



## Arithmetic Progressions Ex 9.5 Q32

**Answer :**

(i) Here, we have an A.P. whose  $n^{\text{th}}$  term ( $a_n$ ), first term ( $a$ ) and common difference ( $d$ ) are given. We need to find the number of terms ( $n$ ) and the sum of first  $n$  terms ( $S_n$ ).

Here,

First term ( $a$ ) = 5

Last term ( $a_n$ ) = 50

Common difference ( $d$ ) = 3

So here we will find the value of  $n$  using the formula,  $a_n = a + (n-1)d$

So, substituting the values in the above mentioned formula

$$50 = 5 + (n-1)3$$

$$50 = 5 + 3n - 3$$

$$50 = 2 + 3n$$

$$3n = 50 - 2$$

Further simplifying for  $n$ ,

$$3n = 48$$

$$n = \frac{48}{3}$$

$$n = 16$$

Now, here we can find the sum of the  $n$  terms of the given A.P., using the formula,

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

Where,  $a$  = the first term

$l$  = the last term

So, for the given A.P. on substituting the values in the formula for the sum of  $n$  terms of an A.P., we get,

$$\begin{aligned} S_{16} &= \left(\frac{16}{2}\right)[5+50] \\ &= 8(55) \\ &= 440 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for the given A.P.  $n = 16$  and  $S_{16} = 440$

(ii) Here, we have an A.P. whose  $n^{\text{th}}$  term ( $a_n$ ), sum of first  $n$  terms ( $S_n$ ) and common difference ( $d$ ) are given. We need to find the number of terms ( $n$ ) and the first term ( $a$ ).

Here,

Last term ( $a_n$ ) = 4

Common difference ( $d$ ) = 2

Sum of  $n$  terms ( $S_n$ ) = -14

So here we will find the value of  $n$  using the formula,  $a_n = a + (n-1)d$

So, substituting the values in the above mentioned formula

$$4 = a + (n-1)2$$

$$4 = a + 2n - 2$$

$$4 + 2 = a + 2n$$

$$n = \frac{6-a}{2} \quad \dots(1)$$

Now, here the sum of the  $n$  terms is given by the formula,

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

Where,  $a$  = the first term

$l$  = the last term

So, for the given A.P, on substituting the values in the formula for the sum of  $n$  terms of an A.P., we get,

$$-14 = \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)[a+4]$$

$$-14(2) = n(a+4)$$

$$n = \frac{-28}{a+4} \quad \dots(2)$$

Equating (1) and (2), we get,

$$\frac{6-a}{2} = \frac{-28}{a+4}$$

$$(6-a)(a+4) = -28(2)$$

$$6a - a^2 + 24 - 4a = -56$$

$$-a^2 + 2a + 24 + 56 = 0$$

So, we get the following quadratic equation,

$$-a^2 + 2a + 80 = 0$$

$$a^2 - 2a - 80 = 0$$

Further, solving it for  $a$  by splitting the middle term,

$$a^2 - 2a - 80 = 0$$

$$a^2 - 10a + 8a - 80 = 0$$

$$a(a-10) + 8(a-10) = 0$$

$$(a-10)(a+8) = 0$$

So, we get,

$$a - 10 = 0$$

$$a = 10$$

Or

$$a + 8 = 0$$

$$a = -8$$

Substituting,  $a = 10$  in (1),

$$n = \frac{6-10}{2}$$

$$n = \frac{-4}{2}$$

$$n = -2$$

Here, we get  $n$  as negative, which is not possible. So, we take  $a = -8$ ,

$$n = \frac{6-(-8)}{2}$$

$$n = \frac{6+8}{2}$$

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