

## Aptitude - Pipes & Cisterns Online Quiz

Following quiz provides Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) related to **Pipes & Cisterns**. You will have to read all the given answers and click over the correct answer. If you are not sure about the answer then you can check the answer using **Show Answer** button. You can use **Next Quiz** button to check new set of questions in the quiz.



**Q 1 - A tap can fill storage in 8 hours and another tap can discharge it in 16 hours. In the event that both the taps are open, the time taken to fill the tank will be:**

- A - 8 hours
- B - 10 hours
- C - 16 hours
- D - 24 hours

**Answer : C**

### Explanation

Net part filled in 1 hr =  $(1/8 - 1/16) = 1/16$   
Total time taken to fill the tank = 16 hrs.

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**Q 2 - A channels can fill a tank in x hours and another funnel can exhaust it in y ( $y > x$ ) hours. In the event that both the funnels are open, in how long will the tank be filled?**

A -  $(x-y)$  hours

B -  $(y-x)$  hours

C -  $xy/(x-y)$  hours

D -  $xy/(y-x)$  hours

**Answer : D**

### Explanation

Work done by filling pipe in 1 hr =  $1/x$   
Work done by emptying pipe in 1 hr =  $1/y$   
Net filling work done by both in 1 hr =  $(1/x - 1/y) = (y-x)/xy$   
∴ The tank will be filled in  $xy/(y-x)$  hrs.

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**Q 3 - A funnel can discharge a tank in 40 minutes. A second pipe with distance across twice as much as that of the first is likewise joined with the tank to purge it. The two together can exhaust the tank in:**

A - 8 min

**B - 40/3 min**

C - 30 min

D - 38 min

**Answer : B**

**Explanation**

A pipe with double diameter will take half time.  
So, the second pipe can empty the full tank in 20 min.  
Part emptied by both in 1 min.  $(1/40 + 1/20) = 3/40$   
Time taken to empty the full tank =  $40/3$  min.

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**Q 4 - Two channels can fill a tank in 15 hours and 12 hours separately and a third pipe can purge it in 4 hours. In the event that the channels are opened all together at 8 am, 9 am and 11am separately, the tank will be exhausted at**

A - 11.40 am

B - 12.40 pm

C - 1.40 pm

D - 2.40 pm

**Answer : D**

**Explanation**

Let the tank be emptied in x hrs after 8 am.

Work done by A in x hrs, by B in (x-1) hrs and C in (x-3) hrs = 0

$$\Rightarrow x/15 + (x-1)/12 - (x-3)/4 = 0 \Rightarrow 4x + 5(x-1) - 15(x-3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x = 40 \Rightarrow x = 20/3 \text{ hrs.}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 6 \text{ hrs. } 40 \text{ min after 8 am}$$

Hence the tank will be emptied at 14 hrs 40 min, i.e., 2:40 pm

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**Q 5 - Two pipes A and B can fill a reservoir in 6 minutes and 7 minutes separately. Both the funnels are opened then again for 1 minute each. In what the reality of the situation will become obvious eventually fill the storage?**

A - 5 min

B - 17/3 min

C - 45/7 min

D - 5/4 min

**Answer : C**

**Explanation**

Part filled by A in 1st min and B in 2nd min  $= (1/6 + 1/7) = 13/42$

Part filled by (A+B) working alternately in 6 min.  $(1/2 * 13/42 * 6) = 13/14$

Remaining part  $= (1 - 13/14) = 1/14$

It is now A's turn.

1/6 part is filled in 1 min.

1/14 part is filled in  $(6 * 1/14)$  min  $= 3/7$  min.

Total time taken  $= 45/7$  min.

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**Q 6 - A substantial tanker can be filled by two pipes A and B in an hour and 40 minutes separately. How long will it take to fill the tanker from unfilled state if B is utilized for a fraction of the time and A and B fill it together for the other half?**

A - 15 min.

B - 20 min.

C - 27.5 min.

D - 30 min.

**Answer : D**

## Explanation

Let the total time taken be x minute. Then,  
 $(1/40 * x/2) + (1/60 + 1/40) * x/2 = 1 \Rightarrow x/80 + x/48 = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow 3x + 5x = 240 \Rightarrow 8x = 240 \Rightarrow x = 30$   
Hence, the required time is 30 minutes.

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**Q 7 - A storage has a hole which would exhaust it in 8 hours. A tap is transformed on which concedes 6 liters a moment into the reservoir and it is currently purged in 12 hours. What number of liters does the reservoir hold?**

A - 7580 ltr.

B - 7960 ltr.

C - 8290 ltr.

D - 8640 ltr.

**Answer : D**

## Explanation

Part filled in 1 hour =  $(1/8 - 1/12) = 1/24$   
Time taken to fill the cistern = 24 hours  
Water moved in it 24 hours =  $(6 * 60 * 24) = 8640$  liters.  
Capacity of the cistern = 8640 liters.

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**Q 8 - Two pipes A and B can fill a tank in 36 hours and 45 hours respectively. If both the pipes are opened simultaneously, how much time will be taken to fill the tank?**

A - 10 hours

B - 15 hours

C - 18 hours

**D - 20 hours**

**Answer : D**

**Explanation**

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{xy}{x+y} \\ &= \frac{36 \times 45}{36+45} \\ &= \frac{1620}{81} \\ &= 20 \text{ hours} \end{aligned}$$

Or,

Part filled by A in 1 hour =  $\frac{1}{36}$

Part filled by B in 1 hour =  $\frac{1}{45}$

Part filled by (A+B) in 1 hour =  $(\frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{45}) = \frac{1}{20}$

$\therefore$  Both the pipes can fill the tank in 20 hours.

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**Q 9 - A cistern has two pipes. One can fill it with water in 8 hours and the other can empty it in 5 hours. In how many hours will the cistern be emptied if the both the pipes are opened together when  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the cistern is already full of water.**

A - 13.5 hours

**B - 10 hours**

C - 6 hours

D - 3.5 hours

**Answer : B**

**Explanation**

Part of cistern emptied in 1 hour =  $\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{8}$   
=  $\frac{3}{40}$   
 $\frac{3}{40}$  part is emptied in 1 hour.  
 $\therefore \frac{3}{4}$  part is emptied in  $\frac{40}{3} \times \frac{3}{4} = 10$  hour

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**Q 10 - Two pipes can fill a tank in 12 hours and 15 hours respectively. A third pipe can empty it in 20 hours. If the tank is empty and all the three pipes are opened, then the tank will be full in (in hour) ?**



A - 7

B - 9

C - 10

D - 14

**Answer : C**

**Explanation**

Part of tank filled by both the pipes in 1 hour =  $\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{15}$

=  $\frac{3}{20}$

Part of tank emptied by third pipe in 1 hour =  $\frac{1}{20}$

$\therefore$  Part of tank filled when all the pipes are opened simultaneously =  $\frac{3}{20} - \frac{1}{20}$

=  $\frac{2}{20}$

=  $\frac{1}{10}$

$\therefore$  Tank will be filled in 10 hours.

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