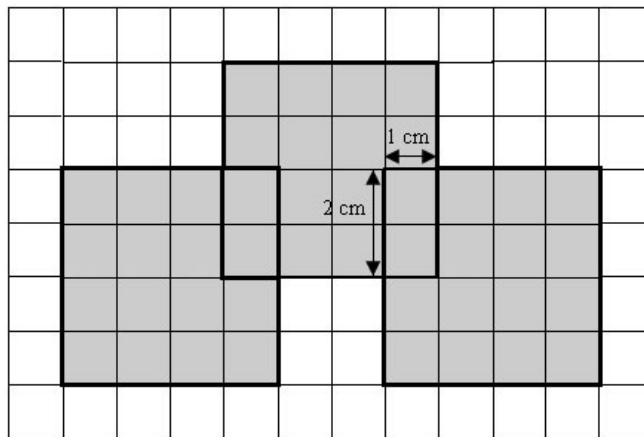# Total area

This task is about area of a complex shape.

The three squares above overlap each other and they all have sides of 4 cm in length.
What is the **area** of the shaded shape?

(**A**)   16 cm^2

(**B**)   32 cm^2

(**C**)   44 cm^2

(**D**)   48 cm^2

(**E**)   None of these. The area is _____ cm^2.