

CHAPTER 1: REAL NUMBER

- **1 MARK QUESTIONS**

- **1** Write the smallest prime number.
- **2** Write the HCF of two consecutive natural numbers.
- **3** Is $\sqrt{7}$ a rational or irrational number?
- **4** Write the decimal expansion of a rational number of the form p/q where $q = 2^n \times 5^m$.
- **5** If $\text{HCF}(a, b) = 1$, what is $\text{HCF}(a^2, b^2)$?

- **2 MARK QUESTIONS**

- **6** Find whether the decimal expansion of $13/125$ is terminating or not.
- **7** Write whether $0.\overline{375}$ is terminating or non-terminating.
- **8** Find the LCM of 12 and 18 using prime Factorization.
- **9** Find the HCF of 24 and 60 using prime Factorization.
- **10** If p and q are prime numbers, find $\text{HCF}(p, q)$.

3 MARK QUESTIONS

- 1 1 Find the largest number that divides 130 and 235 leaving remainders 7 and 11 respectively.
- 1 2 Find the largest number that divides 398 and 436 leaving remainders 7 and 11.
- 1 3 Find whether the decimal expansion of $7/40$ is terminating or non-terminating.
- 1 4 Express 0.0008 in the form p/q and find whether its decimal expansion terminates.
- 1 5 Find the HCF and LCM of 18 and 48 using prime factorization.

5 MARK QUESTIONS (VERY IMPORTANT 🔥)

- 1 6 Prove that $\sqrt{5}$ is irrational.
- 1 7 Prove that $\sqrt{3}$ is irrational.
- 1 8 Prove that $3 + \sqrt{5}$ is irrational.
- 1 9 Prove that the product of a non-zero rational number and an irrational number is irrational.
- 2 0 Find the largest number which divides 2053 and 967 leaving remainders 5 and 7 respectively.

PYQ / HIGH WEIGHTAGE QUESTIONS

- **2 1** Find the largest number that divides 520 and 640 leaving remainders 4 and 8 respectively.
2 2 Find whether the decimal expansion of $17/500$ is terminating or not.
2 3 Express 0.125 in the form p/q and check the nature of its decimal expansion.
2 4 Prove that $7\sqrt{5}$ is irrational.
2 5 If $\text{HCF}(a, b) = 12$ and $a = 180$, find b .
2 6 Find the HCF of 72 and 120 using prime factorisation.
2 7 Find the LCM of 45 and 90 using prime factorisation.
2 8 Find whether $6/15$ has terminating decimal expansion or not.
2 9 Prove that $2 + \sqrt{7}$ is irrational.
3 0 Find the decimal expansion of $7/125$.

HINTS/SOLUTION

- **Solution 1:**

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(2 has exactly two factors: 1 and 2, so it is the smallest prime number.)

- **Solution 2:**

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(Any two consecutive natural numbers are co-prime, so their HCF is 1.)

- **Solution 3:**

$\sqrt{7}$ is an irrational number.

(7 is not a perfect square, so $\sqrt{7}$ cannot be expressed in the form p/q .)

- **Solution 4:**

Terminating decimal expansion.

(When the denominator is of the form $2^n \times 5^m$, the decimal expansion always terminates.)

- **Solution 5:**

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(If $\text{HCF}(a, b) = 1$, then a and b have no common factors; squaring them does not create any common factor, so $\text{HCF}(a^2, b^2) = 1$.)

Solution 6:

$$13/125 = 13 / (5^3)$$

Since the denominator has only prime factor 5, the decimal expansion is terminating.

Solution 7:

$$0.375 = 375/1000 = 3/8$$

The denominator has only prime factor 2, so the decimal expansion is terminating.

Solution 8:

$$12 = 2^2 \times 3$$

$$18 = 2 \times 3^2$$

$$\text{LCM} = 2^2 \times 3^2 = 36$$

(LCM is found by taking the **highest powers** of common prime factors.)

Solution 9:

$$24 = 2^3 \times 3$$

$$60 = 2^2 \times 3 \times 5$$

$$\text{HCF} = 2^2 \times 3 = 12$$

(HCF is found by taking the **lowest powers** of common prime factors.)

Solution 10:

$$\text{HCF}(p, q) = 1$$

(Any two different prime numbers have no common factor except 1, so their HCF is 1.)

Solution 11:

Required number = HCF of $(130 - 7)$ and $(235 - 11)$

= HCF of 123 and 224

$$123 = 3 \times 41$$

$$224 = 2^5 \times 7$$

HCF = 1

👉 Largest required number = 1

(We subtract the remainders first, then find HCF.)

Solution 12:

Required number = HCF of $(398 - 7)$ and $(436 - 11)$

= HCF of 391 and 425

$$391 = 17 \times 23$$

$$425 = 5^2 \times 17$$

HCF = 17

👉 Largest required number = 1

Solution 13:

$$\frac{7}{40} = 7 / (2^3 \times 5)$$

The denominator has only prime factors **2 and 5**,
so the decimal expansion is **terminating**.

Solution 14:

$$0.0008 = \frac{8}{10000}$$

$$= \frac{1}{125}$$

$$125 = 5^3$$

Since the denominator has only prime factor **5**,
the decimal expansion is **terminating**.

Solution 15:

$$18 = 2 \times 3^2$$

$$48 = 2^4 \times 3$$

$$\text{HCF} = 2^1 \times 3^1 = 6$$

$$\text{LCM} = 2^4 \times 3^2 = 144$$

Solution 16:

Prove that $\sqrt{5}$ is irrational.

Proof:

Assume $\sqrt{5}$ is rational. Then

$$\frac{p}{q}$$

$$\frac{q}{q}$$

where p, q are co-prime integers.

