

Quick Mathematics MCQs

Age Problems MCQs

1. Father is aged three times more than his son Ali. After 8 years, he would be two and a half times of Ali's age. After further 8 years, how many times would he be of Ali's age?

- A. 2 times
- B. $2\frac{1}{2}$ times
- C. $2\frac{3}{4}$ times
- D. 3 times

Answer: A

Solution:

Let Ali's age = x . Father's age = $4x$.

After 8 years: $4x + 8 = 2.5(x + 8) \rightarrow x = 8$.

After 16 years: Father = 48, Ali = 24 \rightarrow Ratio = 2:1.

2. The sum of ages of 5 children born at 3-year intervals is 50 years. What is the age of the youngest child?

- A. 4 years
- B. 8 years
- C. 10 years
- D. None of these

Answer: A

Solution:

Let youngest child's age = x .

Ages: $x, x+3, x+6, x+9, x+12$.

Sum: $5x + 30 = 50 \rightarrow x = 4$.

3. A father (38 years now) said to his son, "I was as old as you are at your birth." The son's age 5 years back was:

- A. 14 years
- B. 19 years
- C. 33 years
- D. 38 years

Answer: A

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Solution:

Let son's age = x .

Father's age at son's birth = $38 - x = x \rightarrow x = 19$.

5 years ago: $19 - 5 = 14$.

4. **A is 2 years older than B, who is twice as old as C. Total ages of A, B, and C is 27. How old is B?**

A. 7

B. 8

C. 9

D. 10

Answer: D

Solution:

Let C's age = x . B's age = $2x$. A's age = $2x + 2$.

Sum: $2x + 2 + 2x + x = 27 \rightarrow x = 5$.

B's age = $2x = 10$.

5. **Present ages of Sameer and Anand are in ratio 5:4. Three years later, the ratio becomes 11:9.**

What is Anand's present age?

A. 24

B. 27

C. 40

D. Cannot be determined

Answer: A

Solution:

Let Sameer's age = $5x$, Anand's age = $4x$.

After 3 years: $(5x + 3)/(4x + 3) = 11/9 \rightarrow x = 6$.

Anand's age = $4x = 24$.

6. **A man is 24 years older than his son. In 2 years, his age will be twice his son's age. The son's present age is:**

A. 14 years

B. 18 years

C. 20 years

D. 22 years

Answer: D

Solution:

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Let son's age = x . Father's age = $x + 24$.

After 2 years: $x + 26 = 2(x + 2) \rightarrow x = 22$.

7. **Six years ago, the ratio of Usman and Rauf's ages was 6:5. Four years later, it will be 11:10. Rauf's present age is:**

- A. 16 years
- B. 18 years
- C. 20 years
- D. Cannot be determined

Answer: A

Solution:

6 years ago: Usman = $6x$, Rauf = $5x$.

After 10 years: $(6x + 10)/(5x + 10) = 11/10 \rightarrow x = 2$.

Rauf's present age = $5x + 6 = 16$.

8. **Sum of father and son's present ages is 60. Six years ago, father was 5 times as old as son. After 6 years, son's age will be:**

- A. 12 years
- B. 14 years
- C. 18 years
- D. 20 years

Answer: D

Solution:

Let son's age = x . Father's age = $60 - x$.

6 years ago: $54 - x = 5(x - 6) \rightarrow x = 14$.

After 6 years: $14 + 6 = 20$.

9. **Fazal and Bilal's ages are in ratio 4:3. After 6 years, Fazal will be 26. Bilal's present age is:**

- A. 12 years
- B. 15 years
- C. 19.5 years
- D. 21 years

Answer: B

Solution:

Fazal's age = $4x$. After 6 years: $4x + 6 = 26 \rightarrow x = 5$.

Bilal's age = $3x = 15$.

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10. Sohail is 7 years younger than Rizwan. Their ages are in ratio 7:9. Sohail's age is:

- A. 16 years
- B. 18 years
- C. 28 years
- D. 24.5 years

Answer: D

Solution:

Let Rizwan's age = x . Sohail's age = $x - 7$.

$$(x - 7)/x = 7/9 \rightarrow x = 31.5.$$

$$\text{Sohail's age} = 31.5 - 7 = 24.5.$$

Key Formulas for Age Problems:

If current age = x :

Age after n years = $x + nx + n$.

