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8. (a) Sketch the graph of

$$y = 3^x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

showing the coordinates of any points at which the graph crosses the axes.

(2)

- (b) Use algebra to solve the equation

$$3^{2x} - 9(3^x) + 18 = 0$$

giving your answers to 2 decimal places where appropriate.

(5)



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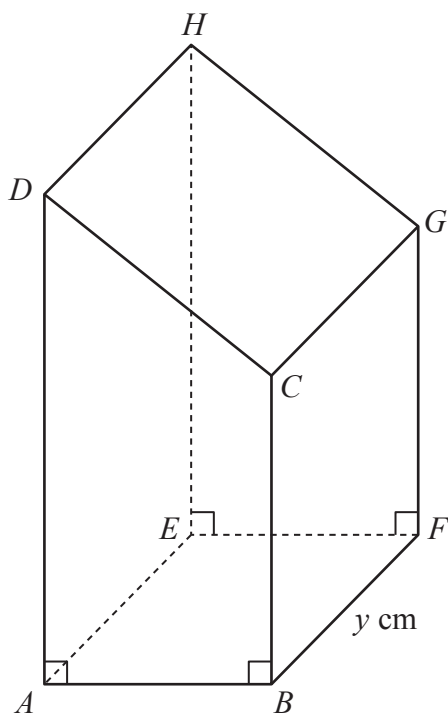


Figure 4

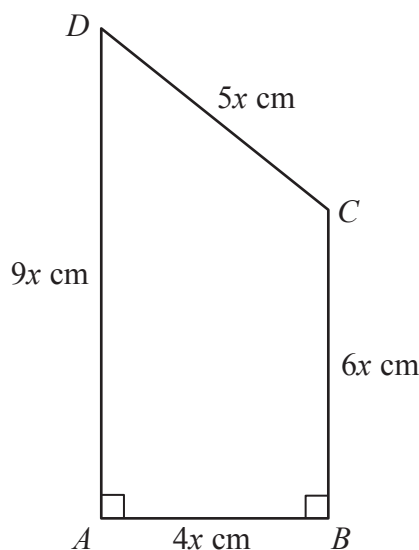


Figure 5

Figure 4 shows a closed letter box $ABFEHGC D$, which is made to be attached to a wall of a house.

The letter box is a right prism of length y cm as shown in Figure 4. The base $ABFE$ of the prism is a rectangle. The total surface area of the six faces of the prism is S cm².

The cross section $ABCD$ of the letter box is a trapezium with edges of lengths $DA = 9x$ cm, $AB = 4x$ cm, $BC = 6x$ cm and $CD = 5x$ cm as shown in Figure 5. The angle $DAB = 90^\circ$ and the angle $ABC = 90^\circ$.

The volume of the letter box is 9600 cm³.

(a) Show that

$$y = \frac{320}{x^2} \tag{2}$$

(b) Hence show that the surface area of the letter box, S cm², is given by

$$S = 60x^2 + \frac{7680}{x} \tag{4}$$

(c) Use calculus to find the minimum value of S . (6)

(d) Justify, by further differentiation, that the value of S you have found is a minimum. (2)



