

CBSE Board
Class X Mathematics
Sample Paper 9 (Standard) – Solution

Time: 3 hrs

Total Marks: 80

Section A

- 1. Correct option: B**

Explanation:

$$117 = 1 \times 65 + 52$$

$$65 = 1 \times 52 + 13$$

$$52 = 4 \times 13 + 0$$

\therefore HCF of 65 and 117 is 13.

$$65m - 117 = 13$$

$$65m = 117 + 13 = 130$$

$$\therefore m = 130/65 = 2$$

- 2. Correct option: B**

Explanation:

The cumulative frequency table is useful in determining the median.

- 3. Correct option: A**

Explanation:

Product of two numbers = LCM \times HCF

$$\therefore 1600 = \text{LCM} \times 5$$

$$\therefore \text{LCM} = 320$$

- 4. Correct option : B**

Explanation:

$$6x - 2y + 9 = 0 \text{ and } 3x - y + 12 = 0$$

$$a_1 = 6, b_1 = -2, a_2 = 3, b_2 = -1, c_1 = 9, c_2 = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{6}{3} = 2, \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{-2}{-1} = 2, \frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{9}{12} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} \neq \frac{c_1}{c_2}$$

Therefore, the given system has no solution.

Hence, the lines are parallel.

- 5. Correct option : D**

Explanation:

$$\sin 40^\circ - \cos 50^\circ = \sin (90^\circ - 50^\circ) - \cos 50^\circ = \cos 50^\circ - \cos 50^\circ = 0$$

6. Correct option : D

Explanation:

$$\frac{\tan 30^\circ}{\cot 60^\circ} = \frac{\tan(90^\circ - 60^\circ)}{\cot 60^\circ} = \frac{\cot 60^\circ}{\cot 60^\circ} = 1$$

7. Correct option : C

Explanation:

$$\sin A = \cos B$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(90^\circ - A) = \cos B$$

$$\Rightarrow 90^\circ - A = B$$

$$\Rightarrow A + B = 90^\circ$$

8. Correct option: B

Explanation:

The point P(3, 4) lies at a distance of 4 units from x-axis.

9. Correct option: A

Explanation:

$$\text{Mid-point of AB is } P\left(\frac{-3+1}{2}, \frac{b+b+4}{2}\right) = (-1, b+2)$$

$$(-1, b+2) = (-1, 1)$$

$$b+2 = 1 \text{ i.e. } b = -1$$

10. Correct option : C

Explanation:

$$A(2, 3), B(5, k) \text{ and } C(6, 7)$$

$$x_1 = 2, y_1 = 3, x_2 = 5, y_2 = k, x_3 = 6 \text{ and } y_3 = 7$$

Since the points are collinear,

$$\Rightarrow x_1(y_2 - y_3) + x_2(y_3 - y_1) + x_3(y_1 - y_2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cdot (k - 7) + 5(7 - 3) + 6(3 - k) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 6$$

11. Each side of an equilateral triangle measures 8 cm. Its area is $16\sqrt{3}$.

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$$\text{Its area is } \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}a^2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \times 8^2 = 16\sqrt{3}$$

12. The sum and product of the zeroes of a quadratic polynomial are 3 and -10 respectively.

The quadratic polynomial is $x^2 - 3x - 10 = 0$.

OR

If two of the zeros of the cubic polynomial $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ are 0, then the third zero is $\frac{-b}{a}$.

13. $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta PQR$. If $\text{ar}(\Delta ABC) = 4 \text{ ar}(\Delta PQR)$ and $BC = 12 \text{ cm}$, then $QR = \underline{6 \text{ cm}}$.

Explanation:-

Given:

$$\text{ar}(\Delta ABC) = 4 \text{ ar}(\Delta PQR)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{ar}(\Delta ABC)}{\text{ar}(\Delta PQR)} = \frac{4}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BC^2}{QR^2} = \frac{4}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{12^2}{QR^2} = \frac{4}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow QR^2 = 36 \Rightarrow QR = 6 \text{ cm}$$

14. The sum of first 16 terms of the AP 5, 8, 11, 14,.... is 440.

Explanation:-

Given AP is 5, 8, 11, 14,....