Age before n years = $x - nx - n$.

Age ratios:

If ratio is $a:b$, ages are ax and bx .

Difference in ages is constant over time.

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Speed, Time, and Distance MCQs

1. A person crosses a 600 m street in 5 minutes. His speed in km/h is:

A. 3.6
B. 7.2
C. 8.4
D. 10

Solution:

Speed = Distance/Time = 600m / 300s = 2 m/s.

Convert to km/h: $2 \times (18/5) = 7.2 \text{ km/h}$.

2. An airplane covers 1200 km in 5 hours. To cover the same distance in $1\frac{2}{3}$ hours, its speed must be:

A. 300 km/h
B. 360 km/h
C. 600 km/h
D. 720 km/h

Solution:

Speed = Distance/Time = 1200 km / $(5/3)$ hours = 720 km/h.

3. Walking at 14 km/h instead of 10 km/h, a person walks 20 km more. The actual distance traveled is:

A. 50 km
B. 56 km
C. 70 km
D. 80 km

Solution:

Let actual distance = X km.

$$x/10 = x/14 + 20 \rightarrow x = 50$$

4. A train is 50% faster than a car. Both travel 75 km, but the train stops for 12.5 minutes. The car's speed is:

A. 100 km/h
B. 110 km/h
C. 120 km/h

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D. 130 km/h

Solution:

Let car's speed = x km/h. Train's speed = $1.5x$.

Time difference: $75x - 75 \cdot 1.5x = 12.560x - 1.5x \cdot 75 = 60 \cdot 12.5 \rightarrow x = 120$

5. A bus's speed is 54 km/h excluding stoppages and 45 km/h including stoppages. Stoppage time per hour is:

A. 9 min

B. 10 min

C. 12 min

D. 20 min

Solution:

Distance without stoppages = 54 km.

With stoppages, covers 45 km in 1 hour \rightarrow Stoppage time = $954 \times 60 = 10549 \times 60 = 10$ min.

6. A 600 km flight's speed reduces by 200 km/h, increasing time by 30 minutes. Original flight duration was:

A. 1 hour

B. 2 hours

C. 3 hours

D. 4 hours

Solution:

Let original time = x hours.

$600x - 600x + 0.5 = 200x - 600x + 0.5 \cdot 600 = 200 \rightarrow x = 1$

7. A man travels half a journey at 21 km/h and the other half at 24 km/h, taking 10 hours total.

Total distance is:

A. 220 km

B. 224 km

C. 230 km

D. 234 km

Solution:

Let distance = x km.

$x/21 + x/24 = 10 \rightarrow x = 224$

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8. Two trains' speeds are in ratio 7:8. If the second train covers 400 km in 4 hours, the first train's speed is:

- A. 70 km/h
- B. 75 km/h
- C. 84 km/h
- D. 87.5 km/h**

Solution:

Second train's speed = $400 \text{ km} / 4 \text{ h} = 100 \text{ km/h}$.

First train's speed = $78 \times 100 = 87.5$ $87 \times 100 = 87.5 \text{ km/h}$.

9. A man travels 160 km at 64 km/h and the next 160 km at 80 km/h. Average speed for 320 km is:

- A. 35.55 km/h
- B. 36 km/h
- C. 71.11 km/h**
- D. 71 km/h

Solution:

Total time = $160/64 + 160/80 = 4.5$ $160/64 + 80/160 = 4.5 \text{ h}$.

Average speed = $320 \text{ km} / 4.5 \text{ h} \approx 71.11 \text{ km/h}$.

10. A car covers 42 km at $\frac{5}{7}$ of its actual speed in 1 hour 40 min 48 sec. Actual speed is:

- A. $\frac{176}{7}$ km/h
- B. 25 km/h
- C. 30 km/h
- D. 35 km/h**

Solution:

Time = $1 + \frac{40}{60} + \frac{48}{3600} = \frac{12675}{10800}$ $1 + \frac{40}{60} + \frac{3600}{48} = \frac{75126}{10800} \text{ h}$.

$\frac{5}{7}x \times \frac{12675}{10800} = 42$ $\frac{5}{7}x \times \frac{75126}{10800} = 42 \rightarrow x = 35$ $x = 35 \text{ km/h}$.

