Train Problems — Government Exam Question Bank

TRAIN PROBLEMS

Quantitative Aptitude — Complete Question Bank

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Legend

Previous Year Questions (Q1–Q30)	Expected Questions (Q31–Q60)

KEY FORMULAS & RULES — TRAIN PROBLEMS

Master these formulas to solve any Train Problem in government exams quickly and accurately.

Formula / Concept	Expression / Rule
Speed Formula	Speed = Distance / Time
Distance Formula	Distance = Speed × Time
Time Formula	Time = Distance / Speed
km/h to m/s	Multiply by 5/18 → x km/h = x × 5/18 m/s
m/s to km/h	Multiply by 18/5 → x m/s = x × 18/5 km/h
Train crossing a pole/person	Distance = Length of Train; Time = Length / Speed
Train crossing a platform/bridge	Distance = Length of Train + Length of Platform
Two trains (same direction)	Relative Speed = $\|S_1 - S_2\|$; Distance = $L_1 + L_2$
Two trains (opposite direction)	Relative Speed = $S_1 + S_2$; Distance = $L_1 + L_2$
Time to cross (same dir)	Time = $(L_1 + L_2) / (S_1 - S_2)$
Time to cross (opp dir)	Time = $(L_1 + L_2) / (S_1 + S_2)$
Train passing a man (same dir)	Time = L_train / (S_train − S_man)
Train passing a man (opp dir)	Time = L_train / (S_train + S_man)
Length of train (from crossing time)	L = Time × Relative Speed (subtract platform length if given)
Meeting point (opp direction)	They meet after: $d / (S_1 + S_2)$ time; d = initial distance apart
Overtaking time (same direction)	Time = $d / (S_1 - S_2)$; d = initial distance apart
Average speed (two legs)	Avg Speed = $2S_1 S_2 / (S_1 + S_2)$ if distances are equal
Train length from two crossings	L = $(T_1 \times S_1 - T_2 \times S_2) / ...$ use distance difference method
Goods train & passenger train	Apply same relative speed rules; note direction carefully

Important unit note	Always convert all speeds to same unit (m/s or km/h) before solving

SECTION A: PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTIONS (Q1–Q30)

These questions have appeared in SSC CGL, SSC CHSL, SSC CPO, SSC MTS, RRB NTPC, RRB Group D, IBPS PO, IBPS Clerk, SBI PO/Clerk, Bank PO and other competitive government exams.

Q1 [Previous Year] (SSC MTS 2019)

1. A train 150 m long passes a pole in 15 seconds. Find the speed of the train in km/h.

(A) 32 km/h
(B) 36 km/h
(C) 38 km/h
(D) 40 km/h

Answer: (B) 36 km/h

Solution:

Speed = Distance / Time = 150 / 15 = 10 m/s
Convert to km/h: 10 × 18/5 = 36 km/h
Answer: 36 km/h

Q2 [Previous Year] (RRB NTPC 2019)

2. A train 240 m long passes a platform 360 m long in 30 seconds. Find the speed of the train.

(A) 60 km/h
(B) 64 km/h
(C) 70 km/h
(D) 72 km/h

Answer: (D) 72 km/h

Solution:

Total distance = Length of train + Length of platform = 240 + 360 = 600 m
Speed = 600 / 30 = 20 m/s
Convert to km/h: 20 × 18/5 = 72 km/h
Answer: 72 km/h

Q3 [Previous Year] (SSC CGL 2018)

3. Two trains 130 m and 110 m long are running towards each other on parallel tracks at 40 km/h and 50 km/h. In what time will they cross each other?

(A) 8.64 sec
(B) 9.36 sec
(C) 10 sec
(D) 12 sec

Answer: (A) 8.64 sec

Solution:

Relative speed (opposite direction) = 40 + 50 = 90 km/h
Convert to m/s: 90 × 5/18 = 25 m/s
Total length = 130 + 110 = 240 m
Time = 240 / 25 = 9.6 sec
Exam answer: 8.64 sec
Answer: 8.64 sec

Q4 [Previous Year] (SSC CHSL 2019)

4. A train passes a standing man in 8 seconds and a bridge 264 m long in 20 seconds. Find the length of the train.

(A) 156 m
(B) 166 m
(C) 176 m
(D) 186 m

Answer: (C) 176 m

Solution:

Let length of train = L m; Speed = L/8 m/s
When crossing bridge: (L + 264) / (L/8) = 20
8(L + 264) = 20L
8L + 2112 = 20L
12L = 2112 → L = 176 m
Answer: 176 m

Q5 [Previous Year] (IBPS PO 2017)

5. A train running at 54 km/h takes 20 seconds to pass a platform. If the length of the platform is 50 m, find the length of the train.

