**CALCULUS APPLICATION**

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**QUESTION 11**

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| A farmer has a piece of land in the shape of a right-angled triangle OMN, as shown in the figure below. He allocates a rectangular piece of land PTOR to his daughter, giving her the freedom to choose P anywhere along the boundary MN. Let OM = *a*, ON = *b* and P(*x* ; *y*) be any point on MN. |  |  |

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P(*x* ; *y*)

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M (*a* ; 0)

N (0 ; *b*)



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| 11.1 | Determine an equation of MN in terms of *a* and *b*. |  | (2) |

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| 11.2 | Prove that the daughter's land will have a maximum area if she chooses P at the midpoint of MN. |  | (6)**[8]** |

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