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Sample Paper

# Mathematics

## (Project Maths – Phase 3)

Paper 1

Higher Level

Time: 2 hours, 30 minutes

300 marks

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## Instructions

There are **two** sections in this examination paper:

Section A	Concepts and Skills	150 marks	6 questions
Section B	Contexts and Applications	150 marks	3 questions

Answer all nine questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. There is space for extra work at the back of the booklet. You may also ask the superintendent for more paper. Label any extra work clearly with the question number and part.

The superintendent will give you a copy of the booklet of *Formulae and Tables*. You must return it at the end of the examination. You are not allowed to bring your own copy into the examination.

Marks will be lost if all necessary work is not clearly shown.

Answers should include the appropriate units of measurement, where relevant.

Answers should be given in simplest form, where relevant.

Write the make and model of your calculator(s) here:





### Question 3

(25 marks)

A cubic function  $f$  is defined for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  as

$$f : x \mapsto x^3 + (1 - k^2)x + k, \text{ where } k \text{ is a constant.}$$

(a) Show that  $-k$  is a root of  $f$ .

(b) Find, in terms of  $k$ , the other two roots of  $f$ .

(c) Find the set of values of  $k$  for which  $f$  has exactly one real root.

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**Question 4**

**(25 marks)**

**(a)** Solve the simultaneous equations,

$$2x + 8y - 3z = -1$$

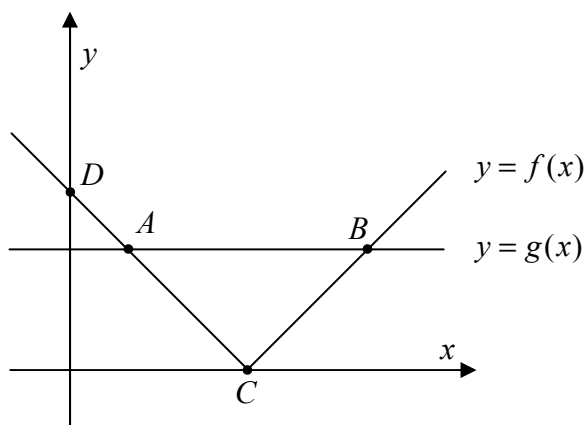
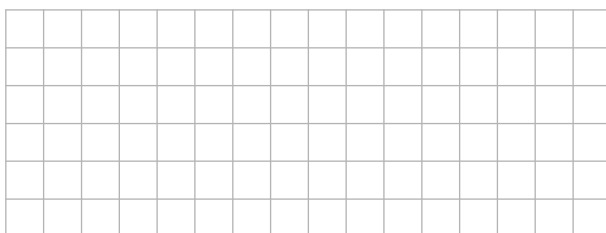
$$2x - 3y + 2z = 2$$

$$2x + y + z = 5.$$



**(b)** The graphs of the functions  $f : x \mapsto |x - 3|$  and  $g : x \mapsto 2$  are shown in the diagram.

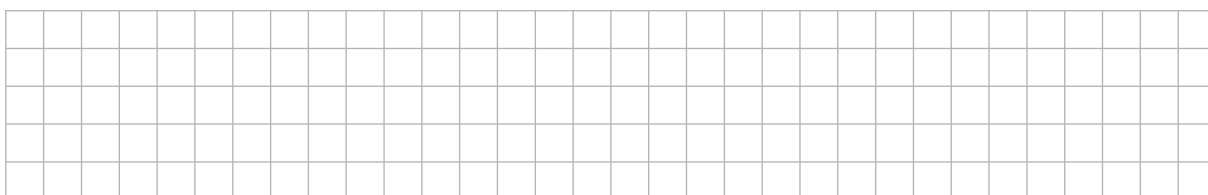
**(i)** Find the co-ordinates of the points  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$ .



$$A = ( \quad , \quad ) \quad B = ( \quad , \quad )$$

$$C = ( \quad , \quad ) \quad D = ( \quad , \quad )$$

**(ii)** Hence, or otherwise, solve the inequality  $|x - 3| < 2$ .



**Question 5**

**(25 marks)**

$A$  is the closed interval  $[0,5]$ . That is,  $A = \{x \mid 0 \leq x \leq 5, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

The function  $f$  is defined on  $A$  by:

$$f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : x \mapsto x^3 - 5x^2 + 3x + 5.$$

- (a)** Find the maximum and minimum values of  $f$ .

- (b)** State whether  $f$  is injective. Give a reason for your answer.