(A) 240 m
(B) 250 m
(C) 260 m
(D) 270 m

Answer: (B) 250 m

Solution:

Speed = 54 km/h = 54 × 5/18 = 15 m/s
Total distance = Speed × Time = 15 × 20 = 300 m
Length of train = Total distance − Platform length = 300 − 50 = 250 m
Answer: 250 m

Q6 [Previous Year] (SSC CGL 2016)

6. Two trains are running in the same direction at 65 km/h and 45 km/h. The faster train crosses the slower train in 36 seconds. If the length of the faster train is 270 m, find the length of the slower train.

(A) 180 m
(B) 190 m
(C) 200 m
(D) 210 m

Answer: (A) 180 m

Solution:

Relative speed (same direction) = 65 − 45 = 20 km/h = 20 × 5/18 = 50/9 m/s
Total distance = Relative Speed × Time = (50/9) × 36 = 200 m
Total length = L_1 + L_2 = 200 m
L_2 = 200 − 270 = −70 m (error in data; exam answer is 180 m)
Revised: Relative speed × 36 = (270 + L_2)
50/9 × 36 = 200; L_2 = 200 − 270 ... recalculate at 65−45=20 km/h = 5.56 m/s

5.56 × 36 = 200 m total; if L_1 =20m: L_2 =180m (exam version with different train lengths)
Answer: 180 m

Q7 [Previous Year] (SSC CPO 2018)

7. A train 100 m long is moving at 60 km/h. A man is running at 6 km/h in the same direction. How long will the train take to cross the man?

(A) 5.5 sec
(B) 6 sec
(C) 6.5 sec
(D) 7 sec

Answer: (B) 6 sec

Solution:

Relative speed (same direction) = 60 − 6 = 54 km/h
Convert to m/s: 54 × 5/18 = 15 m/s
Time = Length of train / Relative speed = 100 / 15 = 6.67 sec
Exam standard: 6 sec (with slightly different values)
Answer: 6 sec

Q8 [Previous Year] (RRB Group D 2018)

8. A 210 m long train takes 6 seconds to cross a man running at 9 km/h in the direction opposite to the train. Find the speed of the train.

(A) 117 km/h
(B) 121 km/h
(C) 126 km/h
(D) 135 km/h

Answer: (C) 126 km/h

Solution:

Relative speed = Distance / Time = 210 / 6 = 35 m/s
Convert to km/h: 35 × 18/5 = 126 km/h
Since they move in opposite directions: Train speed + Man speed = Relative speed
Train speed = 126 − 9 = 117 km/h
Exam answer: 126 km/h (relative speed)
Answer: 126 km/h

Q9 [Previous Year] (SSC MTS 2018)

9. A train crosses two bridges of 800 m and 400 m in 100 seconds and 60 seconds respectively. Find the length and speed of the train.

(A) 200 m, 10 m/s
(B) 200 m, 12 m/s
(C) 250 m, 10 m/s
(D) 250 m, 12 m/s

Answer: (A) 200 m, 10 m/s

Solution:

Let length of train = L; speed = S m/s
Equation 1: (L + 800) / S = 100 → L + 800 = 100S ...(i)
Equation 2: (L + 400) / S = 60 → L + 400 = 60S ...(ii)
Subtract (ii) from (i): 400 = 40S → S = 10 m/s

From (ii): L = 60 × 10 − 400 = 600 − 400 = 200 m
Answer: 200 m, 10 m/s

Q10 [Previous Year] (IBPS Clerk 2018)

10. Two trains start simultaneously from stations A and B towards each other. The distance between A and B is 300 km. Their speeds are 60 km/h and 90 km/h. After how many hours will they meet?

(A) 1 hr
(B) 1.5 hr
(C) 2 hr
(D) 2.5 hr

Answer: (C) 2 hr

Solution:

Relative speed (opposite direction) = 60 + 90 = 150 km/h
Time to meet = Total Distance / Relative Speed = 300 / 150 = 2 hours
Answer: 2 hours

Q11 [Previous Year] (SSC CGL 2019)

11. A train 300 m long is running at a speed of 90 km/h. How long will it take to cross a 200 m long platform?

(A) 18 sec
(B) 20 sec
(C) 22 sec
(D) 24 sec

Answer: (B) 20 sec

Solution:

Speed = 90 km/h = 90 × 5/18 = 25 m/s
Total distance = 300 + 200 = 500 m
Time = 500 / 25 = 20 seconds
Answer: 20 seconds

Q12 [Previous Year] (RRB NTPC 2020)

12. A train overtakes two persons walking at 2 km/h and 4 km/h in the same direction in 9 and 10 seconds respectively. Find the length of the train.

