

TIME AND WORK

IMPORTANT FACTS AND FORMULAE

1. If A can do a piece of work in n days, then A's 1 day's work = $(1/n)$.
2. If A's 1 day's work = $(1/n)$, then A can finish the work in n days.
3. A is thrice as good a workman as B, then:
Ratio of work done by A and B = $3 : 1$.
Ratio of times taken by A and B to finish a work = $1 : 3$.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

Ex. 1. Worker A takes 8 hours to do a job. Worker B takes 10 hours to do the same Job. How long should it take both A and B, working together but independently, to do the same job? (IGNOU, 2003)

Sol. A's 1 hour's work = $1/8$

B's 1 hour's work = $1/10$

(A + B)'s 1 hour's work = $(1/8) + (1/10) = 9/40$

Both A and B will finish the work in $40/9$ days.

Ex. 2. A and B together can complete a piece of work in 4 days. If A alone can complete the same work in 12 days, in how many days can B alone complete that work? (Bank P.O. 2003)

Sol. (A + B)'s 1 day's work = $(1/4)$. A's 1 day's work = $(1/12)$.

B's 1 day's work = $((1/4) - (1/12)) = (1/6)$

Hence, B alone can complete the work in 6 days.

Ex. 3. A can do a piece of work in 7 days of 9 hours each and B can do it in 6 days

of 7 hours each. How long will they take to do it, working together 8 hours a day?

Sol. A can complete the work in $(7 \times 9) = 63$ hours.

B can complete the work in $(6 \times 7) = 42$ hours.

A's 1 hour's work = $(1/63)$ and B's 1 hour's work = $(1/42)$

$(A + B)$'s 1 hour's work = $(1/63) + (1/42) = (5/126)$

Both will finish the work in $(126/5)$ hrs.

Number of days of $(42/5)$ hrs each = $(126 \times 5)/(5 \times 42) = 3$ days

Ex. 4. A and B can do a piece of work in 18 days; Band C can do it in 24 days A and C can do it in 36 days. In how many days will A, Band C finish it together and separately?

Sol. $(A + B)$'s 1 day's work = $(1/18)$ $(B + C)$'s 1 day's work = $(1/24)$

and $(A + C)$'s 1 day's work = $(1/36)$

Adding, we get: $2(A + B + C)$'s 1 day's work = $(1/18 + 1/24 + 1/36)$

$$= 9/72 = 1/8$$

$(A + B + C)$'s 1 day's work = $1/16$

Thus, A, Band C together can finish the work in 16 days.

Now, A's 1 day's work = $[(A + B + C)$'s 1 day's work] - $[(B + C)$'s 1 day work:
 $= (1/16 - 1/24) = 1/48$

A alone can finish the work in 48 days.

Similarly, B's 1 day's work = $(1/16 - 1/36) = 5/144$

B alone can finish the work in $144/5 = 28 \frac{4}{5}$ days

And C's 1 day work = $(1/16 - 1/18) = 1/144$

Hence C alone can finish the work in 144 days.

Ex. 6. A is twice as good a workman as B and together they finish a piece in 18 days. In how many days will A alone finish the work?

Sol. $(A$'s 1 day's work): $(B$'s 1 days work) = 2 : 1.

$(A + B)$'s 1 day's work = $1/18$

Divide $\frac{1}{18}$ in the ratio 2 : 1.

$$\therefore \text{A's 1 day's work} = \left(\frac{1}{18} \times \frac{2}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{27}$$

Hence, A alone can finish the work in 27 days.

Ex. 6. A can do a certain job in 12 days. B is 60% more efficient than A. How many days does B alone take to do the same job?

Sol. Ratio of times taken by A and B = 160 : 100 = 8 : 5.

Suppose B alone takes x days to do the job.

Then, $8 : 5 :: 12 : x = 8x = 5 \times 12 \Rightarrow x = 7 \frac{1}{2}$ days.

Ex. 7. A can do a piece of work in 80 days. He works at it for 10 days B alone finishes the remaining work in 42 days. In how much time will A and B working together, finish the work?

