Topic 3: Geometry and Trigonometry

Trigonometric Ratios

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(a) The angle of elevation to the top of a building in New York
City is found to be 60° from the ground at a distance of 1200
ft from the base of the building. Using this information, find
the height of the building.

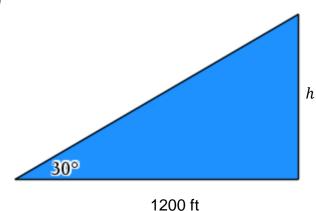
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(b) If you move toward the building, the new angle of elevation is 60°. Find your distance from the base of the building.

(2 marks)

Mark scheme:

(a)



(M1)

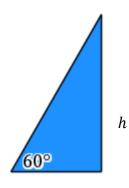
$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{h}{1200}$$

 $h = 1200 * \tan 30^{\circ}$

$$h = 400\sqrt{3}$$

(A1)

(b)



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$$\tan 60^\circ = \frac{400\sqrt{3}}{x} \tag{M1}$$

$$x = \frac{400\sqrt{3}}{\tan 60^{\circ}}$$

$$x = 400 \text{ ft.}$$

(A1)