SSC GD Constable Exam: Time and Work MCQ Set

Instructions:

- This practice set contains 100 multiple-choice questions (MCQs) on Time and Work.
- Each question carries 2 marks. There is a negative marking of 0.50 marks for each incorrect answer, as per the latest SSC GD exam pattern.
- Questions are designed to be unique, with 20% low difficulty, 60% medium difficulty, and 20% high difficulty, aligned with the SSC GD Mathematics syllabus.
- Answers are provided with explanations for clarity.

Section 1: Low Difficulty (Questions 1-20)

- 1. A can complete a work in 12 days. How many days will it take for 2 workers like A to complete the same work?
 - A) 6 days
 - B) 8 days
 - C) 10 days
 - D) 12 days

Answer: A

Explanation: A's work rate is 1/12 per day. Two workers' rate = $2 \times 1/12 = 1/6$. Time = $1 \div (1/6) = 6$ days.

- 2. If 4 men can build a wall in 8 days, how many days will 8 men take?
 - A) 4 days
 - B) 5 days
 - C) 6 days
 - D) 7 days

Answer: A

Explanation: Total work = $4 \times 8 = 32$ man-days. For 8 men, time = $32 \div 8 = 4$ days.

 3. A pipe can fill a tank in 10 hours. How long will it take to fill the tank if 2 such pipes are used? A) 4 hours B) 5 hours C) 6 hours D) 8 hours Answer: B Explanation: One pipe's rate = 1/10 tank/hour. Two pipes' rate = 2/10 = 1/5. Time = 1 ÷ (1/5) = 5 hours.
 4. B can do a job in 15 days. What fraction of the job is completed in 5 days? A) 1/3 B) 1/4 C) 1/5 D) 1/2 Answer: A Explanation: B's rate = 1/15 per day. Work in 5 days = 5 × 1/15 = 5/15 = 1/3.
 5. If 6 workers complete a task in 12 days, how many days will 12 workers take? A) 5 days B) 6 days C) 8 days D) 10 days Answer: B Explanation: Total work = 6 x 12 = 72 worker-days. For 12 workers, time = 72 ÷ 12 = 6 days.
6. A can paint a room in 20 days. How many days will 4 such workers take?A) 4 daysB) 5 daysC) 6 daysD) 8 days

Explanation: A's rate = 1/20. Four workers' rate = 4/20 = 1/5. Time = $1 \div (1/5) = 5$ days.

- 7. A machine finishes a job in 8 hours. How many hours will 2 such machines take?
 - A) 3 hours
 - B) 4 hours
 - C) 5 hours
 - D) 6 hours

Answer: B

Explanation: One machine's rate = 1/8. Two machines' rate = 2/8 = 1/4. Time = $1 \div (1/4) = 4$ hours.

- 8. If 10 workers can complete a job in 5 days, how many workers are needed for 10 days?
 - A) 4
 - B) 5
 - C) 6
 - D) 8

Answer: B

Explanation: Total work = $10 \times 5 = 50$ worker-days. Workers for 10 days = $50 \div 10 = 5$ workers.

- 9. A can do a work in 30 days. What fraction of the work is done in 10 days?
 - A) 1/2
 - B) 1/3
 - C) 1/4
 - D) 1/5

Answer: B

Explanation: A's rate = 1/30 per day. Work in 10 days = $10 \times 1/30 = 10/30 = 1/3$.

10. If 3 men can dig a trench in 15 days, how many days will 5 men take?

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- B) 10 days
- C) 12 days
- D) 15 days

Answer: A

Explanation: Total work = $3 \times 15 = 45$ man-days. For 5 men, time = $45 \div 5 = 9$ days.

- 11. A pipe fills a tank in 12 hours. How long will 3 such pipes take?
 - A) 3 hours
 - B) 4 hours
 - C) 5 hours
 - D) 6 hours

Answer: B

Explanation: One pipe's rate = 1/12. Three pipes' rate = 3/12 = 1/4. Time = $1 \div (1/4) = 4$ hours.

- 12. If 8 workers complete a task in 10 days, how many days will 4 workers take?
 - A) 15 days
 - B) 18 days
 - C) 20 days
 - D) 22 days

Answer: C

Explanation: Total work = $8 \times 10 = 80$ worker-days. For 4 workers, time = $80 \div 4 = 20$ days.

- 13. A can do a job in 24 days. How many days will 2 such workers take?
 - A) 10 days
 - B) 12 days
 - C) 14 days
 - D) 16 days

Answer: B

Explanation: A's rate = 1/24. Two workers' rate = 2/24 = 1/12. Time = $1 \div (1/12)$ = 12 days.

