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**You must have:** Ruler graduated in centimetres and millimetres, protractor, pair of compasses, pen, HB pencil, eraser. Tracing paper may be used.

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### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*
- **Calculators must not be used.**



### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 100
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (\*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed.

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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1.

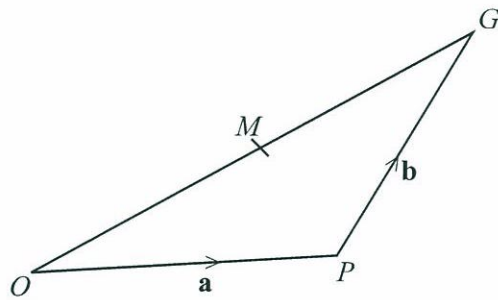


Diagram **NOT**  
accurately drawn

$OGP$  is a triangle.

$M$  is the midpoint of  $OG$ .

$$\vec{OP} = \mathbf{a}$$

$$\vec{PG} = \mathbf{b}$$

(a) Express  $\vec{OM}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .

$$\vec{OM} = \frac{1}{2} (\vec{OG}) = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})$$

$$\vec{OM} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})}{(2)}$$

(b) Express  $\vec{PM}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$   
Give your answer in its simplest form.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{PM} &= \vec{PO} + \vec{OM} \\ &= -\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\text{N.B.}}: \vec{PO} = -\vec{OP}$$

$$\vec{PM} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a})}{(2)}$$

(Total 4 marks)



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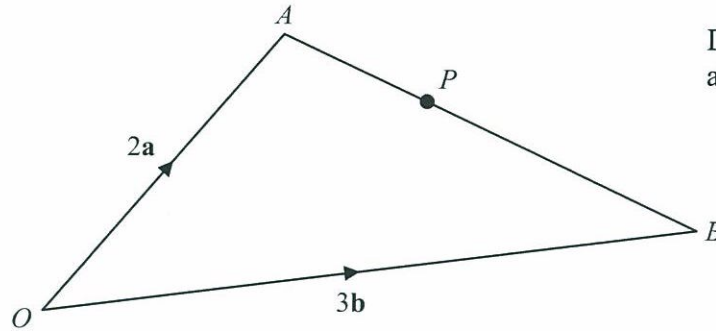


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$OAB$  is a triangle.

$$\vec{OA} = 2\mathbf{a}$$

$$\vec{OB} = 3\mathbf{b}$$

(a) Find  $\vec{AB}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{AB} &= \vec{AO} + \vec{OB} \\ &= -2\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b}\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{AB} = \frac{3\mathbf{b} - 2\mathbf{a}}{(1)}$$

$P$  is the point on  $AB$  such that  $AP : PB = 2 : 3$

(b) Show that  $\vec{OP}$  is parallel to the vector  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{OP} &= \vec{OA} + \vec{AP} \\ &= 2\mathbf{a} + \frac{2}{5}(\vec{AB}) \\ &= 2\mathbf{a} + \frac{2}{5}(3\mathbf{b} - 2\mathbf{a}) \\ &= 2\mathbf{a} + \frac{6}{5}\mathbf{b} - \frac{4}{5}\mathbf{a} \\ &= \frac{6}{5}\mathbf{a} + \frac{6}{5}\mathbf{b} \\ &= \frac{6}{5}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}), \text{ which is a scalar multiple of } \text{the vector } \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\end{aligned}$$

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Note: Two vectors are parallel if one is just a scalar multiple of the other. (Total 4 marks)



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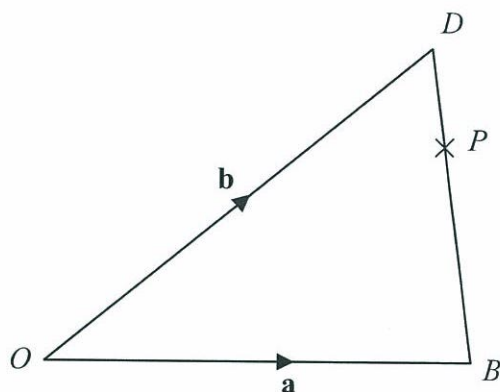


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$ODB$  is a triangle.

$$\vec{OB} = \mathbf{a}$$

$$\vec{OD} = \mathbf{b}$$

(a) Find  $\vec{BD}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .

$$\vec{BD} = \vec{BO} + \vec{OD} = -\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}}$$

(1)

$P$  is the point on  $DB$  such that  $DP : PB = 1 : 3$

(b) Find  $\vec{OP}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .

