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(1) A, B and C can do a piece of work in 20, 30 and 60 days respectively. In how many days can A do the work if he is assisted by B and C on every third day?

[A] 12 days

[B] 15 days

[C] 16 days

[D] 18 days

Answer : [B]

Explanation:

$$\text{A's 2 day's work} = \left(\frac{1}{20} \times 2 \right) = \frac{1}{10}.$$

$$(\text{A} + \text{B} + \text{C})\text{'s 1 day's work} = \left(\frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{30} + \frac{1}{60} \right) = \frac{6}{60} = \frac{1}{10}.$$

$$\text{Work done in 3 days} = \left(\frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{10} \right) = \frac{1}{5}.$$

Now, $\frac{1}{5}$ work is done in 3 days.

\therefore Whole work will be done in $(3 \times 5) = 15$ days.

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(2) A can do a certain work in the same time in which B and C together can do it. If A and B together could do it in 10 days and C alone in 50 days, then B alone could do it in:

[A] 15 days

[B] 20 days

[C] 25 days

[D] 30 days

Answer : [C]

Explanation:

$$(\text{A} + \text{B})\text{'s 1 day's work} = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\text{C's 1 day's work} = \frac{1}{50}$$

$$(\text{A} + \text{B} + \text{C})\text{'s 1 day's work} = \left(\frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{50} \right) = \frac{6}{50} = \frac{3}{25} \dots (i)$$

A's 1 day's work = (B + C)'s 1 day's work (ii)

$$\text{From (i) and (ii), we get: } 2 \times (\text{A's 1 day's work}) = \frac{3}{25}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{A's 1 day's work} = \frac{3}{50}$$

$$\therefore \text{B's 1 day's work} = \left(\frac{1}{10} - \frac{3}{50} \right) = \frac{2}{50} = \frac{1}{25}.$$

So, B alone could do the work in 25 days.

(3) 4 men and 6 women can complete a work in 8 days, while 3 men and 7 women can complete it in 10 days. In how many days will 10 women complete it?

[A] 35

[B] 40

[C] 45

[D] 50

Answer : [B]

Explanation:

Let 1 man's 1 day's work = x and 1 woman's 1 day's work = y .

Then, $4x + 6y = \frac{1}{8}$ and $3x + 7y = \frac{1}{10}$.

Solving the two equations, we get: $x = \frac{11}{400}$, $y = \frac{1}{400}$

\therefore 1 woman's 1 day's work = $\frac{1}{400}$.

\Rightarrow 10 women's 1 day's work = $\left(\frac{1}{400} \times 10\right) = \frac{1}{40}$.

Hence, 10 women will complete the work in 40 days.

(4) A and B together can do a piece of work in 30 days. A having worked for 16 days, B finishes the remaining work alone in 44 days. In how many days shall B finish the whole work alone?

[A] 30 days

[B] 40 days

[C] 60 days

[D] 70 days

Answer : [C]

Explanation:

Let A's 1 day's work = x and B's 1 day's work = y .

Then, $x + y = \frac{1}{30}$ and $16x + 44y = 1$.

Solving these two equations, we get: $x = \frac{1}{60}$ and $y = \frac{1}{60}$

\therefore B's 1 day's work = $\frac{1}{60}$.

Hence, B alone shall finish the whole work in 60 days.

(5) A and B can do a work in 8 days, B and C can do the same work in 12 days. A, B and C together can finish it in 6 days. A and C together will do it in :

[A] 4 days

[B] 6 days

[C] 8 days

[D] 12 days

Answer : [C]

Explanation:

$$(A + B + C)\text{'s 1 day's work} = \frac{1}{6} ;$$

$$(A + B)\text{'s 1 day's work} = \frac{1}{8} ;$$

$$(B + C)\text{'s 1 day's work} = \frac{1}{12} .$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (A + C)\text{'s 1 day's work} &= \left(2 \times \frac{1}{6} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{12} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{5}{24} \right) \\ &= \frac{3}{24} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} . \end{aligned}$$

So, A and C together will do the work in 8 days.