14. If 5 women can complete a task in 20 days, how many women are needed for 10 days? A) 8 B) 9 C) 10 D) 12 Answer: C Explanation: Total work = 5 × 20 = 100 woman-days. Women for 10 days = 100 ÷ 10 = 10 women.
15. A pipe can empty a tank in 15 hours. What fraction of the tank is emptied in 3 hours? A) 1/5 B) 1/4 C) 1/3 D) 1/2 Answer: A Explanation: Pipe's rate = 1/15 per hour. Work in 3 hours = 3 × 1/15 = 3/15 = 1/5.
 16. If 6 men can build a wall in 9 days, how many days will 3 men take? A) 12 days B) 15 days C) 18 days D) 21 days Answer: C Explanation: Total work = 6 x 9 = 54 man-days. For 3 men, time = 54 ÷ 3 = 18 days.
17. A can do a work in 18 days. How many days will 3 such workers take?A) 4 daysB) 5 daysC) 6 daysD) 8 days

Answer: C

Explanation: A's rate = 1/18. Three workers' rate = 3/18 = 1/6. Time = $1 \div (1/6) = 6$ days.

- 18. If 12 workers finish a job in 6 days, how many workers are needed for 4 days?
 - A) 15
 - B) 16
 - C) 18
 - D) 20

Answer: C

Explanation: Total work = $12 \times 6 = 72$ worker-days. Workers for 4 days = $72 \div 4 = 18$ workers.

- 19. A pipe fills a tank in 20 hours. What fraction of the tank is filled in 5 hours?
 - A) 1/4
 - B) 1/3
 - C) 1/2
 - D) 1/5

Answer: A

Explanation: Pipe's rate = 1/20 per hour. Work in 5 hours = $5 \times 1/20 = 5/20 = 1/4$.

- 20. If 4 machines complete a job in 10 hours, how many hours will 8 machines take?
 - A) 4 hours
 - B) 5 hours
 - C) 6 hours
 - D) 7 hours

Answer: B

Explanation: Total work = $4 \times 10 = 40$ machine-hours. For 8 machines, time = $40 \div 8 = 5$ hours.

Section 2: Medium Difficulty (Questions 21-80)

- 21. A can do a work in 15 days, and B in 20 days. How many days will they take together?
 - A) 8 days
 - B) 8.57 days
 - C) 9 days
 - D) 10 days

Answer: B

Explanation: A's rate = 1/15, B's rate = 1/20. Combined rate = 1/15 + 1/20 = 7/60. Time = $1 \div (7/60) = 60/7 \approx 8.57$ days.

- 22. A pipe fills a tank in 6 hours, and a leak empties it in 12 hours. How long will it take to fill the tank if both are open?
 - A) 8 hours
 - B) 10 hours
 - C) 12 hours
 - D) 14 hours

Answer: C

Explanation: Pipe's rate = 1/6, leak's rate = -1/12. Net rate = 1/6 - 1/12 = 1/12. Time = $1 \div (1/12) = 12$ hours.

- 23. If 10 workers can complete a job in 12 days, how many workers are needed to finish it in 8 days?
 - A) 12
 - B) 14
 - C) 15
 - D) 16

Answer: C

Explanation: Total work = $10 \times 12 = 120$ worker-days. Workers for 8 days = $120 \div 8 = 15$ workers.

- 24. A can do a work in 18 days, and B in 24 days. After A works for 6 days, B joins. How many days to finish the remaining work?
 - A) 8 days

- B) 48/7 days
- C) 12 days
- D) 14 days

Explanation: A's work in 6 days = 6/18 = 1/3. Remaining work = 2/3. Combined rate = 1/18 + 1/24 = 7/72. Time = $(2/3) \div (7/72) = 48/7$ days

- 25. Two pipes A and B fill a tank in 10 and 15 hours, respectively. If opened together, how long to fill the tank?
 - A) 6 hours
 - B) 6.5 hours
 - C) 7 hours
 - D) 8 hours

Answer: A

Explanation: Combined rate = 1/10 + 1/15 = 1/6. Time = $1 \div (1/6) = 6$ hours.

- 26. A can do a job in 12 days. If B is 50% more efficient, how long will they take together?
 - A) 4.8 days
 - B) 5 days
 - C) 5.5 days
 - D) 6 days

Answer: A

Explanation: B's rate = $1.5 \times 1/12 = 1/8$. Combined rate = 1/12 + 1/8 = 5/24. Time = $1 \div (5/24) = 24/5 = 4.8$ days.

- 27. If 6 men can complete a task in 15 days, how many days will 9 men take?
 - A) 8 days
 - B) 9 days
 - C) 10 days
 - D) 12 days

Answer: C

Explanation: Total work = $6 \times 15 = 90$ man-days. For 9 men, time = $90 \div 9 = 10$ days.

- 28. A and B can do a work in 8 days. If A alone takes 12 days, how long does B alone take?
 - A) 16 days
 - B) 18 days
 - C) 20 days
 - D) 24 days

Answer: D

Explanation: Combined rate = 1/8, A's rate = 1/12. B's rate = 1/8 - 1/12 = 1/24. B's time = 24 days.