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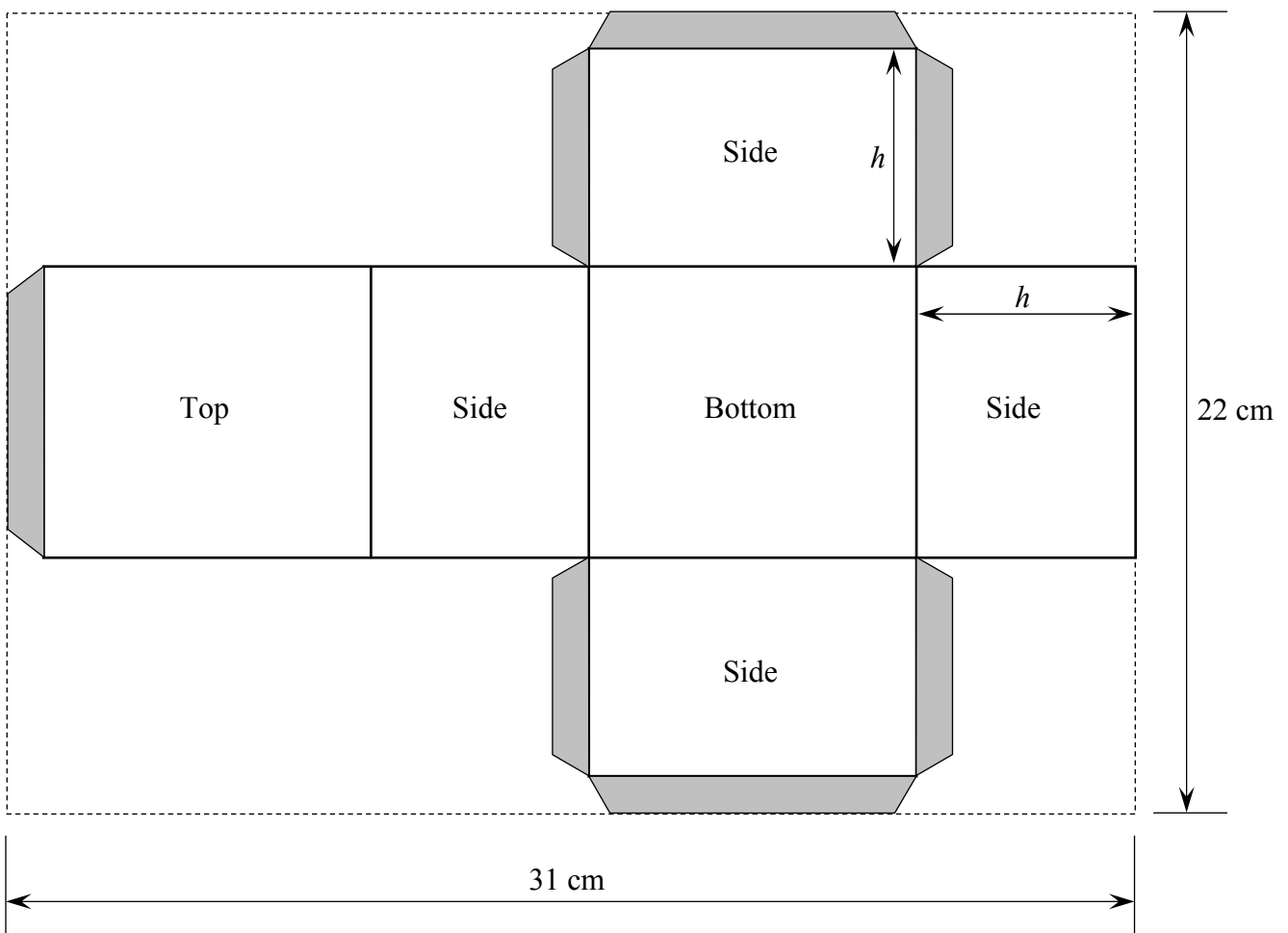


Answer **all three** questions from this section.

**Question 7****(50 marks)**

A company has to design a rectangular box for a new range of jellybeans. The box is to be assembled from a single piece of cardboard, cut from a rectangular sheet measuring 31 cm by 22 cm. The box is to have a capacity (volume) of  $500 \text{ cm}^3$ .

The net for the box is shown below. The company is going to use the full length and width of the rectangular piece of cardboard. The shaded areas are flaps of width 1 cm which are needed for assembly. The height of the box is  $h$  cm, as shown on the diagram.



- (a) Write the dimensions of the box, in centimetres, in terms of  $h$ .

height =	$h$	cm
length =	_____	cm
width =	_____	cm

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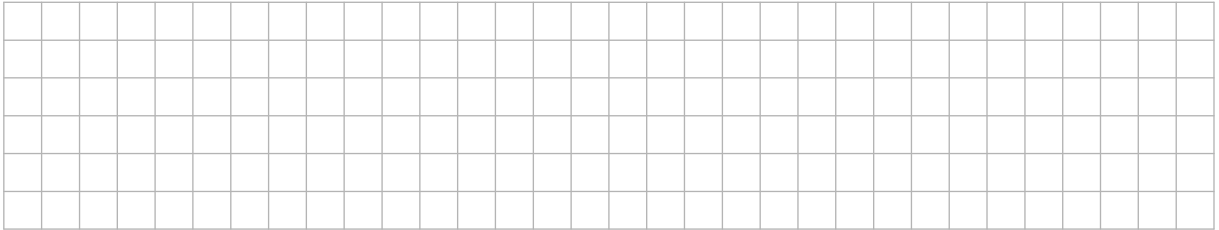


**Question 9**

**(50 marks)**

(a) Let  $f(x) = -0.5x^2 + 5x - 0.98$ , where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(i) Find the value of  $f(0.2)$



(ii) Show that  $f$  has a local maximum point at  $(5, 11.52)$ .



