

Time & Work Practice Questions For LIC HFL Exam 2026

Q1. Pipe A and pipe B can fill a tank in 15 hours and 18 hours respectively. Both the pipes opened together, after five hours pipe A closed. Find the total time taken to fill the tank.

- (a) 12 hours
- (b) 15 ours
- (c) 9 hours
- (d) 14 hours
- (e) 16 hours

Ans.(a)

Sol.

Let total capacity of the tank be 90 litre. (LCM)

So, efficiency of A and B is 6 litre/hr and 5 litre/hr respectively.

ATQ

Let required time be T.

$$5 \times T + 6 \times 5 = 90$$

$$T = \frac{60}{5} = 12$$

Q2. Pipe P & pipe Q can fill the same tank in 10 hours and 8 hours respectively. If the ratio of efficiency of pipe P & Q together to that of pipe R alone is 6:5, then find time taken by pipe R alone to fill the same tank?

- (a) 4.5 hours
- (b) 5 hours
- (c) 8/3 hours
- (d) 16/3 hours
- (e) 8 hours

Ans.(d)

Sol.

Total capacity of tank be 40 liters. (LCM of 10 & 8)

So, efficiency of pipe - P = $\frac{40}{10} = 4$ liters/hour

And, efficiency of pipe - Q = $\frac{40}{8} = 5$ liters/hour

So, efficiency of pipe - R = $(4 + 5) \times \frac{5}{6} = 7.5$ liters/hour

Required time = $\frac{40}{7.5} = \frac{16}{3}$ hours

Q3. A alone can do a piece of work in 12 days, while B can do the same work in 16 days. If C is 20% more efficient than A, then find the time taken by C alone to complete the whole work.

- (a) 10 days
- (b) 14 days
- (c) 6 days
- (d) 17 days
- (e) 4 days

Ans.(a)

Sol.

Information Given in the Question:

A alone can complete the work in 12 days.

B alone can complete the work in 16 days.

C is 20% more efficient than A.

We need to find the time taken by C alone to complete the whole work.

Concept/Formula Used in the Question:

Efficiency is inversely proportional to time.

If a person is x% more efficient, then new efficiency = old efficiency $\times (1 + x/100)$

Time = Total Work / Efficiency

LCM Method:

Take total work as the LCM of 12 and 16.

Detailed Explanation:

Using LCM method:

LCM of 12 and 16 = 48

So, total work = 48 units

A's 1-day work = $48 / 12 = 4$ units

C is 20% more efficient than A

So, C's 1-day work = $4 + 20\%$ of 4

= $4 + 0.8$

= 4.8 units per day

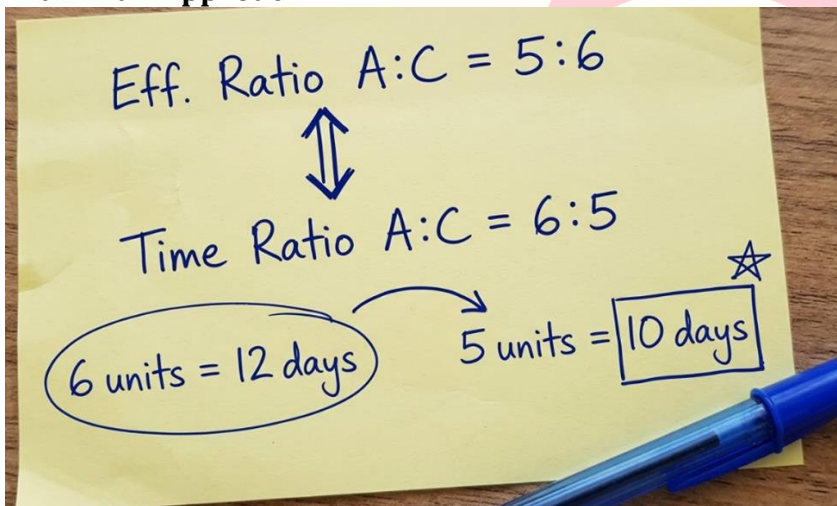
Now, time taken by C to complete 48 units of work:

Time = $48 / 4.8$

= 10 days

Therefore, C alone can complete the work in 10 days.

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Q4. X number of men complete a work in 40 days. If 8 more men join, the work is completed in 32 days. Find the number of days in which X+8 men can complete half of the work.

- (a) 20
- (b) 24
- (c) 16
- (d) 40
- (e) 48

Ans.(c)

Sol.

Information Given:

X men complete work in 40 days

(X + 8) men complete same work in 32 days

Need time for (X + 8) men to complete **half of the work**

Concept/Formula Used:

Work = Men × Days

Total work is constant

Time = Work / Rate

Explanation:

Let total work = 1 unit

From given:

$$X \times 40 = (X + 8) \times 32$$

$$40X = 32X + 256$$

$$8X = 256$$

$$X = 32$$

So,

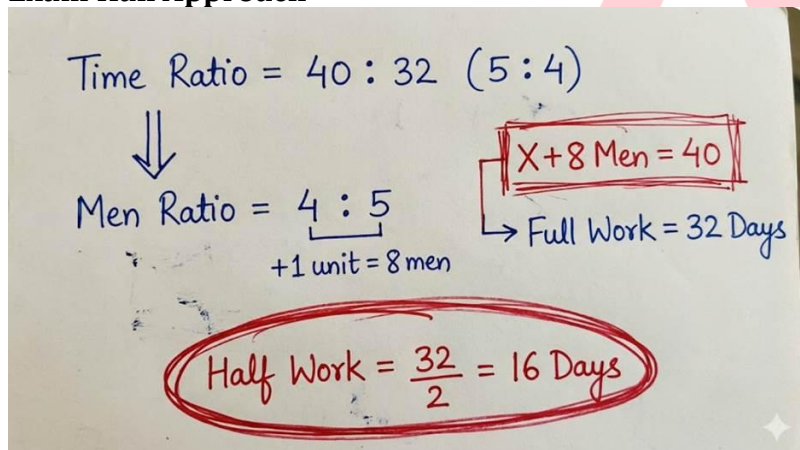
$$X + 8 = 40 \text{ men}$$

$$\text{Total work (in man-days)} = 32 \times 40 = 1280$$

$$\text{Half work} = 1280 / 2 = 640$$

$$\text{Time taken by 40 men} = 640 / 40 = 16 \text{ days}$$

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Time Ratio = 40 : 32 (5 : 4)

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Men Ratio = 4 : 5
+1 unit = 8 men

X + 8 Men = 40

Full Work = 32 Days

Half Work = $\frac{32}{2} = 16 \text{ Days}$



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Q5. A contractor employed 20 men to finish a work in 22 days. After 10 days he employed X men more, due to which work completed by them in 6 days less than projected. Find the value of X.