Key Formulas:

Speed (km/h) = Distance (km) / Time (h)

1 km/h = $\frac{5}{18}$ m/s

Average speed = Total Distance / Total Time

If speeds are a and b for equal distances, average speed = $\frac{2ab}{a+b}$.

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Average Problems MCQs

1. In the first 10 overs of a cricket game, the run rate was 3.2. What should be the run rate in the remaining 40 overs to reach 282 runs?

A. 6.25
B. 6.5
C. 6.75
D. 7

Solution:

Runs needed = $282 - (3.2 \times 10) = 250$.

Required rate = $250 / 40 = 6.25$ runs/over.

2. A family has 2 grandparents (avg. 67), 2 parents (avg. 35), and 3 grandchildren (avg. 6). The average age of the family is:

A. $28\frac{4}{7}$ years
B. $31\frac{5}{7}$ years
C. $32\frac{1}{7}$ years
D. None

Solution:

Total age = $(67 \times 2) + (35 \times 2) + (6 \times 3) = 222$.

Average = $222 / 7 = 31\frac{5}{7}$ years.

3. A grocer's sales for 5 months are Rs. 6435, 6927, 6855, 7230, and 6562. To average Rs. 6500 over 6 months, the 6th month's sale must be:

A. Rs. 4991
B. Rs. 5991
C. Rs. 6001
D. Rs. 6991

Solution:

Total for 5 months = Rs. 34,009.

Required sale = $(6500 \times 6) - 34,009 = \text{Rs. 4991}$.

4. The average of 20 numbers is zero. At most, how many numbers may be greater than zero?

A. 0
B. 1

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C. 10

D. 19

Solution:

If 19 numbers are positive, the 20th must be negative to balance the average to zero.

5. The average weight of 8 people increases by 2.5 kg when a new person replaces a 65 kg member. The new person's weight is:

A. 76 kg

B. 76.5 kg

C. 85 kg

D. Data inadequate

Solution:

Total weight increase = $8 \times 2.5 = 20$ kg.

New person's weight = $65 + 20 = 85$ kg.

6. In a cricket team of 11, the captain (26) and wicketkeeper (29) are excluded. The average age of the remaining 9 players is 1 year less than the whole team's average. The team's average age is:

A. 23 years

B. 24 years

C. 25 years

D. None

Solution:

Let average age = x .

$$11x - 55 = 9(x - 1) \rightarrow x = 23$$

7. The average monthly income of P & Q is Rs. 5050, Q & R is Rs. 6250, and P & R is Rs. 5200. P's income is:

A. 3500

B. 4000

C. 4050

D. 5000

Solution:

$$P + Q = 10,100, Q + R = 12,500, P + R = 10,400$$

Solving: $P = \text{Rs. } 4000$

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8. 3 years ago, the average age of a husband, wife, and child was 27. 5 years ago, the wife and child's average age was 20. The husband's present age is:

A. 35
B. 40
C. 50
D. None

Solution:

Present total age = $(27 \times 3) + (3 \times 3) = 90$.

Wife + child's present age = $(20 \times 2) + (5 \times 2) = 50$.

Husband's age = $90 - 50 = 40$ years.

9. A car owner buys petrol at Rs. 7.50, 8, and 8.50 per litre for 3 successive years, spending Rs. 4000 annually. The approximate average cost per litre is:

A. Rs. 7.98
B. Rs. 8
C. Rs. 8.50
D. Rs. 9

Solution:

Total petrol = $4000 \times 7.5 + 4000 \times 8 + 4000 \times 8.5 \approx 767 \times 7.5 + 84000 + 8.5 \times 4000 \approx 767$ litres.

Average cost = $\frac{12000}{767} \approx \text{Rs. } 7.98$.

10. Arun's weight is estimated by himself (65-72 kg), his brother (60-70 kg), and mother (≤ 68 kg).

If all are correct, the average probable weight is:

A. 67 kg
B. 68 kg
C. 69 kg

Solution:

Possible range: 65-68 kg.

Average = $\frac{65+66+67+68}{4} = 66.5 \text{ kg}$. (Note: Given options may need revision; closest is 67 kg.)