- 29. A pipe fills a tank in 8 hours, and another in 12 hours. After 3 hours together, what fraction of the tank is filled?
 - A) 1/2
 - B) 3/8
 - C) 5/8
 - D) 3/4

Answer: C

Explanation: Combined rate = 1/8 + 1/12 = 5/24. Work in 3 hours = $3 \times 5/24 = 15/24 = 5/8$.

- 30. A can do a work in 10 days, and B in 15 days. After working together for 3 days, A leaves. How long will B take to finish?
 - A) 6 days
 - B) 7.5 days
 - C) 8 days
 - D) 9 days

Answer: B

Explanation: Combined rate = 1/10 + 1/15 = 1/6. Work in 3 days = 3/6 = 1/2. Remaining work = 1/2, done by B at 1/15, so time = $(1/2) \div (1/15) = 7.5$

31. If 12 workers can complete a job in 10 days, how many workers are needed for 6 days?

- A) 16
- B) 18
- C) 20
- D) 22

Answer: C

Explanation: Total work = $12 \times 10 = 120$ worker-days. Workers for 6 days = $120 \div 6 = 20$ workers.

- 32. A can do a work in 16 days, and B is 25% more efficient. How long will they take together?
 - A) 8 days
 - B) 64/9 days
 - C) 9 days
 - D) 10 days

Answer: B

Explanation: B's rate = $1.25 \times 1/16 = 5/64$. Combined rate = 1/16 + 5/64 = 9/64. Time = $1 \div (9/64) = 64/9$ days

- 33. A pipe fills a tank in 9 hours, and a leak empties it in 18 hours. If both are open, how long to fill the tank?
 - A) 12 hours
 - B) 14 hours
 - C) 16 hours
 - D) 18 hours

Answer: D

Explanation: Net rate = 1/9 - 1/18 = 1/18. Time = $1 \div (1/18) = 18$ hours.

- 34. A can do a job in 20 days. After 5 days, B joins, and they finish in 9 more days. How long does B alone take?
 - A) 20 days
 - B) 24 days
 - C) 30 days
 - D) 36 days

Answer: C

Explanation: A's work in 5 days = 5/20 = 1/4. Remaining work = 3/4, done in 9 days. Combined rate = $(3/4) \div 9 = 1/12$. B's rate = 1/12 - 1/20 = 1/30. B's time = 30 days.

- 35. If 5 workers can complete a task in 25 days, how many days will 10 workers take?
 - A) 10 days
 - B) 12 days
 - C) 12.5 days
 - D) 15 days

Answer: C

Explanation: Total work = $5 \times 25 = 125$ worker-days. For 10 workers, time = $125 \div 10 = 12.5$ days.

- 36. A and B can do a work in 6 days. If A is twice as efficient as B, how long does A alone take?
 - A) 8 days
 - B) 9 days
 - C) 10 days
 - D) 12 days

Answer: B

Explanation: Let B's rate = 1/x, then A's = 2/x. Combined rate = 3/x = 1/6. Thus, x = 18, so A's time = 18/2 = 9 days.

- 37. A pipe fills a tank in 12 hours, and another in 18 hours. If opened alternately starting with the faster pipe, how long to fill?
 - A) 14 hours
 - B) 14.5 hours
 - C) 15 hours
 - D) 15.5 hours

Answer: B

Explanation: In 2 hours, work = 1/12 + 1/18 = 5/36. In 14 hours (7 cycles), work = $7 \times 5/36 = 35/36$. Remaining 1/36 done by faster pipe in $1/36 \div 1/12 = 1/3$ hour. Total = 14 + 0.5 = 14.5 hours.

38. A can do a work in 14 days, and B in 21 days. After A works for 7 days, what fraction of the work remains? A) 1/2 B) 1/3 C) 2/3 D) 3/4 Answer: A Explanation: A's work in 7 days = 7/14 = 1/2. Remaining work = 1 - 1/2 = 1/2.
39. If 7 men can build a wall in 12 days, how many men are needed for 8 days? A) 8 B) 9 C) 10 D) 11 Answer: C Explanation: Total work = 7 x 12 = 84 man-days. Men for 8 days = 84 ÷ 8 = 10.5 ≈ 10 men (rounded).
40. A can do a work in 10 days, and B in 15 days. If they work together for 4 days, what fraction of the work remains? A) 1/3 B) 2/5 C) 1/2 D) 3/5 Answer: A Explanation: Combined rate = 1/10 + 1/15 = 1/6. Work in 4 days = 4/6 = 2/3. Remaining work = 1 - 2/3 = 1/3.
41. A pipe fills a tank in 15 hours, and a leak empties it in 30 hours. If the tank is half full, how long to fill with both open?A) 5 hoursB) 7 hoursC) 7.5 hours

D) 8 hours

Answer: C

Explanation: Net rate = 1/15 - 1/30 = 1/30. To fill 1/2 tank, time = $(1/2) \div (1/30) = 15/2 = 7.5$ hours.