(b) A sprinter's velocity over the course of a particular 100 metre race is approximated by the following model, where  $v$  is the velocity in metres per second, and  $t$  is the time in seconds from the starting signal:

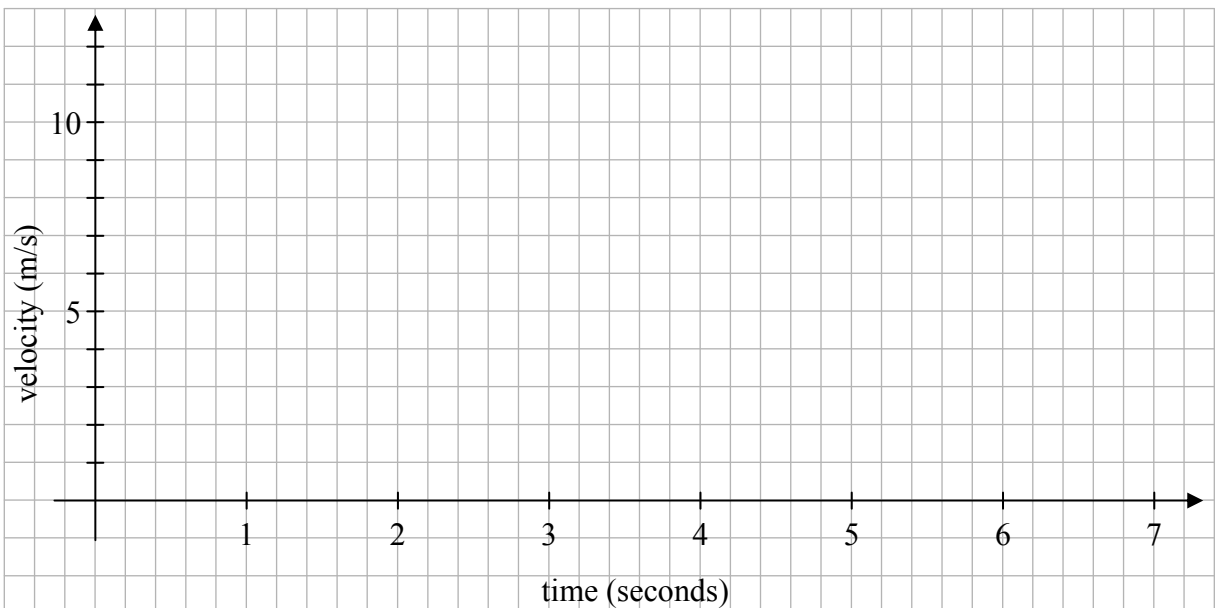
$$v(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } 0 \leq t < 0.2 \\ -0.5t^2 + 5t - 0.98, & \text{for } 0.2 \leq t < 5 \\ 11.52, & \text{for } t \geq 5 \end{cases}$$



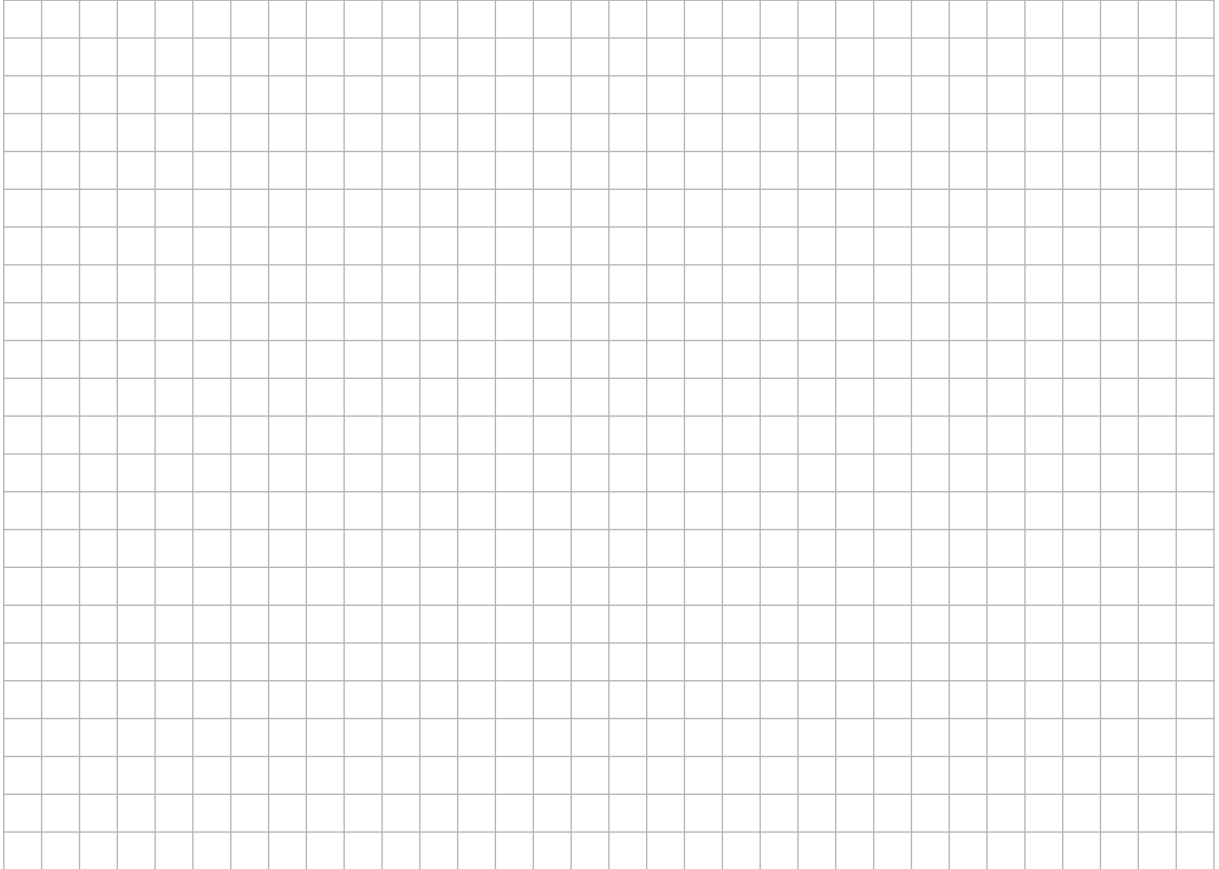
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Note that the function in part (a) is relevant to  $v(t)$  above.

