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(1) The banker's gain of a certain sum due 2 years hence at 10% per annum is Rs. 24. The present worth is:

[A] Rs. 480

[B] Rs. 520

[C] Rs. 600

[D] Rs. 960

Answer : [C]

Explanation:

$$\text{T.D.} = \left(\frac{\text{B.G.} \times 100}{\text{Rate} \times \text{Time}} \right) = \text{Rs.} \left(\frac{24 \times 100}{10 \times 2} \right) = \text{Rs.} 120.$$

$$\therefore \text{P.W.} = \frac{100 \times \text{T.D.}}{\text{Rate} \times \text{Time}} = \text{Rs.} \left(\frac{100 \times 120}{10 \times 2} \right) = \text{Rs.} 600.$$

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(2) The banker's discount on Rs. 1600 at 15% per annum is the same as true discount on Rs. 1680 for the same time and at the same rate. The time is:

[A] 3 months

[B] 4 months

[C] 6 months

[D] 8 months

Answer : [B]

Explanation:

S.I. on Rs. 1600 = T.D. on Rs. 1680.

\therefore Rs. 1600 is the P.W. of Rs. 1680, i.e., Rs. 80 is on Rs. 1600 at 15%.

$$\therefore \text{Time} = \left(\frac{100 \times 80}{1600 \times 15} \right)_{\text{year}} = \frac{1}{3} \text{ year} = 4 \text{ months.}$$

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(3) The present worth of a certain bill due sometime hence is Rs. 800 and the true discount is Rs. 36. The banker's discount is:

[A] Rs. 37

[B] Rs. 37.62

[C] Rs. 34.38

[D] Rs. 38.98

Answer : [B]

Explanation:

$$\text{B.G.} = \frac{(\text{T.D.})^2}{\text{P.W.}} = \text{Rs.} \left(\frac{36 \times 36}{800} \right) = \text{Rs.} 1.62$$

$$\therefore \text{B.D.} = (\text{T.D.} + \text{B.G.}) = \text{Rs.} (36 + 1.62) = \text{Rs.} 37.62$$

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(4)

The banker's discount on a certain sum due 2 years hence is $\frac{11}{10}$ of the true discount.

The rate percent is:

[A] 11%

[B] 10%

[C] 5%

[D] 5.5%

Answer : [C]

Explanation:

Let T.D. be Re. 1.

Then, B.D. = Rs. $\frac{11}{10}$ = Rs. 1.10.

$$\therefore \text{Sum} = \text{Rs.} \left(\frac{1.10 \times 1}{1.10 - 1} \right) = \text{Rs.} \left(\frac{110}{10} \right) = \text{Rs.} 11.$$

\therefore S.I. on Rs. 11 for 2 years is Rs. 1.10

$$\therefore \text{Rate} = \left(\frac{100 \times 1.10}{11 \times 2} \right) \% = 5\%.$$

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(5) What percentage of numbers from 1 to 70 have 1 or 9 in the unit's digit?

[A] 1

[B] 14

[C] 20

[D] 21

Answer : [C]

Explanation:

Clearly, the numbers which have 1 or 9 in the unit's digit, have squares that end in the digit 1. Such numbers from 1 to 70 are 1, 9, 11, 19, 21, 29, 31, 39, 41, 49, 51, 59, 61, 69.

Number of such number = 14

$$\therefore \text{Required percentage} = \left(\frac{14}{70} \times 100 \right) \% = 20\%.$$

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(6) A fruit seller had some apples. He sells 40% apples and still has 420 apples. Originally, he had:

[A] 588 apples

[B] 600 apples

[C] 672 apples

[D] 700 apples

Answer : [D]

Explanation:

Suppose originally he had x apples.

Then, $(100 - 40)\%$ of $x = 420$.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{60}{100} \times x = 420$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \left(\frac{420 \times 100}{60} \right) = 700.$$

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(7) In an election between two candidates, one got 55% of the total valid votes, 20% of the votes were invalid. If the total number of votes was 7500, the number of valid votes that the other candidate got, was:

[A] 2700

[B] 2900

[C] 3000

[D] 3100

Answer : [A]

Explanation:

Number of valid votes = 80% of 7500 = 6000.