Squaring both sides:

$$\frac{p^2}{q^2}$$

$$= 5$$

$$\frac{q^2}{q^2}$$

$$\rightarrow p^2 = 5 \times q^2$$

$\therefore p^2$ divisible by 5 $\rightarrow p$ divisible by 5 $\rightarrow p = 5k$

Then

$$\frac{p^2}{q^2}$$

$$\frac{q^2}{q^2}$$

$= 25k^2 = 5q^2 \rightarrow q^2 = 5k^2 \rightarrow q$ divisible by 5
 $\therefore p$ and q have a common factor 5 \rightarrow contradiction.
Hence, $\sqrt{5}$ is irrational.

Solution 17:

Prove that $\sqrt{3}$ is irrational.

Assume $\sqrt{3}$ is rational. Then

$$\frac{p}{q}$$

where p, q are co-prime.

Squaring both sides:

$$\frac{p^2}{q^2} = 3$$

$\rightarrow p^2 = 3 \times q^2 \rightarrow p$ divisible by 3 $\rightarrow p = 3k$

Then

$$\frac{p^2}{q^2}$$

$= 9k^2 = 3q^2 \rightarrow q^2 = 3k^2 \rightarrow q$ divisible by 3

Contradiction.

Hence, $\sqrt{3}$ is irrational.

Solution 18:

Prove that $3 + \sqrt{5}$ is irrational.

Assume $3 + \sqrt{5}$ is rational. Then

$$\frac{p}{q}$$

where p, q are integers, $q \neq 0$.

Then

$$p - 3q$$

$$= \frac{q}{\sqrt{5}} \rightarrow \text{rational? } \times \text{ False}$$

Hence, $3 + \sqrt{5}$ is irrational.

Solution 19:

Prove that the product of a non-zero rational number and an irrational number is irrational.

Let r be a non-zero rational number and x be irrational.

Assume $r \times x$ is rational. Then

$$x = \frac{r \times x}{r}$$

Since $r \neq 0$, x would be rational \rightarrow Contradiction
Hence, the product is irrational.

Solution 20:

Find the largest number which divides 2053 and 967 leaving remainders 5 and 7 respectively.

Subtract remainders:

$$2053 - 5 = 2048$$

$$967 - 7 = 960$$

Find HCF of 2048 and 960 using prime factorization:

$$2048 = 2^{11}$$

$$960 = 2^6 \times 3 \times 5$$

$$\text{HCF} = 2^6 = 64$$

Largest required number = 64

Solution 21:

Largest number dividing 520 and 640 leaving remainders 4 and 8:

$$520 - 4 = 516$$

$$640 - 8 = 632$$

$$\text{HCF}(516, 632)$$

$$516 = 2^2 \times 3 \times 43$$

$$632 = 2^3 \times 79$$

$$\text{HCF} = 2^2 = 4$$

Answer: 4

Solution 22:

Decimal expansion of $17/500$:

$$500 = 2^2 \times 5^3 \rightarrow \text{only 2 and 5 as prime factors}$$

\therefore Decimal expansion is **terminating**

Answer: Terminating

Solution 23:

$$0.125 = 125 / 1000$$

$$\text{Simplify: } 125 \div 1000 = 1 \div 8$$

$$8 = 2^3 \rightarrow \text{only prime factor 2}$$

\therefore Decimal expansion is **terminating**

Answer: $0.125 = 1/8 \rightarrow$ Terminating

Solution 24:

Prove that $7\sqrt{5}$ is irrational.

Assume $7\sqrt{5}$ is rational. Then $\sqrt{5} = (7\sqrt{5}) \div 7 \rightarrow \sqrt{5}$ is rational **X**

Contradiction, since $\sqrt{5}$ is irrational.

Hence, $7\sqrt{5}$ is irrational.

Solution 25:

$$\text{HCF}(a, b) = 12, a = 180$$

$\text{HCF} \times \text{LCM} = a \times b \rightarrow$ Not needed, simple method:

b must be divisible by HCF:

$$\text{Let } b = 12 \times k, \text{HCF}(180, 12k) = 12$$

$180 \div 12 = 15 \rightarrow 15$ and k must be co-prime

Choose smallest possible k = 1 $\rightarrow b = 12 \times 1 = 12$

Other possibilities: k = 1,2,... (co-prime with 15)

Answer: b = 12, 24, 36, ...

Solution 26:

HCF of 72 and 120 using prime factorization:

$$72 = 2^3 \times 3^2$$

$$120 = 2^3 \times 3 \times 5$$

$$\text{HCF} = 2^3 \times 3 = 24$$

Solution 27:

LCM of 45 and 90 using prime factorization:

$$45 = 3^2 \times 5$$

$$90 = 2 \times 3^2 \times 5$$

$$\text{LCM} = 2 \times 3^2 \times 5 = 90$$

Solution 28:

$$6/15 = 2 \times 3 / (3 \times 5) = 2 / 5$$

Denominator = 5 \rightarrow only prime factor 5 \rightarrow Decimal expansion **terminating**

Answer: Terminating

Solution 29:**Prove that $2 + \sqrt{7}$ is irrational.**Assume $2 + \sqrt{7}$ is rational. Then $\sqrt{7} = (2 + \sqrt{7}) - 2 \rightarrow \sqrt{7}$ is rational **X**

Contradiction.

Hence, $2 + \sqrt{7}$ is irrational.**Solution 30:**Decimal expansion of $7/125$: $125 = 5^3 \rightarrow$ only prime factor 5 \rightarrow decimal expansion **terminating**

$$7 \div 125 = 0.056$$

Answer: 0.056 \rightarrow Terminating