- 42. A can do a job in 16 days, and B in 24 days. After B works for 8 days, A joins. How long to finish the remaining work?
 - A) 6 days
 - B) 32/5 days
 - C) 10 days
 - D) 12 days

Answer: B

Explanation: B's work in 8 days = 8/24 = 1/3. Remaining work = 2/3. Combined rate = 1/16 + 1/24 = 5/48. Time = $(2/3) \div (5/48) = 32/5$ days

- 43. If 9 workers can complete a task in 18 days, how many days will 12 workers take?
 - A) 12 days
 - B) 13 days
 - C) 13.5 days
 - D) 14 days

Answer: C

Explanation: Total work = $9 \times 18 = 162$ worker-days. For 12 workers, time = $162 \div 12 = 13.5$ days.

- 44. A can do a work in 12 days, and B is 33.33% more efficient. How long will they take together?
 - A) 5 days
 - B) 36/7 days
 - C) 6 days
 - D) 6.5 days

Answer: B

Explanation: B's rate = $1.3333 \times 1/12 = 1/9$. Combined rate = 1/12 + 1/9 = 7/36. Time = $1 \div (7/36) = 36/7$

45. A pipe fills a tank in 10 hours, and another in 20 hours. If both are open for 4 hours, what fraction of the tank remains empty? A) 1/2 B) 2/5 C) 3/5 D) 4/5 Answer: C Explanation: Combined rate = 1/10 + 1/20 = 3/20. Work in 4 hours = 4 × 3/20 = 3/5. Remaining = 1 - 3/5 = 2/5.
46. A can do a work in 25 days. After 10 days, B joins, and they finish in 8 more days. How long does B alone take? A) 20 days B) 24 days C) 30 days D) 40 days Answer: D Explanation: A's work in 10 days = 10/25 = 2/5. Remaining work = 3/5, done in 8 days. Combined rate = (3/5) ÷ 8 = 3/40. B's rate = 3/40 - 1/25 = 1/40. B's time = 40 days.
47. If 8 men can complete a job in 16 days, how many men are needed for 12 days? A) 9 B) 10 C) 11 D) 12 Answer: C Explanation: Total work = 8 × 16 = 128 man-days. Men for 12 days = 128 ÷ 12 ≈ 10.67 ≈ 11 men.
48. A and B can do a work in 10 days. If B takes 15 days alone, how long does A alone take? A) 12 days

B) 18 days

- C) 20 days
- D) 30 days

Answer: D

Explanation: Combined rate = 1/10, B's rate = 1/15. A's rate = 1/10 - 1/15 = 1/30. A's time = 30 days.

- 49. A pipe fills a tank in 6 hours, and a leak empties it in 9 hours. If both are open, what fraction is filled in 2 hours?
 - A) 1/6
 - B) 1/9
 - C) 1/12
 - D) 1/18

Answer: B

Explanation: Net rate = 1/6 - 1/9 = 1/18. Work in 2 hours = $2 \times 1/18 = 2/18 = 1/9$.

- 50. A can do a work in 20 days, and B in 30 days. After A works for 5 days, how many days will B take to finish?
 - A) 18 days
 - B) 20 days
 - C) 22.5 days
 - D) 24 days

Answer: C

Explanation: A's work in 5 days = 5/20 = 1/4. Remaining work = 3/4. B's rate = 1/30, so time = $(3/4) \div (1/30) = 22.5$ days

- 51. If 10 workers can complete a task in 18 days, how many days will 15 workers take?
 - A) 10 days
 - B) 12 days
 - C) 14 days
 - D) 16 days

Answer: B

Explanation: Total work = $10 \times 18 = 180$ worker-days. For 15 workers, time = $180 \div 15 = 12$ days.

- 52. A can do a work in 14 days, and B is 20% less efficient. How long will they take together?
 - A) 7 days
 - B) 7.5 days
 - C) 70/9 days
 - D) 8.4 days

Answer: C

Explanation: B's rate = $0.8 \times 1/14 = 4/70 = 2/35$. Combined rate = 1/14 + 2/35 = 9/70 = 1/7. Time = 70/9 days.

- 53. A pipe fills a tank in 12 hours, and another in 15 hours. If opened alternately starting with the faster pipe, how long to fill?
 - A) 13 hours
 - B) 13.2 hours
 - C) 14 hours
 - D) 14.4 hours

Answer: B

Explanation: In 2 hours, work = 1/12 + 1/15 = 9/60. In 12 hours (6 cycles), work = $6 \times 9/60 = 54/60$. Remaining 6/60 done by faster pipe in $6/60 \div 1/12 = 0.5$ hours. Total = 13.2 hours.

- 54. A can do a work in 18 days. After 6 days, B joins, and they finish in 8 more days. How long does B alone take?
 - A) 24 days
 - B) 27 days
 - C) 30 days
 - D) 36 days

Answer: A

Explanation: A's work in 6 days = 6/18 = 1/3. Remaining work = 2/3, done in 8 days. Combined rate = $(2/3) \div 8 = 1/12$. B's rate = 1/12 - 1/18 = 1/36. B's time = 36 days.

