$\mathbf{1 1}$ 4b | In the diagram, the vertices of |
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| $\triangle A B C$ lie on the circle with centre $O$. |
| The point $D$ lies on $B C$ such that |
| $\triangle A B D$ is isosceles and $\angle A B C=x$. |
| Copy or trace the diagram into your |
| writing booklet. |
| (i)Explain why $\angle A O C=2 x$. <br> (ii)Prove that $A C D O$ is a <br> cyclic quadrilateral. <br> Let $M$ be the midpoint of <br> $A C$ and $P$ the centre of <br> the circle through $A, C$, <br> and $O$. Show that $P, M$ <br> and $O$ are collinear. |
| (i) |

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(i) This was generally done well. A number of candidates did not use the correct terminology, confusing circumference and radius.
(ii) In better responses part (i) and angle $C D A$ were used to establish the result. Many candidates proved a cyclic quadrilateral by showing opposite angles supplementary, spending more time on this part than required.
(iii)This was a challenging question. Candidates had difficulty in expressing themselves clearly and often made inappropriate assumptions. The better responses showed a sophisticated approach, such as showing that the size of angle $M P O$ is $180^{\circ}$. Some candidates attempted to use other theorems, often unsuccessfully relating to two circles intersecting and the line joining their centres.
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