



DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL BANGALORE - EAST

MATHEMATICS

HERON'S FORMULA - WORKSHEET

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Choose the correct answer in each of the following questions:

1. The area of a triangle is 150 cm^2 and its sides are in the ratio 3 : 4 : 5. What is its perimeter?
a. 10 cm b. 30 cm c. 45 cm d. 60 cm

Ans: d

2. What is the area of an equilateral triangle with side 2 cm?
a. $\sqrt{6} \text{ cm}^2$ b. $\sqrt{3} \text{ cm}^2$ c. $\sqrt{8} \text{ cm}^2$ d. 4 cm^2

Ans: b

3. What is the length of each side of an equilateral triangle having an area of $4\sqrt{3} \text{ cm}^2$?
a. 4cm b. 5cm c. 7cm d. 6cm

Ans: a

4. Length of one of the equal sides of an isosceles triangle is 4 cm. If its base is 2 cm then what is its area?
a. $\sqrt{15} \text{ cm}^2$ b. $\sqrt{13} \text{ cm}^2$ c. $\sqrt{12} \text{ cm}^2$ d. $\sqrt{14} \text{ cm}^2$

Ans: a

5. The sides of a triangle are 15 cm, 17 cm and 8 cm. What is its area?
a. 20 cm^2 b. 40 cm^2 c. 60 cm^2 d. 80 cm^2

Ans : c

Fill in the blanks :

6. The sides of a triangle are in the ratio of 3 : 4 : 5. If its perimeter is 36 cm, then area is **54 cm^2** .
7. The cost of levelling the ground in the form of triangle having sides 51m, 37m, 20 m at the rate of Rs. 3 per m^2 is **Rs 918**.
8. If the perimeter of an equilateral triangle is 60 cm, then area is **$100\sqrt{3} \text{ cm}^2$** .

Solve the following:

9. The perimeter of a triangle is 240cm. If two of its sides are 78cm and 50cm. Find the length of perpendicular on the sides of length 50cm from opposite vertex.

Here, $a = 78 \text{ cm}$

$b = 50 \text{ cm}$

$c = ?$

perimeter = 240 cm

so, $s = 240/2 = 120$

also, perimeter = $a + b + c$

or $78 + 50 + c = 240$

or $c = 240 - 128 = 112 \text{ cm}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{so, area of the triangle} &= \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \\
 &= \sqrt{120(120-78)(120-50)(120-112)} \\
 &= \sqrt{120 \times 42 \times 70 \times 8} \\
 &= \sqrt{6 \times 2 \times 10 \times 6 \times 7 \times 7 \times 10 \times 4 \times 2} \\
 &= 6 \times 2 \times 10 \times 7 \times 2 \\
 &= 1680 \text{ cm}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{again, area of the triangle} = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{2} \times 50 \times H = 1680$$

$$\text{or } H = 1680 / 25 = 67.2 \text{ cm}$$

10. The perimeter of a triangular field is 300 cm and its sides are in the ratio 5 : 12 : 13. Find the length of the perpendicular from the opposite vertex to the side whose length is 130 cm.

Given, perimeter of a triangle = 300 cm and ratio of the sides be 5 : 12 : 13.

Let the sides of the triangle are x cm.

$$\therefore 5x + 12x + 13x = 300$$

$$\Rightarrow 30x = 300$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 10 \text{ cm}$$

\therefore Sides of the triangle are 50 cm, 120 cm and 130 cm.

$$\text{So, semi-perimeter, } S = \frac{50+120+130}{2} = 150 \text{ cm}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, Area of } \Delta &= \sqrt{S(S-a)(S-b)(S-c)} \\
 &= \sqrt{150(150-50)(150-120)(150-130)} \\
 &= \sqrt{150 \times 100 \times 30 \times 20} \\
 &= 3000 \text{ cm}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

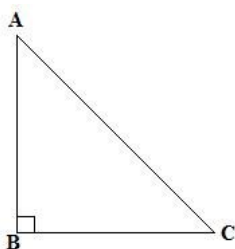
$$\text{Also, Area of } \Delta = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3000 = \frac{1}{2} \times 130 \times h \text{ [Base} = 130 \text{ cm, given]}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{3000 \times 2}{130} = \frac{600}{13} \text{ cm}$$

Hence, the length of the perpendicular from the opposite vertex to the side whose length is 130 is $\frac{600}{13}$ cm or 46.15 cm

11. The difference between the sides containing a right angle in a right angled triangle is 14cm. The area of a triangle is 120sq cm. Calculate the perimeter of the triangle.



Let the sides containing the right angle be x cm and $(x - 14)$ cm

The, its area = $[\frac{1}{2} \times (x - 14)] \text{ cm}^2$.