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(6) A man standing at a point P is watching the top of a tower, which makes an angle of elevation of 30° with the man's eye. The man walks some distance towards the tower to watch its top and the angle of the elevation becomes 60° . What is the distance between the base of the tower and the point P?

[A] 4 3 units

[B] 8 units

[C] 12 units

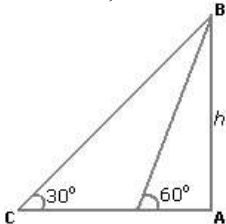
[D] Data inadequate

[E] None of these

Answer : [D]

Explanation:

One of AB, AD and CD must have given.



So, the data is inadequate.

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(7) The angle of elevation of a ladder leaning against a wall is 60° and the foot of the ladder is 4.6 m away from the wall. The length of the ladder is:

[A] 2.3 m

[B] 4.6 m

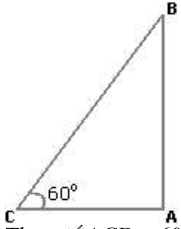
[C] 7.8 m

[D] 9.2 m

Answer : [D]

Explanation:

Let AB be the wall and BC be the ladder.



Then, $\angle ACB = 60^\circ$ and $AC = 4.6$ m.

$$\frac{AC}{BC} = \cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow BC = 2 \times AC$$

$$= (2 \times 4.6) \text{ m}$$

$$= 9.2 \text{ m.}$$

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(8) Two ships are sailing in the sea on the two sides of a lighthouse. The angle of elevation of the top of the lighthouse is observed from the ships are 30° and 45° respectively. If the lighthouse is 100 m high, the distance between the two ships is:

[A] 173 m

[B] 200 m

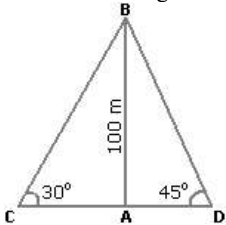
[C] 273 m

[D] 300 m

Answer : [C]

Explanation:

Let AB be the lighthouse and C and D be the positions of the ships.



Then, $AB = 100$ m, $\angle ACB = 30^\circ$ and $\angle ADB = 45^\circ$.

$$\frac{AB}{AC} = \tan 30^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow AC = AB \times \sqrt{3} = 100\sqrt{3} \text{ m.}$$

$$\frac{AB}{AD} = \tan 45^\circ = 1 \Rightarrow AD = AB = 100 \text{ m.}$$

$$\therefore CD = (AC + AD) = (100\sqrt{3} + 100) \text{ m}$$

$$= 100(\sqrt{3} + 1)$$

$$= (100 \times 2.73) \text{ m}$$

$$= 273 \text{ m.}$$

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(9) The difference between simple and compound interests compounded annually on a certain sum of money for 2 years at 4% per annum is Re. 1. The sum (in Rs.) is:

[A] 625

[B] 630

[C] 640

[D] 650

Answer : [A]

Explanation:

Let the sum be Rs. x . Then,

$$\text{C.I.} = \left[x \left(1 + \frac{4}{100} \right)^2 - x \right] = \left(\frac{676}{625}x - x \right) = \frac{51}{625}x.$$

$$\text{S.I.} = \left(\frac{x \times 4 \times 2}{100} \right) = \frac{2x}{25}.$$

$$\therefore \frac{51x}{625} - \frac{2x}{25} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 625.$$

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(10) There is 60% increase in an amount in 6 years at simple interest. What will be the compound interest of Rs. 12,000 after 3 years at the same rate?

[A] Rs. 2160

[B] Rs. 3120

[C] Rs. 3972

[D] Rs. 6240

[E] None of these

Answer : [C]

Explanation:

Let $P = \text{Rs. } 100$. Then, S.I. Rs. 60 and $T = 6$ years.

$$\therefore R = \left(\frac{100 \times 60}{100 \times 6} \right) = 10\% \text{ p.a.}$$

Now, $P = \text{Rs. } 12000$. $T = 3$ years and $R = 10\% \text{ p.a.}$

$$\therefore \text{C.I.} = \text{Rs.} \left[12000 \times \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{10}{100} \right)^3 - 1 \right\} \right]$$

$$= \text{Rs.} \left(12000 \times \frac{331}{1000} \right)$$

$$= 3972.$$

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(11) The compound interest on Rs. 30,000 at 7% per annum is Rs. 4347. The period (in years) is:

[A] 2

[B]

$2\frac{1}{2}$

[C] 3

[D] 4

Answer : [A]

Explanation:

Amount = Rs. (30000 + 4347) = Rs. 34347.

