Answers :
(1) (a) area of trapezium $=\frac{1}{2} \times$ sum of parallel sides $\times$ height

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\begin{aligned}
45 & =\frac{1}{2}(x-1+x+2)(2 x) \\
& =(2 x+1)(x) \\
& =2 x^{2}+x
\end{aligned}
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Or, $2 x^{2}+x-45=0$
$(2 x-9)(x+5)=0$
$\therefore \quad 2 x=9$ (only positive value valid)

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x=4.5
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(b) Let the length of each side of equilateral triangle $=l$

Each interior angle of the triangle $=60^{\circ}$
Area of triangle $=\frac{1}{2} \times l^{2} \times \sin 60^{\circ}=45$

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\therefore l^{2}=\frac{90}{\sin 60^{\circ}}
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$l=10.2 \mathrm{~cm}$ (to one decimal point)
(2) Let the breath of rectangle $=a \mathrm{~cm}$

Therefore the length $=3 a \mathrm{~cm}$
Perimeter of rectangle $=a+3 a+a+3 a=32 \mathrm{~cm}$ (given)
$\therefore 8 a=32$
$a=4$
And $3 a=12$
$\therefore$ area of rectangle $=4 \times 12=48 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$

