

Percentage

Concept of Percentage

By a certain percent we mean that many hundredths. Thus x percent means x hundredths, written as x%

To express x% as a fraction: $x\% = \frac{x}{100}$

To express $\frac{a}{b}$ as a percent:

$$\frac{a}{b} = \left(\frac{a}{b} \times 100 \right) \%$$

1. Express the following as a fraction: 56%, 0.08%, 4%

Solution:

1. $56\% = \frac{56}{100} = \frac{14}{25}$

2. $0.08\% = \frac{0.08}{100} = \frac{8}{10000} = \frac{1}{1250}$

3. $4\% = \frac{4}{100} = \frac{1}{25}$

2. Express the following as percent: $6\frac{3}{4}$, **0.004**, $\frac{3}{5}$

1. $6\frac{3}{4} = \frac{27}{4} = \frac{27}{4} \times 100\% = 675\%$

2. $0.004 = \frac{4}{1000} = \frac{4}{1000} \times 100\% = 0.4\%$

3. $\frac{3}{5} = \frac{3}{5} \times 100\% = 60\%$

3. 2 is what percent of 50.

$$\text{Required percentage} = \frac{2}{50} \times 100\% = 4\%$$

4. What is 30% of 80?

$$30\% \text{ of } 80 = \frac{30}{100} \times 80 = 24$$

5. Evaluate 28% of 450

$$28\% \text{ of } 450 = \frac{28}{100} \times 450 = 126$$

6. Evaluate $16\frac{2}{3}\%$ of 600

$$16\frac{2}{3}\% \text{ of } 600 = \frac{50}{3}\% \text{ of } 600$$

$$= \frac{50}{3} \times \frac{1}{100} \times 600 = 100$$

7. What percent of 7 is 84?

$$\text{Required percentage} = \frac{84}{7} \times 100\% = 1200\%$$

8. Find the missing figures:

(i) 9% of ? = 6.3, (ii) 0.25% of ? = 0.04

(i) Let 9% of $x = 6.3$

then
$$\frac{9}{100}x = 6.3 \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{6.3 \times 100}{9} = 70$$

(ii) Let 0.25% of $x = 0.04$

then

$$\frac{0.25}{100}x = 0.04 \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{0.04 \times 100}{0.25} = 16$$

9. If the sales tax be reduced from $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ to $3\frac{1}{3}\%$, then what difference does it make to a person who purchase an article with market price of Rs. 8400?

$$\text{Difference in percent} = 3\frac{1}{2}\% - 3\frac{1}{3}\% = \frac{1}{6}\%$$

$$\text{Difference in amount} = \frac{1}{6}\% \text{ of Rs.8400}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{100} \times 8400 = 14$$

$$\text{Difference in amount} = \text{Rs.14}$$

10. An inspector rejected 0.08% of the motors as defective. How many motors he had to examine to reject 2 motors?

Let the number of motors to be examined be x .

Then

$$0.08\% \text{ of } x = 2$$

$$\frac{8}{100} \times \frac{1}{100} \times x = 2 \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{2 \times 100 \times 100}{8} = 2500$$

11. Sixty five percent of a number is 21 less than four fifth of that number. What is the number?

Let the number be x.

Then

$$\frac{4}{5}x - (65\% \text{ of } x) = 21$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{4}{5}x - \frac{65}{100}x = 21$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{80}{100}x - \frac{65}{100}x = \frac{15x}{100} = 21$$

$$15x = 2100 \Leftrightarrow x = 140$$

12. Difference of two numbers is 1660. If 7.5% of one number is 12.5% of the other number, find the two numbers.

Let the numbers be x and y .

Then, 7.5% of $x = 12.5\%$ of y

Now $x - y = 1660$,

$$x = \frac{12.5}{7.5} y = \frac{125}{75} y = \frac{5}{3} y$$

$$\frac{5}{3} y - y = 1660 \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3} y = 1660 \Rightarrow y = \frac{1660 \times 3}{2} = 2490$$

One number = 2490, Second number = 4150

13. In an election between two candidates, 75% of the voters cast their votes, out of which 2% of the votes were declared invalid. A candidate got 9261 votes which were 75% of the total valid votes. Find the total number of votes enrolled in that election.

