

1- A alone can do a piece of work in 6 days and B alone in 8 days. A and B undertook to do it for Rs. 3200. With the help of C, they completed the work in 3 days. How much is to be paid to C?

- **A.**Rs. 375
- **B.**Rs. 400
- **C.**Rs. 600
- **D.**Rs. 800
- **E.**None of these

Answer & Explanation

Answer - **B** (Rs. 400)

Explanation -

$$\text{C's 1 day's work} = \frac{1}{3} - \left(\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} \right) = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{7}{24} = \frac{1}{24}.$$

$$\text{A's wages : B's wages : C's wages} = \frac{1}{6} : \frac{1}{8} : \frac{1}{24} = 4 : 3 : 1.$$

$$\text{C's share (for 3 days)} = \text{Rs.} \left(3 \times \frac{1}{24} \times 3200 \right) = \text{Rs. 400.}$$

2- A is thrice as good as workman as B and therefore is able to finish a job in 60 days less than B. Working together, they can do it in:

- **A.**20 days
- **B.**22 1/2 days
- **C.**25 days
- **D.**30 days
- **E.**None of these

Answer & Explanation

Answer - **B** (22 1/2 days)

Explanation - Ratio of times taken by A and B = 1 : 3.

The time difference is (3 - 1) 2 days while B take 3 days and A takes 1 day.

If difference of time is 2 days, B takes 3 days.

If difference of time is 60 days, B takes $\frac{3}{2} \times 60 = 90$ days.

So, A takes 30 days to do the work.

A's 1 day's work = $\frac{1}{30}$

B's 1 day's work = $\frac{1}{90}$

$$(A + B)'s\ 1\ day's\ work = \left(\frac{1}{30} + \frac{1}{90} \right) = \frac{4}{90} = \frac{2}{45}$$

A and B together can do the work in $\frac{45}{2} = 22\frac{1}{2}$ days.

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3- A, B and C can do a piece of work in 20, 30 and 60 days respectively. In how many days can A do the work if he is assisted by B and C on every third day?

- **A.**12 days
- **B.**15 days
- **C.**16 days
- **D.**18 days
- **E.**None of these

Answer & Explanation

Answer - **B** (15 days)

Explanation -

$$\text{A's 2 day's work} = \frac{1}{20} \times 2 = \frac{1}{10}.$$

$$(\text{A} + \text{B} + \text{C})\text{'s 1 day's work} = \frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{30} + \frac{1}{60} = \frac{6}{60} = \frac{1}{10}.$$

$$\text{Work done in 3 days} = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{10} = \frac{1}{5}.$$

Now, $\frac{1}{5}$ work is done in 3 days.

Whole work will be done in $(3 \times 5) = 15$ days.

4- A can lay railway track between two given stations in 16 days and B can do the same job in 12 days. With help of C, they did the job in 4 days only. Then, C alone can do the job in:

- **A.** 9 1/5 days
- **B.** 9 2/5 days
- **C.** 9 3/5 days
- **D.** 10 days
- **E.** None of these

Answer & Explanation

Answer - **C** (9 3/5 days)

Explanation -

$$(A + B + C)\text{'s 1 day's work} = \frac{1}{4},$$

$$A\text{'s 1 day's work} = \frac{1}{16},$$

$$B\text{'s 1 day's work} = \frac{1}{12}.$$

$$C\text{'s 1 day's work} = \frac{1}{4} - \left(\frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{12} \right) = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{7}{48} = \frac{5}{48}.$$

$$\text{So, C alone can do the work in } \frac{48}{5} = 9\frac{3}{5} \text{ days.}$$

5- A can do a work in 15 days and B in 20 days. If they work on it together for 4 days, then the fraction of the work that is left is:

- **A.** 1/4
- **B.** 1/10
- **C.** 7/15
- **D.** 8/15
- **E.** None of these

Answer & Explanation

Answer - **D** (8/15)