- (a) 20
- (b) 15
- (c) 14
- (d) 18
- (e) 24

Ans.(a)

Sol.

Information Given in the Question:

20 men can complete the work in 22 days.

After 10 days, X more men were added.

The work got completed 6 days early, i.e., in **16 days** instead of 22.

Concept/Formula Used in the Question:

Total Work = Men × Days

Work done in 10 days = 20 men × 10 days

Remaining work = Total Work - Work done in first 10 days

Remaining work is completed in 6 days by (20 + X) men

Detailed Explanation:

Total Work = 20 × 22 = 440 man-days

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Work done in first 10 days

Work done = 20 × 10 = 200 man-days

Step 3: Remaining Work

Remaining Work = 440 - 200 = 240 man-days

Remaining work done by (20 + X) men in 6 days

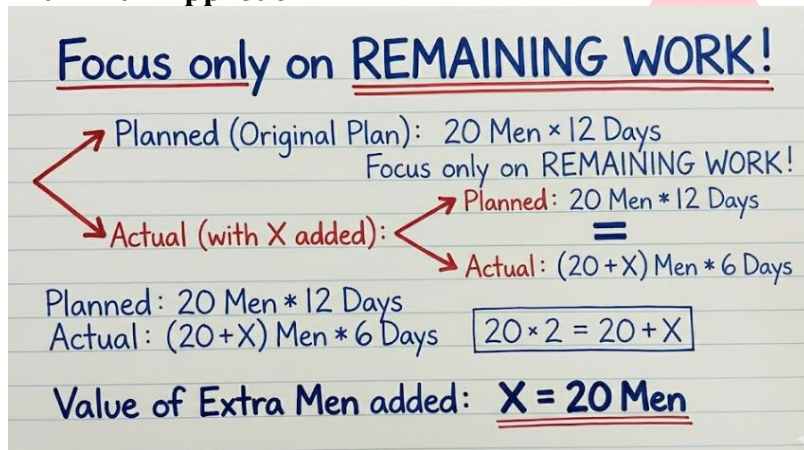
$$(20 + X) \times 6 = 240$$

$$120 + 6X = 240$$

$$\Rightarrow 6X = 120$$

$$\Rightarrow X = 20$$

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Focus only on REMAINING WORK!

Planned (Original Plan): 20 Men * 12 Days
Focus only on REMAINING WORK!

Actual (with X added):

- Planned: 20 Men * 12 Days
- Actual: (20+X) Men * 6 Days

Planned: 20 Men * 12 Days
Actual: (20+X) Men * 6 Days

$$20 \times 2 = 20 + X$$

Value of Extra Men added: **X = 20 Men**

Q6. The time taken by A and B together to complete a work is 6 days, while B and C together can complete the same work in 8 days. If C and A together take 4 days to complete the work, then find the time taken by A, B, and C together to complete 5/6 of the work.

- (a) 20/13 days
- (b) 40/13 days
- (c) 40 days
- (d) 51/13 days
- (e) 6/11 days

Ans.(b)

Sol.

Information Given:

A + B = 6 days

B + C = 8 days

C + A = 4 days

Find time for A + B + C to complete 5/6 work

Concept/Formula Used:

LCM Method (Assume total work = LCM of given times)

Work Rate = Work / Time

Explanation:

LCM of 6, 8, 4 = 24 units (Total Work)

Now,

(A + B)'s 1 day work = $24 / 6 = 4$ units

(B + C)'s 1 day work = $24 / 8 = 3$ units

(C + A)'s 1 day work = $24 / 4 = 6$ units

Add all:

$(A+B) + (B+C) + (C+A) = 4 + 3 + 6 = 13$ units

But this includes each person twice, so:

$2(A + B + C) = 13$

$\Rightarrow A + B + C = 13/2$ units/day

Total work = 24 units

Time for full work = $24 \div (13/2)$

$= 24 \times (2/13)$

$= 48/13$ days

Now for $5/6$ work:

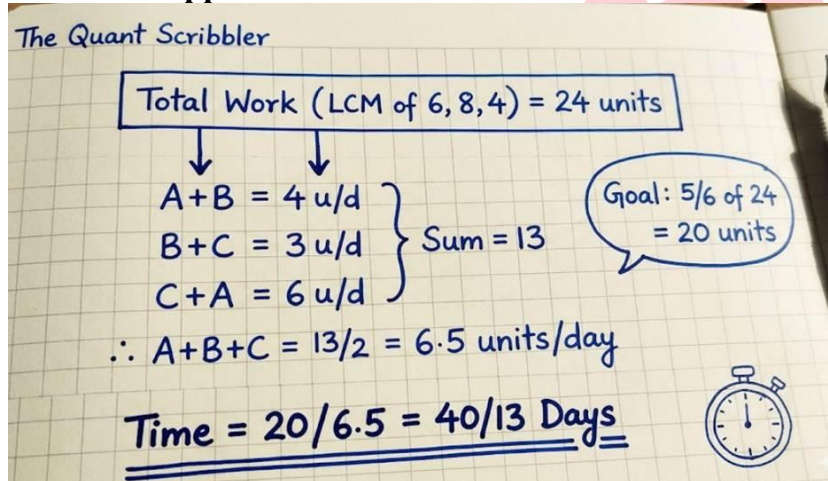
Work = $(5/6) \times 24 = 20$ units

Time = $20 \div (13/2)$

$= 20 \times (2/13)$

$= 40/13$ days

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Total Work (LCM of 6, 8, 4) = 24 units

$A+B = 4 \text{ u/d}$
 $B+C = 3 \text{ u/d}$
 $C+A = 6 \text{ u/d}$

Sum = 13

Goal: $5/6$ of 24 = 20 units

$\therefore A+B+C = 13/2 = 6.5 \text{ units/day}$

Time = $20/6.5 = 40/13$ Days

Q7. 16 men can complete an assignment in 18 days. For getting the same work completed in 12 days, how many men will be employed with 75% of original efficiency?