$a = 5$, $d = 3$ and $n = 16$

$$\Rightarrow S_n = \frac{n}{2} [2a + (n-1)d]$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{16} = \frac{16}{2} [2 \times 5 + (16-1) \times 3]$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{16} = 440$$

15. The probability of an impossible event is 0.

16. $\frac{17}{30} = \frac{17}{2 \times 3 \times 5}$

Since, the denominator has 3 as its factor it is a non-terminating decimal.

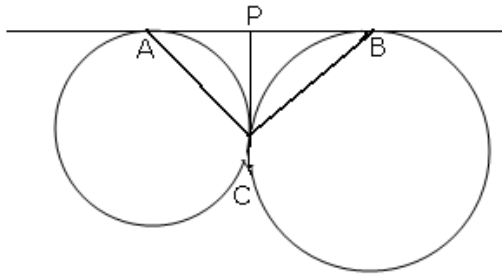
17. $\angle A = \angle R = 80^\circ$

$\angle B = \angle Q = 60^\circ$

Therefore, using the angle sum property, we have:

$$\angle P = 180^\circ - (80^\circ + 60^\circ) = 40^\circ$$

18.



Lengths of tangents drawn from an external point to a circle are equal.

$$PA = PC \quad (\text{from } P)$$

Therefore, $\angle PAC = \angle PCA = x$ (say)

$$\text{Also, } PC = PB \quad (\text{from } P)$$

$$\angle PBC = \angle PCB = y$$

In $\triangle ABC$,

$$\angle ABC + \angle ACB + \angle BAC = 180^\circ$$

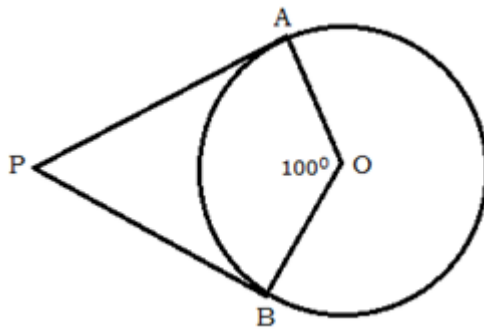
$$y + (x + y) + x = 180^\circ$$

$$2(x + y) = 180^\circ$$

$$x + y = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle ACB = 90^\circ$$

OR



We know that radius is perpendicular to the point of contact of tangents.

$$\angle PAO = 90^\circ \text{ and } \angle PBO = 90^\circ$$

Using angle sum property of quadrilaterals, we get,

$$\angle P + \angle O = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle P + 100^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$$\therefore \angle P = 80^\circ$$

19. Given that the first and last terms of an AP are 1 and 11, i.e., $a=1$ and $l=11$.

Let the sum of its n terms is 36, then,

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a + l)$$

$$36 = \frac{n}{2}(1+11)$$

$$n = \frac{36}{6} = 6$$

Thus, the number of terms in the AP is 6.

20. The given quadratic equation is $kx^2 - 5x + k = 0$.

For repeated roots, we have

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (-5)^2 - 4 \times k \times k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 25 - 4k^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4k^2 = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \pm \frac{5}{2}$$

21. $m \angle ABC = 90^\circ$

Since AB being diameter is perpendicular to tangent BC at the point of contact.

$$\text{So } m \angle ABP + m \angle PBC = 90^\circ \quad (i)$$

Also $m \angle APB = 90^\circ$ (angle in the semi-circle)

$$\text{So } m \angle BAP + m \angle ABP = 90^\circ \quad (ii) \quad (\text{using angle sum property of triangles})$$

From (i) and (ii), $\angle PBC = \angle BAP$

22. A rational number will have a terminating decimal representation only if the denominator can be expressed in terms of prime numbers 2 and 5.

We see that,

$$343 = 7 \times 7 \times 7$$

So according to the condition given above, the denominator of $\frac{29}{343}$ cannot be expressed

fully in terms of 2 and 5.

Hence, the number cannot have a terminating decimal representation.

23. Let n be the required number of spheres.

Since, the spheres are melted to form a cylinder. So, the volume of all the n spheres will be equal to the volume of the cylinder.

$$n \times \frac{4}{3} \times \pi \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = \pi \times 2 \times 2 \times 45$$

$$\therefore n = 5$$

Thus, the required number of spheres which are melted to form the cylinder is 5.

