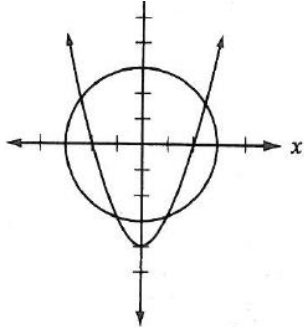


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## QUESTION 1



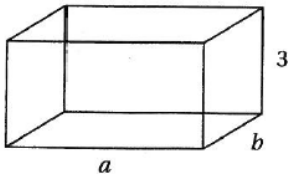
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- B) 18, 24, and 48
- C) 12, 15, and 24
- D) 15, 24, and 40

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If the function  $m(x)$  satisfies the equation  $\frac{m(x)}{x+3} - \frac{x+1}{x-1} = 1$  for all values of  $x$  greater than 1,

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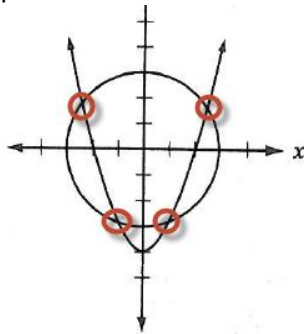
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The graph of the equation  $y = 2x^2 - 16x + 14$  intersects the  $y$ -axis at point  $A$  and the  $x$ -axis at points  $B$  and  $C$ . What is the area of triangle  $ABC$ ?

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- C) 54
- D) 56

Question 1 explained



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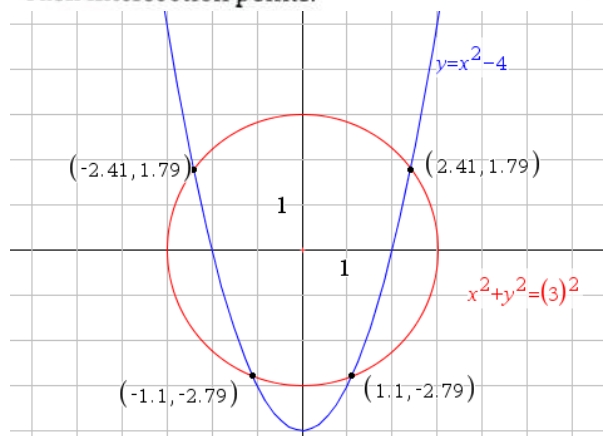
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**D Advanced Mathematics (nonlinear systems)**  
**EASY**

The solutions to the system correspond to the points of intersection of the two graphs. The figure shows four such intersection points.



Actually solving this quadratic system involves WORK

$$y = x^2 - 4$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 9$$

This leads to

$$x^2 - y = 4$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 9$$

This leads to

$$-x^2 + y = -4$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 9$$

This leads to  $y^2 + y = 5 \rightarrow y^2 + y - 5 = 0$

This leads to

$$y = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1^2 - 4 \cdot -5 \cdot 1}}{2 \cdot 1} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{21}}{2}$$

Which gives us

$$x^2 - \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{21}}{2} = 4$$

$$\rightarrow x^2 + \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{21}}{2} = 4$$

$$\rightarrow x^2 = 4 - \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{21}}{2} \quad x = \pm \sqrt{4 - \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{21}}{2}}$$

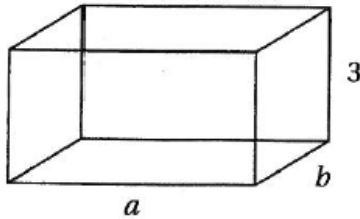
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**C Special Topics (three-dimensional geometry)**  
**MEDIUM**

On the drawing, we should first mark the areas of the three faces. The front and back faces both have an area of  $3a$ . The left and right faces both have an area of  $3b$ . The top and bottom faces both have an area of  $ab$ . We should now try to find integer values for  $a$  and  $b$  so that these areas match those given in the choices.

- (A) 15, 18, and 30      This is possible if  $a = 5$  and  $b = 6$ .
- (B) 18, 24, and 48      This is possible if  $a = 6$  and  $b = 8$ .
- (C) 12, 15, and 24      This cannot work for any integer values of  $a$  and  $b$ .
- (D) 15, 24, and 40      This is possible if  $a = 5$  and  $b = 8$ .