- (a) 24
- (b) 40
- (c) 36
- (d) 32
- (e) 30

Ans.(d)

Sol. Information Given:

16 men can complete the work in 18 days

Asked: Number of men (with 75% efficiency) to complete work in 12 days

Concept/Formula Used:

Work = Men × Days × Efficiency

For same work: $(Men_1 \times Days_1 \times Efficiency_1) = (Men_2 \times Days_2 \times Efficiency_2)$

Explanation:

Let required men = x

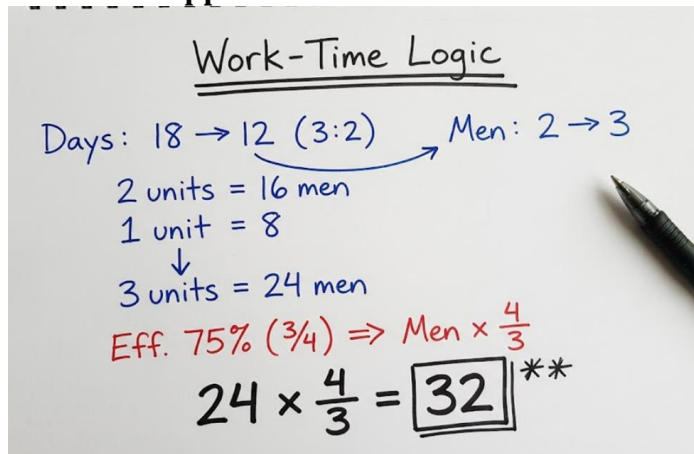
Original: $16 \times 18 \times 1 = x \times 12 \times 0.75$

$16 \times 18 = x \times 12 \times 0.75$

$288 = x \times 9$

$x = 288 / 9 = 32$

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Work-Time Logic

Days: 18 → 12 (3:2) → Men: 2 → 3

2 units = 16 men
 1 unit = 8
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 3 units = 24 men

Eff. 75% ($\frac{3}{4}$) ⇒ Men × $\frac{4}{3}$

$24 \times \frac{4}{3} = \boxed{32}^{**}$

Q8. A and B together can complete a work in 12 days. B and C together can complete it in 16 days. If C alone can complete it in 48 days, in how many days can A and C complete the work together?

- (a) 32
- (b) 20
- (c) 28
- (d) 24
- (e) 16

Ans.(e)

Sol.

Information Given in the Question:

A + B = 12 days

B + C = 16 days

C alone = 48 days

Concept/Formula Used in the Question:

LCM method (Assume total work = LCM of given days)

Efficiency = Work / Time

Detailed Explanation:

Take LCM of 12, 16, 48 = **48 units (Total Work)**

Now,

(A + B)'s efficiency = $48 / 12 = 4$ units/day

(B + C)'s efficiency = $48 / 16 = 3$ units/day

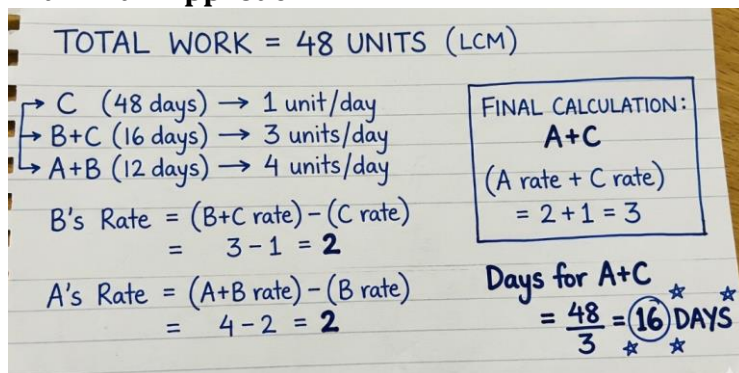
C's efficiency = $48 / 48 = 1$ unit/day

Now find B:

$(B + C) = 3$

$C = 1$
 So, $B = 3 - 1 = 2$
 Now find A:
 $(A + B) = 4$
 $B = 2$
 So, $A = 4 - 2 = 2$
 Now find $(A + C)$:
 $A = 2$
 $C = 1$
 So, $A + C = 3$ units/day
 $= 48 / 3 = 16$ days

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TOTAL WORK = 48 UNITS (LCM)
 → C (48 days) → 1 unit/day
 → B+C (16 days) → 3 units/day
 → A+B (12 days) → 4 units/day
 B's Rate = $(B+C \text{ rate}) - (C \text{ rate})$
 $= 3 - 1 = 2$
 A's Rate = $(A+B \text{ rate}) - (B \text{ rate})$
 $= 4 - 2 = 2$
 FINAL CALCULATION:
A+C
 (A rate + C rate)
 $= 2 + 1 = 3$
 Days for A+C
 $= \frac{48}{3} = 16$ DAYS

Q9. A can complete a work in 20 days and B in 30 days. If A works alone for 5 days and then B joins him, in how many more days will the work be completed?

- (a) 9
- (b) 12
- (c) 15
- (d) 8
- (e) 6

Ans.(a)

Sol. Information Given in the Question:

A can complete the work in = 20 days
 B can complete the work in = 30 days
 A works alone for = 5 days
 After that B joins A

Concept/Formula Used in the Question:

LCM Method (Total Work Method)
 Total Work = LCM of 20 and 30
 Work done per day = Total Work / Number of days

Detailed Explanation:

Assume total work = LCM of 20 and 30
 $LCM(20, 30) = 60$ units
 Work done per day
 A's one day work = $60 / 20 = 3$ units
 B's one day work = $60 / 30 = 2$ units



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Work done by A in first 5 days

Work done by A = 3×5

= 15 units

Remaining work

Remaining work = Total work - Work done

Remaining work = $60 - 15$

Remaining work = 45 units

Work done by A and B together per day

A + B work per day = $3 + 2$

= 5 units per day

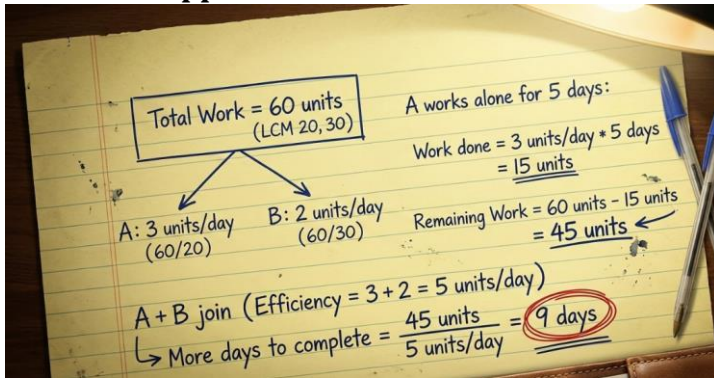
Days required to complete remaining work

Days = Remaining work / Work per day

Days = $45 / 5$

Days = 9 days

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Q10.

20 men can complete a work in 75 days, and 30 women can complete the work in 60 days. If 48 women started a work and after 25 days they were replaced by 40 men, then find the total time taken to complete the whole work (in days).

- (a) 37.5
- (b) 25
- (c) 12.5
- (d) 38
- (e) 20

Ans.(a)

Sol. Given

20 men can complete the work in 75 days.

30 women can complete the work in 60 days.

48 women worked for 25 days.

Then they were replaced by 40 men.

Find the total time taken to complete the whole work.

Concept Used

Work = Efficiency \times Time

Explanation:

Total work is constant. Let the efficiency of a man and a woman be m and w units/day respectively.