OR

Let x cm be the edge of the new cube.

Volume of the new cube = Sum of the volumes of three cubes

$$x^3 = 3^3 + 4^3 + 5^3$$

$$x^3 = 27 + 64 + 125$$

$$x^3 = 216$$

$$x = 6 \text{ cm.}$$

Edge of the new cube is 6 cm long.

24.

Classes	Class Mark (x_i)	Frequency (f_i)	$f_i x_i$
0-10	5	7	35
10-20	15	3	45
20-30	25	15	375
30-40	35	5	175
		$\Sigma f_i = 30$	$\Sigma f_i x_i = 630$

$$\text{Mean} = \frac{\sum f_i x_i}{\sum f_i} = \frac{630}{30} = 21$$

OR

A die is thrown at once then $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$\therefore n(S) = 6$$

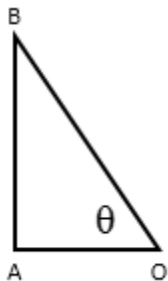
Let E be an event of getting a prime number.

$$\therefore E = \{2, 3, 5\}$$

$$\therefore n(E) = 3$$

$$\therefore P(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

25.



Let AB be the tower and O be the point of observation.

Then, $AB = 100\sqrt{3}$ m and $OA = 100$ m.

$$\tan \theta = \frac{AB}{OA} = \frac{100\sqrt{3}}{100} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\theta = 60^\circ$$

26. Using Thale's theorem,

$$\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{AE}{EC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{3x+4} = \frac{x+3}{3x+19}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(3x+19) = (x+3)(3x+4)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 + 19x = 3x^2 + 4x + 9x + 12$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x = 12 \Rightarrow x = 2$$

27. Let $6 + \sqrt{2}$ be rational and equal to $\frac{a}{b}$.

$$\text{Then, } \frac{6 + \sqrt{2}}{1} = \frac{a}{b}, \text{ where } a \text{ and } b \text{ are co-primes, } b \neq 0$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b} - 6 = \frac{a - 6b}{b}$$

Here a and b are integers.

So, $\frac{a - 6b}{b}$ is rational.

Therefore, $\sqrt{2}$ is rational. This is a contradiction as $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.

Hence, our assumption is wrong.

Thus, $6 + \sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number.

28. Let $a - d$, a and $a + d$ be three terms in an A.P.

According to the question,

$$a - d + a + a + d = 3$$

$$3a = 3 \text{ or } a = 1$$

$$(a - d)(a)(a + d) = -8$$

$$a(a^2 - d^2) = -8$$

Putting the value of $a = 1$, we get,

$$1 - d^2 = -8$$

$$d^2 = 9 \text{ or } d = \pm 3$$

Thus, the required three terms are $-2, 1, 4$ or $4, 1, -2$.

29. Assume the fixed charge = Rs. x

And, the subsequent charge = Rs. y

According to the question, we have

$$x + 4y = 27 \quad \dots (i)$$

$$x + 2y = 21 \quad \dots (ii)$$

Subtracting (ii) from (i), we have

$$2y = 6 \text{ or } y = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 27 - 12 = 15 \quad [\text{from (i)}]$$

Thus, the fixed charge is Rs. 15 and the charge for each extra day is Rs. 3.

OR

Let the fraction be $\frac{x}{y}$.

According to the question,

$$x + y = 8 \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\frac{x+3}{y+3} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x + 12 = 3y + 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x - 3y = -3 \quad \dots (2)$$

Multiplying (1) by 3, we get

$$3x + 3y = 24 \quad \dots (3)$$

Adding (2) and (3), we get

$$7x = 21$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 8 - x = 8 - 3 = 5$$

Thus, the fraction is $\frac{3}{5}$.