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**D Advanced Mathematics (rational equations)**

**MEDIUM**

$$\frac{m(x)}{x+3} - \frac{x+1}{x-1} = 1$$

Add  $\frac{x+1}{x-1}$ :

$$\frac{m(x)}{x+3} = \frac{x+1}{x-1} + 1$$

Express right side in terms of a common denominator:

$$\frac{m(x)}{x+3} = \frac{x+1}{x-1} + \frac{x-1}{x-1}$$

Combine terms on right into one fraction:

$$\frac{m(x)}{x+3} = \frac{x+1+x-1}{x-1}$$

Combine terms:

$$\frac{m(x)}{x+3} = \frac{2x}{x-1}$$

Multiply by  $x+3$ :

$$m(x) = \frac{2x(x+3)}{x-1}$$

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**A Advanced Mathematics (triangles/quadratics)**  
**MEDIUM-HARD**

Any point that intersects the  $y$ -axis has an  $x$ -value of 0. So, to find point  $A$ , plug in 0 for  $x$  and solve for  $y$ :

$$y = 2x^2 - 16x + 14$$

Plug in 0 for  $x$ :  $y = 2(0)^2 - 16(0) + 14 = 14$

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$$y = 2x^2 - 16x + 14$$

Substitute 0 for  $y$ :  $0 = 2x^2 - 16x + 14$

Divide by 2:  $0 = x^2 - 8x + 7$

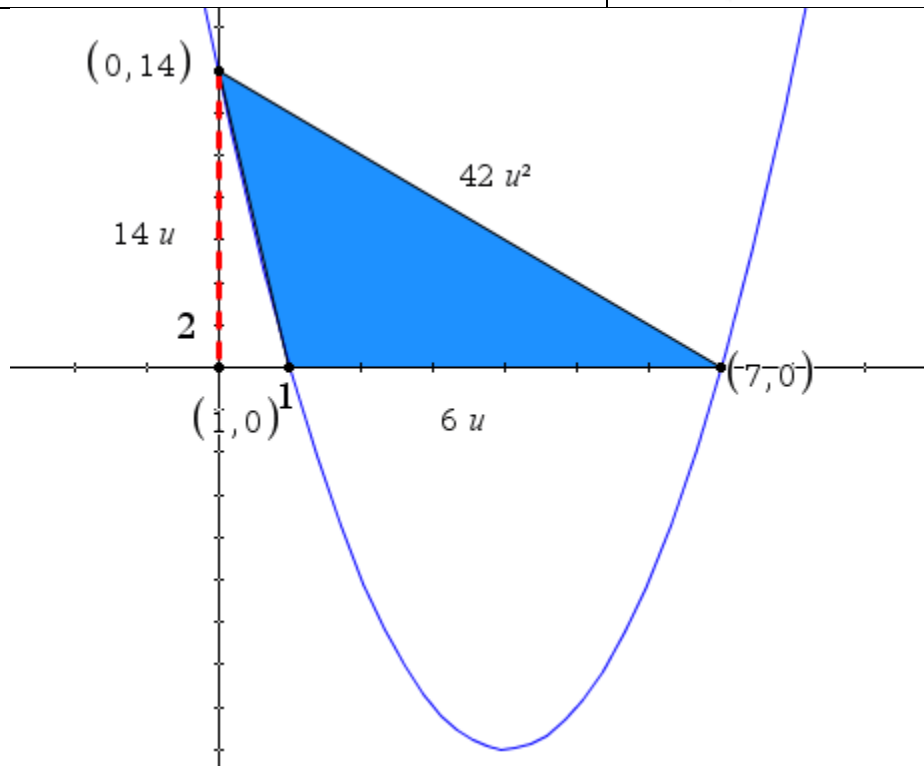
Factor:  $0 = (x - 7)(x - 1)$

Use the Zero Product Property:  $x = 7$  and  $x = 1$

If we connect these three points, we get a triangle with a height of 14 (from  $y = 0$  to  $y = 14$ ) and a base of 6 (from  $x = 1$  to  $x = 7$ ).

Use the triangle area formula  $A = \frac{1}{2}bh$ :

$$A = \frac{1}{2}bh = \frac{1}{2}(14)(6) = 42$$



Raw Score	Points out of 1	Top FIVE BONUS 0.25
4	1.5	
3	1.25	
2	1	
1	0.9	
0	0.8	