

BOATS AND STREAMS

1. A boat can travel with a speed of 13 km/hr in still water. If the speed of the stream is 4 km/hr, find the time taken by the boat to go 68 km downstream.
- A. 2 hours
 - B. 3 hours
 - C. 4 hours
 - D. 5 hours

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Speed downstream = $(13 + 4)$ km/hr = 17 km/hr.

Time taken to travel 68 km downstream = $\left(\frac{68}{17}\right)$ hrs = 4 hrs.

2. A man's speed with the current is 15 km/hr and the speed of the current is 2.5 km/hr. The man's speed against the current is:
- A. 8.5 km/hr
 - B. 9 km/hr
 - C. 10 km/hr
 - D. 12.5 km/hr

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Man's rate in still water = $(15 - 2.5)$ km/hr = 12.5 km/hr.

Man's rate against the current = $(12.5 - 2.5)$ km/hr = 10 km/hr.

3. A boat running upstream takes 8 hours 48 minutes to cover a certain distance, while it takes 4 hours to cover the same distance running downstream. What is the ratio between the speed of the boat and speed of the water current respectively?
- A. 2 : 1
 - B. 3 : 2
 - C. 8 : 3
 - D. Cannot be determined

E. None of these

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Let the man's rate upstream be x kmph and that downstream be y kmph.

Then, distance covered upstream in 8 hrs 48 min = Distance covered downstream in 4 hrs.

$$\Rightarrow \left(x \times 8\frac{4}{5} \right) = (y \times 4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{44}{5}x = 4y$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{11}{5}x.$$

$$\therefore \text{Required ratio} = \left(\frac{y+x}{2} \right) : \left(\frac{y-x}{2} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{16x}{5} \times \frac{1}{2} \right) : \left(\frac{6x}{5} \times \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{8}{5} : \frac{3}{5}$$

$$= 8 : 3.$$

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4. A motorboat, whose speed in 15 km/hr in still water goes 30 km downstream and comes back in a total of 4 hours 30 minutes. The speed of the stream (in km/hr) is:

A. 4

B. 5

C. 6

D. 10

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Let the speed of the stream be x km/hr. Then,

Speed downstream = $(15 + x)$ km/hr,

Speed upstream = $(15 - x)$ km/hr.

$$\therefore \frac{30}{(15+x)} + \frac{30}{(15-x)} = 4\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{900}{225 - x^2} = \frac{9}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x^2 = 225$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 5 \text{ km/hr.}$$

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5. In one hour, a boat goes 11 km/hr along the stream and 5 km/hr against the stream. The speed of the boat in still water (in km/hr) is:

A. 3 km/hr

B. 5 km/hr

C. 8 km/hr

D. 9 km/hr

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

$$\text{Speed in still water} = \frac{1}{2}(11 + 5) \text{ kmph} = 8 \text{ kmph.}$$

6. A boat running downstream covers a distance of 16 km in 2 hours while for covering the same distance upstream, it takes 4 hours. What is the speed of the boat in still water?

A. 4 km/hr

B. 6 km/hr

C. 8 km/hr

D. Data inadequate

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

$$\text{Rate downstream} = \left(\frac{16}{2} \right) \text{ kmph} = 8 \text{ kmph.}$$

$$\text{Rate upstream} = \left(\frac{16}{4} \right) \text{ kmph} = 4 \text{ kmph.}$$

$$\therefore \text{Speed in still water} = \frac{1}{2}(8 + 4) \text{ kmph} = 6 \text{ kmph.}$$

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7. The speed of a boat in still water is 15 km/hr and the rate of current is 3 km/hr. The distance travelled downstream in 12 minutes is:

A. 1.2 km

B. 1.8 km

C. 2.4 km

D. 3.6 km

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

$$\text{Speed downstream} = (15 + 3) \text{ kmph} = 18 \text{ kmph.}$$

$$\text{Distance travelled} = \left(18 \times \frac{12}{60} \right) \text{ km} = 3.6 \text{ km.}$$

8. A boat takes 90 minutes less to travel 36 miles downstream than to travel the same distance upstream. If the speed of the boat in still water is 10 mph, the speed of the stream is:

- A. 2 mph
- B. 2.5 mph
- C. 3 mph
- D. 4 mph

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Let the speed of the stream x mph. Then,

Speed downstream = $(10 + x)$ mph,

Speed upstream = $(10 - x)$ mph.

$$\therefore \frac{36}{(10 - x)} - \frac{36}{(10 + x)} = \frac{90}{60}$$

$$\Rightarrow 72x \times 60 = 90(100 - x^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 48x - 100 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 50)(x - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2 \text{ mph.}$$

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9. A man can row at 5 kmph in still water. If the velocity of current is 1 kmph and it takes him 1 hour to row to a place and come back, how far is the place?