ATQ,

$$20 \times m \times 75 = 30 \times w \times 60$$

$$\frac{m}{w} = \frac{6}{5} = \frac{6a}{5a}$$

$$\text{Total work} = 20 \times 6a \times 75 = 9000a \text{ units}$$

Let the 40 men complete the work in t days

ATQ,

$$48 \times 5a \times 25 + 40 \times 6a \times t = 9000a$$

$$240t = 3000$$

$$12.5 = t$$

$$\text{Required days} = 12.5 + 25 = 37.5 \text{ days}$$

Q11. 50 men can complete a piece of work in a certain number of days. 40 men can complete the same work in 10 more days. Find the number of days in which 25 men can complete $\frac{3}{4}$ of the total work.

- (a) 60 days
- (b) 30 days
- (c) 45 days
- (d) 90 days
- (e) 75 days

Ans.(a)

Sol.

Information Given:

50 men can complete the work in certain number of days.

40 men can complete the same work in 10 more days.

We need to find the number of days in which 25 men can complete $\frac{3}{4}$ of the work.

Concept/Formula Used:

$$\text{Work} = \text{Men} \times \text{Days}$$

For same work:

$$M_1 \times D_1 = M_2 \times D_2$$

Explanation:

Let the number of days taken by 50 men be x days.

Then,

$$\text{Number of days taken by 40 men} = x + 10 \text{ days}$$

Since total work is same,

$$50x = 40(x + 10)$$

$$50x = 40x + 400$$

$$10x = 400$$

$$x = 40$$

So,

$$\text{Total work} = 50 \times 40$$

$$= 2000 \text{ man-days}$$

Now,

$$\frac{3}{4} \text{ of total work}$$

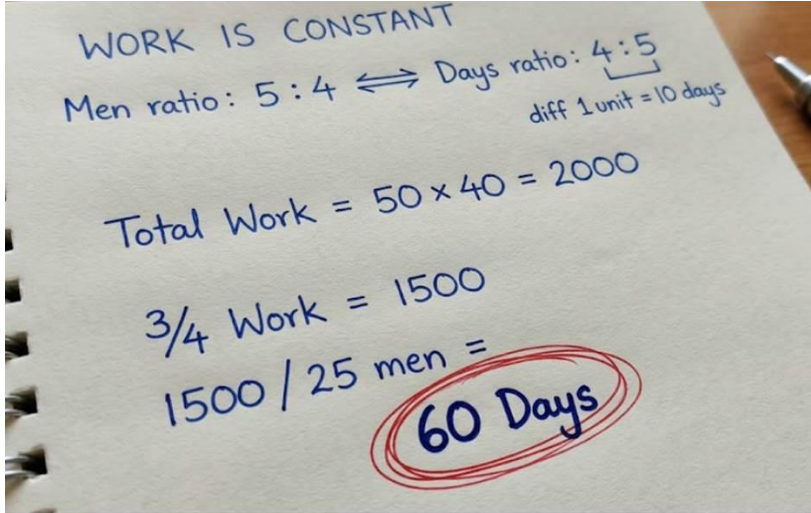
$$= \left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \times 2000$$

$$= 1500 \text{ man-days}$$

Required number of days for 25 men:
 $= 1500 / 25$
 $= 60$ days

Final Answer: 60 days

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Q12. 8 men can complete a work in 24 days. How many men are required to complete the same work in 12 days?

- (a) 12
- (b) 16
- (c) 20
- (d) 24
- (e) 28

Ans.(b)

Sol. Information Given in the Question:

Number of men = 8

Time taken = 24 days

Required time = 12 days

Work is the same in both cases

Concept/Formula Used in the Question:

Men \times Days = Constant Work

So, $M_1 \times D_1 = M_2 \times D_2$

Where M_1 = initial men D_1 = initial days M_2 = required men D_2 = required days

Detailed Explanation:

According to the formula:

$M_1 \times D_1 = M_2 \times D_2$

Substitute the values:

$8 \times 24 = M \times 12$

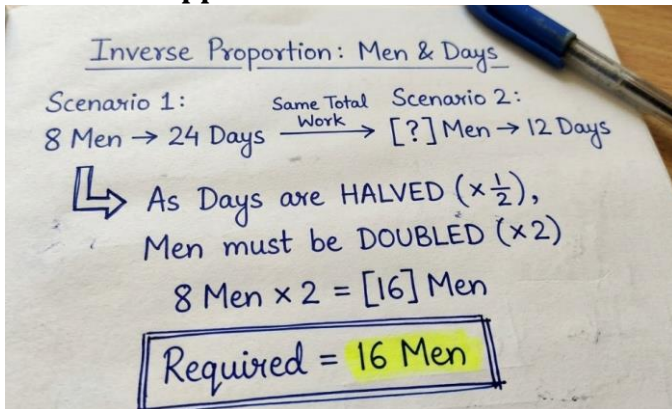
$192 = 12M$

$M = 192 / 12$

$M = 16$

So, 16 men are required to complete the work in 12 days.

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Q13. 8 men and 7 women can complete a piece of work in 15 days. If additional 2 man joined them, then they could finish the $\frac{4}{5}$ th of work in 10 days, find the time taken by 21 women to complete the work.

- (a) 24 days
- (b) 18 days
- (c) 32 days
- (d) 21 days
- (e) 25 days

Ans.(e)

Sol.

Let the efficiency of a man and a woman be M & W respectively.

ATQ,

$$\frac{(8M + 7W) \times 15}{1} = \frac{(10M + 7W) \times 10}{\frac{4}{5}}$$

$$48M + 42W = 50M + 35W$$

$$\frac{M}{W} = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$\text{Total work} = (8 \times 7 + 7 \times 2) \times 15 = 1050 \text{ units}$$

$$\text{Req. days} = \frac{1050}{21 \times 2} = 25 \text{ days}$$

Q14. Two inlet pipes can fill a tank alone in 15 min and 20 min respectively. If these two pipes are opened along with an outlet pipe, then the tank is filled in 12 min. Find the time in which an outlet pipe alone can empty the full tank.

- (a) 24 min
- (b) 30 min
- (c) 25 min
- (d) 20 min
- (e) 36 min

Ans.(b)

Sol. Pipe A fills in 15 min

Pipe B fills in 20 min

Net filling time=12 min

Concept Used

Work and Time

Formula Used

Net Efficiency=Inlet Efficiency-Outlet Efficiency

Solution

$$1/15+1/20$$

$$=(4+3)/60$$

$$=7/60$$

$$7/60-x=1/12$$

$$x=7/60-5/60$$

$$=2/60$$

$$=1/30$$

Outlet pipe empties tank in 30 min

Q15. A can complete 1/2 of a work in 6 hours. B is 50% more efficient than A, and C is 2/3 as efficient as B. Find the time taken by all three together to complete the whole work (in hours).