But, area = 120 cm^2 [Given]

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} \times (x - 14) = 120$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 14x - 240 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 24x + 10x - 240 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x - 24) + 10(x - 24) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 24)(x + 10) = 0$$

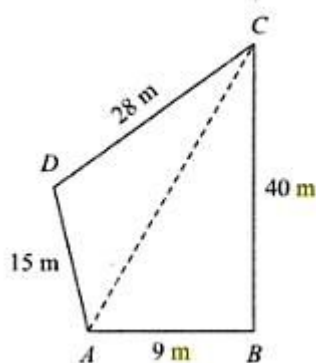
$$\Rightarrow x = 24 \quad [\text{Neglecting } x = -10]$$

\therefore one side = 24 cm, other side = $(24 - 14) \text{ cm} = 10 \text{ cm}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hypotenuse} &= \sqrt{(24)^2 + (10)^2} \text{ cm} \\ &= \sqrt{576 + 100} \text{ cm} \\ &= \sqrt{676} \text{ cm} \\ &= 26 \text{ cm.} \end{aligned}$$

\therefore Perimeter of the triangle = $(24 + 10 + 26) \text{ cm} = 60 \text{ cm}$.

12. Find the area of a quadrilateral whose sides in metres are 9, 40, 28 & 15 respectively and the angle between first two sides is a right angle.



In quad. ABCD,
 $AB = 9 \text{ m}$, $BC = 40 \text{ m}$,
 $CD = 28 \text{ m}$, $AD = 15 \text{ m}$
 $\angle ABC = 90^\circ$

Now in $\triangle ABC$,

$$\begin{aligned} AC^2 &= AB^2 + BC^2 \\ &= (9)^2 + (40)^2 \\ &= 81 + 1600 \\ &= 1681 \end{aligned}$$

$$AC = \sqrt{1681} = 41 \text{ m}$$

\therefore Area of quad. ABCD = Area of $\triangle ABC$ + Area of $\triangle ACD$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height} + \sqrt{S(S-a)(S-b)(S-c)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times 9 \times 40 + \sqrt{42(42-15)(42-28)(42-41)} \\ &= 180 \text{ m}^2 + \sqrt{42 \times 27 \times 14 \times 1} \\ &= 180 \text{ m}^2 + 126 \text{ m}^2 \\ &= 306 \text{ m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{ Sides are } 15 \text{ m, } 28 \text{ m and } 41 \text{ m} \\ \therefore S &= \frac{15+28+41}{2} \\ &= 42 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the area of quadrilateral ABCD = 306 m^2

13. In the following figure calculate the area of the shaded portion.

In right triangle PSQ,

$$PQ^2 = PS^2 + QS^2$$

| By Pythagoras Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} &= (12)^2 + (16)^2 \\ &= 144 + 256 = 400 \end{aligned}$$

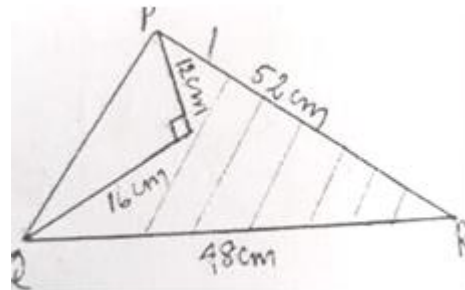
$$\Rightarrow PQ = \sqrt{400} = 20 \text{ cm}$$

New, for $\triangle PQR$,

$$a = 20 \text{ cm}$$

$$b = 48 \text{ cm}$$

$$c = 52 \text{ cm}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\therefore s &= \frac{a+b+c}{2} \\ &= \frac{20+48+52}{2} = 60 \text{ cm} \\ \therefore \text{Area of } \triangle PQR &= \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \\ &= \sqrt{60(60-20)(60-48)(60-52)} \\ &= \sqrt{60(40)(12)(8)} \\ &= \sqrt{(6 \times 10)(4 \times 10)(6 \times 2)(8)} \\ &= 6 \times 10 \times 8 = 480 \text{ cm}^2 \\ \text{Area of } \triangle PSQ &= \frac{1}{2} \times \text{Base} \times \text{Altitude} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times 16 \times 12 = 96 \text{ cm}^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{Area of the shaded portion} \\ &= \text{Area of } \triangle PQR - \text{Area of } \triangle PSQ \\ &= 480 - 96 = 384 \text{ cm}^2.\end{aligned}$$

14. The difference of semi-perimeter and the sides of a triangle are 8cm, 7cm & 5cm respectively.

Find the sides of the triangle.

