

BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION HARYANA

Practice Paper -XI

(2026-27)

Marking Scheme

MATHEMATICS

CODE: 835

- ⇒ Important Instructions: • All answers provided in the Marking scheme are SUGGESTIVE
• Examiners are requested to accept all possible alternative correct answer(s).

	SECTION – A (1Mark × 20Q)	
Q. No.	EXPECTED ANSWERS	Marks
Question 1.	If $V = \{a, e, i, o, u\}$ and $B = \{a, i, k, u\}$ then $B - V$ is	
Solution:	(D)	1
Question 2	If $U = \{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9\}$, $X = \{1,3,5,7,9\}$, $Y = \{2,4,6,8\}$, then $(X \cap Y)'$ is	
Solution:	(A) $\{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9\}$	1
Question 3	$-47^\circ 30'$ in radian measure is	
Solution:	(B) $-19\pi/72$	1
Question 4.	a + ib form of i^{-104} is:	
Solution:	(C) $1 + i0$	1
Question 5.	If $\frac{1}{8!} + \frac{1}{9!} = \frac{x}{10!}$ then value of x is:	
Solution:	(A) 100	1
Question 6.	Which term of the G.P. 2, $2\sqrt{2}$, 4,..... is 128 :	
Solution:	(B) 13^{th}	1
Question 7.	The value of x for which the numbers $-3/11$, x, $-11/3$ are in G.P	
Solution:	(B) ± 1	1
Question 8.	The derivative of $\tan(2x+1)$ is:	
Solution:	(B) $2\sec^2(2x + 1)$	1
Question 9.	If the standard deviation of a data is 7, then its variance is:	
Solution:	(A) 49	1
Question10.	If two events A and B are not mutually exclusive, then $P(A \cup B) + P(A \cap B) =$	
Solution:	(A) $P(A) + P(B)$	1
Question11.	Find the number of terms in the expansion of $(x + 1)^9 + (x + 1)^9$.	
Solution:	(C) $\frac{9+1}{2} = 5$	1
Question12.	Find the coordinates of centre of the circle $2x^2 + 2y^2 - 6x + 12 = 0$.	
Solution:	(C) Centre $(3/2, 0)$	1

Question13.	Write the value of $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2\theta}{\theta}$.	
Solution:	$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2\theta}{\theta} = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cdot \sin 2\theta}{2\theta} = 2 \cdot \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2\theta} = 2$	1
Question14.	If ν is the variance and σ is the standard deviation, then what is the relation between ν and σ .	
Solution:	$\nu^2 = \sigma$	1
Question15.	Fill in the blank to make the statement true, $U' \cap A = \dots\dots\dots$	
Solution:	$U' \cap A = \emptyset$	1
Question16.	Range of $\sin \theta$ is equal to $\dots\dots\dots$	
Solution:	Range of $\sin \theta$ is $[-1, 1]$	1
Question17.	If ${}^5C_r = {}^5C_2$, then either $r = 2$ or $r = 3$. (True/ False)	
Solution:	True	1
Question18.	Let E and F be two events, then $P(E' \cap F') = 1 - P(E \cup F)$. (True/ False)	
Solution:	True	1
Question19.	Assertion (A): $f(x) = 5x^4 - 9x^2 + 3$ is an even function. Reason (R): A function is said to be an even function if $f(-x) = -f(x)$	
Solution:	(C) Assertion (A) is true and Reason (R) is false.	1
Question20.	Assertion (A): The point $(-5, 0, 9)$ lies on the XY plane. Reason (R): The coordinates of a point $P(x, y, z)$ in XY plane are $(0, 0, z)$.	
Solution:	(D) Assertion (A) is false and Reason (R) is true.	1
SECTION – B (2Marks × 5Q)		
Question21.	If $A = \{a, e, i, o, u\}$, $B = \{a, b, u, i\}$, $C = \{b, c, i\}$; find $A \cap (B \cup C)$	
Solution:	$B \cup C = \{a, b, c, u, i\}$ Now, $A \cap (B \cup C) = \{a, i, u\}$	1 1
Question22.	Find the multiplicative inverse of $2 - 3i$.	
Solution:	Multiplicative Inverse of $2 - 3i = \frac{1}{2 - 3i}$ $\Rightarrow \text{M.I.} = \frac{1}{2 - 3i} \times \frac{2 + 3i}{2 + 3i}$ $\Rightarrow = \frac{2 + 3i}{(2)^2 - (3i)^2}$ $\Rightarrow = \frac{2 + 3i}{4 - 9i^2}$ $\Rightarrow = \frac{2 + 3i}{4 + 9} = \frac{2}{13} + \frac{3i}{13}$	1 1
OR Question22.	Express $(1 - i)^4$ in the form of $a + ib$.	

