

01 An aeroplane flies along the four sides of a square field at the speeds of 200, 400, 600 and 800 km/hr. Find the average speed of the plane around the field.

Let each side of the square field be x km

\therefore Average speed of the plane

$$= \frac{4x}{\frac{x}{800} + \frac{x}{600} + \frac{x}{400} + \frac{x}{200}}$$

$$= \frac{4 \times 2400}{3 + 4 + 6 + 12} = \frac{9600}{25} = 384 \text{ km/hr}$$

02 A piece of string is 40 centimeters long. It is cut into three pieces. The longest piece is 3 times as long as the middle-sized and the shortest piece is 23 centimeters shorter than the longest piece. Find the length of the shortest piece (in cm).

Let the largest piece = $3x$

Middle = x

Shortest = $3x - 23$

Given, $3x + x + (3x - 23) = 40$

$\Rightarrow 7x = 40 + 23 \Rightarrow 7x = 63$

$\therefore x = 9$

Hence, the shortest piece = $3x - 23$

= $3(9) - 23 = 4$

03

From a number of mangoes, a man sells half the number of existing mangoes plus 1 to the first customer, then sells $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ of the remaining number of mangoes plus 1 to the second customer, then sells $1/4^{\text{rd}}$ of the remaining number of mangoes plus 1 to the third customer and $1/5^{\text{th}}$ of the remaining number of mangoes plus 1 to the fourth customer. He then finds that he does not have any mango left. How many mangoes did he have originally ?

Let the number of mangoes that the man had originally = x

No. of mangoes sold to

$$1^{\text{st}} \text{ customer} = \frac{x}{2} + 1$$

$$\text{Remaining mangoes} = x - \left(\frac{x}{2} + 1 \right) = \frac{x-2}{2}$$

$$2^{\text{nd}} \text{ customer} = \frac{x-2}{6} + 1 = \frac{x+4}{6}$$

$$\text{Remaining mangoes} = \frac{x-2}{2} - \left(\frac{x+4}{6} \right) = \frac{x-5}{3}$$

$$3^{\text{rd}} \text{ customer} = \frac{x-5}{12} + 1 = \frac{x+7}{12}$$

$$\text{Remaining mangoes} = \frac{x-5}{3} - \left(\frac{x+7}{12} \right) = \frac{x-9}{4}$$

$$4^{\text{th}} \text{ customer} = \frac{x-9}{20} + 1 = \frac{x+11}{20}$$

$$\text{Remaining mangoes} = \frac{x-14}{4} - \left(\frac{x+11}{20} \right) = \frac{x-14}{20}$$

Given, number of mangoes left at last = 0

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x-14}{20} = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 14$$

04 When 'a' is added to each numerator of $\frac{2}{3}$, $\frac{x}{3}$ and $\frac{a}{6}$, the sum of the new fractions is 6. Find the value of $a \times x$. Note : a & x are integers.

$$\frac{2+a}{3} + \frac{x+a}{4} + \frac{2a}{6} = 6$$

$$\frac{4(2+a) + 3(x+a) + 2(2a)}{12} = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 + 4a + 3x + 3a + 4a = 72$$

$$11a + 3x = 64$$

for $x = 3$ and $a = 5$,

$$\text{we get } 11(5) + 3(3) = 64$$

$$\text{Hence } a \times x = 5 \times 3 = 15$$

05

Mr. Arun, a salesman, was paid a basic salary of Rs. 800 every month. The company also provided an incentive scheme which was tied to the sales achieved.

| Number of books sold in a month | Incentive paid for a book sold |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1–10 | Rs. 20 each |
| Thereafter | Rs. 30 each |

- (a) Mr. Arun earned Rs. 1150 in January. How many books did he sell in January ?
- (b) The company increased the incentive for the sales of more than 10 books. Under the new scheme. Mr. Arun would have got $2\frac{4}{23}\%$ more. What was the increase in incentive paid for sales of more than 10 books ?

(a) Let x be the number of books sold

$$800 + 20(10) + 30(x - 10) = 1150$$

$$800 + 200 + 30x - 300 = 1150$$

$$700 + 30x = 1150$$

$$700 - 700 + 30x = 1150 - 700$$

$$30x = 450$$

$$\frac{30x}{30} = \frac{450}{30}$$

$$x = 15$$

$$(b) \quad \text{New salary} = \frac{100 + 2\frac{4}{23}}{100} \times 1150$$

Let the new incentive paid (for more than 10 books sold) be Rs. y each

$$800 + 20(10) + y(15 - 10) = 1175$$

$$800 + 200 + 5y = 1175$$

$$1000 + 5y = 1175$$

$$1000 - 1000 + 5y = 1175 - 1000$$

$$5y = 175$$

$$\frac{5y}{5} = \frac{175}{5}$$

$$y = \$35$$

\therefore there was an increase of Rs. $(35 - 30) =$ Rs. 5 per book for selling more than 10 books