(a) 3/7

(b) 14/9

(c) 24/7

(d) 6/7

(e) 2/5

Ans.(c)**Sol.****Given**

A completes 1/2 work in 6 hours

B is 50% more efficient than A

C is 2/3 as efficient as B

Concept Used

LCM Method (Work & Efficiency)

Formula Used

Efficiency = Work done per unit time

Total time = Total work / Total efficiency

Solution

A completes 1/2 work in 6 hours => full work in 12 hours

So, A's 1 hour work = 1/12

Using LCM method, take total work = 24 units

A's efficiency = 24 / 12 = 2 units/hour

B is 50% more efficient than A:

B's efficiency = 2 × 1.5 = 3 units/hour

C is 2/3 as efficient as B:

C's efficiency = 2/3 × 3 = 2 units/hour

Total efficiency = 2 + 3 + 2 = 7 units/hour

Total time = 24 / 7 hours

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WORK-EFFICIENCY RATIO TRICK

A's Full Time: $\frac{1}{2}$ work = 6h \rightarrow Total = 12h

A	B	C	WORK
A=2	B=3 (+50%)	C=2 ($\frac{2}{3}$ of B)	12h \times 2 = 24 units
Total Eff = 7			

\rightarrow Time = 24/7 hours

Q16. P is twice as efficient as Q and he alone can complete a piece of work in 16 days. Find time taken by both to complete the whole work with 50% of their respective efficiencies (in days)?

- (a) $18\frac{1}{3}$
- (b) $21\frac{1}{3}$
- (c) $20\frac{4}{5}$
- (d) $25\frac{2}{3}$
- (e) $24\frac{1}{3}$

Ans.(b)

Sol.

Let Q's efficiency be 'x' units/day

So, P's efficiency be '2x' units/day

ATQ,

Total work = $16 \times 2x = 32x$ units

Req. days = $\frac{32x}{1x+0.5x} = 21\frac{1}{3}$ days

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WORK = EFFICIENCY \times TIME

EFF (P:Q)	50% EFFICIENCY:
2 : 1	P = 1
	Q = 0.5

TOTAL WORK = $2 \times 16 = 32$ UNITS

TIME = $\frac{32}{1.5} = 21\frac{1}{3}$ DAYS

Q17. C and D together can complete a piece of work in 15 days. C alone can complete the same work in 25 days. Find the time taken (in days) by D alone to complete 20% of the work.

- (a) 7.5
- (b) 18.5
- (c) 6.5
- (d) 24.5
- (e) 12.5

Ans.(a)

Sol.

Information Given:

C and D together complete the work in 15 days

C alone completes the work in 25 days

Required: Time taken by D alone to complete 20% of the work

Concept/Formula Used:

LCM Method

Efficiency = Total work / Number of days

Explanation:

Take total work as LCM of 15 and 25

LCM = 75 units

Work done by C and D together in 1 day = $75 / 15 = 5$ units

Work done by C alone in 1 day = $75 / 25 = 3$ units

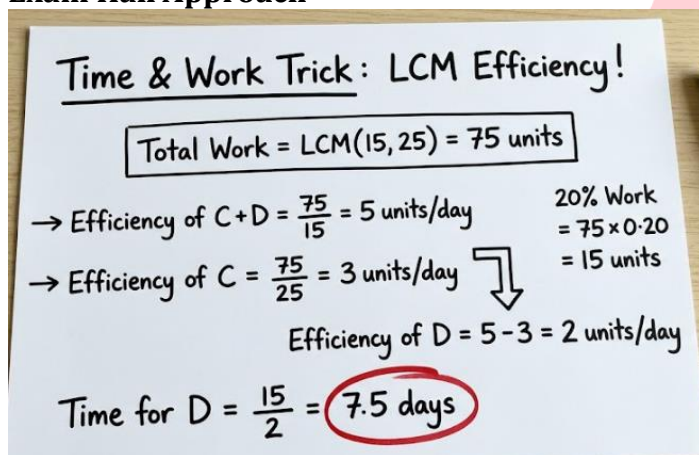
Therefore, work done by D alone in 1 day = $5 - 3 = 2$ units

Now, 20% of total work = 20% of 75 = 15 units

Time taken by D to complete 15 units = $15 / 2 = 7.5$ days

Final Answer: 7.5 days

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Time & Work Trick: LCM Efficiency!

Total Work = LCM(15, 25) = 75 units

→ Efficiency of C+D = $\frac{75}{15} = 5$ units/day

→ Efficiency of C = $\frac{75}{25} = 3$ units/day

Efficiency of D = $5 - 3 = 2$ units/day

20% Work = $75 \times 0.20 = 15$ units

Time for D = $\frac{15}{2} = 7.5$ days

Q18. A is 50% more efficient than B. B and C together can complete a piece of work in 30 days, while A alone can complete it in 20 days. In how many days can A, B, and C together complete the work?

- (a) 10 days
- (b) 15 days
- (c) 12 days
- (d) 13 days
- (e) 9 days

Ans.(c)

Sol.

Information Given in the Question:

A is 50% more efficient than B

A alone completes work in 20 days

B + C completes work in 30 days

Concept/Formula Used in the Question:

Efficiency $\propto 1 / \text{Time}$

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Detailed Explanation:

Take total work = LCM of 20 and 30 = 60 units

Now,

A's 1 day work = $60 / 20 = 3$ units

A is 50% more efficient than B \rightarrow

A : B = 3 : 2

So,

B's 1 day work = 2 units

Now,

B + C complete work in 30 days \rightarrow

(B + C) 1 day work = $60 / 30 = 2$ units

So,

C's work = (B + C) - B = 2 - 2 = 0

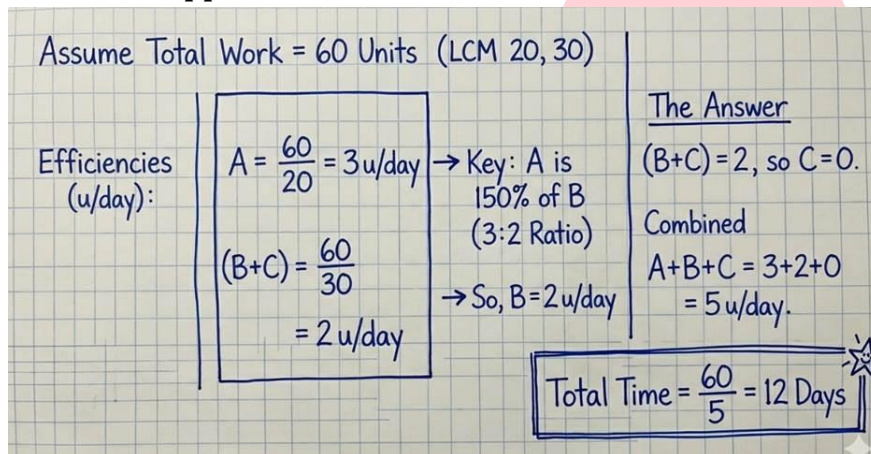
Now total work rate of A + B + C:

= 3 + 2 + 0 = 5 units/day

Time taken = Total work / total efficiency

= $60 / 5 = 12$ days

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Assume Total Work = 60 Units (LCM 20, 30)

Efficiencies (u/day):

$A = \frac{60}{20} = 3 \text{ u/day}$

\rightarrow Key: A is 150% of B (3:2 Ratio)

$(B+C) = \frac{60}{30} = 2 \text{ u/day}$

\rightarrow So, B = 2 u/day

The Answer

(B+C) = 2, so C = 0.