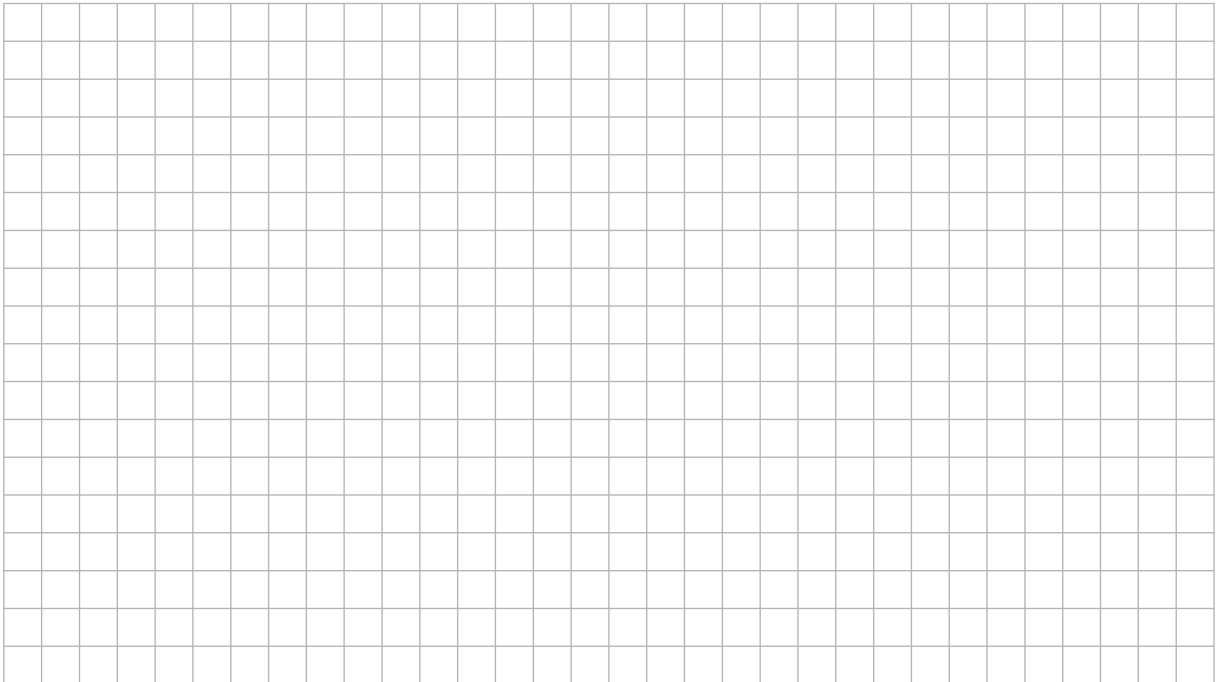
(i) Sketch the graph of  $v$  as a function of  $t$  for the first 7 seconds of the race.



(ii) Find the distance travelled by the sprinter in the first 5 seconds of the race.