Give your answer in its simplest form.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{OP} &= \vec{OB} + \vec{BP} \\ &= \vec{OB} + \frac{3}{4}(\vec{BD}) \\ &= \mathbf{a} + \frac{3}{4}(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}) \\ &= \mathbf{a} + \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{b} - \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{a} \\ &= \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{a} + \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{b} \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\frac{1}{4}(\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b})}$$

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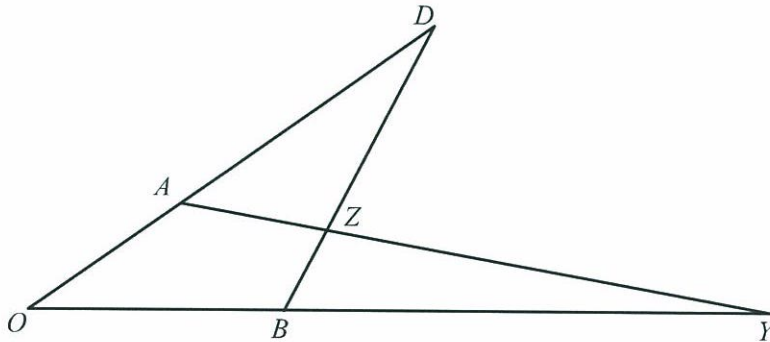
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In the diagram,

$$\vec{OA} = 4\mathbf{a} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{OB} = 4\mathbf{b}$$

$OAD$ ,  $OBY$  and  $BZD$  are all straight lines

$$AD = 2OA \quad \text{and} \quad BZ : ZD = 1 : 3$$

(a) Find, in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ , the vectors which represent

(4)

(i)  $\vec{BD}$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{BD} &= \vec{BO} + \vec{OD} = -4\mathbf{b} + 4\mathbf{a} + 8\mathbf{a} \\ &= 12\mathbf{a} - 4\mathbf{b} = 4(3\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) \end{aligned} \quad \underline{4(3\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b})}$$

(ii)  $\vec{AZ}$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{AZ} &= \vec{AO} + \vec{OB} + \vec{BZ} \\ &= -4\mathbf{a} + 4\mathbf{b} + \frac{1}{4}(4)(3\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) \\ &= -4\mathbf{a} + 4\mathbf{b} + 3\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} = 3\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a} \end{aligned} \quad \underline{3\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}}$$

Given that  $\vec{BY} = 8\mathbf{b}$

(b) Show that  $AZY$  is a straight line.

(3)

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{AY} &= \vec{AO} + \vec{OY} = -4\mathbf{a} + 4\mathbf{b} + 8\mathbf{b} \\ &= 12\mathbf{b} - 4\mathbf{a} = 4(3\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}) \equiv 4(\vec{AZ}) \end{aligned}$$

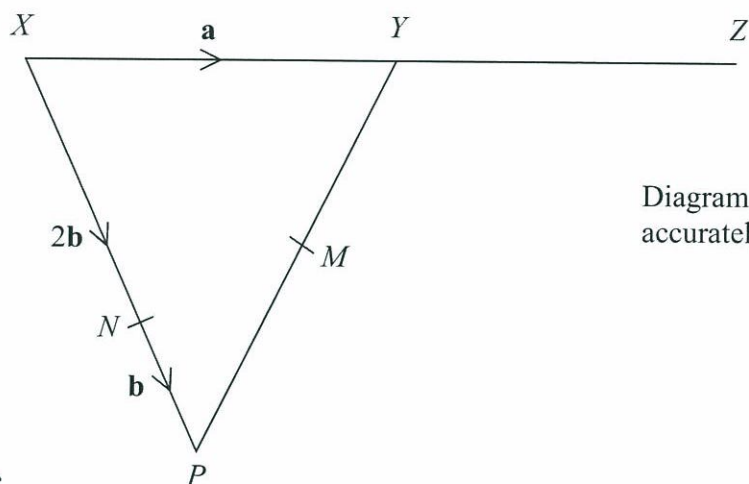
$\therefore$  Since  $\vec{AY}$  is a scalar multiple of  $\vec{AZ}$ ,