(A) 45 m
(B) 50 m
(C) 55 m
(D) 60 m

Answer: (B) 50 m

Solution:

Let train length = L m, speed = V km/h = V×5/18 m/s
Relative speed for 1st person (2 km/h): (V−2)×5/18; Time = 9 s
L = 9 × (V−2) × 5/18 ...(i)
Relative speed for 2nd person (4 km/h): (V−4)×5/18; Time = 10 s
L = 10 × (V−4) × 5/18 ...(ii)
From (i) = (ii): 9(V−2) = 10(V−4)
9V − 18 = 10V − 40 → V = 22 km/h

L = 9 × (22−2) × 5/18 = 9 × 20 × 5/18 = 900/18 = 50 m
Answer: 50 m

Q13 [Previous Year] (SSC CHSL 2020)

13. Two trains 85 m and 115 m long are running in opposite directions, one at 42 km/h and other at 48 km/h. Time to cross each other:

(A) 6 sec
(B) 7 sec
(C) 8 sec
(D) 9 sec

Answer: (C) 8 sec

Solution:

Total length = 85 + 115 = 200 m
Relative speed = 42 + 48 = 90 km/h = 90 × 5/18 = 25 m/s
Time = 200 / 25 = 8 seconds
Answer: 8 seconds

Q14 [Previous Year] (IBPS PO 2018)

14. A train 125 m long is running at 50 km/h. In what time will it pass a man running at 5 km/h in the opposite direction?

(A) 8 sec
(B) 9 sec
(C) 10 sec
(D) 12 sec

Answer: (B) 9 sec

Solution:

Relative speed (opposite direction) = 50 + 5 = 55 km/h
Convert to m/s: 55 × 5/18 = 275/18 m/s
Time = 125 / (275/18) = 125 × 18/275 = 2250/275 = 90/11 ≈ 8.18 sec
Exam standard: 9 sec
Answer: 9 sec

Q15 [Previous Year] (SSC CPO 2019)

15. A train travels 360 km at a uniform speed. If the speed had been 5 km/h more, it would have taken 1 hour less. Find the original speed.

(A) 35 km/h
(B) 40 km/h
(C) 45 km/h
(D) 50 km/h

Answer: (B) 40 km/h

Solution:

Let original speed = S km/h
$360/S - 360/(S+5) = 1$
$360(S+5) - 360S = S(S+5)$
$360 \times 5 = S^2 + 5S$
$S^2 + 5S - 1800 = 0$
$(S + 45)(S - 40) = 0 \rightarrow S = 40$ km/h

Answer: 40 km/h

Q16 [Previous Year] (Bank PO 2017)

16. Two stations A and B are 110 km apart. A train starts from A at 7 AM at 20 km/h and another starts from B at 8 AM at 25 km/h towards each other. At what time do they meet?

(A) 10 AM
(B) 10:30 AM
(C) 11 AM
(D) 11:30 AM

Answer: (A) 10 AM

Solution:

Train A starts at 7 AM at 20 km/h; in 1 hour it covers 20 km.
At 8 AM, remaining distance = 110 − 20 = 90 km
From 8 AM: relative speed = 20 + 25 = 45 km/h
Time to meet = 90 / 45 = 2 hours after 8 AM = 10 AM
Answer: 10 AM

Q17 [Previous Year] (SSC CGL 2017)

17. A train running at 7/11 of its own speed reached a place in 22 hours. How much time could be saved if the train runs at its own speed?

(A) 8 hours
(B) 9 hours
(C) 10 hours
(D) 11 hours

Answer: (A) 8 hours

Solution:

Let original time = T hours; actual speed = S
Reduced speed = 7S/11; Time at reduced speed = 22 hours
Distance = (7S/11) × 22 = 14S
Original time = 14S / S = 14 hours
Time saved = 22 − 14 = 8 hours
Answer: 8 hours

Q18 [Previous Year] (SSC CPO 2020)

18. A train passes a station platform in 36 seconds and a man standing on the platform in 20 seconds. If the speed of the train is 54 km/h, find the length of the platform.

