Notes on Clocks & Calendars for MAH MCA CET Exam

Clocks

Clocks-related questions test your ability to calculate angles between hands, time gain/loss, and mirror/water images of the clock.

Important Formulas for Clocks

1 Angle Between Hour and Minute Hand

 $Angle=I(30H-5.5M)I\setminus \{Angle\} = \setminus \{(30H-5.5M)\setminus \{(30H-5.5M)\} \}$

- **H** = Hour
- **M** = Minutes
- 30° per hour, 5.5° per minute

Example: Find the angle at 4:20.

Angle= $|(30\times4-5.5\times20)|=|120-110|=10$ \text{Angle} = $|(30 \times4-5.5\times20)|=|120-110|=10$ \text{Angle} = $|(30\times4-5.5\times20)|=|120-110|=10$

Answer: 10°

2 Time for Hands to Coincide

 $Time=(11M)2\text{\ }text{Time} = \text{\ }frac{(11M)}{2}$

• Used when the hour and minute hands are at 90°, 180°, or overlapping.

3 Clock Gains/Loses Time

If a clock gains/loses **X minutes in Y hours**, then the total gain/loss in **Z hours** is:

 $XY\times Z\frac{X}{Y} \times Z$

4 Mirror Image of Time

Mirror Time=(11:60-Given Time)\text{Mirror Time} = (11:60 - \text{Given Time})

Example: Mirror image of 3:25

11:60-3:25=8:3511:60-3:25=8:35

✓ Answer: 8:35

Calendars

Calendar-based questions focus on leap years, day calculations, and odd days.

1 Leap Year Identification

- A year is a **Leap Year** if:
 - ☑ Divisible by 4 but not 100, OR
 - ☑ Divisible by 400

Example: 2000 ✓ (Divisible by 400) 1900 ✗ (Divisible by 100 but not 400)

2 Odd Days Concept

- 1 Normal Year = 1 odd day
- 1 Leap Year = 2 odd days
- 100 Years = **5 odd days**

Example: Find the number of odd days in 200 years.

200=2×100=2×5=10200 = 2 \times 100 = 2 \times 5 = 10

✓ 10 mod 7 = 3 odd days

3 Day of the Week Formula

 $\label{lem:decomposition} Day = (\text{Last Two Digits of Year+Last Two Digits4+Month Code+Date+Century Code}) \mod 7 \text{Last Two Digits of Year} + \frac{\text{Last Two Digits}}{4} + \text{Month Code} + \text{Date} + \text{Century Code}) \mod 7$

- Month Codes: Jan = 0, Feb = 3, Mar = 3, Apr = 6, May = 1, Jun = 4, Jul = 6, Aug = 2, Sep = 5, Oct = 0, Nov = 3, Dec = 5
- Century Codes: $1600-1699 \rightarrow 6$, $1700-1799 \rightarrow 4$, $1800-1899 \rightarrow 2$, $1900-1999 \rightarrow 0$, $2000-2099 \rightarrow 6$
- **Example:** Find the day on 15th August 1947

(47+474+2+15+0) mod 7=(47+11+2+15+0) mod 7=5 mod 7=5

Code 5 = Friday

✓ Answer: Friday

MCQs on Clocks & Calendars

1. Clocks - Angle Between Hands

At **10:10**, what is the angle between the hands? A) **45°**

- B) 50°
- C) 55°
- D) 60°
- ✓ Answer: 50°

2. Clocks - Mirror Image

What is the mirror image of 5:45?

- A) 6:15
- B) 7:15
- C) 6:45
- D) 7:45
- **✓** Answer: 6:15

3. Leap Year Identification

Which of the following is a leap year?

- A) 1900
- B) 2000
- C) 2100
- D) 1800
- **✓** Answer: 2000

4. Odd Days Calculation

How many odd days are there in 400 years?

- A) 0
- B) 1
- C) 2
- D) 3
- Answer: 0 (since 400 years is a multiple of 7, giving 0 odd days)

5. Day of the Week Calculation

If 1st January 2000 was a Saturday, what was 1st January 2001?

- A) Monday
- B) Tuesday
- C) Sunday
- D) Friday
- Answer: Monday (since 2000 was a leap year, it had 2 odd days, making it Monday)