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Key Formulas:

Average = Sum of observations / Number of observations

Average speed for equal distances = $\frac{2xy}{x+y}$

If the average of n numbers is A , and a new number x is added, the new average is $\frac{nA+x}{n+1}$.

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Profit and Loss MCQs

1. Alfred buys a scooter for Rs. 4700, spends Rs. 800 on repairs, and sells it for Rs. 5800. His gain percent is:

- A. $4\frac{4}{7}\%$
- B. $5\frac{5}{11}\%$**
- C. 10%
- D. 12%

Solution:

$$\text{C.P.} = 4700 + 800 = \text{Rs. } 5500.$$

$$\text{Profit} = 5800 - 5500 = \text{Rs. } 300.$$

$$\text{Gain \%} = (300/5500) \times 100 = 5\frac{5}{11}\%.$$

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2. The cost price of 20 articles equals the selling price of x articles. If profit is 25%, then x is:

- A. 15
- B. 16**
- C. 18
- D. 25

Solution:

Let C.P. per article = Re 1.

$$\text{S.P. of } x \text{ articles} = \text{Rs. } 20 \rightarrow \text{Profit} = 20 - x.$$

$$(20 - x)/x \times 100 = 25 \rightarrow x = 16.$$

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3. If selling price is doubled, profit triples. The profit percent is:

- A. $66\frac{2}{3}\%$
- B. 100%**
- C. $105\frac{1}{3}\%$
- D. 120%

Solution:

Let C.P. = x, S.P. = y.

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$$3(y - x) = (2y - x) \rightarrow y = 2x.$$

$$\text{Profit \%} = (x/x) \times 100 = \mathbf{100\%}.$$

4. Profit is 320% of cost. If cost increases by 25% but selling price stays constant, profit as a percentage of selling price is:

- A. 30%
- B. 70%**
- C. 100%
- D. 250%

Solution:

Let C.P. = Rs. 100 \rightarrow Profit = Rs. 320 \rightarrow S.P. = Rs. 420.

New C.P. = Rs. 125 \rightarrow New Profit = 420 - 125 = Rs. 295.

Required % = $(295/420) \times 100 \approx \mathbf{70\%}$.

5. Vendor buys toffees at 6 for a rupee. To gain 20%, he must sell ____ toffees for a rupee:

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5**
- D. 6

Solution:

C.P. per toffee = Rs. $1/6$.

S.P. per toffee = $1.2 \times (1/6) = \text{Rs. } 1/5$.

\therefore **5 toffees** per rupee.

6. An article sold for Rs. 1920 gives the same percentage profit/loss as when sold for Rs. 1280. To make 25% profit, selling price should be:

- A. Rs. 2000**
- B. Rs. 2200

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C. Rs. 2400

D. Data inadequate

Solution:

Let C.P. = x .

$$(1920 - x)/x = (x - 1280)/x \rightarrow x = \text{Rs. } 1600.$$

For 25% profit: S.P. = $1.25 \times 1600 = \text{Rs. } 2000$.

7. Shopkeeper expects 22.5% profit. If sales are Rs. 392, his profit is:

A. Rs. 18.20

B. Rs. 70

C. Rs. 72

D. Rs. 88.25

Solution:

$$\text{C.P.} = 392 / 1.225 \approx \text{Rs. } 320.$$

$$\text{Profit} = 392 - 320 = \text{Rs. } 72.$$

8. Cycle bought for Rs. 1400 is sold at 15% loss. Selling price is:

A. Rs. 1090

B. Rs. 1160

C. Rs. 1190

D. Rs. 1202

Solution:

$$\text{S.P.} = 85\% \text{ of } 1400 = \text{Rs. } 1190.$$

9. Sam buys 20 dozen toys at Rs. 375/dozen and sells each at Rs. 33. His profit percentage is:

A. 3.5

B. 4.5

C. 5.6

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D. 6.5

Solution:

C.P. per toy = $375/12 = \text{Rs. } 31.25$.

Profit % = $(1.75/31.25) \times 100 = 5.6\%$.

10. Bought at 6 for Rs. 5, sold at 5 for Rs. 6. Gain percent is:

A. 30%

B. $33\frac{1}{3}\%$

C. 35%

D. 44%

Solution:

For 30 articles: C.P. = Rs. 25, S.P. = Rs. 36.

