



Exercise 7A

Question 3:

Here, $a = 42$ cm, $b = 34$ cm and $c = 20$ cm

$$\text{Therefore, } s = \frac{42 + 34 + 20}{2} = 48$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area} &= \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \\ &= \sqrt{48(48-42)(48-34)(48-20)} \\ &= \sqrt{48 \times 6 \times 14 \times 28} \\ &= \sqrt{4 \times 4 \times 3 \times 3 \times 2 \times 14 \times 14 \times 2} \\ &= 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 14 \\ &= 336 \text{ cm}^2\end{aligned}$$

Longest side = 42 cm

$$\Rightarrow b = 42 \text{ cm}$$

Let h be the height corresponding to the longest side.

$$\text{Area of the triangle} = \frac{1}{2} \times b \times h$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \times b \times h = 336$$

$$\Rightarrow 42 \times h = 336 \times 2$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{336 \times 2}{42} = 16 \text{ cm}$$

Question 4:

Here, $a = 18$ cm, $b = 24$ cm and $c = 30$ cm

$$\text{Therefore, } s = \frac{18 + 24 + 30}{2} = 36$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area} &= \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \\ &= \sqrt{36(36-18)(36-24)(36-30)} \\ &= \sqrt{36 \times 18 \times 12 \times 6} \\ &= \sqrt{6 \times 6 \times 6 \times 3 \times 3 \times 4 \times 6} \\ &= 6 \times 6 \times 3 \times 2 \\ &= 216 \text{ cm}^2\end{aligned}$$

Smallest side = 18 cm

Let h be the height corresponding to the smallest side.

$$\text{Area of the triangle} = \frac{1}{2} \times b \times h$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \times b \times h = 216$$

$$\Rightarrow 18 \times h = 216 \times 2$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{216 \times 2}{18} = 24 \text{ cm}$$

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