\therefore Valid votes polled by other candidate = 45% of 6000

$$= \left(\frac{45}{100} \times 6000 \right) = 2700.$$

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(8) The population of a town increased from 1,75,000 to 2,62,500 in a decade. The average percent increase of population per year is:

[A] 4.37%

[B] 5%

[C] 6%

[D] 8.75%

Answer : [B]

Explanation:

Increase in 10 years = $(262500 - 175000) = 87500$.

$$\text{Increase\%} = \left(\frac{87500}{175000} \times 100 \right) \% = 50\%.$$

$$\therefore \text{Required average} = \left(\frac{50}{10} \right) \% = 5\%.$$

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(9) It is being given that $(2^{32} + 1)$ is completely divisible by a whole number. Which of the following numbers is completely divisible by this number?

[A] $(2^{16} + 1)$

[B] $(2^{16} - 1)$

[C] (7×2^{23})

[D] $(2^{96} + 1)$

Answer : [D]

Explanation:

Let $2^{32} = x$. Then, $(2^{32} + 1) = (x + 1)$.

Let $(x + 1)$ be completely divisible by the natural number N. Then,

$(2^{96} + 1) = [(2^{32})^3 + 1] = (x^3 + 1) = (x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1)$, which is completely divisible by N, since $(x + 1)$ is divisible by N.

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(10) In a division sum, the remainder is 0. As student mistook the divisor by 12 instead of 21 and obtained 35 as quotient. What is the correct quotient ?

[A] 0

[B] 12

[C] 13

[D] 20

Answer : [D]

Explanation:

Number = (12×35)

Correct Quotient = $420 \div 21 = 20$

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(11) A number when divided successively by 4 and 5 leaves remainders 1 and 4 respectively. When it is successively divided by 5 and 4, then the respective remainders will be

[A] 1, 2

[B] 2, 3

[C] 3, 2

[D] 4, 1

Answer : [B]

Explanation:

$$4 \mid x \quad y = (5 \times 1 + 4) = 9 \quad \text{-----} \quad 5 \mid y - 1 \quad x = (4 \times y + 1) = (4 \times 9 + 1) = 37 \quad \text{-----} \quad \mid 1 - 4 \quad \text{Now, 37 when di}$$

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(12) What is the difference between the compound interests on Rs. 5000 for $1\frac{1}{2}$ years at 4% per annum compounded yearly and half-yearly?

[A] Rs. 2.04

[B] Rs. 3.06

[C] Rs. 4.80

[D] Rs. 8.30

Answer : [A]

Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{C.I. when interest} &= \text{Rs.} \left[5000 \times \left(1 + \frac{4}{100} \right) \times \left(1 + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times 4}{100} \right) \right] \\ \text{compounded yearly} &= \text{Rs.} \left(5000 \times \frac{26}{25} \times \frac{51}{50} \right) \\ &= \text{Rs. } 5304. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{C.I. when interest is} &= \text{Rs.} \left[5000 \times \left(1 + \frac{2}{100} \right)^3 \right] \\ \text{compounded half-yearly} &= \text{Rs.} \left(5000 \times \frac{51}{50} \times \frac{51}{50} \times \frac{51}{50} \right) \\ &= \text{Rs. } 5306.04 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Difference} = \text{Rs. } (5306.04 - 5304) = \text{Rs. } 2.04$$

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(13) A bank offers 5% compound interest calculated on half-yearly basis. A customer deposits Rs. 1600 each on 1st January and 1st July of a year. At the end of the year, the amount he would have gained by way of interest is:

[A] Rs. 120

[B] Rs. 121

[C] Rs. 122

[D] Rs. 123

Answer : [B]

Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Amount} &= \text{Rs.} \left[1600 \times \left(1 + \frac{5}{2 \times 100} \right)^2 + 1600 \times \left(1 + \frac{5}{2 \times 100} \right) \right] \\ &= \text{Rs.} \left[1600 \times \frac{41}{40} \times \frac{41}{40} + 1600 \times \frac{41}{40} \right] \\ &= \text{Rs.} \left[1600 \times \frac{41}{40} \left(\frac{41}{40} + 1 \right) \right] \\ &= \text{Rs.} \left[\frac{1600 \times 41 \times 81}{40 \times 40} \right] \\ &= \text{Rs. } 3321. \end{aligned}$$

∴ C.I. = Rs. (3321 - 3200) = Rs. 121

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(14) The least number of complete years in which a sum of money put out at 20% compound interest will be more than doubled is:

- [A] 3
- [B] 4
- [C] 5
- [D] 6

Answer : [B]

Explanation:

$$P \left(1 + \frac{20}{100} \right)^n > 2P \Rightarrow \left(\frac{6}{5} \right)^n > 2.$$

$$\text{Now, } \left(\frac{6}{5} \times \frac{6}{5} \times \frac{6}{5} \times \frac{6}{5} \right) > 2.$$

So, $n = 4$ years.