Sol. Work done by A in 10 days = $\left(\frac{1}{80} \times 10\right) = \frac{1}{8}$

Remaining work = $\left(1 - \frac{1}{8}\right) = \frac{7}{8}$

Now, $\frac{7}{8}$ work is done by B in 42 days.

Whole work will be done by B in $\left(42 \times \frac{8}{7}\right) = 48$ days.

A's 1 day's work = $\frac{1}{80}$ and B's 1 day's work = $\frac{1}{48}$

$(A+B)$'s 1 day's work = $\left(\frac{1}{80} + \frac{1}{48}\right) = \frac{8}{240} = \frac{1}{30}$

Hence, both will finish the work in 30 days.

Ex. 8. A and B undertake to do a piece of work for Rs. 600. A alone can do it in 6 days while B alone can do it in 8 days. With the help of C, they finish it in 3 days. Find the share of each.

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

A : B : C = Ratio of their 1 day's work = $\frac{1}{6} : \frac{1}{8} : \frac{1}{24} = 4 : 3 : 1$.

A's share = Rs. $\left(600 \times \frac{4}{8}\right) = \text{Rs. } 300$, B's share = Rs. $\left(600 \times \frac{3}{8}\right) = \text{Rs. } 225$.

C's share = Rs. $[600 - (300 + 225)] = \text{Rs. } 75$.

Ex. 9. A and B working separately can do a piece of work in 9 and 12 days respectively, If they work for a day alternately, A beginning, in how many days, the work will be completed?

$(A + B)$'s 2 days' work = $\left(\frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{12}\right) = \frac{7}{36}$

Work done in 5 pairs of days = $\left(5 \times \frac{7}{36}\right) = \frac{35}{36}$

Remaining work = $\left(1 - \frac{35}{36}\right) = \frac{1}{36}$

On 11th day, it is A's turn. $\frac{1}{9}$ work is done by him in 1 day.

$\frac{1}{36}$ work is done by him in $(9 \times \frac{1}{36}) = \frac{1}{4}$ day

Total time taken = $(10 + \frac{1}{4})$ days = $10 \frac{1}{4}$ days.

Ex 10 .45 men can complete a work in 16 days. Six days after they started working, 30 more men joined them. How many days will they now take to complete the remaining work?

(45×16) men can complete the work in 1 day.

1 man's 1 day's work = $\frac{1}{720}$

45 men's 6 days' work = $(\frac{1}{16} \times 6) = \frac{3}{8}$

Remaining work = $(1 - \frac{3}{8}) = \frac{5}{8}$

75 men's 1 day's work = $\frac{75}{720} = \frac{5}{48}$

Now, $\frac{5}{48}$ work is done by them in 1 day.

$\frac{5}{8}$ work is done by them in $(\frac{48}{5} \times \frac{5}{8}) = 6$ days.

Ex:11. 2 men and 3 boys can do a piece of work in 10 days while 3 men and 2 boys can do the same work in 8 days. In how many days can 2 men and 1 boy do the work?

Soln: Let 1 man's 1 day's work = x and 1 boy's 1 day's work = y.

Then, $2x + 3y = \frac{1}{10}$ and $3x + 2y = \frac{1}{8}$

Solving, we get: $x = \frac{7}{200}$ and $y = \frac{1}{100}$

$(2 \text{ men} + 1 \text{ boy})$'s 1 day's work = $(2 \times \frac{7}{200} + 1 \times \frac{1}{100}) = \frac{16}{200} = \frac{2}{25}$

So, 2 men and 1 boy together can finish the work in $\frac{25}{2} = 12 \frac{1}{2}$ days

TIME AND DISTANCE

IMPORTANT FACTS AND FORMULAE

$$1. \text{ Speed} = \left(\frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}} \right), \text{ Time} = \left(\frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Speed}} \right), \text{ Distance} = (\text{Speed} * \text{Time})$$

$$2. x \text{ km / hr} = x * \frac{5}{18}$$

$$3. x \text{ m/sec} = (x * 18/5) \text{ km/hr}$$

4. If the ratio of the speeds of A and B is a:b , then the ratio of the times taken by them to cover the same distance is $\frac{1}{a} : \frac{1}{b}$

a b

or b:a.