- A. 2.4 km
- B. 2.5 km
- C. 3 km
- D. 3.6 km

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Speed downstream = $(5 + 1)$ kmph = 6 kmph.

Speed upstream = $(5 - 1)$ kmph = 4 kmph.

Let the required distance be x km.

$$\text{Then, } \frac{x}{6} + \frac{x}{4} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x + 3x = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2.4 \text{ km.}$$

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10. A boat covers a certain distance downstream in 1 hour, while it comes back in $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. If the speed of the stream be 3 kmph, what is the speed of the boat in still water?

- A. 12 kmph

- B. 13 kmph
- C. 14 kmph
- D. 15 kmph
- E. None of these

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Let the speed of the boat in still water be x kmph. Then,

Speed downstream = $(x + 3)$ kmph,

Speed upstream = $(x - 3)$ kmph.

$$\therefore (x + 3) \times 1 = (x - 3) \times \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x + 6 = 3x - 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 15 \text{ kmph.}$$

11. A boatman goes 2 km against the current of the stream in 1 hour and goes 1 km along the current in 10 minutes. How long will it take to go 5 km in stationary water?

- A. 40 minutes
- B. 1 hour
- C. 1 hr 15 min
- D. 1 hr 30 min

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

$$\text{Rate downstream} = \left(\frac{1}{10} \times 60 \right) \text{ km/hr} = 6 \text{ km/hr.}$$

$$\text{Rate upstream} = 2 \text{ km/hr.}$$

$$\text{Speed in still water} = \frac{1}{2}(6 + 2) \text{ km/hr} = 4 \text{ km/hr.}$$

$$\therefore \text{Required time} = \left(\frac{5}{4} \right) \text{ hrs} = \frac{1}{4} \text{ hrs} = 1 \text{ hr 15 min.}$$

12. A man can row three-quarters of a kilometre against the stream in $11\frac{1}{4}$ minutes and down the stream in $7\frac{1}{2}$ minutes. The speed (in km/hr) of the man in still water is:

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 4

D. 5

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

We can write three-quarters of a kilometre as 750 metres,

and $11\frac{1}{4}$ minutes as 675 seconds.

$$\text{Rate upstream} = \left(\frac{750}{675} \right) \text{m/sec} = \frac{10}{9} \text{ m/sec.}$$

$$\text{Rate downstream} = \left(\frac{750}{450} \right) \text{m/sec} = \frac{5}{3} \text{ m/sec.}$$

$$\therefore \text{Rate in still water} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{10}{9} + \frac{5}{3} \right) \text{m/sec}$$

$$= \frac{25}{18} \text{ m/sec}$$

$$= \left(\frac{25}{18} \times \frac{18}{5} \right) \text{km/hr}$$

$$= 5 \text{ km/hr.}$$

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13. Speed of a boat in standing water is 9 kmph and the speed of the stream is 1.5 kmph. A man rows to a place at a distance of 105 km and comes back to the starting point. The total time taken by him is:

A. 16 hours

B. 18 hours

C. 20 hours

D. 24 hours

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Speed upstream = 7.5 kmph.

Speed downstream = 10.5 kmph.

$$\therefore \text{Total time taken} = \left(\frac{105}{7.5} + \frac{105}{10.5} \right) \text{hours} = 24 \text{ hours.}$$

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14. A man takes twice as long to row a distance against the stream as to row the same distance in favour of the stream. The ratio of the speed of the boat (in still water) and the stream is:

A. 2 : 1

B. 3 : 1

C. 3 : 2

D. 4 : 3

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

Let man's rate upstream be x kmph.

Then, his rate downstream = $2x$ kmph.

