### 6.2 Applications of Radian Measure

OBJECTIVE 1: Determining the Area of a Sector of a Circle
For a circle of radius $r$, and central angle of $\theta$ radians, the area, $A$, of a sector of a circle is given by $A=\frac{1}{2} \theta r^{2}$.


The formula for the area of a sector of a circle, $A=\frac{1}{2} \theta r^{2}$ is only valid if the angle $\theta$ is in radians. An angle given in degrees must first be converted to radians.

## OBJECTIVE 2: Computing the Arc Length of a Sector of a Circle

The arc length of a sector of a circle depends on the corresponding central angle that intercepts the arc and the length of the radius of the circle.

For a circle of radius $r$, the length, $s$, of the arc intercepted by a central angle of $\theta$ radians is given by $s=r \theta$.


The arc length formula $s=r \theta$ is only valid if the angle $\theta$ is in radians. An angle given in degrees must first be converted to radians.