Let the sides of the triangle be a , b and c and the semi perimeter (s) = $\frac{a+b+c}{2}$

Given : $s - a = 8\text{cm}$ (1)

$s - b = 7\text{cm}$ (2)

$s - c = 5\text{cm}$ (3)

Adding (1), (2), (3) we get

$$3s - (a + b + c) = 20\text{cm}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3s - 2s = 20\text{cm}$$

$$\Rightarrow s = 20\text{cm}$$

$$a = 12\text{cm}, b = 13\text{cm} \text{ and } c = 15 \text{ cm}$$

15. Find the area of a cyclic quadrilateral whose sides are 7 cm, 5 cm, 4 cm and 10 cm.

We use Brahmagupta's formula to find the area of the cyclic quadrilateral.

$$A = \sqrt{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)(s-d)} \quad \text{where} \quad \text{semiperimeter} = s = \frac{a+b+c+d}{2},$$

and

$a=5$, $b=4$, $c=7$, and $d=10$

$$s = \frac{a+b+c+d}{2} = \frac{5+4+7+10}{2} = \frac{26}{2} = 13 \}}}$$

$$A = \sqrt{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)(s-d)} = \sqrt{(13-5)(13-4)(13-7)(13-10)} = \sqrt{8 \cdot 9 \cdot 6 \cdot 3} = \sqrt{1296} = 36 \text{ cm}^2$$

16. The perimeter of a right triangle is 24 cm. If its hypotenuse is 10 cm, find the other two sides.

Find its area by using the formula of area of a right triangle. Verify your result by using Heron's formula.

Since hypotenuse is 10 cm. By using the concept of triplets we can guess the other two sides of right triangle i.e. 6 cm and 8cm

Checking if triplet 6, 8 and 10 cm satisfies the Pythagoras theorem

$$10^2 = 100 = 36 + 64 = 6^2 + 8^2$$

$$\text{Area of triangle} = \frac{1}{2} \times 6 \times 8 = 24\text{cm}^2$$

Verification

$$\text{Perimeter} = 24$$

$$\text{semi perimeter}(s) = \frac{24}{2} = 12$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of triangle by heron's formula} &= \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \\ &= \sqrt{12(12-10)(12-8)(12-6)} \\ &= \sqrt{12 \times 2 \times 4 \times 6} \\ &= 24\text{cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

17. Find the cost of turfing a triangular field at the rate of Rs. 5/m² having lengths of its sides as 40 m, 70 m and 90 m. (Take $\sqrt{20} = 4.47$)

Given sides of the triangle are 40m, 70m and 90m.

$$\text{Perimeter} = 40 + 70 + 90 = 200\text{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2s = 200$$

$$\Rightarrow s = 100$$

$$\text{Area of triangle} = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Area of triangle} = \sqrt{100(100-40)(100-70)(100-90)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Area of triangle} = \sqrt{100(60)(30)(10)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Area of triangle} = \sqrt{10^2 \times (10 \times 3 \times 2) \times (3 \times 10) \times 10} = \sqrt{3^2 \times 2 \times 10^5} = 3 \times 2 \times 10^2 \sqrt{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Area of triangle} = 600\sqrt{5} \text{ m}^2$$

And,

$$\text{Cost of turfing the field at Rs 5 per m}^2 = (\text{Area of triangle}) \times (\text{Rate per sq.m})$$

$$= 600\sqrt{5} \times 5$$

$$= 3000 \times 2.236$$

$$= 6708$$

Hence, Cost of turfing the field at Rs 5 per m² is Rs 6708

18. Find the area of an isosceles triangle each of whose equal sides is 13 cm and whose base is 24 cm.

$$\text{equal side} = 13 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{base} = 24 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{semi perimeter} = 24 + 13 + 13 \text{ cm} / 2$$

$$= 50 / 2 \text{ cm}$$

$$= 25 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{area of the triangle} = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$$

$$= \sqrt{25(25-24)(25-13)(25-13)}$$

$$= \sqrt{25 \times 1 \times 12 \times 12}$$

$$= 5 \times 12 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$= 60 \text{ cm}^2$$

19. The height of an equilateral triangle is 6 cm. Find the area of the triangle. ($\sqrt{3} = 1.732$)

Let each side of the given triangle be a cm.

Then, its height $= \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \times a \right) \text{ cm}$.

$$\therefore \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \times a \text{ cm} = 6 \text{ cm} \Rightarrow a = \left(\frac{6 \times 2}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

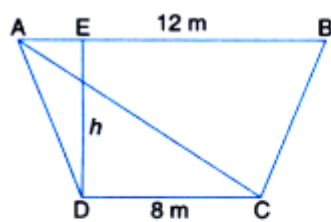
$$\Rightarrow \text{side} = 4\sqrt{3} \text{ cm.}$$

\therefore area of the given triangle

$$= \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \times a^2 \right) \text{ sq units} = \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \times (4\sqrt{3})^2 \right\} \text{ cm}^2$$

$$= \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \times 48 \right) \text{ cm}^2 = 12\sqrt{3} \text{ cm}^2.$$

20. The cross-section of a canal is in the shape of a trapezium. If the canal is 12 m wide at the top and 8 m wide at the bottom and the area of its cross-section is 84 m^2 , determine its depth.



$$\Rightarrow \text{Area of } \triangle ABC + \text{Area of } \triangle ADC = 84 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(AB)(DE) + \frac{1}{2}(DC)(DE) = 84$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(12)(h) + \frac{1}{2}(8)(h) = 84$$

$$\Rightarrow 6h + 4h = 84$$

$$\Rightarrow 10h = 84$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{84}{10} = 8.4$$

Ans: height = 8.4 m
