>A</math>. What is the gradient of line <math>C</math>? Circle the correct answer.</p> <p>4      2      <math>-\frac{1}{2}</math>      - 2      <math>\frac{1}{2}</math></p>	(b) $\frac{1}{2}$	(1)

# GCSE Exam Questions: Parallel and Perpendicular Lines Answers

	Question	Answer	Marks
3)	<p>Two lines <math>A</math> and <math>B</math> are perpendicular. They intersect at the point <math>P</math>. Calculate the coordinate <math>P</math>.</p> 	<p>Line B: Gradient <math>m = \frac{6-0}{0-12} = -\frac{1}{2}</math> (1)</p> <p>Y - intercept <math>c = 6</math> (1) Line B equation: <math>y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 6</math></p> <p>Line A: Gradient <math>n = 2</math> (1)</p> <p>Y-intercept <math>c = 0</math> (1) Line A equation: <math>y = 2x</math></p> <p>Coordinate P: (1) <math>2x = -\frac{1}{2}x + 6</math> <math>x = 2.4x</math> (1)</p> <p><math>y = 2 \times 2.4 = 4.8</math> (1)</p> <p><math>P = (2.4, 4.8)</math> (1)</p>	
4)	<p>Show that the shape ABCD is a square using parallel and perpendicular lines.</p> 	<p>Line AB: <math>y = -x + 3</math> oe Line BC: <math>y = x - 3</math> Line CD: <math>y = -x - 3</math> oe Line AD: <math>y = x + 3</math></p> <p>At least 3 equations correct (1) All 4 equations correct (1)</p> <p>Line AB and CD have the same gradient and so they are parallel oe (1) Line BC and AD have the same gradient and so they are parallel (1)</p> <p>Line AB and BC are perpendicular as <math>1 \times -1 = -1</math> oe Line BC and CD are perpendicular <math>1 \times -1 = -1</math> oe Line CD and AD are perpendicular as <math>1 \times -1 = -1</math> oe Line AD and AB are perpendicular as <math>1 \times -1 = -1</math> oe</p> <p>Minimum of 2 statements seen (1) All 4 statements seen (1)</p> <p><math>AC = BD = 6</math> units oe (1)</p> <p>ABCD is a square. (1)</p>	

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