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore (\text{Speed in still water}) : (\text{Speed of stream}) &= \left(\frac{2x + x}{2} \right) : \left(\frac{2x - x}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{3x}{2} : \frac{x}{2} \\ &= 3 : 1.\end{aligned}$$

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15. A man rows to a place 48 km distant and come back in 14 hours. He finds that he can row 4 km with the stream in the same time as 3 km against the stream. The rate of the stream is:

A. 1 km/hr

B. 1.5 km/hr

C. 2 km/hr

D. 2.5 km/hr

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Suppose he move 4 km downstream in x hours. Then,

$$\text{Speed downstream} = \left(\frac{4}{x} \right) \text{ km/hr.}$$

$$\text{Speed upstream} = \left(\frac{3}{x} \right) \text{ km/hr.}$$

$$\therefore \frac{48}{(4/x)} + \frac{48}{(3/x)} = 14 \text{ or } x = \frac{1}{2}.$$

So, Speed downstream = 8 km/hr, Speed upstream = 6 km/hr.

$$\text{Rate of the stream} = \frac{1}{2}(8 - 6) \text{ km/hr} = 1 \text{ km/hr.}$$

DATA SUFFICIENCY

Each of the questions given below consists of a statement and / or a question and two statements numbered I and II given below it. You have to decide whether the data provided in the statement(s) is / are sufficient to answer the given question. Read the both statements and

- Give answer (A) if the data in Statement I alone are sufficient to answer the question, while the data in Statement II alone are not sufficient to answer the question.

- Give answer (B) if the data in Statement II alone are sufficient to answer the question, while the data in Statement I alone are not sufficient to answer the question.
- Give answer (C) if the data either in Statement I or in Statement II alone are sufficient to answer the question.
- Give answer (D) if the data even in both Statements I and II together are not sufficient to answer the question.
- Give answer (E) if the data in both Statements I and II together are necessary to answer the question.

1. A boat takes a total time of three hours to travel downstream from P and Q and upstream back from Q to P. What is the speed of the boat in still water?

I. The speed of the river current is 1 km per hour.

II. The distance between P and Q is 4 km.

- A. I alone sufficient while II alone not sufficient to answer
- B. II alone sufficient while I alone not sufficient to answer
- C. Either I or II alone sufficient to answer
- D. Both I and II are not sufficient to answer
- E. Both I and II are necessary to answer

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

I. Speed of the current = 1 km/hr.

II. PQ = 4 km.

Let the speed of the boat in still water be x km/hr. Then,

$$\frac{4}{(x+1)} + \frac{4}{(x-1)} = 3. \text{ This gives } x.$$

∴ Correct answer is (E).

2. What is the speed of the boat in still water?

I. It takes 2 hours to cover the distance between A and B downstream.

II. It takes 4 hours to cover the distance between A and B upstream.

- A. I alone sufficient while II alone not sufficient to answer
- B. II alone sufficient while I alone not sufficient to answer
- C. Either I or II alone sufficient to answer
- D. Both I and II are not sufficient to answer

E. Both I and II are necessary to answer

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Let AB = x km.

I. Speed downstream = $\frac{x}{2}$ km/hr

II. Speed upstream = $\frac{x}{4}$ km/hr.

Speed of boat in still water = $\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{x}{4}\right)$ km/hr.

Thus, I and II both even do not give the answer.

∴ Correct answer is (D).

3. What is the speed of the boat in still water?

I. The boat covers a distance of 48 kms in 6 hours while running upstream.

II. The boat covers the same distance in 4 hours while running downstream.

A. I alone sufficient while II alone not sufficient to answer

B. II alone sufficient while I alone not sufficient to answer

C. Either I or II alone sufficient to answer

D. Both I and II are not sufficient to answer

E. Both I and II are necessary to answer

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

I. Speed upstream = $\frac{48}{6}$ km/hr = 8 km/hr.

II. Speed downstream = $\frac{48}{4}$ km/hr = 12 km/hr.

Speed of the boat = $\frac{1}{2}(8 + 12)$ km/hr = 10 km/hr.

Thus, I and II together give the answer.

∴ Correct answer is (E).

DATA SUFFICIENCY-2

Each of the questions given below consists of a question followed by three statements. You have to study the question and the statements and decide which of the statement(s) is/are necessary to answer the question.

1. What is the speed of the boat in still water?

I. The speed downstream is 12 kmph.

II. The speed upstream is 4 kmph.

III. In a to and fro journey between two points, the average speed of the boat was 6 kmph.

A. I and II only

B. All I, II and III

C. III, and either I or II

D. Any two of the three

E. None of these

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

From I and II, speed of boat in still water = $\frac{1}{2} (12 + 4) \text{ km/hr} = 8 \text{ km/hr}$.

From II and III, we get:

Using average speed = $\frac{2xy}{x+y}$, we get: $\frac{2 \times 4 \times y}{4+y} = 6$

$$\Rightarrow 8y = 24 + 6y$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 12.$$

$$\therefore \text{Required speed} = \frac{1}{2} (12 + 4) \text{ km/hr} = 8 \text{ km/hr}.$$

Similarly, I and III also give the answer.

\therefore Correct answer is (D).