$$\begin{aligned} 30. \text{ L.H.S.} &= \sqrt{\frac{\sec \theta - 1}{\sec \theta + 1}} + \sqrt{\frac{\sec \theta + 1}{\sec \theta - 1}} \\ &= \frac{(\sqrt{\sec \theta - 1})^2 + (\sqrt{\sec \theta + 1})^2}{(\sqrt{\sec \theta + 1})(\sqrt{\sec \theta - 1})} \\ &= \frac{\sec \theta - 1 + \sec \theta + 1}{\sqrt{\sec^2 \theta - 1}} \\ &= \frac{2\sec \theta}{\sqrt{\tan^2 \theta}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{2\sec\theta}{\tan\theta} \\
&= 2 \times \frac{1}{\cos\theta} \times \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} \\
&= 2\operatorname{cosec}\theta \\
&= \text{R.H.S.}
\end{aligned}$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{\cos 70^\circ}{\sin 20^\circ} + \frac{\cos 59^\circ}{\sin 31^\circ} - 8\sin^2 30^\circ \\
&= \frac{\sin(90^\circ - 70^\circ)}{\sin 20^\circ} + \frac{\sin(90^\circ - 59^\circ)}{\sin 31^\circ} - 8\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \\
&= \frac{\sin 20^\circ}{\sin 20^\circ} + \frac{\sin 31^\circ}{\sin 31^\circ} - 8 \times \frac{1}{4} = 1 + 1 - 2 = 0 \dots \text{Since, } \cos\theta = \sin(90^\circ - \theta)
\end{aligned}$$

31. Let $P(x, y)$, $Q(a + b, b - a)$ and $R(a - b, a + b)$ be the given points.

It is given that $PQ = PR \Rightarrow PQ^2 = PR^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\{x - (a + b)\}^2 + \{y - (b - a)\}^2 = \{x - (a - b)\}^2 + \{y - (a + b)\}^2 \\
&\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x(a + b) + (a + b)^2 + y^2 - 2y(b - a) + (b - a)^2 \\
&\quad = x^2 + (a - b)^2 - 2x(a - b) + y^2 - 2y(a + b) + (a + b)^2 \\
&\Rightarrow -2x(a + b) - 2y(b - a) = -2x(a - b) - 2y(a + b) \\
&\Rightarrow -ax - bx - by + ay = -ax + bx - ay - by \\
&\Rightarrow 2bx = 2ay \\
&\Rightarrow bx = ay
\end{aligned}$$

32. Out of 52 cards, one card can be drawn in 52 ways.

So, the total number of outcomes = 52

i. There are 26 red cards, including two red kings, in a pack of 52 playing cards.

Also, there are 4 kings, two red and two black.

Therefore, card drawn will be either a red card or a king if it is any one of 28 cards (26 red cards and 2 black kings).

So, favourable number of elementary events = 28

$$\text{Hence, the required probability} = \frac{28}{52} = \frac{7}{13}$$

- ii. There are 6 red face cards, 3 each from diamonds and hearts.

Out of these 6 red face cards, one card can be chosen in 6 ways.

So, favorable number of elementary events = 6

$$\text{Hence, the required probability} = \frac{6}{52} = \frac{3}{26}$$

- iii. There are two suits of black cards, viz., spades and clubs.

Each suit contains one card bearing number 10.

So, favorable number of elementary events = 2

$$\text{Hence, the required probability} = \frac{2}{52} = \frac{1}{26}$$

OR

Class Interval	Frequency f_i	Mid-value x_i	$f_i x_i$
0-10	10	5	50
10-20	6	15	90
20-30	8	25	200
30-40	12	35	420
40-50	5	45	225
	$\sum f_i = 41$		$\sum f_i x_i = 985$

From the table,

$$\sum f_i = 41 \text{ and } \sum f_i x_i = 985$$

$$\text{Mean } (\bar{x}) = \frac{\sum f_i x_i}{\sum f_i} = \frac{985}{41} = 24.02$$

- 33.** Diameter of the cylinder = 12 cm

Radius of cylinder = 6 cm

Height of the cylinder = 15 cm

Volume of ice-cream in the cylinder = $\pi r^2 h = \pi \times 36 \times 15 = 540 \pi$

Diameter of cone = 6 cm

Radius of cone = 3 cm

Height of cone = 12 cm

Volume of one ice cream = volume of ice cream cone + volume of hemispherical top

$$\text{of ice cream} = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h + \frac{2}{3} \pi r^3$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{3}\pi(9)(12) + \frac{2}{3}\pi(27) \\
&= 36\pi + 18\pi \\
&= 54\pi
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, the number of ice cream cones} = \frac{\text{Volume of cylinder}}{\text{Volume of 1 cone}} = \frac{540\pi}{54\pi} = 10$$

Hence, the number of ice cream cones is 10.

