



Exercise 8B

$$\Rightarrow 4.5x = 36$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 8$$

Hence, the third proportional is 8.

Q10

Answer :

The third proportional to 7 and x is 28.

Then, $7 : x :: x : 28$

$$\Rightarrow 7 \times 28 = x^2 \quad (\text{Product of extremes} = \text{Product of means})$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 14$$

Q11

Answer :

(i) Suppose that x is the mean proportional.

Then, $6 : x :: x : 24$

$$\Rightarrow 6 \times 24 = x \times x \quad (\text{Product of extremes} = \text{Product of means})$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 144$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 12$$

Hence, the mean proportional to 6 and 24 is 12.

(ii) Suppose that x is the mean proportional.

Then, $3 : x :: x : 27$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \times 27 = x \times x \quad (\text{Product of extremes} = \text{Product of means})$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 81$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 9$$

Hence, the mean proportional to 3 and 27 is 9.

(iii) Suppose that x is the mean proportional.

Then, $0.4 : x :: x : 0.9$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow 0.4 \times 0.9 &= x \times x && \text{(Product of extremes = Product of means)} \\ \Rightarrow x^2 &= 0.36 \\ \Rightarrow x &= 0.6\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the mean proportional to 0.4 and 0.9 is 0.6.

Q12

Answer :

Suppose that the number is x .

Then, $(5 + x) : (9 + x) :: (7 + x) : (12 + x)$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow (5 + x) \times (12 + x) &= (9 + x) \times (7 + x) \\ \text{(Product of extremes = Product of means)} \\ \Rightarrow 60 + 5x + 12x + x^2 &= 63 + 9x + 7x + x^2 \\ \Rightarrow 60 + 17x &= 63 + 16x \\ \Rightarrow x &= 3\end{aligned}$$

Hence, 3 must be added to each of the numbers: 5, 9, 7 and 12, to get the numbers which are in proportion.

Q13

Answer :

Suppose that x is the number that is to be subtracted.

Then, $(10 - x) : (12 - x) :: (19 - x) : (24 - x)$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow (10 - x) \times (24 - x) &= (12 - x) \times (19 - x) \\ \text{(Product of extremes = Product of means)} \\ \Rightarrow 240 - 10x - 24x + x^2 &= 228 - 12x - 19x + x^2 \\ \Rightarrow 240 - 34x &= 228 - 31x \\ \Rightarrow 3x &= 12 \\ \Rightarrow x &= 4\end{aligned}$$

Hence, 4 must be subtracted from each of the numbers: 10, 12, 19 and 24, to get the numbers which are in proportion.

Q14

Answer :

Distance represented by 1 cm on the map = 5000000 cm = 50 km

Distance represented by 3 cm on the map = 50×4 km = 200 km

\therefore The actual distance is 200 km.

Q15

Answer :

(Height of tree) : (height of its shadow) = (height of the pole) : (height of its shadow)

Suppose that the height of pole is x cm.

Then, $6 : 8 = x : 20$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{6 \times 20}{8} = 15$$

\therefore Height of the pole = 15 cm

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