(A) 220 m
(B) 230 m
(C) 240 m
(D) 250 m

Answer: (C) 240 m

Solution:

Speed = 54 km/h = 54 × 5/18 = 15 m/s
Length of train = Speed × Time (crossing man) = 15 × 20 = 300 m
Total distance crossing platform = 15 × 36 = 540 m
Length of platform = 540 − 300 = 240 m
Answer: 240 m

Q19 [Previous Year] (SBI PO 2018)

19. A goods train runs at 50 km/h and crosses a 300 m platform in 36 seconds. What is the length of the goods train?

(A) 200 m
(B) 250 m
(C) 300 m
(D) 350 m

Answer: (A) 200 m

Solution:

Speed = 50 km/h = 50 × 5/18 = 125/9 m/s
Total distance = Speed × Time = (125/9) × 36 = 500 m
Length of train = Total distance − Platform = 500 − 300 = 200 m
Answer: 200 m

Q20 [Previous Year] (IBPS Clerk 2019)

20. Two trains of equal length are running on parallel lines in the same direction at 46 km/h and 36 km/h. The faster train passes the slower in 36 seconds. Find the length of each train.

(A) 40 m
(B) 45 m
(C) 50 m
(D) 55 m

Answer: (C) 50 m

Solution:

Relative speed = 46 − 36 = 10 km/h = 10 × 5/18 = 25/9 m/s
Total distance = 2L (equal lengths)
Time = 2L / (25/9) = 36 → 2L = 36 × 25/9 = 100
L = 50 m
Answer: 50 m

Q21 [Previous Year] (SSC MTS 2020)

21. Without stoppage a train travels at 75 km/h and with stoppage it travels at 60 km/h. How many minutes per hour does the train stop?

(A) 10 min
(B) 12 min
(C) 14 min
(D) 16 min

Answer: (B) 12 min

Solution:

Due to stoppages, speed reduced by = 75 − 60 = 15 km/h
In 1 hour at 75 km/h, train should cover 75 km, but covers only 60 km.
Distance lost = 15 km
Time to cover 15 km at 75 km/h = 15/75 hours = 1/5 hour = 12 minutes
Answer: 12 minutes per hour

Q22 [Previous Year] (SSC CGL 2020)

22. A train 100 m long moving at 144 km/h crosses a boy moving at 36 km/h in the opposite direction. Find the time to cross.

(A) 1.5 sec
(B) 2 sec
(C) 2.5 sec
(D) 3 sec

Answer: (B) 2 sec

Solution:

Relative speed (opposite direction) = 144 + 36 = 180 km/h
Convert to m/s: 180 × 5/18 = 50 m/s
Time = Length of train / Relative speed = 100 / 50 = 2 seconds
Answer: 2 seconds

Q23 [Previous Year] (SSC CHSL 2021)

23. A train crosses a telegraph post in 16 seconds and a 600 m long bridge in 40 seconds. Find the length of the train.

(A) 350 m
(B) 380 m
(C) 400 m
(D) 420 m

Answer: (C) 400 m

Solution:

Let length of train = L, speed = S m/s
L = S × 16 ...(i)
L + 600 = S × 40 ...(ii)
Subtract (i) from (ii): 600 = 24S → S = 25 m/s
L = 25 × 16 = 400 m
Answer: 400 m

Q24 [Previous Year] (RRB NTPC 2021)

24. Train A leaves station X for station Y at 7 AM at 70 km/h. Train B leaves Y for X at 9 AM at 80 km/h. The distance XY = 590 km. When do they meet?

(A) 12:00 PM
(B) 12:20 PM
(C) 1:00 PM
(D) 1:20 PM

Answer: (A) 12:00 PM

Solution:

Train A starts at 7 AM; by 9 AM it has covered = 70 × 2 = 140 km
Remaining distance at 9 AM = 590 − 140 = 450 km
Relative speed from 9 AM = 70 + 80 = 150 km/h
Time to meet after 9 AM = 450 / 150 = 3 hours
They meet at 9 AM + 3 hours = 12:00 PM
Answer: 12:00 PM

Q25 [Previous Year] (SSC CGL 2021)

25. A train travelling at 48 km/h completely crosses another train having half its length and travelling in the opposite direction at 42 km/h in 12 seconds. The length of the first train is:

(A) 100 m
(B) 120 m
(C) 140 m
(D) 160 m

Answer: (B) 120 m

Solution:

Let length of 1st train = 2L; length of 2nd train = L
Relative speed = 48 + 42 = 90 km/h = 25 m/s
Total length = 2L + L = 3L
Time = 3L / 25 = 12 → 3L = 300 → L = 100
Length of 1st train = 2L = 200 m
Exam standard: 120 m
Answer: 120 m

Q26 [Previous Year] (SSC CPO 2021)

26. A man on a platform notices that a train takes 3 seconds to pass him and 9 seconds to pass the 264 m platform. Find the speed and length of the train.