55. If 6 workers can complete a job in 20 days, how many workers are needed for 15 days?

- A) 7
- B) 8
- C) 9
- D) 10

Explanation: Total work = $6 \times 20 = 120$ worker-days. Workers for 15 days = $120 \div 15 = 8$ workers.

- 56. A and B can do a work in 9 days. If A is 1.5 times as efficient as B, how long does B alone take?
 - A) 18 days
 - B) 20 days
 - C) 22.5 days
 - D) 25 days

Answer: C

Explanation: Let B's rate = 1/x, then A's = 1.5/x. Combined rate = 2.5/x = 1/9. Thus, x = 22.5, so B's time = 22.5 days.

- 57. A pipe fills a tank in 8 hours, and a leak empties it in 16 hours. If the tank is 1/4 full, how long to fill with both open?
 - A) 6 hours
 - B) 7 hours
 - C) 8 hours
 - D) 12 hours

Answer: D

Explanation: Net rate = 1/8 - 1/16 = 1/16. To fill 3/4 tank, time = $(3/4) \div (1/16) = 12$ hours.

- 58. A can do a work in 15 days, and B in 20 days. If they work together for 5 days, what fraction of the work remains?
 - A) 5/12
 - B) 2/5
 - C) 1/2
 - D) 3/5

Answer: A

Explanation: Combined rate = 1/15 + 1/20 = 7/60. Work in 5 days = $5 \times 7/60 = 7/12$. Remaining work = 1 - 7/12 = 5/12

- 59. If 9 men can build a wall in 12 days, how many days will 6 men take?
 - A) 15 days
 - B) 16 days
 - C) 18 days
 - D) 20 days

Answer: C

Explanation: Total work = $9 \times 12 = 108$ man-days. For 6 men, time = $108 \div 6 = 18$ days.

- 60. A can do a work in 10 days, and B in 12 days. After A works for 4 days, B joins. How long to finish the remaining work?
 - A) 4 days
 - B) 36/11 days
 - C) 6 days
 - D) 7 days

Answer: B

Explanation: A's work in 4 days = 4/10 = 2/5. Remaining work = 3/5. Combined rate = 1/10 + 1/12 = 11/60. Time = $(3/5) \div (11/60) = 36/11$ days

- 61. A pipe fills a tank in 10 hours, and another in 15 hours. If both are open for 3 hours, what fraction of the tank is filled?
 - A) 1/2
 - B) 2/5
 - C) 3/5
 - D) 4/5

Answer: B

Explanation: Combined rate = 1/10 + 1/15 = 1/6. Work in 3 hours = $3 \times 1/6 = 1/2 = 2/5$.

- 62. A can do a work in 24 days, and B in 30 days. After B works for 10 days, A joins. How long to finish the remaining work?
 - A) 12 days

- B) 80/9 days
- C) 16 days
- D) 18 days

Explanation: B's work in 10 days = 10/30 = 1/3. Remaining work = 2/3. Combined rate = 1/24 + 1/30 = 9/120 = 3/40. Time = $(2/3) \div (3/40) = 80/9$ days

- 63. If 10 workers can complete a task in 15 days, how many days will 12 workers take?
 - A) 12 days
 - B) 12.5 days
 - C) 13 days
 - D) 14 days

Answer: B

Explanation: Total work = $10 \times 15 = 150$ worker-days. For 12 workers, time = $150 \div 12 = 12.5$ days.

- 64. A can do a work in 12 days, and B is 50% less efficient. How long will they take together?
 - A) 8 days
 - B) 9 days
 - C) 10 days
 - D) 12 days

Answer: A

Explanation: B's rate = $0.5 \times 1/12 = 1/24$. Combined rate = 1/12 + 1/24 = 3/24 = 1/8. Time = 8 days.

- 65. A pipe fills a tank in 12 hours, and a leak empties it in 18 hours. If both are open, what fraction is filled in 3 hours?
 - A) 1/12
 - B) 1/4
 - C) 1/3
 - D) 1/2

Answer: A

Explanation: Net rate = 1/12 - 1/18 = 1/36. Work in 3 hours = $3 \times 1/36 = 1/12$

- 66. A can do a work in 20 days, and B in 30 days. After A works for 8 days, how many days will B take to finish?
 - A) 16 days
 - B) 18 days
 - C) 20 days
 - D) 22 days

Answer: B

Explanation: A's work in 8 days = 8/20 = 2/5. Remaining work = 3/5. B's rate = 1/30, so time = $(3/5) \div (1/30) = 18$ days.

- 67. If 8 workers can complete a job in 15 days, how many workers are needed for 10 days?
 - A) 10
 - B) 11
 - C) 12
 - D) 13

Answer: C

Explanation: Total work = $8 \times 15 = 120$ worker-days. Workers for 10 days = $120 \div 10 = 12$ workers.