$AZY$  is a straight line.

(Total 7 marks)



5.

Diagram **NOT**  
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$XYP$  is a triangle  
 $N$  is a point on  $XP$

$$\vec{XY} = \mathbf{a} \quad \vec{XN} = 2\mathbf{b} \quad \vec{NP} = \mathbf{b}$$

(a) Find the vector  $\vec{PX}$ , in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .

$$\vec{PX} = \vec{PN} + \vec{NX} = -\mathbf{b} - 2\mathbf{b} = -3\mathbf{b}$$

$$\frac{-3\mathbf{b}}{(1)}$$

$Y$  is the midpoint of  $XZ$   
 $M$  is the midpoint of  $PY$

(b) Show that  $NMZ$  is a straight line.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{NZ} &= \vec{NX} + \vec{XZ} \\ &= -2\mathbf{b} + 2\mathbf{a} \\ &= 2(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) \\ &\equiv 4(\vec{NM}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{NM} &= \vec{NP} + \vec{PM} \\ &= \mathbf{b} + \frac{1}{2}(\vec{PY}) \\ &= \mathbf{b} + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} - 3\mathbf{b}) \\ &= \mathbf{b} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a} - \frac{3\mathbf{b}}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore NMZ$  is a straight line.

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(Total 5 marks)



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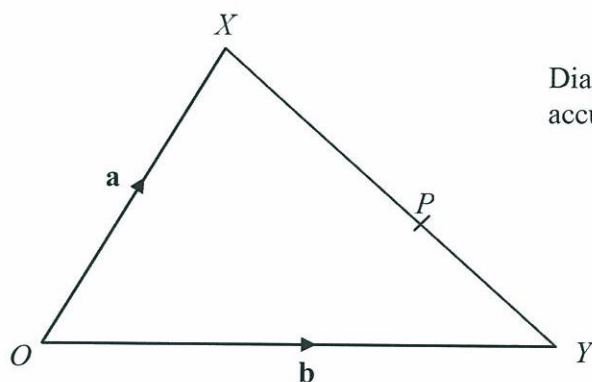


Diagram **NOT**  
accurately drawn

$OXY$  is a triangle.

$$\vec{OX} = \mathbf{a}$$

$$\vec{OY} = \mathbf{b}$$

(a) Find the vector  $\vec{XY}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .

$$\vec{XY} = -\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$$

$$\vec{XY} = \dots \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a} \dots \quad (1)$$

$P$  is the point on  $XY$  such that  $XP : PY = 3 : 2$

(b) Show that  $\vec{OP} = \frac{1}{5}(2\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b})$

$$\vec{OP} = \vec{OX} + \vec{XP} = \mathbf{a} + \frac{3}{5}(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a})$$

$$= \mathbf{a} + \frac{3}{5}\mathbf{b} - \frac{3}{5}\mathbf{a}$$

$$= \frac{2}{5}\mathbf{a} + \frac{3}{5}\mathbf{b}$$

$$= \frac{1}{5}(2\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b})$$

(3)

(Total 4 marks)