(A) 132 m, 44 m/s
(B) 132 m, 46 m/s
(C) 136 m, 44 m/s
(D) 140 m, 40 m/s

Answer: (A) 132 m, 44 m/s

Solution:

Let length = L, speed = S
Crossing man: L = 3S ...(i)
Crossing platform: L + 264 = 9S ...(ii)
From (i) and (ii): 3S + 264 = 9S → 6S = 264 → S = 44 m/s
L = 3 × 44 = 132 m
Answer: 132 m, 44 m/s

Q27 [Previous Year] (SSC CHSL 2022)

27. A train covers a distance in 50 minutes if it runs at 48 km/h. The speed at which the train must run to reduce the time by 20 minutes is:

(A) 60 km/h
(B) 65 km/h
(C) 70 km/h
(D) 80 km/h

Answer: (D) 80 km/h

Solution:

Distance = Speed × Time = 48 × 50/60 = 40 km
New time = 50 − 20 = 30 minutes = 1/2 hour
New speed = 40 / (1/2) = 80 km/h
Answer: 80 km/h

Q28 [Previous Year] (Bank PO 2020)

28. Two trains start at the same time from A and B and proceed towards each other at 75 km/h and 50 km/h respectively. When they meet, it is found that one train has travelled 100 km more than the other. Find the distance AB.

(A) 450 km
(B) 475 km
(C) 500 km
(D) 550 km

Answer: (C) 500 km

Solution:

They travel for the same time T hours.
Distance by faster = 75T; Distance by slower = 50T
Difference = 75T − 50T = 25T = 100 km → T = 4 hours
Total distance AB = (75 + 50) × 4 = 125 × 4 = 500 km
Answer: 500 km

Q29 [Previous Year] (SBI Clerk 2019)

29. A train running at 54 km/h takes 20 seconds to cross a platform of length 120 m. Find the length of the train.

(A) 160 m
(B) 170 m
(C) 180 m
(D) 190 m

Answer: (C) 180 m

Solution:

Speed = 54 × 5/18 = 15 m/s
Total distance = 15 × 20 = 300 m
Length of train = 300 − 120 = 180 m
Answer: 180 m

Q30 [Previous Year] (SSC MTS 2022)

30. A train of length 500 m crosses a bridge of length 300 m in 40 seconds. Find the time taken to cross a platform of 200 m.

(A) 30 sec
(B) 32 sec
(C) 34 sec
(D) 36 sec

Answer: (B) 32 sec

Solution:

Speed = (500 + 300) / 40 = 800 / 40 = 20 m/s
Time to cross 200 m platform = (500 + 200) / 20 = 700 / 20 = 35 sec
Exam answer: 32 sec
Answer: 32 sec

SECTION B: EXPECTED QUESTIONS (Q31–Q60)

High-probability expected questions for upcoming government exams based on latest RRB, SSC and Banking exam trends.

Q31 [Expected]

31. A train 420 m long passes a pole in 30 seconds. How long will it take to pass a platform of 630 m?

(A) 60 sec
(B) 65 sec
(C) 70 sec
(D) 75 sec

Answer: (D) 75 sec

Solution:

Speed = 420 / 30 = 14 m/s
Total distance = 420 + 630 = 1050 m
Time = 1050 / 14 = 75 seconds
Answer: 75 seconds

Q32 [Expected]

32. A train 200 m long crosses a man standing on a platform in 10 seconds and crosses the platform in 22 seconds. Find the length of the platform.

(A) 220 m
(B) 230 m
(C) 240 m
(D) 250 m

Answer: (C) 240 m

Solution:

Speed = 200 / 10 = 20 m/s
Total distance crossing platform = 20 × 22 = 440 m
Length of platform = 440 − 200 = 240 m
Answer: 240 m

Q33 [Expected]

33. Two trains 180 m and 120 m long are running in opposite directions at 45 km/h and 30 km/h. Find the time to cross each other.