Let the total number of votes enrolled be x . Then

Number of votes cast = 75% of x ,

Valid votes = 98% (75% of x)

$$75\%[98\%(75\% \text{ of } x)] = 9261$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{75}{100} \times \frac{98}{100} \times \frac{75}{100} \times x \right) = 9261$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = \left(\frac{9261 \times 100 \times 100 \times 100}{75 \times 98 \times 75} \right)$$

$$x = 16800$$

14. Raman's salary was decreased by 50% and subsequently increased by 50%. How much percent does he lose?

Let the original salary = Rs.100

New final salary = 150% of (50% of Rs. 100)

$$= \text{Rs. } \frac{150}{100} \times \frac{50}{100} \times 100 = \text{Rs.}75$$

Decrease = 25%

15. If the numerator of a fraction be increased by 15% and its denominator be diminished by 8%, the value of the fraction is $\frac{15}{16}$. Find the original fraction.

Let the original fraction be $\frac{x}{y}$.

Then,

$$\frac{115\% \text{ of } x}{92\% \text{ of } y} = \frac{15}{16}$$

$$\frac{115x}{92y} = \frac{15}{16} \Rightarrow \frac{x}{y} = \left(\frac{15}{16} \times \frac{92}{115} \right) = \frac{3}{4}$$

Population

If population of a town is p and it increases at the rate of $r\%$ per annum, then,

population after n years

$$= p \left(1 + \frac{r}{100} \right)^n$$

population before n years

$$= \frac{p}{\left(1 + \frac{r}{100} \right)^n}$$

16. The population of a town is 1,76,400. If it increases at the rate of 5% per annum, what will be its population 2 years hence ?

What was it 2 years ago?

Sol.

Population after 2 years

$$= (176400) \times \left(1 + \frac{5}{100}\right)^2$$

$$= \left(176400 \times \frac{21}{20} \times \frac{21}{20}\right)$$

$$= 194481$$

Population 2 years ago

$$= \frac{176400}{\left(1 + \frac{5}{100}\right)^2}$$

$$= \left(176400 \times \frac{21}{20} \times \frac{21}{20}\right)$$

$$= 160000$$

17. Luaa spends her monthly salary in the following manner: 20% on house rent, 20% on food, 5 % on transportation, 10% on the education, and 20% on other household expenses. She saves the remaining amount of Rs. 5000 at the end of the month. Find out her monthly salary?

Let the Monthly Salary = 100%

Monthly Expenditure = 20% + 20% + 5% + 10% + 20% = 75%

Monthly Savings = 100% – 75% = 25%

Now, 25% of salary saved = 5000

Let's take 100% salary as x

25% of x = 5000

$$x = 5000 \times \frac{100}{25}$$

$$x = \frac{500000}{25}$$

$$x = 20000$$

Therefore, her monthly salary = Rs. 20000

18. In an examination, 40% are passing percentage. If a person gets 41 marks and fails by 3 marks, what are the maximum marks?

Total passing marks = $41 + 3 = 44$

Let maximum marks be m

Then, 40% of $m = 44$

$$= 40m/100 = 44$$

$$40m = 4400$$

$$m = 110$$

19. Reema saves 51% of his total income of Rs. 15000 per month. Calculate his total spending.

Money spent = $(100 - 51)$ of 15000

= 49% of 15000

= $49/100 \times 15000 = 7350$

20. If a girl's height is 15% less than a boy, how much percent of Boy's height is more than a girl?

Excess of boy's height over girl = $15 / (100 - 15) * 100$

= $15 / 85 * 100$

= 17.64%

21. If 40% of a number is equal to 2/3rd of another number, what is the ratio of first number to the second number?

Let the two numbers be x and y

$$40\% \text{ of } x = \frac{2}{3}y$$

$$\text{Then, } \frac{40x}{100} = \frac{2}{3}y$$

$$\frac{2}{5}x = \frac{2}{3}y$$

$$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{5}{2} = \frac{5}{3}$$

Therefore the ratio = 5: 3