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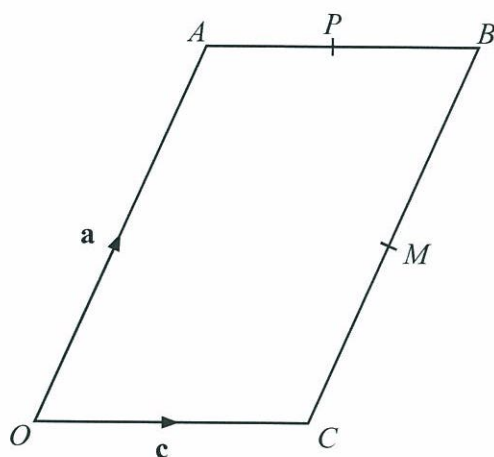


Diagram **NOT**  
accurately drawn

$OABC$  is a parallelogram.  
 $M$  is the midpoint of  $CB$ .  
 $P$  is the midpoint of  $AB$ .

$$\vec{OA} = \mathbf{a}$$

$$\vec{OC} = \mathbf{c}$$

(a) Find, in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and/or  $\mathbf{c}$ , the vectors

(i)  $\vec{MB}$ ,

$$\vec{MB} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}$$

(ii)  $\vec{MP}$ .

$$\vec{MP} = \vec{MB} + \vec{BP}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2}(-\mathbf{c}) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c})$$

(2)

(b) Show that  $CA$  is parallel to  $MP$ .

$$\vec{CA} = \vec{CO} + \vec{OA}$$

$$= \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(\vec{MP})$$

$\therefore CA$  is parallel to  $MP$ .

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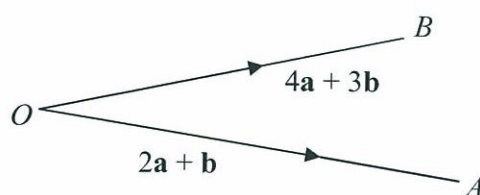
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$$\vec{OA} = 2\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$$

$$\vec{OB} = 4\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b}$$

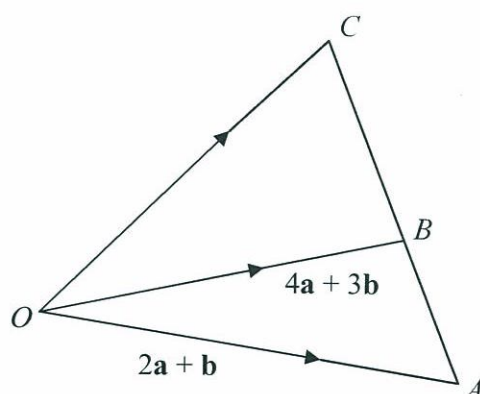
- (a) Express the vector  $\vec{AB}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$   
Give your answer in its simplest form.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{AB} &= \vec{AO} + \vec{OB} \\ &= -(2\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) + 4\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b} \\ &= -2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} + 4\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b} \\ &= 2\mathbf{b} + 2\mathbf{a} \\ &= 2(\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a})\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{2(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})}{(2)}$$



Diagram **NOT**  
accurately drawn



$ABC$  is a straight line.

$CB:YZ = 2:3$

$AB:BC$

(b) Express the vector  $\vec{OC}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$

Give your answer in its simplest form.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{OC} &= \vec{OB} + \vec{BC} = \vec{OB} + \frac{3}{2}(\vec{AB}) \\ &= 4\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b} + \frac{3}{2}(2)(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \\ &= 7\mathbf{a} + 6\mathbf{b}\end{aligned}$$

$$7\mathbf{a} + 6\mathbf{b}$$

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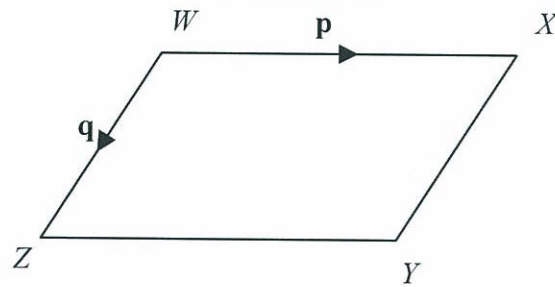
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$$\begin{aligned}\vec{OC} &= \vec{OA} + \vec{AC} \\ &= \vec{OA} + \frac{5}{2}(\vec{AB}) \\ &= 2\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \frac{5}{2}(2)(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \\ &= 2\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + 5(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \\ &= 7\mathbf{a} + 6\mathbf{b}\end{aligned}$$

(Total 5 marks)



9.