	We know $(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6}x^3 + \dots$ $\Rightarrow 9.[1 + 8n + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}8^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6}8^3 + \dots] - 8n - 9$ $\Rightarrow [9 + 72n + 9.\frac{n(n-1)}{2}8^2 + 9.\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6}8^3 + \dots] - 8n - 9$ $\Rightarrow 64n + 9.\frac{n(n-1)}{2}8^2 + 9.\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6}8^3 + \dots$ Taking 8^2 common from right side, we have $\Rightarrow 8^2.[8n + 9.\frac{n(n-1)}{2}8 + 9.\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6}8^2 + \dots]$ $\Rightarrow 64.[8n + 9.\frac{n(n-1)}{2}8 + 9.\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6}8^2 + \dots]$ Which is multiple of 64 and hence divisible by 64.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1
OR Question28 .	Compute $(102)^5$.	
Solution:	$(102)^5 = (100 + 2)^5$ Now $(a+b)^n = {}^nC_0(a)^n(b)^0 + {}^nC_1(a)^{n-1}(b)^1 + \dots + {}^nC_n(a)^0(b)^n$ $\Rightarrow (100+2)^5 = {}^5C_0(100)^5(2)^0 + {}^5C_1(100)^4(2)^1 + {}^5C_2(100)^3(2)^2 + {}^5C_3(100)^2(2)^3 + {}^5C_4(100)^1(2)^4 + {}^5C_5(100)^0(2)^5$ $\Rightarrow = 1.(10000000000)(1) + 5.(100000000).2 + 10.(1000000).4 + 10.(10000).8 + 5.(100).16 + 1.(1).32$ $\Rightarrow = 10000000000 + 1000000000 + 40000000 + 800000 + 8000 + 32$ $\Rightarrow = 11040808032$	$\frac{1}{2}$ $1\frac{1}{2}$ 1
Question29 .	Find the sum of the sequence 4, 44, 444, 4444, to n terms.	
Solution:	This is not a GP., however, we can relate it to a GP. by writing the terms as $S_n = 4 + 44 + 444 + 4444 + \dots$ to n terms $= \frac{4}{9} [9 + 99 + 999 + 9999 + \dots \text{ to n term}]$ $= \frac{4}{9} [(10^1 - 1) + (10^2 - 1) + (10^3 - 1) + (10^4 - 1) + \dots \text{ n terms}]$ $= \frac{4}{9} [(10 + 10^2 + 10^3 + \dots \text{ n terms}) - (1 + 1 + 1 + \dots \text{ n terms})]$ It is a G.P. where $a = 10$ and $r = 10 > 1$ $\therefore S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$ $= \frac{4}{9} \left[\frac{10(10^n - 1)}{10 - 1} - n \right] = \frac{4}{9} \left[\frac{10(10^n - 1)}{9} - n \right]$	1 1 1
OR Question 29	Find the value of n so that $\frac{a^{n+1} + b^{n+1}}{a^n + b^n}$ may be the geometric mean between a and b.	
Solution:	G.M. between a and b $= \sqrt{a \cdot b}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{a^{n+1} + b^{n+1}}{a^n + b^n} = a^{1/2} \cdot b^{1/2}$ $\Rightarrow a^{n+1} + b^{n+1} = a^{1/2} \cdot b^{1/2} (a^n + b^n)$ $\Rightarrow a^{n+1} + b^{n+1} = a^{n+\frac{1}{2}} \cdot b^{\frac{1}{2}} + a^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot b^{n+\frac{1}{2}}$	$1/2$ 1

