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### SAMPLE QUESTIONS





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A plywood panel for a cabinet is seen below.

1. Calculate the area of the plywood required, before it is cut to shape (the overall square of plywood required, before it is cut to an L shape).



First, calculate the area of the uncut plywood, by treating it as a square 500mm x 500mm.

AREA = LENGTH OF SIDE X LENGTH OF SIDE AREA = 500 X 500 AREA = 250000mm<sup>2</sup>

Now, calculate the area of the smaller piece to be cut away, during the shaping of the panel

AREA = LENGTH OF SIDE X LENGTH OF SIDE AREA = 250 X 250 AREA = 62500mm<sup>2</sup>

Now subtract the smaller area from the area of the uncut plywood.

250000 - 62500 = 187500

AREA OF FINAL SHAPED PIECE IS 187500mm<sup>2</sup>

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- 1. Calculate the area of piece A
- 2. Calculate the area of piece. B



First, calculate the entire area of 'A', without the centre piece being removed, by treating it as a square 400mm x 400mm.

AREA = LENGTH OF SIDE X LENGTH OF SIDE AREA = 400 X 400 AREA = 160000mm<sup>2</sup>

Now, calculate the area of the smaller piece 'B', which is also the size of the piece to be removed from 'A'.

AREA = LENGTH OF SIDE X LENGTH OF SIDE AREA = 200 X 200 AREA = 40000mm<sup>2</sup>

Now subtract the smaller area 'B' from the area of 'A'. The answer will be the area of 'A' with it's central window of material removed.

160000 - 40000 = 120000mm<sup>2</sup>

AREA OF FINAL SHAPED PIECE 'A' WITHOUT CENTRAL PIECE IS 120000mm<sup>2</sup> AREA OF PIECE 'B' IS 40000mm<sup>2</sup>

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