Explanation -

$$\text{A's 1 day's work} = \frac{1}{15};$$

$$\text{B's 1 day's work} = \frac{1}{20};$$

$$(\text{A} + \text{B})\text{'s 1 day's work} = \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{20} = \frac{7}{60}.$$

$$(\text{A} + \text{B})\text{'s 4 day's work} = \frac{7}{60} \times 4 = \frac{7}{15}.$$

$$\text{Therefore, Remaining work} = 1 - \frac{7}{15} = \frac{8}{15}.$$

6- A is thrice as good a workman as B and therefore is able to finish a job in 60 days less than B. Working together, they can do it in:

- **A.** 20 days
- **B.** 22 1/2 days
- **C.** 25 days
- **D.** 27 1/2 days
- **E.** None of these

Answer & Explanation

Answer - **B** (22 1/2 days)

Explanation -

Ratio of times taken by A and B = 1 : 3.

If difference of time is 2 days, B takes 3 days.

If difference of time is 60 days, B takes $\frac{3}{2} \times 60 = 90$ days.

So, A takes 30 days to do the work.

A's 1 day's work = $\frac{1}{30}$; B's 1 day's work = $\frac{1}{90}$

(A + B)'s 1 day's work = $\frac{1}{30} + \frac{1}{90} = \frac{4}{90} = \frac{2}{45}$

A and B together can do the work in $\frac{45}{2} = 22 \frac{1}{2}$ days.

7- A and B together can do a piece of work in 30 days. A having worked for 16 days, B finishes the remaining work alone in 44 days. In how many days shall B finish the whole work alone?

- A.30 days
- B.40 days
- C.60 days
- D.70 days
- E.None of these

Answer & Explanation

Answer - C (60 days)

Explanation -

Let A's 1 day's work = x and B's 1 day's work = y .

Then, $x + y = \frac{1}{30}$ and $16x + 44y = 1$.

Solving these two equations, we get: $x = \frac{1}{60}$ and $y = \frac{1}{60}$

B's 1 day's work = $\frac{1}{60}$

Hence, A alone shall finish the whole work in 60 days.

8- A and B together can complete a work in 12 days. A alone can complete it in 20 days. If B does the work only for half a day daily, then in how many days A and B together will complete the work?

- **A.**10 days
- **B.**11 days
- **C.**15 days
- **D.**20 days
- **E.**None of these

Answer & Explanation

Answer - **C** (15 days)

Explanation -

$$\text{B's 1 day's work} = \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{20} = \frac{2}{60} + \frac{1}{30}$$

$$\text{Now, (A + B)'s 1 day's work} = \frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{60} = \frac{4}{60} = \frac{1}{15} \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{B works for half day} \\ \text{only} \end{array} \right]$$

So, A and B together will complete the work in 15 days.

9- A takes twice as much time as B or thrice as much time to finish a piece of work. Working together, they can finish the work in 2 days. B can do the work alone in:

- **A.** 4 days
- **B.** 6 days
- **C.** 8 days
- **D.** 12 days
- **E.** None of these

Answer & Explanation

Answer - **D** (12 days)

Explanation -

Suppose A, B and C take x , $\frac{x}{2}$ and $\frac{x}{3}$ hours respectively to finish the work.

$$\text{Then, } \frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{x} + \frac{3}{x} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{6}{x} = \frac{1}{2} \quad x = 12.$$

So, B takes 6 hours to finish the work.

10- If A can do $\frac{1}{4}$ of a work in 3 days and B can do $\frac{1}{6}$ of the same work in 4 days, how much will A get if both work together and are paid Rs. 180 in all?

- **A.**Rs. 36
- **B.**Rs. 60
- **C.**Rs. 108
- **D.**Rs. 120
- **E.**None of these

Answer & Explanation

Answer - **D** (Rs. 120)

Explanation -

Whole work is done by A in $(3 \times 4) = 12$ days.

Whole work is done by B in $(4 \times 6) = 24$ days.

A's wages : B's wages = A's 1 day's work : B's 1 day's work =

$$\frac{1}{12} : \frac{1}{24} = 2 : 1$$

$$\text{A's share} = \text{Rs. } \frac{2}{3} \times 180 = \text{Rs. 120.}$$