Trigonometry Word Problems

For each question you must draw and label a triangle that represents the situation. Round all answers to the nearest hundredth. Please complete these on a paper to turn in.

- 1. A ladder 7 meters long stands on level ground and makes a 73° angle with the ground as it rests against a wall.
 - a. How far from the wall is the base of the ladder?
 - b. How far up the wall does it go?
- 2. Ben is pulling on a toboggan rope with a force of 250 newtons. The rope makes a 36° angle with the ground. What force is actually working to move the toboggan to the right?
 - 250 N
- 3. To site the top of a building 1000 feet away, you look up 24° from the horizontal. What is the height of the building?
- 4. If a boat going forward in still water suddenly encounters a crosscurrent of 4 miles per hour, causing the boat veer off course by 34°, how fast was the forward speed of the boat?
- 5. A guy wire is anchored 12 feet from the base of a pole. The wire makes a 58° angle with the ground. How long is the wire?