Diagram NOT  
accurately drawn $WXYZ$  is a parallelogram. $WX$  is parallel to  $ZY$ .  $WZ$  is parallel to  $XY$ .

$$\vec{WX} = \mathbf{p}$$

$$\vec{WZ} = \mathbf{q}$$

(a) Express, in terms of  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$ 

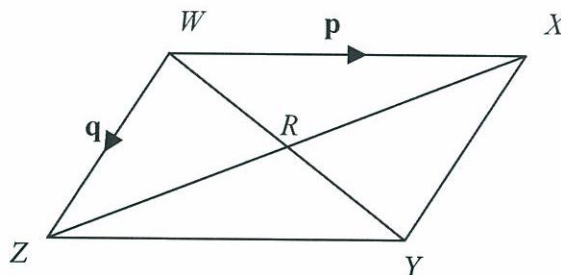
$$(i) \vec{WY} = \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}$$

$$(i) \dots \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q} \dots$$

$$(ii) \vec{XZ} = \vec{XW} + \vec{WZ} \\ = \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}$$

$$(ii) \dots \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p} \dots$$

(2)

Diagram NOT  
accurately drawn $WY$  and  $XZ$  are diagonals of parallelogram  $WXYZ$ . $WY$  and  $XZ$  intersect at  $R$ (b) Express  $\vec{WR}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$ .

$$\vec{WR} = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{WY}) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q})$$

$$\dots \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}) \dots$$

(1)

N.B: The intersection point of the two diagonals of a parallelogram is just the midpoint of each diagonal. This can

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be shown by virtue of the congruency which can be demonstrated between the triangles which are formed

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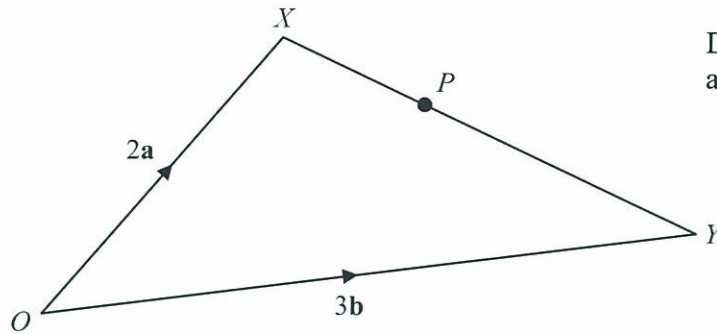


Diagram NOT  
accurately drawn

$OXY$  is a triangle.

$$\vec{OX} = 2\mathbf{a}$$

$$\vec{OY} = 3\mathbf{b}$$

(a) Find  $\vec{XY}$  in terms of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{XY} &= \vec{XO} + \vec{OY} \\ &= -2\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b}\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{XY} = \frac{3\mathbf{b} - 2\mathbf{a}}{(1)}$$

$P$  is the point on  $XY$  such that  $XP : PY = 2 : 3$

(b) Show that  $\vec{OP}$  is parallel to the vector  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{OP} &= \vec{OX} + \vec{XP} \\ &= 2\mathbf{a} + \frac{2}{5}(\vec{XY}) \\ &= 2\mathbf{a} + \frac{2}{5}(3\mathbf{b} - 2\mathbf{a}) \\ &= 2\mathbf{a} + \frac{6}{5}\mathbf{b} - \frac{4}{5}\mathbf{a} \\ &= \frac{6}{5}\mathbf{a} + \frac{6}{5}\mathbf{b} \\ &= \frac{6}{5}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}), \text{ i.e. } k(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \text{ where } k = \frac{6}{5} \quad (3)\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \vec{OP}$  is parallel to the vector  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$ . (Total 4 marks)

