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Question 1

a)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cos AB} &= \cos \text{Lat A} \cos \text{Lat B} \cos P \pm \sin \text{Lat A} \sin \text{Lat B} \\ &= \cos 33^\circ 53' \cos 40^\circ 28' \cos 92^\circ 16' - \sin 33^\circ 53' \sin 40^\circ 28' \\ &= -0.024979417 - 0.36182296 \\ &= -0.386802378 \\ \text{AB} &= 112^\circ 45.3' \\ &= 6765.3 \text{ miles} \end{aligned}$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Speed} &= 16.5 \text{ knots} \\ \text{Time} &= \frac{6765.3}{16.5} = 410 \text{h } 1 \text{m} \\ &= 17 \text{d } 2 \text{h } 1 \text{m} \\ \text{ETD Cape Town} &= 1000 \text{ ZT} \\ \text{Zone} &= -2 \\ \text{ETD Run} &= 20 \text{d } 0800 \text{ GMT} \\ &= 17 \text{d } 02 \text{h } 01 \text{m} \\ \text{ETA Zone NY} &= 07 \text{d } 10 \text{h } 01 \text{m May GMT} \\ &= +4 \text{ (daylight saving)} \\ \text{ETA New York} &= 07 \text{d } 0601 \text{ May} \end{aligned}$$

Question 2

a)

Time at ship	2330 14 June	Chron	03h 28m 29s
Approx LIT	+3h 55m	Error	<u>0</u>
Approx GMT	0325 15 June	GMT	03h 28m 29s 15 th June

GHA _y	308° 31.6'		
Inc.	<u>7° 08.4'</u>		
GHA _y	315° 39.0'		
SHA*	<u>281° 16.0'</u>	Dec	N 45° 58.4'
GHA*	236° 16.0'		
Long -	<u>058° 42.0'</u>		
LHA*	178° 13.0'		

A =	58.4 N	True Brg	358.7°(T)	358.7°(T)
B =	33.2 N	Compass	034°(C)	000° (G)
C =	91.6	Error	35.3° W	1.3° High
		Var	37° W	
Az =	N 1.3 W	Dev	1.7 E	
Brg =	358.7° (T)			

- i) True Bearing 358.7°(T)
- ii) Gyro Error 1.3° High
- iii) Deviation 1.7° E

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b) As a general rule an Azimuth will be more reliable in high latitudes ^{than} that an Amplitude. An Amplitude requires the sun to be on the Rational Horizon at the time of observation, and this, to the observer on the Earth's surface, is when the sun appears to be its' own semi-diameter above the horizon. In High latitudes, the sun rises at a fairly shallow angle to the horizon, and so we get a large change in Azimuth for a small change in altitude. Thus a small error in estimating when the sun is a semi-diameter above the horizon, ie the exact position for the amplitude to be taken, will give a large error in the bearing. Thus the accuracy of the amplitude is dependant on taking the observation with the sun in the correct position, whereas the accuracy of an azimuth is dependant on the time of the observation.

Question 3

Note:- This type of question is in fact a sunrise calculation, with some plane sailing thrown in. You are given a ship which will maintain her course and speed and another ship to Rendezvous with it. All that is required is to calculate the position of the first ship at sunrise by the double approximation method, and this gives you the GMT of sunrise and the R/V position. A straightforward calculation of bearing and distance will give the other ships course and speed required. No plotting required.

ETD	0500 GMT 27 Nov
LIT	11h 04m
Approx LMT	1604 27 Nov
LMT SR 28 th (35°S)	0440
Inc	8
LMT	0432 28 th Nov
LIT	11h 4m
GMT SR	1728 27 th
Time int	12h 28m
Speed	22 knots
Dist run	22 x 12h 28m = 274.3'

Start position	38°17' S	166° 04'E
Run 288° x 274.3	dlat 01°24.'8 N	dlong 005° 26.'1W dep 260.9
SR	lat 36° 52.'2S	Long 160° 37.'9 E
	Mlat 37° 34.'6 S	

Lmt SR 28 th (35°S)	0440
Inc	7
LMT	0433
LIT	10h 43m
GMT	1750
Interval	12h 50m
Run	22 x 12h 50m = 282.3'

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NOTE LAT IS SOUTH

Q3

Start position 38°17' S
 Run 288° x 282.3 dlat 1° 27.2' N dlong 005° 38.7' W dep 268.5
 Lat 36°49.8 S long 160° 25.3 E
 Mlat 37°33.6 S

Lmt SR 28th (35°S) 0440
 Inc 5
 LMT 0435
 LIT 10 h 42m
 GMT 1753 27th Nov

- a) GMT of R/V 1753 27th Nov
- b) R/V position 36° 49.8 S 160° 25.3 E
- c)

Start Position 38° 10' S 161° 03' E
 R/V 36°49.8 S 160° 25.3 E
 Dlat 1° 20.2' N dlong 000° 37.7' W
 (Mlat 37° 39.9) 80.2 37.7

Dep = 37.7 x cos 37°29.9
 = 29.9

tan Co = $\frac{Dep}{Dlat} = \frac{29.9}{80.2} = N 20° 26.8' W$
 = 339°33.2 (T)
 Course = 339.5°

Dist = $\frac{dlat}{Cos CO} = \frac{80.2}{cos 20°26.8} = 85.6$

Time = 12h 50m
 Speed = 6.7 knots