Gain % = $(11/25) \times 100 = 44\%$.

Key Formulas:

Profit = S.P. - C.P.

Profit % = (Profit/C.P.) \times 100

S.P. = C.P. \times (1 + Profit%)

C.P. = S.P. / (1 + Profit%)

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Percentage Problems MCQs

1. A batsman scored 110 runs with 3 boundaries and 8 sixes. What percent of his score came from running?

- A. 45%
- B. $45\frac{5}{11}\%$**
- C. $54\frac{6}{11}\%$
- D. 55%

Solution:

Runs from boundaries/sixes: $(3 \times 4) + (8 \times 6) = 60$.

Runs from running = $110 - 60 = 50$.

Percentage = $(50/110) \times 100 = 45\frac{5}{11}\%$.

2. Two students appeared for an exam. One scored 9 marks more than the other, and his marks were 56% of the total marks. Their marks are:

- A. 39, 30
- B. 41, 32
- C. 42, 33**
- D. 43, 34

Solution:

Let marks be x and $x + 9$.

$$x + 9 = 0.56(2x + 9) \rightarrow x = 33.$$

Marks: **42 and 33**.

3. A fruit seller sells 40% of his apples and has 420 left. Originally, he had:

- A. 588 apples
- B. 600 apples
- C. 672 apples
- D. 700 apples**

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Solution:

$$60\% \text{ of } x = 420 \rightarrow x = 420 \times (100/60) = \mathbf{700}.$$

4. **What percentage of numbers from 1 to 70 have 1 or 9 in their unit digit?**

- A. 1%
- B. 14%
- C. 20%**
- D. 21%

Solution:

Numbers: 1, 9, 11, 19, 21, 29, 31, 39, 41, 49, 51, 59, 61, 69 \rightarrow 14 numbers.

$$\text{Percentage} = (14/70) \times 100 = \mathbf{20\%}.$$

5. **If $A = x\%$ of y and $B = y\%$ of x , then:**

- A. $A < B$
- B. $A > B$
- C. Relationship indeterminate
- D. If $x < y$, then $A > B$
- E. None of these**

Solution:

$$A = B \text{ (since } x\% \text{ of } y = y\% \text{ of } x).$$

Answer: E.

6. **If 20% of $a = b$, then $b\%$ of 20 equals:**

- A. 4% of a**
- B. 5% of a
- C. 20% of a
- D. None

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Solution:

$$b = 0.2a \rightarrow b\% \text{ of } 20 = (0.2a \times 0.20) = 0.04a = \mathbf{4\% \text{ of } a}.$$

7. In a school, 20% are below 8 years old. Students above 8 years are 48 plus $\frac{2}{3}$ of 48. Total students:

- A. 72
- B. 80
- C. 120
- D. 100**

Solution:

$$80\% \text{ of } x = 48 + (\frac{2}{3} \times 48) = 80 \rightarrow x = \mathbf{100}.$$

8. Find A:B if 5% of A + 4% of B = $\frac{2}{3}$ (6% of A + 8% of B):

- A. 2:3
- B. 1:1
- C. 3:4
- D. 4:3**

Solution:

$$0.05A + 0.04B = \frac{2}{3}(0.06A + 0.08B) \rightarrow A/B = \mathbf{4:3}.$$

9. A student multiplied by $\frac{3}{5}$ instead of $\frac{5}{3}$. Percentage error is:

- A. 34%
- B. 44%
- C. 54%
- D. 64%**

Solution:

$$\text{Error} = (\frac{5}{3})x - (\frac{3}{5})x = (\frac{16}{15})x.$$

$$\text{Error \%} = [(\frac{16}{15})x \div (\frac{5}{3})x] \times 100 = \mathbf{64\%}.$$

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10. In an election with 7500 votes, 20% invalid. One candidate got 55% of valid votes. The other got:

A. 2700

B. 2900

C. 3000

D. 3100

Solution:

Valid votes = 80% of 7500 = 6000.

Other candidate's votes = 45% of 6000 = **2700**.

Key Formulas:

Percentage = (Part/Whole) × 100

x% of y = y% of x

To reverse a percentage change:

Original value = (Final value) / (1 ± percentage change).