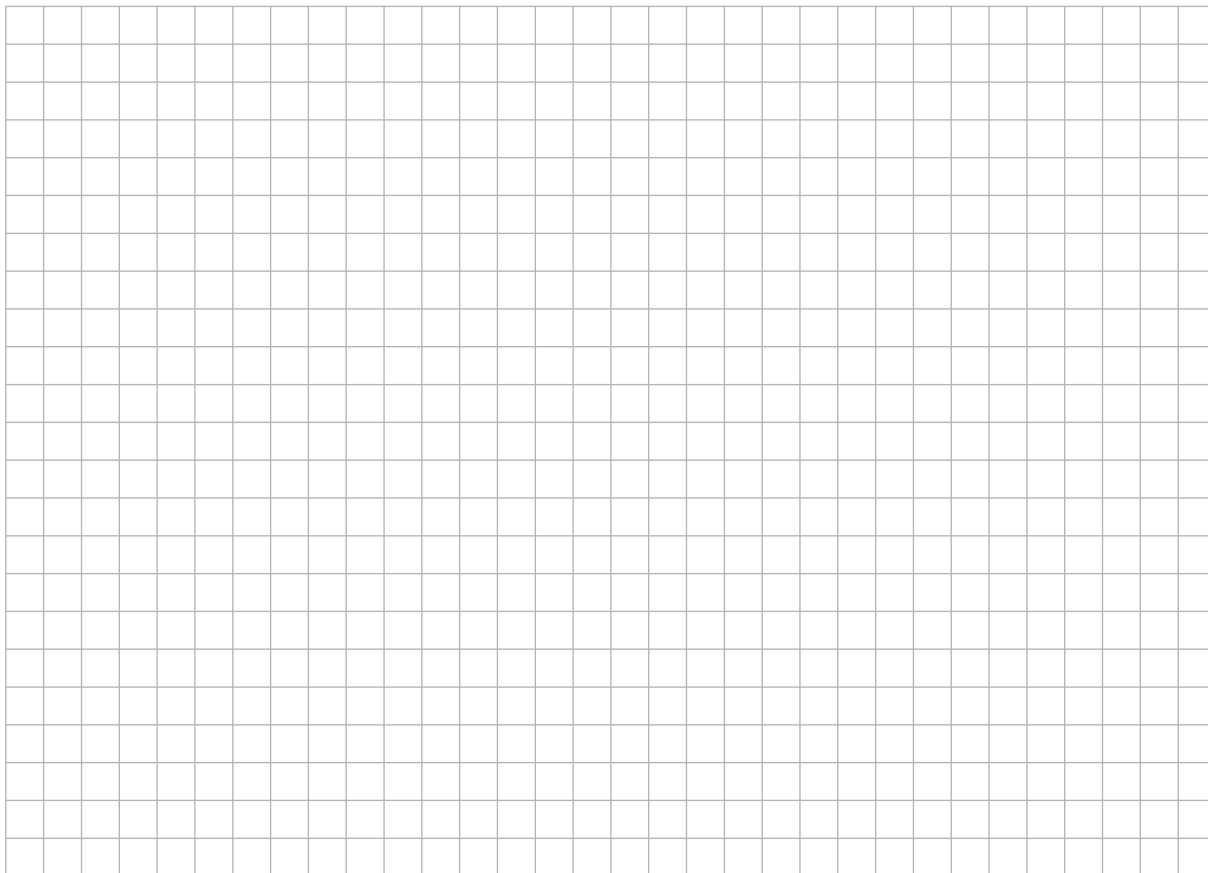
(iii) Find the sprinter's finishing time for the race. Give your answer correct to two decimal places.



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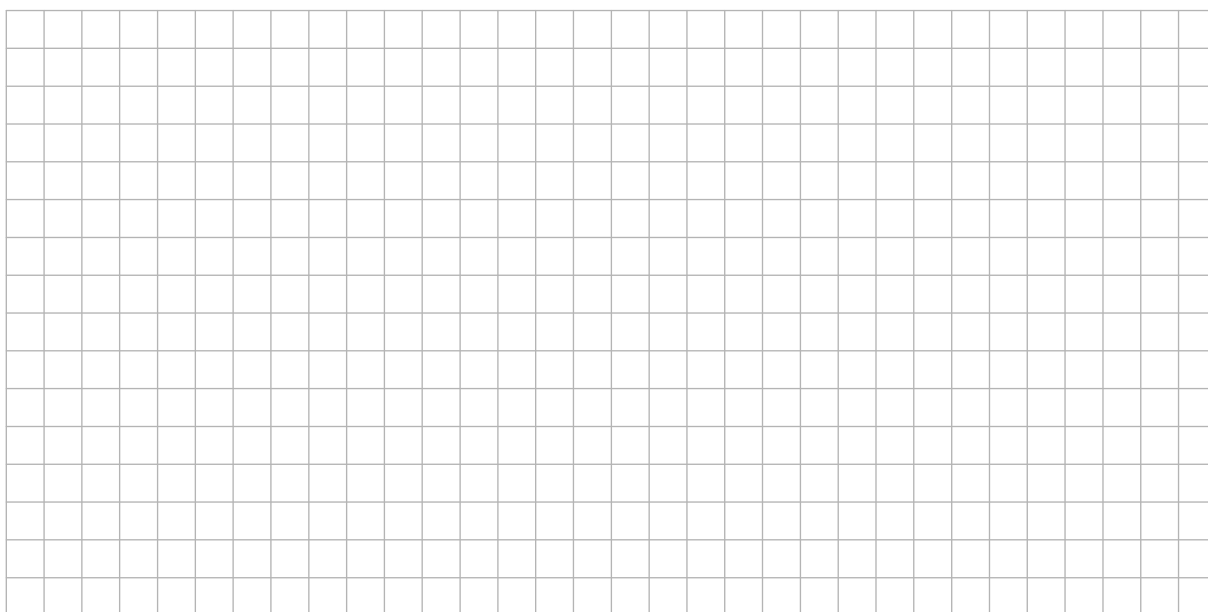
(c) A spherical snowball is melting at a rate proportional to its surface area. That is, the rate at which its volume is decreasing at any instant is proportional to its surface area at that instant.

(i) Prove that the radius of the snowball is decreasing at a constant rate.



