

16. PIPES AND CISTERNS

IMPORTANT FACTS AND FORMULAE

1. **Inlet:** A pipe connected with a tank or a cistern or a reservoir, that fills it, is known as an inlet.

Outlet: A pipe connected with a tank or a cistern or a reservoir, emptying it, is known as an outlet.

2. (i) If a pipe can fill a tank in x hours, then : part filled in 1 hour = $1/x$

(ii) If a pipe can empty a full tank in y hours, then : part emptied in 1 hour = $1/y$

(iii) If a pipe can fill a tank in x hours and another pipe can empty the full tank in y hours (where $y > x$), then on opening both the pipes, the net part filled in 1 hour = $(1/x) - (1/y)$

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