5. Suppose a man covers a certain distance at x km/ hr and an equal distance at y km/ hr .Then , the average speed during the whole journey is $\frac{2xy}{x+y}$ km/ hr.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

Ex. 1.How many minutes does Aditya take to cover a distance of 400 m, if he runs at a speed of 20 km/hr?

$$\text{Sol. Aditya's speed} = 20 \text{ km/hr} = \left\{ 20 * \frac{5}{18} \right\} \text{ m/sec} = \frac{50}{9} \text{ m/sec}$$

$$\therefore \text{Time taken to cover 400 m} = \left\{ 400 * \frac{9}{50} \right\} \text{ sec} = 72 \text{ sec} = 1 \frac{12}{60} \text{ min} = 1 \frac{1}{5} \text{ min.}$$

Ex. 2.A cyclist covers a distance of 750 m in 2 min 30 sec. What is the speed in km/hr of the cyclist?

$$\text{Sol. Speed} = \left\{ \frac{750}{150} \right\} \text{ m/sec} = 5 \text{ m/sec} = \left\{ 5 * \frac{18}{5} \right\} \text{ km/hr} = 18 \text{ km/hr}$$

Ex. 3.A dog takes 4 leaps for every 5 leaps of a hare but 3 leaps of a dog are equal to 4 leaps of the hare. Compare their speeds.

Sol. Let the distance covered in 1 leap of the dog be x and that covered in 1 leap of the hare by y. Then , $3x = 4y \Rightarrow x = \frac{4}{3} y \Rightarrow 4x = \frac{16}{3} y$.

$$\therefore \text{Ratio of speeds of dog and hare} = \text{Ratio of distances covered by them in the same time} \\ = 4x : 5y = \frac{16}{3} y : 5y = \frac{16}{3} : 5 = 16:15$$

Ex. 4.While covering a distance of 24 km, a man noticed that after walking for 1 hour and 40 minutes, the distance covered by him was $\frac{5}{8}$ of the remaining distance. What was his

speed in metres per second?

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Sol. Let the speed be x km/hr.

Then, distance covered in 1 hr. 40 min. i.e., $1\frac{2}{3}$ hrs = $\frac{5x}{3}$ km

Remaining distance = $\{24 - \frac{5x}{3}\}$ km.

$$\therefore \frac{5x}{3} = \frac{5}{7} \left\{ 24 - \frac{5x}{3} \right\} \Leftrightarrow \frac{5x}{3} = \frac{5}{7} \left\{ \frac{72-5x}{3} \right\} \Leftrightarrow 7x = 72 - 5x$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 12x = 72 \Leftrightarrow x = 6$$

$$\text{Hence speed} = 6 \text{ km/hr} = \left\{ 6 * \frac{5}{18} \right\} \text{ m/sec} = \frac{5}{3} \text{ m/sec} = 1\frac{2}{3}$$

Ex. 5. Peter can cover a certain distance in 1 hr. 24 min. by covering two-third of the distance at 4 kmph and the rest at 5 kmph. Find the total distance.

Sol. Let the total distance be x km. Then,

$$\frac{\frac{2}{3}x}{4} + \frac{\frac{1}{3}x}{5} = \frac{7}{5} \Leftrightarrow \frac{x}{5} + \frac{x}{15} = \frac{7}{5} \Leftrightarrow \frac{7x}{15} = \frac{7}{5} \Leftrightarrow 7x = 21 \Leftrightarrow x = 3$$

Ex. 6. A man traveled from the village to the post-office at the rate of 25 kmph and walked back at the rate of 4 kmph. If the whole journey took 5 hours 48 minutes, find the distance of the post-office from the village.

