CHAPTER TWELVE

PERIMETERS AND AREAS

The Rectangle:

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L =the length.

B =the breadth or the width.

The Perimeter:

- The perimeter of a given figure is the distance around it, and as such the perimeter of a rectangle is the distance around it.
- The perimeter of a rectangle is given by:

P = 2L + 2B or P = 2(L + B), where P = perimeter, L = length and B = breadth.

Q1. The length of a rectangle is 8cm and its breadth is 5cm. Find its perimeter. Soln.

L = 8cm, B = 5cm.

$$P = 2L + 2B = 2(8) + 2(5) = 16 + 10 = 26cm.$$

 \therefore perimeter = 26cm.

Method 2

$$P = 2(L+B) = 2(8+5) = 2(13) = 2 \times 13 = 26cm.$$

Q2. A rectangle is of length 100cm and breadth 80cm. Find the distance around it. Soln.

L = 100cm and B = 80cm.

$$P = 2L + 2B = 2(100) + 2(80) = 2 \times 100 + 2 \times 80 = 200 + 160 = 360cm$$
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Q3. A rectangle has a length of 6cm and a width of 3cm. Calculate its perimeter. Soln.

Width = breadth = 3cm length = 6cm. From p = 2L+2B = p = 2(6) + 2(3) = 12 + 6 = 18.

Perimeter = 18cm.

Q4. A rectangle has a length of 0.2m and a breadth of 10cm. Find its perimeter.

N/B: The length is given in meters and the breadth in centimeters. Covert the meters into centimeters by multiplying by 100, since 100cm = 1m.

Soln.

$$L = 0.2cm = 0.2 \times 100 = 20cm$$
 and $B = 10cm$. Since $P = 2L + 2B$, $=> p = 2(20) + 2(10) = 40 + 20 = 60$.

- \therefore Perimeter = 60cm.
- Q5. A rectangular plot of land is 0.4m long and 30cm wide. Calculate the distance round it.

$$L = 0.4 \text{m} = 0.4 \text{ x } 100 = 40 \text{cm}$$
. Width = $30 \text{cm} = > B = 30 \text{cm}$.

Distance around it = the perimeter = 2(L + B) = 2(40 + 30) = 2(70) = 140cm.

Q6. The distance around a rectangular plot of land is 520cm. If the field is 80m long, find its breadth.

Soln.

$$P = 520cm, L = 80cm, B = ?$$

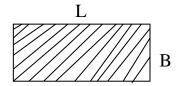
Since P = 2L+ 2B =>
$$p = 2(80) + 2B$$
, $\therefore 520 = 160 + 2B => 520 - 160 = 2B$, => $360 = 2B \rightarrow B = \frac{360}{2} = 180$.

- ∴ The breadth is 180cm.
- Q7. A football field is in the shape of a rectangle, and is 200m long and 80m wide. Find the distance covered by a man, if he walks round the field. a) once b) twice

Soln.

- a) The distance covered by the man if he walks round the field once = the perimeter = 2L+2B = 2(200) + 2(80) = 400 + 160 = 560m.
- b) The distance covered if he walks twice round the football field is twice the perimeter = $2 \times 560 = 1120$ m.

The area of a rectangle:



- The region inside a given figure is called its area.
- Therefore the shaded region within the above figure is the area of the rectangle.

- The area of a rectangle = $L \times B$, where L = Length and B = Breadth.
- Q1. A rectangle has a length of 50m and a breadth of 30m. Find its area.

Soln.

Area =
$$L \times B = 50 \times 30 = 1500 \text{m}^2$$

Q2. A rectangular plot of land is 30m long and 15m wide. Find its area.

Soln

L = 30m, B = 15m.

$$A = L \times B = 30 \times 15 = 450$$
, => $area = 450m^2$

Q3. The length of a rectangle is 0.5m and its breadth is 20cm. Calculate its area. Soln.

$$L = 0.5 \text{m} = 0.5 \text{ x } 100 = 50 \text{cm}$$
, and $B = 20 \text{cm}$.

$$A = L \times B = 50 \times 20 = 1000, =$$
 are $a = 1000 \text{ cm}^2$

Q4. The area of a rectangularly shaped land is 120m². If its breadth is 40m, determine its length.

Soln.

$$A = 120m^2$$
, $B = 40m$, $L = ?$

Since A = L x B =>
$$120 = 40 \times L$$
, => $40L = 120$

$$L = \frac{120}{40} = 3$$
, => the length = 3m.

Q5.A rectangle has an area of 340m². If its length is 30m, find its breadth.

Soln.

$$A = 340m^2$$
, $L = 30m$, $B = ?$

Since A = L x B=>
$$340 = 30 \times B$$
, => $340 = 30B \rightarrow 30B = 340$, => $B = \frac{340}{30} = 30B = 340$

11.3. *The breadth* = 11.3m

Q6. The Perimeter of a rectangle is 26mm. If its breadth is 10mm, calculate. a) its length. b) its area.

Soln.

P = 26mm, B = 10mm, L = ?

But since
$$P = 2L + 2B \Rightarrow 26 = 2L + 2(10), \Rightarrow 26 = 2L + 20 \Rightarrow 26 - 20 = 2L, \Rightarrow 6 = 2L \Rightarrow 2L = 6 \Rightarrow L = \frac{6}{2} = 3.$$

- a) Length (L) = 3mm.
- b) Area = L x B = $3 \times 10 = 30 =$ area = $30mm^2$

Q7. The perimeter of a rectangle is given as 52m. If the breadth is 10m, calculate its area.

Soln.

P = 52m, B = 10m, L =?
But since P = 2L + 2B => 52 = 2L + 2(10), => 52 - 20 = 2L, => 32 = 2L,

$$\therefore 2L = 32 => L = \frac{32}{2} = 16m$$
. But $A = L \times B = 16 \times 10 = 160m^2$