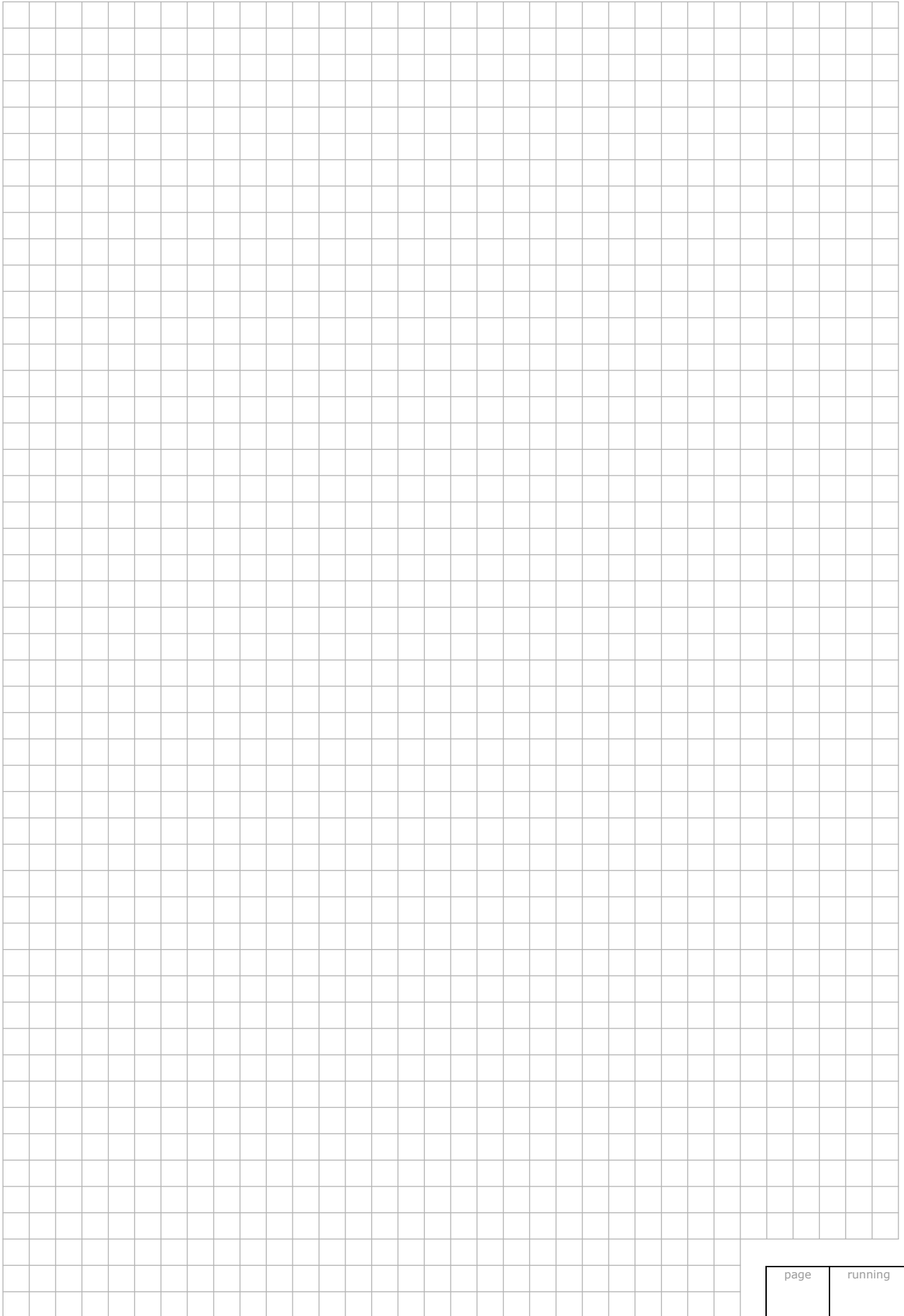
(ii) If the snowball loses half of its volume in an hour, how long more will it take for it to melt completely?

Give your answer correct to the nearest minute.