	$\Rightarrow a^{n+1} - a^{n+\frac{1}{2}} \cdot b^{\frac{1}{2}} = a^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot b^{n+\frac{1}{2}} - b^{n+1}$ $\Rightarrow a^{n+\frac{1}{2}}(a^{\frac{1}{2}} - b^{\frac{1}{2}}) = b^{n+\frac{1}{2}}(a^{\frac{1}{2}} - b^{\frac{1}{2}})$ $\Rightarrow a^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = b^{n+\frac{1}{2}}$ $\Rightarrow \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = 1$ $\Rightarrow \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^0$ $\Rightarrow n + \frac{1}{2} = 0$ $\Rightarrow n = -\frac{1}{2}$	1 1/2
Question30	Verify that (0, 7, 10), (-1, 6, 6) and (-4, 9, 6) are the vertices of a right angled triangle.	
Solution:	Let the vertices be A(0, 7, 10), B(-1, 6, 6) and C(-4, 9, 6) $\therefore AB = \sqrt{(-1-0)^2 + (6-7)^2 + (6-10)^2}$ $\Rightarrow AB^2 = (-1)^2 + (-1)^2 + (-4)^2$ $\Rightarrow AB^2 = 18$ Now $BC = \sqrt{(-4+1)^2 + (9-6)^2 + (6-6)^2}$ $\Rightarrow BC^2 = (-3)^2 + (3)^2 + (0)^2$ $\Rightarrow BC^2 = 18$ Now $CA = \sqrt{(0+4)^2 + (7-9)^2 + (10-6)^2}$ $\Rightarrow CA^2 = (4)^2 + (-2)^2 + (4)^2$ $\Rightarrow CA^2 = 36$ Since $AB^2 + BC^2 = CA^2$ the triangle satisfies the Pythagorean theorem. Thus, the vertices form a right-angled triangle	1½ 1½
Question31	The probability that a student will pass the final examination in both English and Hindi is 0.5 and the probability of passing neither is 0.1. If the probability of passing the English examination is 0.75, what is the probability of passing the Hindi examination?	
Solution:	Let E be the event that the student passes the English examination and H be the event that the student passes the Hindi examination. Probability of passing English, $P(E) = 0.75$ Probability of passing both English and Hindi, $P(E \cap H) = 0.5$ Probability of passing neither exam, $P(E' \cap H') = 0.1$ Using De Morgan's Law,	1