- 68. A can do a work in 15 days, and B is 25% more efficient. How long will they take together?
 - A) 6 days
 - B) 7 days
 - C) 20/3 days
 - D) 9 days

Answer: C

Explanation: B's rate = $1.25 \times 1/15 = 5/60 = 1/12$. Combined rate = 1/15 + 1/12 = 9/60 = 3/20. Time = $1 \div (3/20) = 20/3$ days

69. A pipe fills a tank in 10 hours, and another in 12 hours. If opened alternately starting with the slower pipe, how long to fill?

- A) 10.8 hours
- B) 11 hours
- C) 11.2 hours
- D) 12 hours

Explanation: In 2 hours, work = 1/12 + 1/10 = 11/60. In 10 hours (5 cycles), work = $5 \times 11/60 = 55/60$. Remaining 5/60 done by slower pipe in $5/60 \div 1/12 = 1$ hour. Total = 10 + 1 = 11 hours.

- 70. A can do a work in 18 days. After 9 days, B joins, and they finish in 6 more days. How long does B alone take?
 - A) 18 days
 - B) 20 days
 - C) 36 days
 - D) 30 days

Answer: C

Explanation: A's work in 9 days = 9/18 = 1/2. Remaining work = 1/2, done in 6 days. Combined rate = $(1/2) \div 6 = 1/12$. B's rate = 1/12 - 1/18 = 1/36. B's time = 36 days.

- 71. If 7 workers can complete a task in 21 days, how many days will 14 workers take?
 - A) 10 days
 - B) 10.5 days
 - C) 11 days
 - D) 12 days

Answer: B

Explanation: Total work = $7 \times 21 = 147$ worker-days. For 14 workers, time = $147 \div 14 = 10.5$ days.

- 72. A can do a work in 12 days, and B in 18 days. After A works for 3 days, what fraction of the work remains?
 - A) 1/2
 - B) 2/3
 - C) 3/4

D) 5/6

Answer: C

Explanation: A's work in 3 days = 3/12 = 1/4. Remaining work = 1 - 1/4 = 3/4.

- 73. A pipe fills a tank in 15 hours, and a leak empties it in 20 hours. If both are open, how long to fill the tank?
 - A) 18 hours
 - B) 20 hours
 - C) 24 hours
 - D) 60 hours

Answer: D

Explanation: Net rate = 1/15 - 1/20 = 1/60. Time = $1 \div (1/60) = 60$ hours.

- 74. A can do a work in 10 days, and B in 15 days. After B works for 5 days, A joins. How long to finish the remaining work?
 - A) 4 days
 - B) 5 days
 - C) 6 days
 - D) 7 days

Answer: A

Explanation: B's work in 5 days = 5/15 = 1/3. Remaining work = 2/3. Combined rate = 1/10 + 1/15 = 1/6. Time = $(2/3) \div (1/6) = 4$ days.

- 75. If 12 workers can complete a job in 8 days, how many workers are needed for 6 days?
 - A) 14
 - B) 15
 - C) 16
 - D) 18

Answer: C

Explanation: Total work = $12 \times 8 = 96$ worker-days. Workers for 6 days = $96 \div 6 = 16$ workers.

76. A can do a work in 20 days, and B is 40% more efficient. How long will they take together?

- A) 25/3 days
- B) 8.57 days
- C) 9 days
- D) 10 days

Answer: A

Explanation: B's rate = $1.4 \times 1/20 = 7/100$. Combined rate = 1/20 + 7/100 = 3/25. Time = $1 \div (3/25) = 25/3$ days

77. A pipe fills a tank in 12 hours, and another in 18 hours. If both are open for 5 hours, what fraction of the tank is filled?

- A) 5/12
- B) 25/36
- C) 2/3
- D) 3/4

Answer: B

Explanation: Combined rate = 1/12 + 1/18 = 5/36. Work in 5 hours = $5 \times 5/36 = 25/36$

78. A can do a work in 16 days, and B in 24 days. After A works for 4 days, how many days will B take to finish?

- A) 16 days
- B) 18 days
- C) 20 days
- D) 22 days

Answer: C

Explanation: A's work in 4 days = 4/16 = 1/4. Remaining work = 3/4. B's rate = 1/24, so time = $(3/4) \div (1/24) = 18$ days.

79. If 6 workers can complete a task in 24 days, how many days will 8 workers take?

- A) 16 days
- B) 18 days
- C) 20 days

D) 22 days

Answer: B

Explanation: Total work = $6 \times 24 = 144$ worker-days. For 8 workers, time = $144 \div 8 = 18$ days.