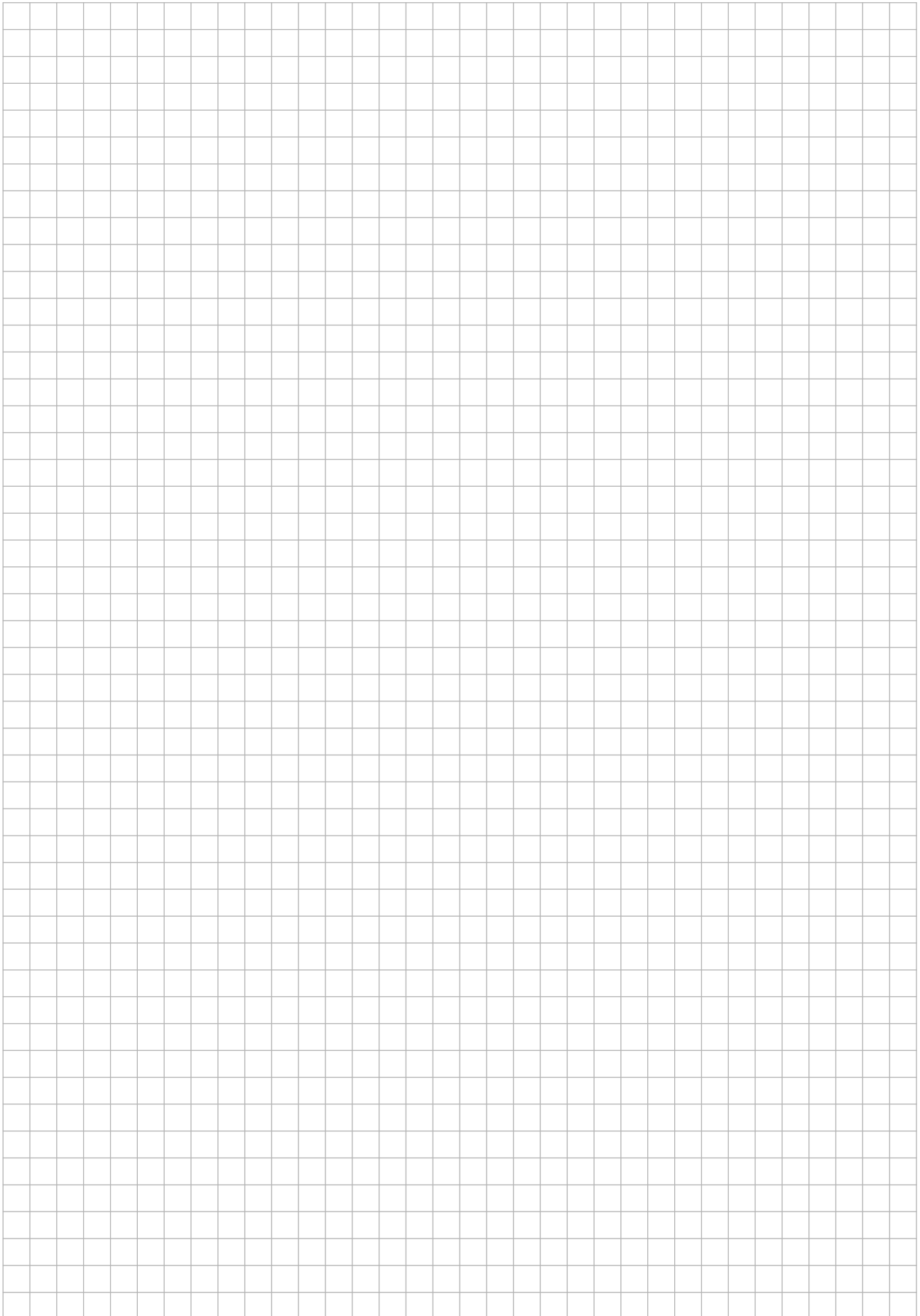


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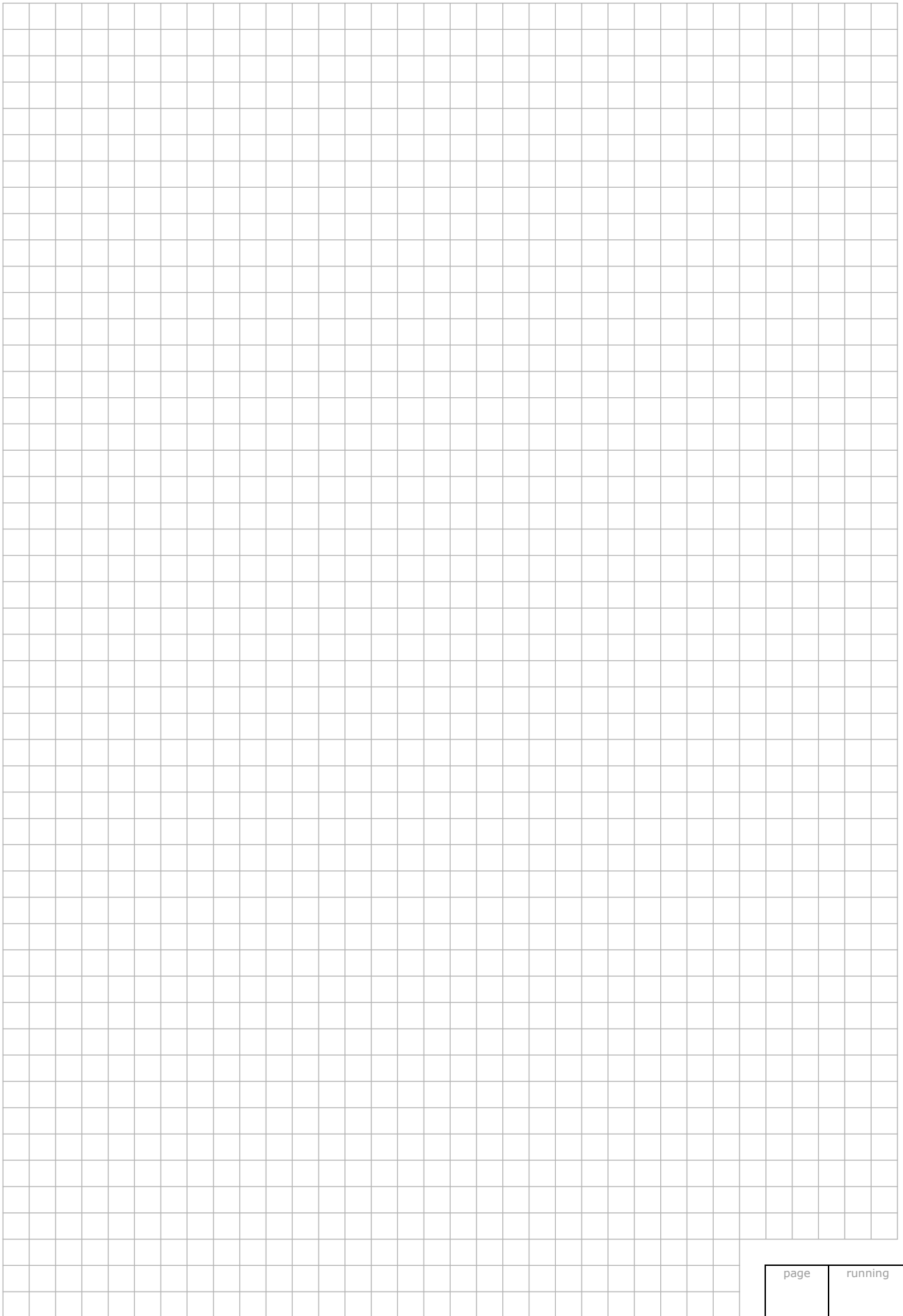