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(15) The difference between compound interest and simple interest on an amount of Rs. 15,000 for 2 years is Rs. 96. What is the rate of interest per annum?

- [A] 8
- [B] 10
- [C] 12
- [D] Cannot be determined
- [E] None of these

Answer : [A]

Explanation:

$$\left[15000 \times \left(1 + \frac{R}{100} \right)^2 - 15000 \right] - \left(\frac{15000 \times R \times 2}{100} \right) = 96$$

$$\Rightarrow 15000 \left[\left(1 + \frac{R}{100} \right)^2 - 1 - \frac{2R}{100} \right] = 96$$

$$\Rightarrow 15000 \left[\frac{(100 + R)^2 - 10000 - (200 \times R)}{10000} \right] = 96$$

$$\Rightarrow R^2 = \left(\frac{96 \times 2}{3} \right) = 64$$

$$\Rightarrow R = 8.$$

∴ Rate = 8%.

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(16) A man has Rs. 480 in the denominations of one-rupee notes, five-rupee notes and ten-rupee notes. The number of notes of each denomination is equal. What is the total number of notes that he has ?

- [A] 45
- [B] 60
- [C] 75
- [D] 90

Answer : [D]

Explanation:

Let number of notes of each denomination be x .

Then $x + 5x + 10x = 480$
 $\Rightarrow 16x = 480$
 $\therefore x = 30$.
Hence, total number of notes = $3x = 90$.

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(17) The price of 2 sarees and 4 shirts is Rs. 1600. With the same money one can buy 1 saree and 6 shirts. If one wants to buy 12 shirts, how much shall he have to pay ?

- [A] Rs. 1200
[B] Rs. 2400
[C] Rs. 4800
[D] Cannot be determined
[E] None of these

Answer : [B]

Explanation:

Let the price of a saree and a shirt be Rs. x and Rs. y respectively.

Then, $2x + 4y = 1600$ (i)

and $x + 6y = 1600$ (ii)

Solving (i) and (ii) we get $x = 400$, $y = 200$.

\therefore Cost of 12 shirts = Rs. $(12 \times 200) = \text{Rs. } 2400$.

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(18) A sum of Rs. 1360 has been divided among A, B and C such that A gets $\frac{2}{3}$ of what B gets and B gets $\frac{1}{4}$ of what C gets. B's share is:

- [A] Rs. 120
[B] Rs. 160
[C] Rs. 240
[D] Rs. 300

Answer : [C]

Explanation:

Let C's share = Rs. x

Then, B's share = Rs. $\frac{x}{4}$, A's share = Rs. $\left(\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{x}{4}\right) = \text{Rs. } \frac{x}{6}$

$\therefore \frac{x}{6} + \frac{x}{4} + x = 1360$

$\Rightarrow \frac{17x}{12} = 1360$

$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1360 \times 12}{17} = \text{Rs. } 960$

Hence, B's share = Rs. $\left(\frac{960}{4}\right) = \text{Rs. } 240$.

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(19) A man has some hens and cows. If the number of heads be 48 and the number of feet equals 140, then the number of hens will be:

- [A] 22
[B] 23
[C] 24
[D] 26

Answer : [D]

Explanation:

Let the number of hens be x and the number of cows be y .

Then, $x + y = 48$... (i)
and $2x + 4y = 140 \Rightarrow x + 2y = 70$... (ii)
Solving (i) and (ii) we get: $x = 26, y = 22$.
 \therefore The required answer = 26.

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(20) What is the sum of two consecutive even numbers, the difference of whose squares is 84?

[A] 34

[B] 38

[C] 42

[D] 46

Answer : [C]

Explanation:

Let the numbers be x and $x + 2$.

Then, $(x + 2)^2 - x^2 = 84$

$\Rightarrow 4x + 4 = 84$

$\Rightarrow 4x = 80$

$\Rightarrow x = 20$.

\therefore The required sum = $x + (x + 2) = 2x + 2 = 42$.

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