34. Since $a - b$, a and $a + b$ are the zeros of $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 1$.

$$\therefore (a - b) + a + (a + b) = -\frac{\text{Coefficient of } x^2}{\text{Coefficient of } x^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3a = -\frac{-3}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3a = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 1$$

$$\text{And, } (a - b) \times a \times (a + b) = -\frac{\text{Constant term}}{\text{Coefficient of } x^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow a(a^2 - b^2) = -\frac{1}{1}$$

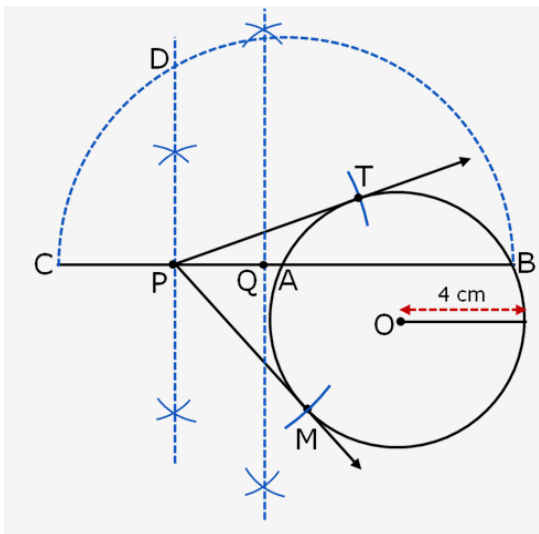
$$\Rightarrow 1(1 - b^2) = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = 2$$

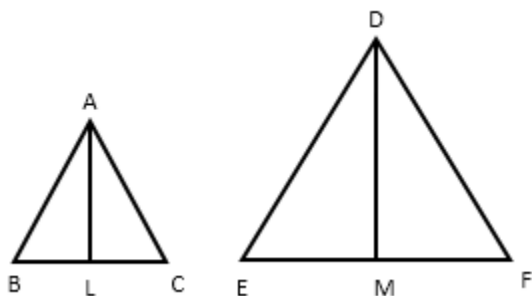
$$\Rightarrow b = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

35. Steps of construction:

- Draw a circle of radius 4 cm.
- Take a point P outside the circle and draw a secant PAB, intersecting the circle at A and B.
- Produce AP to C such that AP = CP.
- Draw a semi-circle with CB as diameter.
- Draw PD perpendicular to CB outside the circle, intersecting the semi-circle at D.
- With P as centre and PD as radius, draw arcs to intersect the given circle at points T and M.
- Join PT and PM.
- Then PT and PM are the required tangents.



36.



Given : Two triangles ABC and DEF in which $\angle A = \angle D$, $\angle B = \angle E$, $\angle C = \angle F$ and AL is perpendicular to BC and DM is perpendicular to EF

To Prove : $\frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AL}{DM}$

Proof :

Since equiangular triangles are similar.

$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

In $\triangle ALB$ and $\triangle DME$,

$$\angle ALB = \angle DME = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle B = \angle E$$

$\triangle ALB \sim \triangle DME$

A-A criterion

$$\frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{AL}{DM} \dots\dots\dots(ii)$$

$$\frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AL}{DM}$$

from (i) and (ii)

OR

We have, $\angle A + \angle D = 90^\circ$

In $\triangle APD$, by angle sum property,

$$\angle A + \angle D + \angle P = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow 90^\circ + \angle P = 180^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle P = 180^\circ - 90^\circ = 90^\circ$$

