

1. At what altitude would the temperature be 10°C, given that the temperature at sea level is 25°C and the lapse rate is 6.5°C per 1 km?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Altitude} &= (\text{Temperature at sea level} - \text{Target Temperature}) / \text{Lapse Rate} \\ &= (25^\circ\text{C} - 10^\circ\text{C}) / 6.5^\circ\text{C/km} \\ &= 2.31 \text{ km (Ans:)}\end{aligned}$$

2. A geologist wants to find out the height of a mountain in feet. He knows that the temperature at the base of the mountain is 77°F and the temperature at the top is 24.8°F. What is the total height of the mountain?

- a) 14,500 km
- b) 14,500 feet
- c) 18,792 km
- d) 18, 792 feet

Ans: - b) 14,500 feet

Lapse Rate in feet = Change of 3.6°F for every 1,000 feet.

$$\begin{aligned}^\circ \text{ } h &\rightarrow 77 - 24.8 \rightarrow 52.2 \\ ^\circ 3.6 &\rightarrow 1,000 \\ ^\circ 52.2 &\rightarrow 1,000 \\ 3.6 \times 52.2 &\rightarrow 14,500\end{aligned}$$

3. Calculate the rise in temperature as a hiker descends from the top of a mountain of height 2 km above the ground, to its base which is 0.5 km above the ground.

Ans: 9.75°C

Lapse Rate in km = Change of 6.5°C for every 1 km.

$$\begin{aligned}h &\rightarrow 2 - 0.5 \rightarrow 1.5 \\ ^\circ 1 &\rightarrow 6.5 \\ ^\circ 1.5 &\rightarrow 1 \times 1.5 \rightarrow 9.75\end{aligned}$$

4. The temperature at sea level is 30°C, and the lapse rate varies with altitude. The lapse rate is 6.5°C change per 1 km for the first 2 km, then changes to 4.5°C per 1 km for the next 3 km. What is the temperature at an altitude of 5 km?

Here,

For the first 2 km: Temperature decrease = $2\text{km} \times (-6.5^\circ\text{C/km}) = -13^\circ\text{C}$

For the next 3 km: Temperature decrease = $3\text{ km} \times (-4.5^\circ\text{C/km}) = -13.5^\circ\text{C}$

Total temperature decrease = $(-13^\circ\text{C}) + (-13.5^\circ\text{C}) = -26.5^\circ\text{C}$

So, temperature at 5 km = $30^\circ\text{C} - 26.5^\circ\text{C} = 3.5^\circ\text{C}$ (Ans:)

5. If the temperature at an altitude of 1 mile is 50°F, what would be the temperature

at an altitude of 3 miles, considering the standard lapse rate of 3.6°F per 1000 ft?

Given, Temperature at 1 mile = 50°F

Changes of altitude = 3 miles - 1 miles = 2 miles

We know, 1 mile = 5280 feet

So, at 2 miles: Altitude = 2 × 5280 = 10560 feet

Given, the standard lapse rate, 3.6°F temperature decrease per 1000 ft altitude At 10560 ft altitude, the decrease of temperature is = (3.6°F/1000 ft * 10560) = 38.016 °F So, temperature at 3 miles = 50°F – 38.016 °F = 11.98°F **(Ans:)**

6. A balloon is blown up and released from ground level. The Balloon will instantly pop when at a height of 18,000 feet. If the ground temperature is 102°F, at what temperature will the balloon pop?

Ans: 37.2°F

Lapse Rate in feet = Change of 3.6°F for every 1,000 feet.

° 1,000 $\rightarrow 3.6^\circ$

° 18,000 $\rightarrow 3.6$

$1000 \times 18,000 \rightarrow 64.8^\circ$

° $102h \rightarrow 102 - 64.8 \rightarrow 37.2^\circ$

So, the balloon will pop at 37.2°F

7. A hiker wants to find out the change in temperature when ascending a mountain. He knows that the base of the mountain is at a height of 1,000 feet and the top of the mountain is at a height of 14,500 feet. What is the total temperature change as one climbs the mountain? Mention whether it is positive or negative.

Ans: - 48.6°F

Lapse Rate in feet = Change of 3.6°F for every 1,000 feet.

$14,500h - 1,000 \rightarrow 13,500$

° 1,000 $\rightarrow 3.6^\circ$

° 13,500 $\rightarrow 3.6$

$1000 \times 13,500 \rightarrow 48.6^\circ$

As the hiker is going up the mountain, the temperature is decreasing, and thus the temperature change is - 48.6°F, and is negative.

8. In a mountainous region, the lapse rate is affected by the presence of waterbodies. At an altitude of 1.5 km, the temperature is 16.8°C. If the temperature changes by 2°C for every kilometer above 1.5 km, what would be the temperature at

an altitude of 3.8 km?

Here,

At 1.5 km temperature is = 16.8°C

Changes of distance(altitude) = $3.8\text{ km} - 1.5\text{ km} = 2.3\text{ km}$

Now, Temperature change (decrease) from 1.5 km to 3.8 km = $(2^{\circ}\text{C/km}) \times 2.3\text{ km} = 4.6^{\circ}\text{C}$

So, Temperature at 3.8 km = $16.8^{\circ}\text{C} - 4.6^{\circ}\text{C} = 12.2^{\circ}\text{C}$ (Ans:)

9. A drone is used to capture images from high altitudes. It can fly up to an elevation where the temperature is -2.5°C . If the temperature at ground level is 30°C , then what is the maximum elevation the drone can fly up to?

Ans: 5 km

Lapse Rate in km = Change of 6.5°C for every 1 km.

To calculate the maximum elevation, we must first calculate the change in temperature when going from the ground to the max height.

$$^{\circ} h \rightarrow 30 - (-2.5) \rightarrow 30 + 2.5 \rightarrow 32.5^{\circ}$$

Using the temperature change, we can apply the lapse rate rule to calculate the maximum elevation.

$$^{\circ} 6.5 \rightarrow 1$$

$$^{\circ} 32.5 \rightarrow \frac{1}{6.5} \times 32.5 \rightarrow 5$$

10. A hawk flies from a tree 100 feet in height, to an elevation of 11,350 feet. Calculate the drop in temperature, in F, as it flies from 100 feet to 11,350 feet.

Ans: 40.5°F

Lapse Rate in feet = Change of 3.6°F for every 1,000 feet.

$$h \rightarrow 11,350 - 100 \rightarrow 11,250$$

$$^{\circ} 1,000 \rightarrow 3.6$$

$$^{\circ} 11,250 \rightarrow 3.6$$

$$\frac{11,250}{1000} \times 3.6 \rightarrow 40.5$$