Combined

A+B+C = 3+2+0 = 5 u/day.

Total Time = $\frac{60}{5} = 12$ Days



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Q19. A tank is normally filled in 15 hours but due to a leak in the tank, it takes 3 hours more to be filled. If the tank is completely filled, then the leak will empty it in how many hours?

- (a) 72
- (b) 84
- (c) 90
- (d) 60
- (e) 75

Ans.(c)

Sol.

Let leak empty it in x hr, then

$$\frac{1}{15} - \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{18}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{15} - \frac{1}{18}$$

$$x = 90 \text{ hrs}$$

Q20. A can complete a piece of work in 8 days, A and B together can complete same work in 4.8 days and A, B and C together complete the work in 40/11 days. Find the time taken by A and C together to complete the work?

- (a) 120/23 days
- (b) 12 days
- (c) 17.5 days
- (d) 120/29 days
- (e) 20 days

Ans.(a)

Sol.

Let total work be 120 units (LCM of 8, 4.8 and 40/11)

$$\text{So, efficiency of A} = \frac{120}{8} = 15 \text{ units/day}$$

$$\text{Efficiency of A + B} = \frac{120}{4.8} = 25 \text{ units/day}$$

$$\text{Efficiency of A + B + C} = 120 \times \frac{11}{40} = 33 \text{ units/day}$$

$$\text{And, efficiency of C} = 33 - 25 = 8 \text{ units/day}$$

$$\text{So, required time} = \frac{120}{23} \text{ days}$$

Q21. A can write 50 pages in 10 hours and A & B can write 400 pages in 20 hours. Find in how much time B alone can write 60 pages?

- (a) 4 hours
- (b) 3.5 hours
- (c) 2 hours
- (d) 5 hours
- (e) 15 hours

Ans.(a)

Sol.

$$\text{Efficiency of A} = \frac{50}{10} = 5 \text{ pages per hour}$$

$$\text{Efficiency of A and B} = \frac{400}{20} = 20 \text{ pages per hour}$$

$$\text{Efficiency of B} = (20 - 5) = 15 \text{ pages per hour}$$

$$\text{Require time} = \frac{60}{15} = 4 \text{ hours}$$

Q22. A is 40% more efficient than B. If B takes 6 days more than A to complete a work alone then in how many days 'A' alone can complete the whole work.

- (a) 10 days
- (b) 15 days
- (c) 21 days
- (d) 24 days
- (e) 12 days

Ans.(b)

Sol. A is 40% more efficient than B
B takes 6 days more than A

Concept Used

Work and Efficiency

Formula Used

Efficiency \propto 1/Time

Solution

A:B=140:100

=7:5

Time ratio=5:7

7-5=2 units

2 units=6 days

1 unit=3 days

A=5 \times 3

=15 days

Q23. X and Y together can complete a work in 15 days. X alone can do it in 25 days. How many days will Y alone take?

- (a) 37.5
- (b) 42.5
- (c) 40
- (d) 33.5
- (e) 45

Ans.(a)

Sol.

Information Given in the Question:

X + Y can complete work in 15 days

X alone can complete work in 25 days

Find time taken by Y alone

Concept/Formula Used in the Question:

LCM Method (Work & Time)

Work = LCM of given times

Efficiency = Work done per day

Detailed Explanation:

Take LCM of 15 and 25 = 75 units (Total work)

Work done per day:

X + Y = 75 / 15 = 5 units/day

X alone = 75 / 25 = 3 units/day

So, work done by Y:

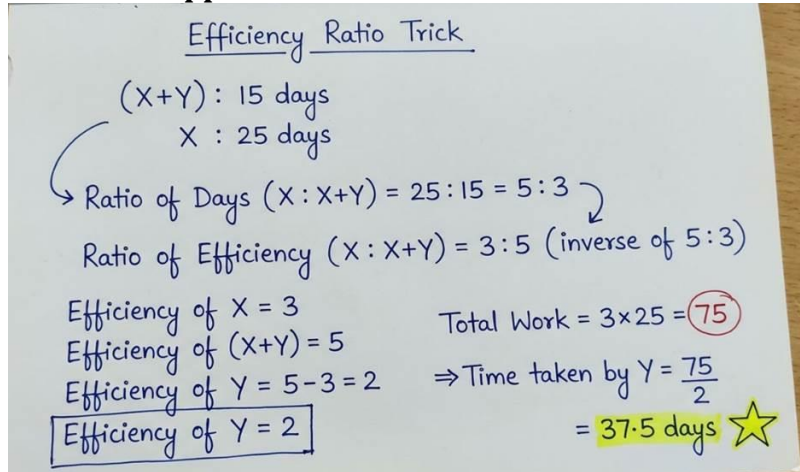
$$Y = (X + Y) - X$$

$$= 5 - 3 = 2 \text{ units/day}$$

Time taken by Y = Total work / Y's work per day

$$= 75 / 2 = 37.5 \text{ days}$$

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Efficiency Ratio Trick

(X+Y) : 15 days
X : 25 days

Ratio of Days (X : X+Y) = 25 : 15 = 5 : 3

Ratio of Efficiency (X : X+Y) = 3 : 5 (inverse of 5 : 3)