In $\triangle APC$, by Pythagoras theorem,

$$AC^2 = AP^2 + PC^2 \quad \dots(1)$$

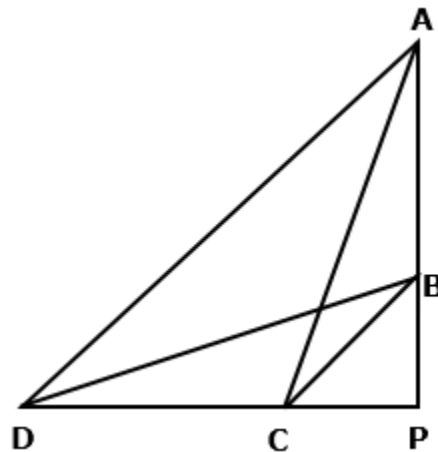
In $\triangle BPD$, by Pythagoras theorem,

$$BD^2 = BP^2 + DP^2 \quad \dots(2)$$

Adding equations (1) and (2),

$$AC^2 + BD^2 = AP^2 + PC^2 + BP^2 + DP^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AC^2 + BD^2 = (AP^2 + DP^2) + (PC^2 + BP^2) = AD^2 + BC^2$$



37. Let list price of the book = Rs. x

$$\text{So, the number of books purchased} = \frac{1200}{x}$$

And increased price of the book = Rs. $(x + 10)$

$$\text{So, the number of books purchased} = \frac{1200}{x+10}$$

According to the condition, if the list price of a book is increased by Rs. 10, then a person can buy 10 less books.

$$\therefore \frac{1200}{x} - \frac{1200}{x+10} = 10$$

$$\therefore (1200) \left[\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x+10} \right] = 10$$

$$\therefore (1200) \left[\frac{x+10-x}{x(x+10)} \right] = 10$$

$$\therefore 1200 = x(x+10)$$

$$\therefore x^2 + 10x - 1200 = 0$$

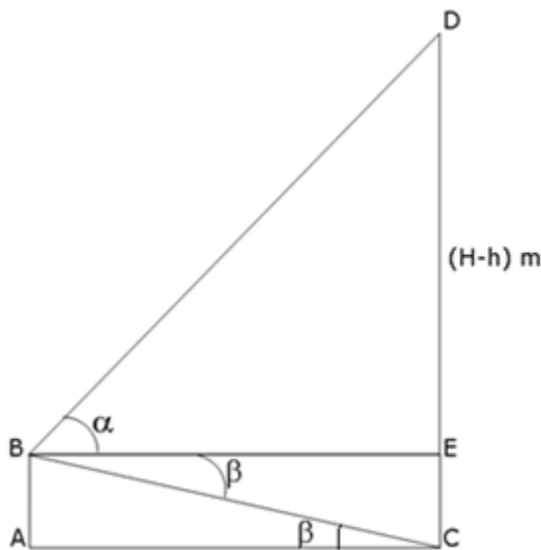
$$\therefore (x+40)(x-30) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = -40 \text{ or } x = 30$$

But x is the list price of the book and hence can't be negative.

Therefore, the original list price of the book is Rs. 30.

38. Let B be the window of a house AB and let CD be the other house.



Then, $AB = EC = h$ metres.

Let $CD = H$ metres.

Then, $ED = (H - h)$ m

In $\triangle BED$,

$$\cot \alpha = \frac{BE}{ED}$$

$$BE = (H - h) \cot \alpha \quad \dots (a)$$

In $\triangle ACB$,

$$\frac{AC}{AB} = \cot \beta$$

$$AC = h \cdot \cot \beta \quad \dots (b)$$

But $BE = AC$

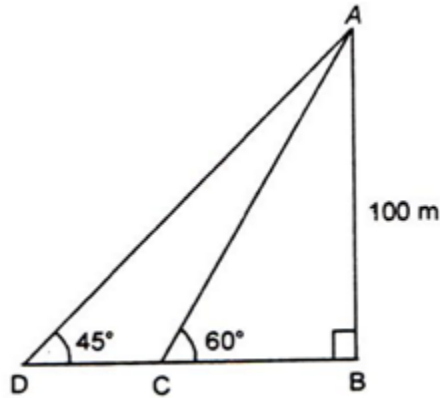
$$\therefore (H - h) \cot \alpha = h \cot \beta \quad \dots[\text{From (a) and (b)}]$$

$$H = h \frac{(\cot \alpha + \cot \beta)}{\cot \alpha}$$

$$H = h(1 + \tan \alpha \cot \beta)$$

Thus, the height of the opposite house is $h(1 + \tan \alpha \cot \beta)$ metres.