Let the time be n years.

$$\text{Then, } 30000 \left(1 + \frac{7}{100}\right)^n = 34347$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{107}{100}\right)^n = \frac{34347}{30000} = \frac{11449}{10000} = \left(\frac{107}{100}\right)^2$$

$\therefore n = 2$ years.

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(12) The effective annual rate of interest corresponding to a nominal rate of 6% per annum payable half-yearly is:

[A] 6.06%

[B] 6.07%

[C] 6.08%

[D] 6.09%

Answer : [D]

Explanation:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Amount of Rs. 100 for 1 year} \\ \text{when compounded half-yearly} \end{array} \right\} = \text{Rs. } \left[100 \times \left(1 + \frac{3}{100}\right)^2 \right] = \text{Rs. 106.09}$$

\therefore Effective rate = (106.09 - 100)% = 6.09%

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(13) What will be the compound interest on a sum of Rs. 25,000 after 3 years at the rate of 12 p.c.p.a.?

[A] Rs. 9000.30

[B] Rs. 9720

[C] Rs. 10123.20

[D] Rs. 10483.20

[E] None of these

Answer : [C]

Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Amount} &= \text{Rs. } \left[25000 \times \left(1 + \frac{12}{100}\right)^3 \right] \\ &= \text{Rs. } \left(25000 \times \frac{28}{25} \times \frac{28}{25} \times \frac{28}{25} \right) \\ &= \text{Rs. 35123.20} \end{aligned}$$

\therefore C.I. = Rs. (35123.20 - 25000) = Rs. 10123.20

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(14) The difference between simple interest and compound on Rs. 1200 for one year at 10% per annum reckoned half-yearly is:

[A] Rs. 2.50

[B] Rs. 3

[C] Rs. 3.75

[D] Rs. 4

[E] None of these

Answer : [B]

Explanation:

$$\text{S.I.} = \text{Rs.} \left(\frac{1200 \times 10 \times 1}{100} \right) = \text{Rs. } 120.$$

$$\text{C.I.} = \text{Rs.} \left[1200 \times \left(1 + \frac{5}{100} \right)^2 - 1200 \right] = \text{Rs. } 123.$$

∴ Difference = Rs. (123 - 120) = Rs. 3.

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(15) Simple interest on a certain sum of money for 3 years at 8% per annum is half the compound interest on Rs. 4000 for 2 years at 10% per annum. The sum placed on simple interest is:

[A] Rs. 1550

[B] Rs. 1650

[C] Rs. 1750

[D] Rs. 2000

Answer : [C]

Explanation:

$$\text{C.I.} = \text{Rs.} \left[4000 \times \left(1 + \frac{10}{100} \right)^2 - 4000 \right]$$

$$= \text{Rs.} \left(4000 \times \frac{11}{10} \times \frac{11}{10} - 4000 \right)$$

$$= \text{Rs. } 840.$$

$$\therefore \text{Sum} = \text{Rs.} \left(\frac{420 \times 100}{3 \times 8} \right) = \text{Rs. } 1750.$$

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(16) 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 : [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.

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(17) 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 : [C]

Explanation:

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

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(18) 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 : [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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(19) 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 : [A]

Explanation:

$$\text{Speed downstream} = (5 + 1) \text{ kmph} = 6 \text{ kmph.}$$

$$\text{Speed upstream} = (5 - 1) \text{ kmph} = 4 \text{ kmph.}$$

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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(20) 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 : [D]

Explanation:

Speed upstream = 7.5 kmph.

Speed downstream = 10.5 kmph.

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