Efficiency of X = 3
Efficiency of (X+Y) = 5
Efficiency of Y = 5 - 3 = 2

Total Work = 3 × 25 = 75

⇒ Time taken by Y = $\frac{75}{2}$
= 37.5 days ★

Efficiency of Y = 2

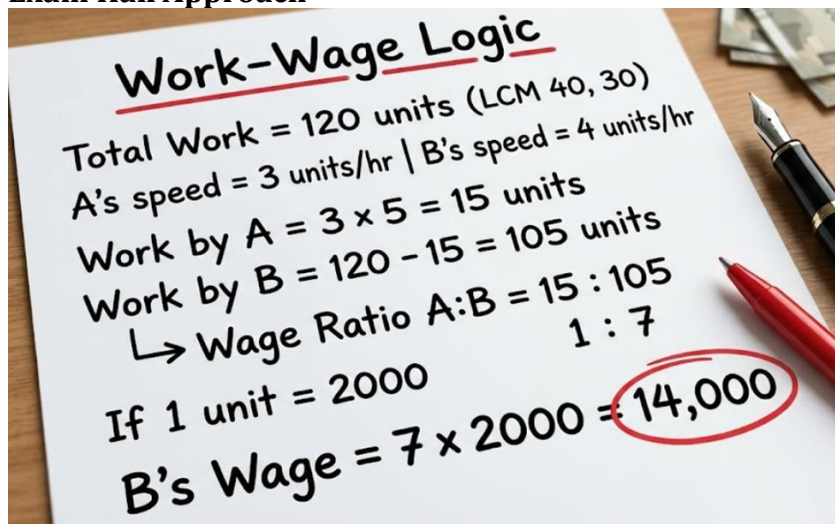
Q24. A and B can do a work in 40 hours and 30 hours respectively. A worked for 5 hours and the remaining work was completed by B. If A received total wages of Rs 2000 then find the wages received by B.

- (a) 70000 Rs
- (b) 12000 Rs
- (c) 14000 Rs
- (d) 1000 Rs
- (e) None of these

Ans.(c)

Sol. Total work = 120 (LCM of 40, 30)
Efficiency of A = $120/40 = 3$ units/hour
Efficiency of B = $120/30 = 4$ units/hour
Ratio of wage = $3 \times 5 : 120 - 15 = 15 : 105 = 1 : 7$
Wage get by B = $7/1 \times 2000 = 14000$ Rs

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Work-Wage Logic

Total Work = 120 units (LCM 40, 30)
A's speed = 3 units/hr | B's speed = 4 units/hr
Work by A = $3 \times 5 = 15$ units
Work by B = $120 - 15 = 105$ units
↳ Wage Ratio A:B = 15 : 105
1 : 7

If 1 unit = 2000
B's Wage = $7 \times 2000 = 14,000$

Q25. P and Q together can complete the work in $80/7$ days and P alone can complete the same work in 20 days. If R is 66.67% more efficient than Q, then find the time (in days) taken by P, Q and R together to complete the whole work (approx.).

- (a) 3
- (b) 7
- (c) 12
- (d) 15
- (e) 20

Ans.(b)

Sol. Given

P and Q together complete the work in $80/7$ days

P alone completes the work in 20 days

R is 66.67% more efficient than Q

Concept Used

Efficiency = Work / Time

If a person is more efficient, then work rate increases proportionally.

Total efficiency = Sum of individual efficiencies

Time = Total Work / Total Efficiency

Explanation:

Let the total work (LCM of $80/7$ and 20) = 80 units

Efficiency of P and Q = $80/(80/7)=7$ units/day

Efficiency of P = $80/20=4$ units/day

Efficiency of Q = $7-4=3$ units/day

Efficiency of R = $5/3 \times 3=5$ units/day

Required Time = $80/(4+3+5)=6.67$ days = 7 days

Q26. A and B together can do a work in 10 days and B and C together can do it in 15 days. A works for 4 days, then B works for 6 days, and the remaining work is completed by C in 10 days. Find the time taken by B alone.

- (a) 110 days
- (b) 90 days
- (c) 140 days
- (d) 150 days
- (e) 120 days

Ans.(e)

Sol.

Information Given:

A + B = 10 days \rightarrow Efficiency = $1/10$

B + C = 15 days \rightarrow Efficiency = $1/15$

A works 4 days, B works 6 days, C works 10 days

Total work = 1

Concept/Formula Used:

LCM Method (Take total work as LCM of 10 and 15)

LCM(10,15) = 30 units

Efficiency = Work per day

Explanation:

Total work = 30 units

(A + B)'s 1 day work = $30/10 = 3$ units

(B + C)'s 1 day work = $30/15 = 2$ units

Let individual efficiencies be A, B, C

So,

$$A + B = 3 \dots(1)$$

$$B + C = 2 \dots(2)$$

From (1): $A = 3 - B$

From (2): $C = 2 - B$

Now total work equation:

$$4A + 6B + 10C = 30$$

Substitute:

$$4(3 - B) + 6B + 10(2 - B) = 30$$

$$12 - 4B + 6B + 20 - 10B = 30$$

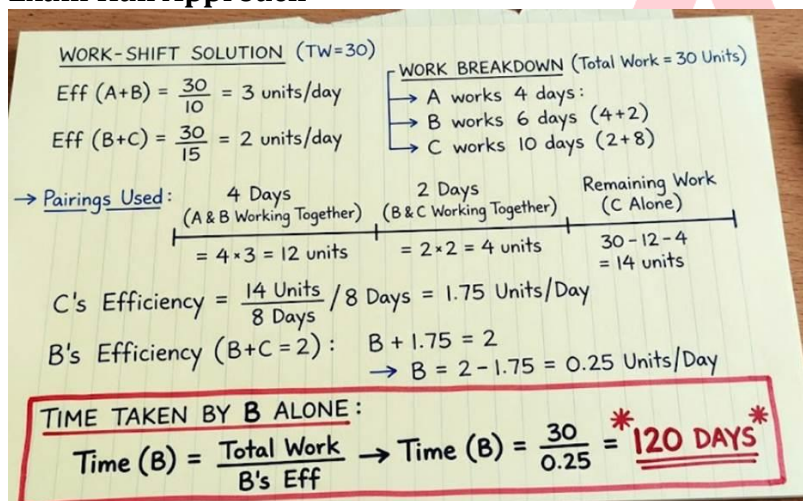
$$32 - 8B = 30$$

$$8B = 2$$

$$B = 1/4 \text{ unit per day}$$

$$\text{Time taken by B} = 30 / (1/4) = 120 \text{ days}$$

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WORK-SHIFT SOLUTION (TW=30)

Eff (A+B) = $\frac{30}{10} = 3$ units/day

Eff (B+C) = $\frac{30}{15} = 2$ units/day

WORK BREAKDOWN (Total Work = 30 Units)

- A works 4 days:
- B works 6 days (4+2)
- C works 10 days (2+8)

→ **Pairings Used:**

4 Days (A & B Working Together)	2 Days (B & C Working Together)	Remaining Work (C Alone)
= $4 \times 3 = 12$ units	= $2 \times 2 = 4$ units	$30 - 12 - 4 = 14$ units

C's Efficiency = $\frac{14 \text{ Units}}{8 \text{ Days}} = 1.75 \text{ Units/Day}$

B's Efficiency (B+C=2): $B + 1.75 = 2$
 $\rightarrow B = 2 - 1.75 = 0.25 \text{ Units/Day}$

TIME TAKEN BY B ALONE:

$\text{Time (B)} = \frac{\text{Total Work}}{\text{B's Eff}} \rightarrow \text{Time (B)} = \frac{30}{0.25} = \mathbf{120 \text{ DAYS}}$

Q27. P alone can do a work in 'X' days and with the help of Q he can do the same work in 6 days. If Q is 50% more efficient than P, then find 'X'?