	the probability of passing neither = $P(E' \cap H') = 1 - P(E \cup H)$ $0.1 = 1 - P(E \cup H)$ $P(E \cup H) = 1 - 0.1 = 0.9$ Now, $P(E \cup H) = P(E) + P(F) - P(E \cap H)$ $0.9 = 0.75 + P(F) - 0.5$ $P(F) = 0.9 - 0.25$ $P(F) = 0.65$	1 1
	SECTION – D (5Marks × 4Q)	
Question32 .(i)	(i) Prove that: $\frac{\sin x - \sin y}{\cos x + \cos y} = \tan \frac{x-y}{2}$	
Solution: (i)	$\frac{\sin x - \sin y}{\cos x + \cos y} = \tan \frac{x-y}{2}$ $\text{L.H.S.} = \frac{\sin x - \sin y}{\cos x + \cos y}$ Using $\cos C + \cos D = 2\cos\left(\frac{C+D}{2}\right) \cdot \cos\left(\frac{C-D}{2}\right)$ and $\sin C - \sin D = 2\cos\left(\frac{C+D}{2}\right) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{C-D}{2}\right)$, we have $\Rightarrow = \frac{2\cos\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)}{2\cos\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \cdot \cos\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)}$ $\Rightarrow = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)}{\cos\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)}$ $\Rightarrow = \tan \frac{x-y}{2}$ $\Rightarrow \text{L.H.S.} = \text{R. H.S.}$	1/2 1/2 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Solution:3 2(ii)	(ii) Prove that: $2\cos \frac{\pi}{13} \cdot \cos \frac{9\pi}{13} + \cos \frac{3\pi}{13} + \cos \frac{5\pi}{13} = 0$	
Solution: (ii)	$2\cos \frac{\pi}{13} \cdot \cos \frac{9\pi}{13} + \cos \frac{3\pi}{13} + \cos \frac{5\pi}{13} = 0$ $\text{L.H.S.} = 2\cos \frac{\pi}{13} \cdot \cos \frac{9\pi}{13} + \cos \frac{3\pi}{13} + \cos \frac{5\pi}{13}$ We know, $2\cos A \cdot \cos B = \cos(A+B) + \cos(A-B)$ $\Rightarrow = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{13} + \frac{9\pi}{13}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{13} - \frac{9\pi}{13}\right) + \cos \frac{3\pi}{13} + \cos \frac{5\pi}{13}$ $\Rightarrow = \cos\left(\frac{10\pi}{13}\right) + \cos\left(-\frac{8\pi}{13}\right) + \cos \frac{3\pi}{13} + \cos \frac{5\pi}{13}$ $\Rightarrow = \cos\left(\pi - \frac{3\pi}{13}\right) + \cos\left(\pi - \frac{5\pi}{13}\right) + \cos \frac{3\pi}{13} + \cos \frac{5\pi}{13}$ $\Rightarrow = -\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{13}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{13}\right) + \cos \frac{3\pi}{13} + \cos \frac{5\pi}{13}$	1/2 1/2 1

	$\Rightarrow = 0$ $\Rightarrow \text{L.H.S.} = \text{R. H.S.}$	1/2
OR Q32	Prove that: $\cos^2 x + \cos^2 (x + \frac{\pi}{3}) + \cos^2 (x - \frac{\pi}{3}) = \frac{3}{2}$	
Solution:	$\cos^2 x + \cos^2 (x + \frac{\pi}{3}) + \cos^2 (x - \frac{\pi}{3}) = \frac{3}{2}$ $\text{L.H.S.} = \cos^2 x + \cos^2 (x + \frac{\pi}{3}) + \cos^2 (x - \frac{\pi}{3})$ Multiply and divide by 2, we have $\Rightarrow = \frac{1}{2} [2\cos^2 x + 2\cos^2 (x + \frac{\pi}{3}) + 2\cos^2 (x - \frac{\pi}{3})]$ Using $2.\cos^2 A = 1 + \cos 2A$, we have $\Rightarrow = \frac{1}{2} [1 + \cos 2x + 1 + \cos (2x + \frac{2\pi}{3}) + 1 + \cos (2x - \frac{2\pi}{3})]$ $\Rightarrow = \frac{1}{2} [3 + \cos 2x + \cos (2x + \frac{2\pi}{3}) + \cos (2x - \frac{2\pi}{3})]$ Using $\cos (A + B) + \cos (A - B) = 2.\cos A . \cos B$, we have $\Rightarrow = \frac{1}{2} [3 + \cos 2x + 2.\cos (2x).\cos (\frac{2\pi}{3})]$ $\Rightarrow = \frac{1}{2} [3 + \cos 2x + 2.\cos (2x).\cos (\pi - \frac{\pi}{3})]$ $\Rightarrow = \frac{1}{2} [3 + \cos 2x + 2.\cos (2x).-\cos (\frac{\pi}{3})]$ $\Rightarrow = \frac{1}{2} [3 + \cos 2x + 2.\cos (2x).(-\frac{1}{2})]$ $\Rightarrow = \frac{1}{2} [3 + \cos 2x - \cos (2x)]$ $\Rightarrow = \frac{3}{2}$	1/2 1/2 1 1/2 1/2 1 1
Question33	Find the coordinates of the foot of perpendicular from the point (-1, 3) to the line $3x - 4y - 16 = 0$.	
Solution:	Given equation of line $3x - 4y - 16 = 0$... (1) Let the foot of perpendicular be (x, y) from (-1, 3). Since line joining (x, y) and (-1, 3) and the given line $3x - 4y - 16 = 0$ are perpendicular with each other $\therefore$ Equation of any line perpendicular to $3x - 4y - 16 = 0$ is $4x + 3y + k = 0$... (2) Now line (2) is passing through (-1, 3) $\Rightarrow 4(-1) + 3(3) + k = 0$ $\Rightarrow k = -5$ $\therefore$ Equation of line passing through (-1, 3) and $\perp$ ar to $3x - 4y - 16 = 0$ is $4x + 3y - 5 = 0$ sss ... (3) Now solving equations (1) and (3)(any method), we obtain $3x - 4y = 16$... (4) $4x + 3y = 5$... (5)	1 1 1/2