- 80. A can do a work in 12 days, and B in 18 days. If they work together for 3 days, what fraction of the work remains?
 - A) 1/2
 - B) 7/12
 - C) 3/4
 - D) 5/6

Answer: B

Explanation: Combined rate = 1/12 + 1/18 = 5/36. Work in 3 days = $3 \times 5/36 = 5/12$. Remaining work = 1 - 5/12 = 7/12

Section 3: High Difficulty (Questions 81–100)

- 81. A and B can do a work in 8 days, B and C in 12 days, and A and C in 16 days. How long will A, B, and C take together?
 - A) 6 days
 - B) 7 days
 - C) 8 days
 - D) 9 days

Answer: B

Explanation: Combined rates: A+B = 1/8, B+C = 1/12, A+C = 1/16. Add: 2(A+B+C) = 1/8 + 1/12 + 1/16 = 13/48. A+B+C = 13/96. Time = 96/13 days. Closest option is 7 days

- 82. A can do 1/3 of a work in 5 days, and B can do 1/4 in 6 days. How long will they take together?
 - A) 7.2 days
 - B) 8 days
 - C) 8.4 days
 - D) 9.23 days

Answer: D

Explanation: A's rate = (1/3)/5 = 1/15; B's rate = (1/4)/6 = 1/24. Combined rate = 1/15 + 1/24 = 13/120. Time = $1 \div (13/120) = 120/13 \approx 9.2$ 3 days.

- 83. Two pipes A and B fill a tank in 12 and 15 hours. If opened alternately for 1 hour each, starting with A, how long to fill?
 - A) 13 hours
 - B) 13.2 hours
 - C) 13.4 hours
 - D) 13.6 hours

Answer: B

Explanation: In 2 hours, work = 1/12 + 1/15 = 9/60. In 12 hours (6 cycles), work = $6 \times 9/60 = 54/60$. Remaining 6/60 done by A in $6/60 \div 1/12 = 0.5$ hours. Total = 12 + 0.5 = 13.2 hours.

- 84. A can do a work in 10 days, B in 15 days, and C in 20 days. How long will they take together?
 - A) 4 days
 - B) 5 days
 - C) 60/13 days
 - D) 7 days

Answer: C

Explanation: Combined rate = 1/10 + 1/15 + 1/20 = 13/60. Time = $1 \div (13/60) = 60/13$ days

- 85. A machine can do a job in 8 hours. After 3 hours, another machine, twice as fast, joins. How long to finish the remaining work?
 - A) 5/3 hours
 - B) 2.5 hours
 - C) 3 hours
 - D) 3.5 hours

Answer: A

Explanation: First machine's rate = 1/8; work in 3 hours = 3/8. Remaining work = 5/8. Second machine's rate = 2/8 = 1/4. Combined rate = 1/8 + 1/4 = 3/8. Time = $(5/8) \div (3/8) = 5/3$ hours

86. A can do a work in 12 days, B in 18 days, and C in 24 days. After A and B work for 3 days, C finishes. How long will C take?

- A) 12 days
- B) 14 days
- C) 16 days
- D) 18 days

Answer: B

Explanation: A+B rate = 1/12 + 1/18 = 5/36. Work in 3 days = $3 \times 5/36 = 5/12$. Remaining work = 7/12. C's rate = 1/24, so time = $(7/12) \div (1/24) = 14$ days.

- 87. A pipe fills a tank in 6 hours, and a leak empties it in 12 hours. If the tank is 1/3 full, how long to fill with both open?
 - A) 4 hours
 - B) 5 hours
 - C) 6 hours
 - D) 8 hours

Answer: D

Explanation: Net rate = 1/6 - 1/12 = 1/12. To fill 2/3 tank, time = $(2/3) \div (1/12) = 8$ hours.

- 88. A and B can do a work in 10 days, B and C in 12 days, and A and C in 15 days. How long does C alone take?
 - A) 20 days
 - B) 24 days
 - C) 30 days
 - D) 40 days

Answer: D

Explanation: Combined rates: A+B = 1/10, B+C = 1/12, A+C = 1/15. Add: 2(A+B+C) = 1/10 + 1/12 + 1/15 = 15/60 = 1/4. A+B+C = 1/8. C's rate = 1/8 - 1/10 = 1/40. C's time = 40 days.

89. A can do a work in 15 days, and B can do 1/3 of it in 6 days. How long will they take together?

- A) 5 days
- B) 99/11 days
- C) 7 days
- D) 8 days

Explanation: A's rate = 1/15; B's rate = (1/3)/6 = 1/18. Combined rate = 1/15 + 1/18 = 11/90. Time = $1 \div (11/90) = 90/11$ days

- 90. Two pipes fill a tank in 8 and 12 hours. If opened alternately starting with the slower pipe, how long to fill?
 - A) 9 hours
 - B) 9.3 hours
 - C) 9.6 hours
 - D) 10 hours

Answer: D

Explanation: In 2 hours, work = 1/12 + 1/8 = 5/24. In 8 hours (4 cycles), work = $4 \times 5/24 = 20/24 = 5/6$. Remaining 1/6 done by slower pipe in $1/6 \div 1/12 = 2$ hours. Total = 8 + 2 = 10 hours.

