Prime numbers of the form 2<sup>p</sup> − 1 are known as Mersenne primes. For 2<sup>p</sup> − 1 to be prime, it is necessary that p itself be prime. However, not all numbers of the form 2<sup>p</sup> − 1 with a prime p are prime.
For p = 11 ⇒ 2<sup>11</sup> − 1 = 2047 = 23 · 89 is not a prime number.
Evaluate perfect numbers for some primes (2, 3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 19, 31) only. For a bigger prime numbers, perfect number will not fit in 64 bits.
Consider that the given number k which have m distinct factor -

• Euclid proved that  $2^{p-1}(2^p-1)$  is an even perfect number whenever  $2^p-1$ 

is prime, where p is prime.

 $n_1, n_2, \dots n_m$ . Since the number k is divisible by  $n_i$ , than it is also divisible by  $n_j$ ,  $k = n_i * n_j$ . So, the largest number in such a pair can only be up to  $\sqrt{k}$ . Further, if  $\sqrt{k}$  is also a factor, we have to consider the factor only while checking for the perfect number property.

We sum all factors and check if the given number is perfect or not. 1 and k will be also considered as the other factor, so we need to subtract k from the computed sum.