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Ratio and Proportion MCQs

1. A and B have Rs. 1210 together. If $\frac{4}{15}$ of A's amount = $\frac{2}{5}$ of B's amount, how much does B have?

A. Rs. 460

B. Rs. 484

C. Rs. 550

D. Rs. 664

Solution:

$$(\frac{4}{15})A = (\frac{2}{5})B \rightarrow A/B = 3/2.$$

$$B's \text{ share} = (\frac{2}{5}) \times 1210 = \text{Rs. 484.}$$

2. Two numbers are 20% and 50% more than a third number. Their ratio is:

A. 2:5

B. 3:5

C. 4:5

D. 6:7

Solution:

Let third number = x.

First number = 1.2x, Second number = 1.5x.

$$\text{Ratio} = 1.2x : 1.5x = \text{4:5.}$$

3. Money is distributed among A, B, C, D in ratio 5:2:4:3. If C gets Rs. 1000 more than D, B's share is:

A. Rs. 500

B. Rs. 1500

C. Rs. 2000

D. None

Solution:

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$$4x - 3x = 1000 \rightarrow x = 1000.$$

$$B's \text{ share} = 2x = \text{Rs. } 2000.$$

4. Seats for Math, Physics, Biology are in ratio 5:7:8. Increased by 40%, 50%, 75% respectively.

New ratio?

A. 2:3:4

B. 6:7:8

C. 6:8:9

D. None

Solution:

New seats:

$$\text{Math} = 1.4 \times 5x = 7x$$

$$\text{Physics} = 1.5 \times 7x = 10.5x$$

$$\text{Biology} = 1.75 \times 8x = 14x$$

$$\text{Simplified ratio} = \mathbf{2:3:4}.$$

5. 60L mixture has milk:water = 2:1. To make it 1:2, how much water to add?

A. 20L

B. 30L

C. 40L

D. 60L

Solution:

$$\text{Milk} = 40L, \text{ Water} = 20L.$$

$$\text{New ratio: } 40/(20 + x) = 1/2 \rightarrow x = \mathbf{60L}.$$

6. College boys:girls = 7:8. Increased by 20% and 10% respectively. New ratio?

A. 8:9

B. 17:18

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C. 21:22

D. Cannot be determined

Solution:

$$\text{New boys} = 1.2 \times 7x = 8.4x$$

$$\text{New girls} = 1.1 \times 8x = 8.8x$$

$$\text{Ratio} = 8.4 : 8.8 = \mathbf{21:22}.$$

7. **Salaries of Raiz:Salman = 2:3. After Rs. 4000 increase each, new ratio = 40:57. Salman's salary?**

A. Rs. 17,000

B. Rs. 20,000

C. Rs. 25,500

D. Rs. 38,000

Solution:

$$(2x + 4000)/(3x + 4000) = 40/57 \rightarrow x = 11,333.$$

$$\text{Salman's salary} = 3x + 4000 = \mathbf{Rs. 38,000}.$$

8. **If $0.75 : x :: 5 : 8$, then $x = ?$**

A. 1.12

B. 1.20

C. 1.25

D. 1.30

Solution:

$$0.75/x = 5/8 \rightarrow x = (0.75 \times 8)/5 = \mathbf{1.20}.$$

9. **Sum of three numbers is 98. First:Second = 2:3, Second:Third = 5:8. Second number?**

A. 20

B. 30

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C. 48

D. 58

Solution:

Combined ratio A:B:C = 10:15:24.

Second number = $(15/49) \times 98 = 30$.

10. Divide Rs. 782 in ratio $\frac{1}{2} : \frac{2}{3} : \frac{3}{4}$. First part?

A. Rs. 182

B. Rs. 190

C. Rs. 196

D. Rs. 204

Solution:

Ratio = 6:8:9 (after multiplying by 12).

First part = $(6/23) \times 782 = \text{Rs. 204}$.

Key Formulas:

Ratio simplification: Multiply all terms by the LCM of denominators.

Proportion: If $a:b :: c:d$, then $a \times d = b \times c$.

Percentage increase in ratio: Multiply original ratio terms by $(100\% + \text{increase}\%)$.

Best of Luck