Sol. Average speed = $\left\{ \frac{2xy}{25+4} \right\}$ km/hr = $\left\{ \frac{2*25*4}{29} \right\}$ km/hr = $\frac{200}{29}$ km/hr

Distance traveled in 5 hours 48 minutes i.e., $5\frac{4}{5}$ hrs. = $\left\{ \frac{200}{29} * \frac{29}{5} \right\}$ km = 40 km

Distance of the post-office from the village = $\left\{ \frac{40}{2} \right\} = 20$ km

Ex. 7. An aeroplane flies along the four sides of a square at the speeds of 200, 400, 600 and 800 km/hr. Find the average speed of the plane around the field.

Sol. :

Let each side of the square be x km and let the average speed of the plane around the field be y km per hour then,

$$\frac{x}{200} + \frac{x}{400} + \frac{x}{600} + \frac{x}{800} = \frac{4x}{y} \Leftrightarrow \frac{25x}{2500} \Leftrightarrow \frac{4x}{y} \Leftrightarrow y = \frac{(2400*4)}{25} = 384$$

Ex. 8. Walking at $\frac{5}{6}$ of its usual speed, a train is 10 minutes too late. Find its usual time to cover the journey.

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Sol. : New speed = $\frac{5}{6}$ of the usual speed

New time taken = $\frac{6}{5}$ of the usual time

So, $\left(\frac{6}{5} \text{ of the usual time} \right) - (\text{usual time}) = 10 \text{ minutes.}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{5} \text{ of the usual time} = 10 \text{ minutes.}$

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Ex. 9. If a man walks at the rate of 5 kmph, he misses a train by 7 minutes. However, if he walks at the rate of 6 kmph, he reaches the station 5 minutes before the arrival of the train. Find the distance covered by him to reach the station.

Sol. Let the required distance be x km

Difference in the time taken at two speeds = 1 min = $\frac{1}{2}$ hr

Hence $\frac{x}{5} - \frac{x}{6} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 6x - 5x = 6$

$\Leftrightarrow x = 6$

Hence, the required distance is 6 km

Ex. 10. A and B are two stations 390 km apart. A train starts from A at 10 a.m. and travels towards B at 65 kmph. Another train starts from B at 11 a.m. and travels towards A at 35 kmph. At what time do they meet?

Sol. Suppose they meet x hours after 10 a.m. Then,

(Distance moved by first in x hrs) + [Distance moved by second in $(x-1)$ hrs] = 390.

$$65x + 35(x-1) = 390 \Rightarrow 100x = 425 \Rightarrow x = 17/4$$

So, they meet 4 hrs.15 min. after 10 a.m i.e., at 2.15 p.m.

Ex. 11. A goods train leaves a station at a certain time and at a fixed speed. After x hours, an express train leaves the same station and moves in the same direction at a uniform speed of 90 kmph. This train catches up the goods train in 4 hours. Find the speed of the goods train.

Sol. Let the speed of the goods train be x kmph.

Distance covered by goods train in 10 hours = Distance covered by express train in 4 hours

$$10x = 4 \times 90 \text{ or } x = 36.$$

So, speed of goods train = 36 kmph.

Ex. 12. A thief is spotted by a policeman from a distance of 100 metres. When the policeman starts the chase, the thief also starts running. If the speed of the thief be 8 km/hr and that of the policeman 10 km/hr, how far the thief will have run before he is overtaken?

Sol. Relative speed of the policeman = $(10-8)$ km/hr = 2 km/hr.

Time taken by police man to cover 100m $\left(\frac{100}{1000} \times \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{20}$ hr.

In $\frac{1}{20}$ hrs, the thief covers a distance of $8 \times \frac{1}{20}$ km = $\frac{2}{5}$ km = 400 m

Ex.13. I walk a certain distance and ride back taking a total time of 37 minutes. I could walk both ways in 55 minutes. How long would it take me to ride both ways?

Sol. Let the distance be x km. Then,

(Time taken to walk x km) + (time taken to ride x km) = 37 min.

(Time taken to walk $2x$ km) + (time taken to ride $2x$ km) = 74 min.

But, the time taken to walk $2x$ km = 55 min.

Time taken to ride $2x$ km = $(74-55)$ min = 19 min.