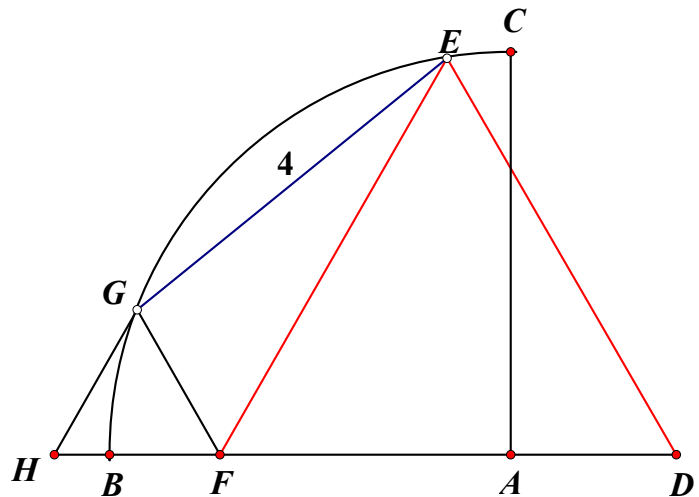


Given $\triangle DEF$ and $\triangle FGH$ are two equilateral triangles with E, G lying on a quarter of a circle with centre A as shown in the diagram on the right. F lies on AB .

Given that $EG = 4$, what is the area of the quarter of the circle?

(correct to 3 significant figures)

- A. 12.6
- B. 15.9
- C. 18.8
- D. 19.6



$$\angle GFH = \angle DFE = 60^\circ$$

(property of equilateral \triangle)

$$\angle EFG = 180^\circ - 60^\circ - 60^\circ = 60^\circ$$

(adj. \angle s on st. line)

Using perpendicular bisectors, construct the circumscribed circle through EFG (pink colour).

Suppose this circle cuts AB at K . Join KE and KG .

$$\angle KEG = \angle GFH = 60^\circ$$

(ext. \angle cyclic quad.)

$$\angle EKG = \angle EFG = 60^\circ$$

(\angle s in the same segment)

$$\angle KGE = 180^\circ - 60^\circ - 60^\circ = 60^\circ$$

(\angle sum of $\triangle EKG$)

$\therefore \triangle EKG$ is an equilateral \triangle

$$KE = KG = EG = 4$$

(property of equilateral triangle)

Let M be the mid-point of EG . Join KM .

$$EM = MG = 2$$

(by definition of mid-point)

$$KM = KM$$

(common side)

$$KE = KG = 4$$

(proved)

$$\therefore \triangle KEM \cong \triangle KGM$$

(S.S.S.)

$$\angle KME = \angle KMG$$

(corr. \angle s, $\cong \triangle$ s)

$$\angle KME + \angle KMG = 180^\circ$$

(adj. \angle s on st. line)

$$\therefore \angle KME = \angle KMG = 90^\circ$$

$\therefore MK$ is the perpendicular bisector of the chord EG

\therefore The perpendicular bisector of a chord must pass through the centre

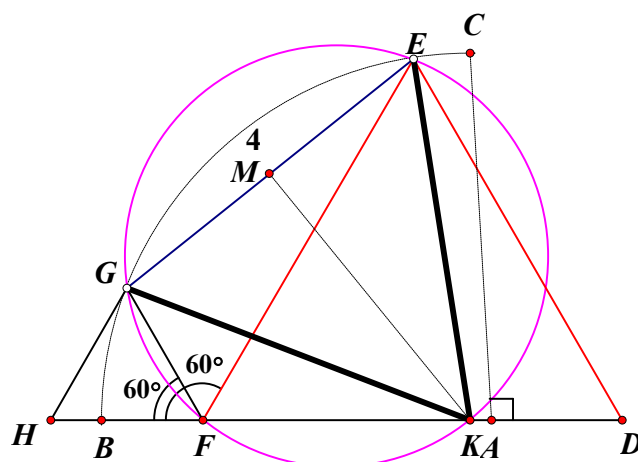
and the centre A lies on FD

$\therefore K$ and A are the same points

$$\text{Radius} = AE = KE = 4$$

$$\text{Area of quarter circle} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \pi \cdot 4^2 = 12.6$$

Answer A



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Let $GF = a$, $FE = DE = b$, $FA = c$, $AG = AE = r$.

$\angle GFE = \angle AFE = \angle EDF = 60^\circ$, $\angle AFG = 120^\circ$

Apply cosine formulas on $\triangle GFE$, $\triangle AFE$, $\triangle AFG$ and $\triangle ADE$

$$4^2 = a^2 + b^2 - ab \dots\dots (1)$$

$$r^2 = a^2 + c^2 + ac \dots\dots (2)$$

$$r^2 = b^2 + c^2 - bc \dots\dots (3)$$

$$r^2 = (b - c)^2 + b^2 - (b - c)b \dots\dots (4)$$

$$(2) = (3): a^2 + c^2 + ac = b^2 + c^2 - bc$$

$$ac + bc = b^2 - a^2$$

$$c(a + b) = (b - a)(b + a)$$

$$c = b - a \dots\dots (5)$$

$$\text{Sub. (5) into (4): } r^2 = a^2 + b^2 - ab \dots\dots (6)$$

$$(1) = (6): r = 4$$

$$\text{The area of the quarter of the circle} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \pi \cdot 4^2 = 12.6$$