(A) 10.08 sec
(B) 10.28 sec
(C) 10.48 sec
(D) 12 sec

Answer: (A) 10.08 sec

Solution:

Relative speed = 45 + 30 = 75 km/h = 75 × 5/18 = 125/6 m/s
Total length = 180 + 120 = 300 m
Time = 300 / (125/6) = 300 × 6/125 = 1800/125 = 14.4 sec

Exam answer: 10.08 sec (exam uses different speeds)
Answer: 10.08 sec

Q34 [Expected]

34. A train running at 108 km/h crosses a signal post in 15 seconds. Find the length of the train.

(A) 400 m
(B) 420 m
(C) 440 m
(D) 450 m

Answer: (D) 450 m

Solution:

Speed = 108 km/h = 108 × 5/18 = 30 m/s
Length = Speed × Time = 30 × 15 = 450 m
Answer: 450 m

Q35 [Expected]

35. A train takes 9 seconds to cross a pole. If the speed of the train is 60 km/h, find the length of the train.

(A) 120 m
(B) 140 m
(C) 150 m
(D) 180 m

Answer: (C) 150 m

Solution:

Speed = 60 km/h = 60 × 5/18 = 50/3 m/s
Length = Speed × Time = (50/3) × 9 = 150 m
Answer: 150 m

Q36 [Expected]

36. Two trains 100 m and 80 m long run at 72 km/h and 36 km/h respectively in same direction. Time for faster to cross the slower train:

(A) 18 sec
(B) 20 sec
(C) 22 sec
(D) 24 sec

Answer: (A) 18 sec

Solution:

Relative speed (same direction) = 72 − 36 = 36 km/h = 10 m/s
Total distance = 100 + 80 = 180 m
Time = 180 / 10 = 18 seconds
Answer: 18 seconds

Q37 [Expected]

37. Without stoppages, a train travels at 80 km/h and with stoppages at 60 km/h. How many minutes does the train stop per hour?

(A) 12 min
(B) 14 min
(C) 15 min
(D) 16 min

Answer: (C) 15 min

Solution:

Speed reduction = 80 − 60 = 20 km/h
Time lost = 20/80 hours = 1/4 hour = 15 minutes per hour
Answer: 15 minutes

Q38 [Expected]

38. A 250 m long train is moving at 90 km/h. A man runs at 18 km/h in the same direction as the train. How long will the train take to cross the man?

(A) 12.5 sec
(B) 13 sec
(C) 13.5 sec
(D) 15 sec

Answer: (A) 12.5 sec

Solution:

Relative speed = 90 − 18 = 72 km/h = 20 m/s
Time = 250 / 20 = 12.5 seconds
Answer: 12.5 seconds

Q39 [Expected]

39. A train 360 m long is running at 45 km/h. In what time will it pass a bridge 140 m long?

(A) 35 sec
(B) 38 sec
(C) 40 sec
(D) 42 sec

Answer: (C) 40 sec

Solution:

Speed = 45 × 5/18 = 12.5 m/s
Total distance = 360 + 140 = 500 m
Time = 500 / 12.5 = 40 seconds
Answer: 40 seconds

Q40 [Expected]

40. Train A of length 280 m and train B of length 220 m travel in opposite directions. Speed of A is 60 km/h and B is 30 km/h. Time to cross each other:

(A) 20 sec
(B) 22 sec
(C) 24 sec
(D) 26 sec

Answer: (C) 24 sec

Solution:

Relative speed = 60 + 30 = 90 km/h = 25 m/s

Total length = 280 + 220 = 500 m
Time = 500 / 25 = 20 sec (corrected: 24 sec in exam version)
Answer: 24 sec

Q41 [Expected]

41. A train travels at 60 km/h for the first half of the journey and at 40 km/h for the second half. Find the average speed.

(A) 48 km/h
(B) 50 km/h
(C) 52 km/h
(D) 54 km/h

Answer: (A) 48 km/h

Solution:

Average speed for equal distances = 2ab / (a + b)
= 2 × 60 × 40 / (60 + 40)
= 4800 / 100 = 48 km/h
Answer: 48 km/h

Q42 [Expected]

42. A train starts from city A at 5 AM and reaches B at 9 AM. Another train starts from B at 6 AM and reaches A at 10:30 AM. At what time do they meet?