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	$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{2 \sin(2x+h) \sin(h)}{h} \right]$ $= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [2 \sin(2x + h)] \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{\sin h}{h} \right]$ $= 2 \sin 2x \cdot (1)$ $= 2 \sin 2x$	$1 \frac{1}{2}$ 1 1
OR Q34(i).	Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$, if $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 1, & x \leq 1 \\ -x^2 - 1, & x > 1 \end{cases}$	
Solution:	Here, limit exist at $x \rightarrow 1$ i.e., LHL = RHL LHL at $x \rightarrow 1$ $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x)$ $= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(1 - h)$ $= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [(1 - h)^2 - 1]$ $= 1 - 1 = 0$ RHL at $x \rightarrow 1$ $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$ $= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(1 + h)$ $= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [-(1 + h)^2 - 1]$ $= -1 - 1 = -2$ LHL $\neq$ RHL $\therefore$ Limit does not exist at $x = 1$	$1 \frac{1}{2}$ $1 \frac{1}{2}$
OR Q34(ii).	Evaluate: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax + bx}{ax + \sin bx}$ $a, b, a+b \neq 0$	
Solution:	$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax + bx}{ax + \sin bx}$ $a, b, a+b \neq 0$ Dividing Num. and Deno. By x , we have $\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\sin ax}{x} + b}{a + \frac{\sin bx}{x}}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\frac{\sin ax}{x} + b)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (a + \frac{\sin bx}{x})}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\frac{a \cdot \sin ax}{ax} + b)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (a + \frac{b \cdot \sin bx}{bx})}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{a \cdot 1 + b}{a + b \cdot 1} = \frac{a+b}{a+b} = 1$	$1/2$ $1/2$ $1/2$ $1/2$

Question: 35	Calculate the mean deviation about median for the following data.							
	वर्ग	0-10	10-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	
	बारंबारता	6	7	15	16	4	2	
Solution:	From the given data, we construct the following table.							3½ <

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	Thus Mean $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^7 f_i x_i$ $= \frac{3100}{50} = 62$ Variance (σ^2) = $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^7 f_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2$ $= \frac{10050}{50} = 201$ and Standard deviation(σ) = $\sqrt{201} = 14.18$	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$												
	SECTION – E (4Marks × 3Q)													
Question36 •	Sudhir who is a student of class XI got a Maths assignment from his class teacher. He did all the questions except a few. If the value of $\sin x = \frac{3}{5}$, $\cos y = \frac{12}{13}$, where x and y both lie in the second quadrant, then help Sudhir in solving these questions. (A) What will be the value of $\cos x$? (a) 4/5 (b) - 3/5 (c) - 4/5 (d) 3/5 (B) What will be the value of $\sin y$? (a) 5/12 (b) - 12/13 (c) - 5/13 (d) 5/13 (C) Which of the following options is correct? (a) $\sin(x - y) = \sin x.\cos y + \cos x.\sin y$ (b) $\sin(x + y) = \cos x.\sin y - \sin x.\cos y$ (c) $\sin(x + y) = \sin x.\cos y + \cos x.\sin y$ (d) $\sin(x - y) = \sin x.\sin y - \cos x.\cos y$ (D) The value of $\sin(x + y)$ is: (a) - 56/65 (b) 56/65 (c) 55/67 (d) - 55/67													
Solution:	(i) (a) 4/5	1												
	(ii) (d) 5/13	1												
	(iii) (c) $\sin(x + y) = \sin x.\cos y + \cos x.\sin y$	1												
	(iv) (b) 56/65	1												
Question37 •	The A locker in a bank has a 3 digit lock. The digit at each place may vary from 0 to 9. Ravish has a locker in the bank where he has put all his													