- (a) 15
- (b) 12
- (c) 10
- (d) 20
- (e) 24

Ans.(a)

Sol. let the efficiency of P = 2a unit/day
 so, efficiency of Q = 150% of 2a = 3a unit/day
 total work = (2a+3a) x 6 = 30a unit
 So, X = $30a/2a = 15$

Q28. 12 men and 8 women can complete a work in 24 days. If 4 men leave and 4 women join, they can complete the same work in 24 days. Find the time taken by 20 women to complete double of the same work.

- (a) 48 days
- (b) 60 days
- (c) 72 days
- (d) 36 days
- (e) 84 days

Ans.(a)

Sol.

Information Given:

12 men + 8 women → complete work in 24 days

If 4 men leave and 4 women join → 8 men + 12 women → complete work in 24 days

Need to find: Time taken by 20 women to complete double work

Concept/Formula Used:

Work = Efficiency × Time

Let efficiency of 1 man = m

Efficiency of 1 woman = w

Explanation:

From first condition:

$$(12m + 8w) \times 24 = \text{Total work}$$

From second condition:

$$(8m + 12w) \times 24 = \text{Same total work}$$

So,

$$12m + 8w = 8m + 12w$$

$$4m = 4w$$

$$m = w$$

So, men and women have equal efficiency

Now,

$$12 \text{ men} + 8 \text{ women} = 20 \text{ persons}$$

$$\text{Total work} = 20 \times 24 = 480 \text{ units}$$

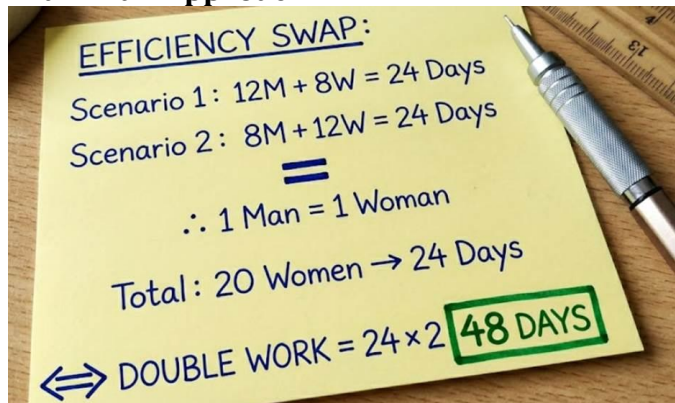
$$\text{Double work} = 960 \text{ units}$$

Now, 20 women (same efficiency as men):

$$\text{Efficiency} = 20 \text{ units/day}$$

$$\text{Time} = 960 / 20 = 48 \text{ days}$$

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Q29. A works for x days and earns Rs. 150 per day. B works for 20 days and earns Rs. 200 per day. If they both together earn Rs. 5800, then find the value of x .

- (a) 10
- (b) 12
- (c) 11
- (d) 9
- (e) 14

Ans.(b)

Sol. Information Given:

A works for x days and earns Rs. 150 per day.
 B works for 20 days and earns Rs. 200 per day.
 They both together earn Rs. 5800.

Basic Explanation:

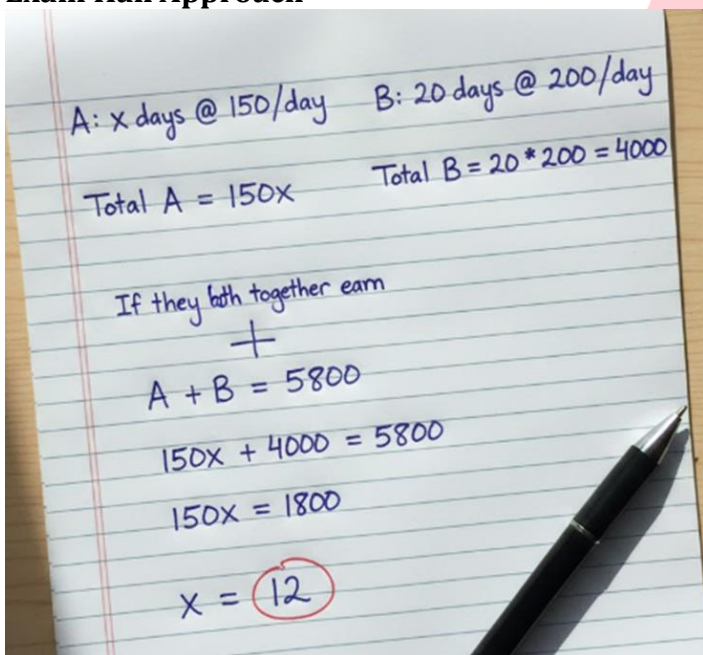
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$$x \times 150 + 20 \times 200 = 5800$$

$$150x = 1800$$

$$x = 12$$

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Q30.

Pipe A can fill a tank in 28 minutes, and pipe B can empty the tank in 84 minutes. If pipe A is opened for 24 minutes and then replaced by pipe B, then in how many minutes will pipe B empty the filled tank?

- (a) 28
- (b) 72
- (c) 45
- (d) 64
- (e) 29

Ans.(b)

Sol. Information Given:

Pipe A can fill a tank in 28 minutes, and pipe B can empty the tank in 84 minutes.

Pipe A is opened for 24 minutes and then replaced by pipe B.

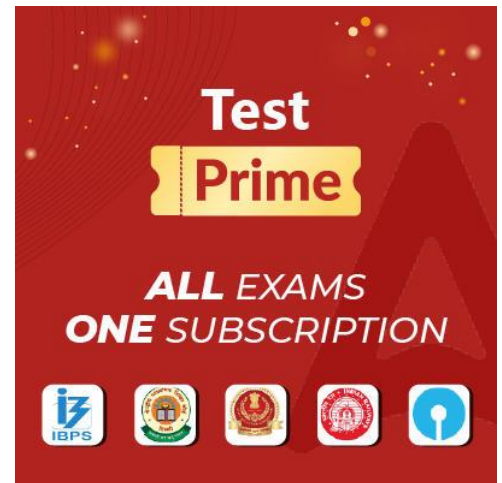
Basic Explanation:

Let the capacity of the tank = 84 units (LCM of 28 and 84)

Efficiency of pipe A = $84/28=3$ units/min

Efficiency of pipe B = $84/84=1$ units/min (It is outlet pipe)

Required time = $(3 \times 24)/1=72$ min



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