OR



Here, the man has covered the distance CD in 2 minutes.

$$\text{Speed} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{time}}$$

Now, in $\triangle ABC$,

$$\frac{100}{BC} = \tan 60^\circ = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow BC = \frac{100}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{100\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

In $\triangle ABD$,

$$\frac{100}{BD} = \tan 45^\circ = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow BD = 100$$

$$\therefore CD = BD - BC$$

$$= \left(100 - \frac{100\sqrt{3}}{3} \right) = 100 \left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{3}}{3} \right)$$

$$\text{Thus, Speed} = \frac{100 \left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{3}}{3} \right)}{2}$$

$$= 50 \left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{3}}{3} \right) \text{ m / min}$$

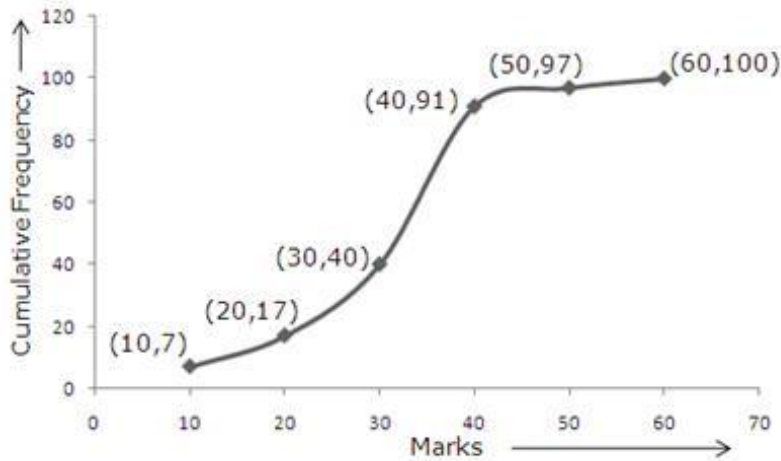
39. We first prepare the cumulative frequency distribution table as given below:

Marks	No. of students	Marks less than	Cumulative frequency
0-10	7	10	7
10-20	10	20	17
20-30	23	30	40
30-40	51	40	91
40-50	6	50	97
50-60	3	60	100

Now, we mark the upper class limits along x-axis by taking a suitable scale and the cumulative frequencies along the y-axis by taking a suitable scale.

Thus, we plot the points (10, 7), (20, 17), (30, 40), (40, 91), (50, 97) and (60, 100).

Join the plotted points by a free hand to obtain the required ogive.



40.



Time taken by bucket to ascend = 1 min 28 secs = 88 secs

Speed = 1.1 m/ sec

Length of the rope = distance covered by bucket to ascend

$$= (1.1 \times 88) \text{ m} = (1.1 \times 88 \times 100) \text{ cm} = 9680 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Radius of the wheel} = 38.5 \text{ cm} = \frac{77}{2} \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Circumference of the wheel} = 2\pi r = \left(2 \times \frac{22}{7} \times \frac{77}{2} \right) \text{ cm} = 242 \text{ cm}$$

$$\therefore \text{Number of revolutions} = \frac{\text{Length of the rope}}{\text{Circumference of the wheel}} = \left(\frac{9680}{242} \right) = 40$$

Hence, the wheel makes 40 revolutions to raise the bucket.

OR

$$\text{Surface area of sphere} = 4\pi R^2$$

$$4\pi R^2 = 616$$

$$4 \times \frac{22}{7} \times R^2 = 616 \Rightarrow R^2 = \frac{616 \times 7}{4 \times 22}$$

$$\Rightarrow R^2 = 49 \Rightarrow R = 7 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{Diameter of the smaller sphere} = 3.5 \text{ cm}$$

$$\therefore \text{Radius of the smaller sphere} = 1.75 \text{ cm} \Rightarrow r = 1.75 \text{ cm}$$

Let the number of smaller spheres be = x.

Volume of x smaller spheres = Volume of larger metal sphere

$$x \times \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 = \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3$$

$$x \times 1.75 \times 1.75 \times 1.75 = 7 \times 7 \times 7$$

$$x = \frac{7 \times 7 \times 7}{1.75 \times 1.75 \times 1.75} = 64$$

$$\therefore \text{No. of smaller spheres} = 64$$