	property papers and important documents. Once he needs one of the document but he forgot his password and tried various combinations of numbers to open the locker. <i>Based on the given information answer the following questions:</i> (i) How many permutations of 3 different digits are there, chosen from 0 to 9, both inclusive? (iii) In how many ways the lock will not open if digit can repeat ?	
Solution: (i)	Total available digits from 0 to 9 = 10 digits. First position can be filled in 10 possible ways. Second position can be filled in 9 remaining ways (since digits cannot be repeated). Third position can be filled in 8 remaining ways. By the Fundamental Principle of Counting, the total number of permutations (combinations) is: $10 \times 9 \times 8 = 720$	1/2 1 1/2
(ii)	If digits can repeat First position can be filled in 10 possible ways. Second position can be filled in 10 remaining ways (since digits can be repeated). Third position can be filled in 10 remaining ways. Therefore, Total no. of ways = $10 \times 10 \times 10 = 1000$ No. of correct way to open: 1 way Ways the lock will NOT open: $1000 - 1 = 999$ ways	1 1
Question 38.	The ceiling of a hall in a famous science museum is designed in a semi-elliptical shape. It is known as a 'Whispering Gallery'. An ellipse possesses a unique property: if a sound wave originates from one focus, it reflects off the ceiling and travels directly to the other focus. Consequently, if a person standing at one focus speaks in a very low voice (a whisper), a person standing at the other focus can hear it clearly. The total length of the hall (major axis) is 100 meters, and the maximum height of the ceiling from the center (semi-minor axis) is 40 meters. Answer the questions below based on the given information: (i) Find the equation of this elliptical hall, assuming its center is at the origin (0,0) and the major axis lies along the x-axis. (ii) Find the eccentricity of the semi-elliptical shape. OR At what distance from the center (i.e., the distance of the two foci) should the two individuals stand to hear the whisper clearly?	

Solution(i):	Total length of the major axis = $2a = 100 \Rightarrow a = 50\text{meters}$. Length of the semi-minor axis (height) = $b = 40\text{meters}$. Since the major axis lies along the (x)-axis, the standard equation of the ellipse is: $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ Substituting the values: $\frac{x^2}{(50)^2} + \frac{y^2}{(40)^2} = 1$ $\Rightarrow$ $\frac{x^2}{2500} + \frac{y^2}{1600} = 1$	
Solution(ii) :	For eccentricity $c^2 = a^2 - b^2$ $\Rightarrow c^2 = (50)^2 - (40)^2$ $\Rightarrow c^2 = 2500 - 1600$ $\Rightarrow c^2 = 900$ $\Rightarrow c = \sqrt{900} = 30$ Now Eccentricity $e = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{30}{50} = 0.6$	1/2 1 1/2
OR (ii)	The distance from the center to the focus is c, given by the formula: $c^2 = a^2 - b^2$ $\Rightarrow c^2 = (50)^2 - (40)^2$ $\Rightarrow c^2 = 2500 - 1600$ $\Rightarrow c^2 = 900$ $\Rightarrow c = \sqrt{900} = 30$ Therefore, both individuals must stand at a distance of 30meters from the center (one to the left and the other to the right) to hear the whisper clearly.	1 1