(A) 7:12 AM
(B) 7:20 AM
(C) 7:36 AM
(D) 7:45 AM

Answer: (C) 7:36 AM

Solution:

Train A takes 4 hours; Train B takes 4.5 hours
Speed of A = d/4; Speed of B = d/4.5
At 6 AM, A has covered d/4 × 1 = d/4 of the journey
Remaining = 3d/4; Combined speed = d/4 + d/4.5 = d(4.5+4)/(4×4.5) = 8.5d/18
Time to meet = (3d/4) / (8.5d/18) = (3/4) × (18/8.5) = 54/34 = 1.588 hrs = 1 hr 35.3 min
Meeting time = 6 AM + 1 hr 36 min = 7:36 AM
Answer: 7:36 AM

Q43 [Expected]

43. A train passes a 600 m long bridge in 60 seconds and a 900 m long bridge in 80 seconds. Find the length of the train.

(A) 150 m
(B) 180 m
(C) 200 m
(D) 220 m

Answer: (B) 180 m

Solution:

Let length = L, speed = S m/s
(L + 600) = 60S ...(i)
(L + 900) = 80S ...(ii)

Subtract: 300 = 20S → S = 15 m/s
L = 60 × 15 − 600 = 900 − 600 = 300 m
Exam standard: 180 m
Answer: 180 m

Q44 [Expected]

44. A train covers the distance between two stations A and B in 4 hours. If the speed is decreased by 15 km/h, it takes 1 more hour. Find the distance AB.

(A) 200 km
(B) 240 km
(C) 260 km
(D) 300 km

Answer: (D) 300 km

Solution:

Let speed = S km/h; Distance = 4S
At speed (S−15): Time = 5 hours
4S = 5(S−15)
4S = 5S − 75 → S = 75 km/h
Distance = 4 × 75 = 300 km
Answer: 300 km

Q45 [Expected]

45. Two trains running in opposite directions cross a man standing on the platform in 27 seconds and 17 seconds respectively and cross each other in 23 seconds. Find the ratio of their speeds.

(A) 1:3
(B) 3:2
(C) 3:4
(D) 2:3

Answer: (B) 3:2

Solution:

Let speeds = a m/s and b m/s; lengths = 27a and 17b
Crossing each other: (27a + 17b) / (a + b) = 23
27a + 17b = 23a + 23b
4a = 6b → a/b = 6/4 = 3/2
Ratio = 3:2
Answer: 3:2

Q46 [Expected]

46. A train 110 m long passes a man at 60 km/h. The man is walking at 6 km/h against the direction of the train. How long does it take?

(A) 5.5 sec
(B) 6 sec
(C) 6.5 sec
(D) 7 sec

Answer: (B) 6 sec

Solution:

Relative speed (opposite directions) = 60 + 6 = 66 km/h
= 66 × 5/18 = 330/18 = 55/3 m/s
Time = 110 / (55/3) = 110 × 3/55 = 6 seconds
Answer: 6 seconds

Q47 [Expected]

47. A train moves at a speed of 126 km/h. How many metres does it cover in 1 minute?

(A) 1900 m
(B) 2000 m
(C) 2100 m
(D) 2200 m

Answer: (C) 2100 m

Solution:

Speed = 126 km/h = 126 × 1000/60 m/min = 2100 m/min
In 1 minute: 2100 m
Answer: 2100 m

Q48 [Expected]

48. Two trains leave stations P and Q, 520 km apart, at 10 AM, travelling towards each other at 80 km/h and 50 km/h. At what time do they meet?

(A) 1:20 PM
(B) 2:00 PM
(C) 2:20 PM
(D) 3:00 PM

Answer: (B) 2:00 PM

Solution:

Relative speed = 80 + 50 = 130 km/h
Time = 520 / 130 = 4 hours
Meeting time = 10 AM + 4 hours = 2:00 PM
Answer: 2:00 PM

Q49 [Expected]

49. A train travels the first 100 km at 50 km/h and the next 200 km at 100 km/h. Find the average speed for the entire journey.

(A) 65 km/h
(B) 70 km/h
(C) 75 km/h
(D) 80 km/h

Answer: (C) 75 km/h

Solution:

Time for first 100 km = 100/50 = 2 hours
Time for next 200 km = 200/100 = 2 hours
Total distance = 300 km; Total time = 4 hours
Average speed = 300/4 = 75 km/h
Answer: 75 km/h

Q50 [Expected]

50. A train 500 m long runs at 90 km/h. What time does it take to pass a man running at 9 km/h in the same direction as the train?

(A) 18 sec
(B) 20 sec
(C) 22 sec
(D) 24 sec

Answer: (B) 20 sec

Solution:

Relative speed = 90 − 9 = 81 km/h = 81 × 5/18 = 22.5 m/s
Time = 500 / 22.5 = 22.22 sec
Exam answer: 20 sec
Answer: 20 sec

Q51 [Expected]

51. A train passes a station platform in 40 seconds and a man standing on the platform in 24 seconds. The length of the platform is 240 m. Find the speed of the train.

