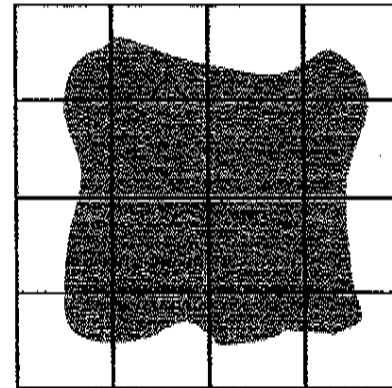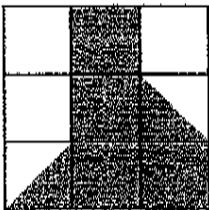# Estimating Area

You can estimate the area of an irregular
shape by looking at the squares around it.
In the example to the right, you know that
4 full squares are covered, so the area will
be greater than 4 square units. You also
know that the total figure is not larger than
16 square units (4 units x 4 units). You
can estimate the area of the figure is
between 4 and 16 square units.

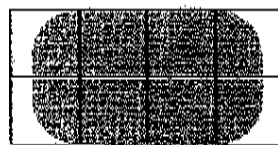► For each of the following figures, estimate the area. Circle the
number choice that is most likely the area (in square units) beneath
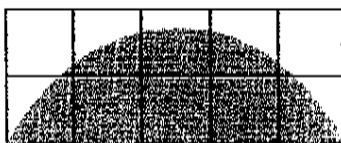each figure.

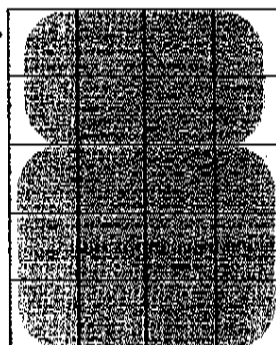**1.**

3   5   9   2

2.

9   8   6   4

3.

5   6   12   4

4.

5   2   3   11

5.

20   9   23   14

6.

5   9   6   14

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