- 91. A can do a work in 20 days, B in 30 days, and C in 40 days. After A works for 5 days, B and C join. How long to finish?
 - A) 10 days
 - B) 11 days
 - C) 90/13 days
 - D) 13 days

Answer: C

Explanation: A's work in 5 days = 5/20 = 1/4. Remaining work = 3/4. A+B+C rate = 1/20 + 1/30 + 1/40 = 13/120 units/day. Time taken to complete remaining work = $(3/4) \div (13/120) = 90/13$ days.

- 92. A machine can do a job in 10 hours. After 4 hours, another machine, 50% faster, joins. How long to finish the remaining work?
 - A) 2.4 hours
 - B) 3 hours
 - C) 3.6 hours

D) 4 hours

Answer: A

Explanation: First machine's rate = 1/10; work in 4 hours = 4/10 = 2/5. Remaining work = 3/5. Second machine's rate = $1.5 \times 1/10 = 3/20$. Combined rate = 1/10 + 3/20 = 5/20 = 1/4. Time = $(3/5) \div (1/4) = 2.4$ hours.

- 93. A can do a work in 12 days, B in 18 days, and C in 24 days. If A and B work for 4 days, then C finishes, how long will C take?
 - A) 12 days
 - B) 32/3 days
 - C) 16 days
 - D) 18 days

Answer: B

Explanation: A+B rate = 1/12 + 1/18 = 5/36. Work in 4 days = $4 \times 5/36 = 5/9$. Remaining work = 4/9. C's rate = 1/24, so time = $(4/9) \div (1/24) = 32/3$ days

- 94. A pipe fills a tank in 9 hours, and a leak empties it in 12 hours. If the tank is 1/4 full, how long to fill with both open?
 - A) 6 hours
 - B) 7 hours
 - C) 27 hours
 - D) 9 hours

Answer: C

Explanation: Net rate = 1/9 - 1/12 = 1/36. To fill 3/4 tank, time = $(3/4) \div (1/36) = 27$ hours

- 95. A and B can do a work in 10 days, B and C in 15 days, and A and C in 12 days. How long does A alone take?
 - A) 12 days
 - B) 15 days
 - C) 18 days
 - D) 24 days

Answer: D

Explanation: Combined rates: A+B = 1/10, B+C = 1/15, A+C = 1/12. Add: 2(A+B+C) = 1/10 + 1/15 + 1/12 = 13/60. A+B+C = 13/120. A's rate = 13/120 - 1/15 = 5/120 = 1/24. A's time = 24 days.

- 96. A can do 1/4 of a work in 5 days, and B can do 1/3 in 6 days. How long will they take together?
 - A) 9.4 days
 - B) 7 days
 - C) 7.5 days
 - D) 8 days

Answer: A

Explanation: A's rate = (1/4)/5 = 1/20; B's rate = (1/3)/6 = 1/18. Combined rate = 1/20 + 1/18 = 19/180. Time = $1 \div (19/180) = 180/19 \approx 9.47$ days.

- 97. Two pipes fill a tank in 10 and 12 hours. If opened alternately starting with the faster pipe, how long to fill?
 - A) 10.8 hours
 - B) 11 hours
 - C) 11.2 hours
 - D) 11.4 hours

Answer: B

Explanation: In 2 hours, work = 1/10 + 1/12 = 11/60. In 10 hours (5 cycles), work = $5 \times 11/60 = 55/60$. Remaining 5/60 done by faster pipe in $5/60 \div 1/10 = 0.5$ hours. Total = 10 + 0.5 = 11 hours.

- 98. A can do a work in 15 days, B in 20 days, and C in 30 days. After A works for 5 days, B and C join. How long to finish?
 - A) 6 days
 - B) 40/9 days
 - C) 8 days
 - D) 9 days

Answer: B

Explanation: A's work in 5 days = 5/15 = 1/3. Remaining work = 2/3. A + B+C rate = 1/15 + 1/20 + 1/30 = 3/20. Time = $(2/3) \div (3/20) = 40/9$ days

99. A machine can do a job in 12 hours. After 4 hours, another machine, twice as fast, joins. How long to finish the remaining work?

- A) 2 hours
- B) 2.5 hours
- C) 3 hours
- D) 3.5 hours

Answer: B

Explanation: First machine's rate = 1/12; work in 4 hours = 4/12 = 1/3. Remaining work = 2/3. Second machine's rate = 2/12 = 1/6. Combined rate = 1/12 + 1/6 = 3/12 = 1/4. Time = $(2/3) \div (1/4) = 8/3 \approx 2.5$ hours. (closest approximation from the options given)

100. A and B can do a work in 12 days, B and C in 15 days, and A and C in 20 days. How long does B alone take?

- A) 20 days
- B) 24 days
- C) 30 days
- D) 60 days

Answer: C

Explanation: Combined rates: A+B = 1/12, B+C = 1/15, A+C = 1/20. Add: 2(A+B+C) = 1/12 + 1/15 + 1/20 = 12/60 = 1/5. A+B+C = 1/10. B's rate = 1/10 - 1/20 = 1/20. B's time = 30 days.

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