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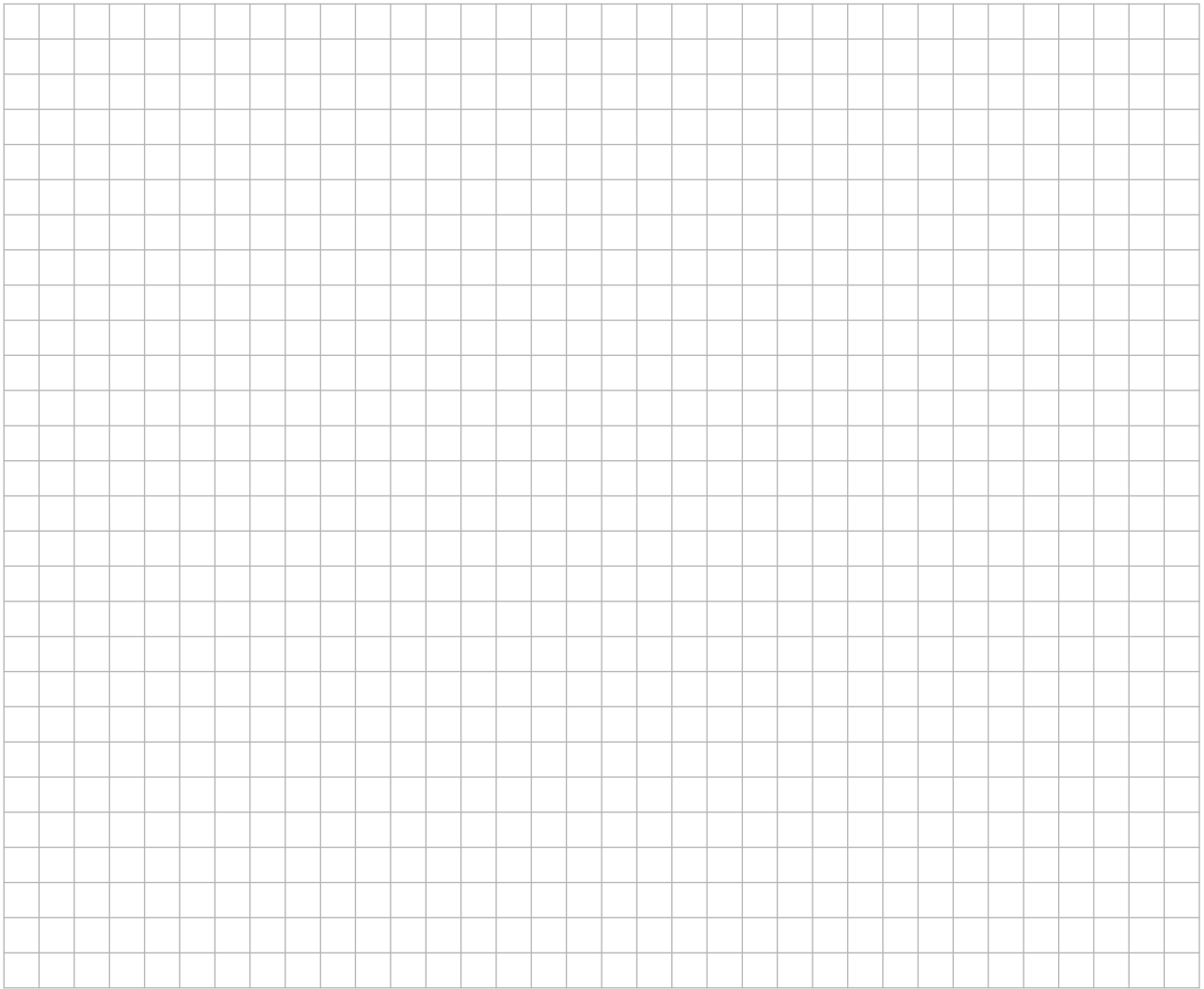
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