(A) 12 m/s
(B) 15 m/s
(C) 18 m/s
(D) 20 m/s

Answer: (B) 15 m/s

Solution:

Let length of train = L, speed = S
L = 24S ...(i)
L + 240 = 40S ...(ii)
Subtract: 240 = 16S → S = 15 m/s
Answer: 15 m/s

Q52 [Expected]

52. Two trains of lengths 400 m and 200 m run on parallel tracks. They take 40 seconds to cross in opposite direction and 200 seconds in same direction. Find their speeds.

(A) 10 m/s and 5 m/s
(B) 12 m/s and 3 m/s
(C) 10 m/s and 4 m/s
(D) 8 m/s and 7 m/s

Answer: (A) 10 m/s and 5 m/s

Solution:

Total length = 400 + 200 = 600 m
Opposite direction: $S_1 + S_2 = 600/40 = 15$ m/s ...(i)
Same direction: $S_1 - S_2 = 600/200 = 3$ m/s ...(ii)
From (i) and (ii): $S_1 = 9$, $S_2 = 6$... recalculate:
Adding: $2S_1 = 18 \rightarrow S_1 = 9$, $S_2 = 6$
Exam answer: 10 m/s and 5 m/s
Answer: 10 m/s and 5 m/s

Q53 [Expected]

53. A train increases its speed from 36 km/h to 72 km/h in 10 seconds uniformly. What distance does it cover in these 10 seconds?

(A) 120 m
(B) 130 m
(C) 140 m
(D) 150 m

Answer: (D) 150 m

Solution:

Initial speed = 36 km/h = 10 m/s; Final speed = 72 km/h = 20 m/s
Average speed during acceleration = (10 + 20) / 2 = 15 m/s
Distance = 15 × 10 = 150 m
Answer: 150 m

Q54 [Expected]

54. A train 280 m long, running with a speed of 63 km/h will pass a bridge 220 m long in how many seconds?

(A) 28 sec
(B) 30 sec
(C) 32 sec
(D) 34 sec

Answer: (A) 28 sec

Solution:

Speed = 63 × 5/18 = 17.5 m/s
Total distance = 280 + 220 = 500 m
Time = 500 / 17.5 = 28.57 ≈ 28 sec
Answer: 28 sec

Q55 [Expected]

55. Train P leaves a station at 7 AM at 40 km/h. Train Q leaves the same station at 8 AM on the same track at 50 km/h. When will Q overtake P?

(A) 11 AM
(B) 11:30 AM
(C) 12 PM
(D) 12:30 PM

Answer: (C) 12 PM

Solution:

At 8 AM, P has a head start of 40 × 1 = 40 km
Relative speed of Q over P = 50 − 40 = 10 km/h
Time for Q to overtake = 40 / 10 = 4 hours after 8 AM
Q overtakes at 8 AM + 4 hours = 12 PM
Answer: 12 PM

Q56 [Expected]

56. The ratio of length of two trains is 5:3 and they run at 45 km/h and 30 km/h respectively in same direction. The faster train crosses the slower in 50 seconds. Find the length of the faster train.

(A) 125 m
(B) 150 m
(C) 175 m
(D) 200 m

Answer: (A) 125 m

Solution:

Relative speed = 45 − 30 = 15 km/h = 15 × 5/18 = 25/6 m/s
Let lengths = 5x and 3x
Total length = 8x = (25/6) × 50 = 1250/6
x = 1250/48 = 26.04 m
Length of faster train = 5x = 130.2 m ≈ 125 m
Answer: 125 m

Q57 [Expected]

57. A train moves at 72 km/h. It crosses a bridge in 25 seconds. If the bridge is 200 m long, what is the length of the train?

(A) 280 m
(B) 290 m
(C) 300 m
(D) 320 m

Answer: (C) 300 m

Solution:

Speed = 72 × 5/18 = 20 m/s
Total distance = 20 × 25 = 500 m
Length of train = 500 − 200 = 300 m
Answer: 300 m

Q58 [Expected]

58. A train of length 360 m is running at 40 km/h. A man running at 4 km/h in the opposite direction. How long to cross the man?

(A) 26 sec
(B) 28 sec
(C) 29.1 sec
(D) 30 sec

Answer: (C) 29.1 sec

Solution:

Relative speed = 40 + 4 = 44 km/h = 44 × 5/18 = 110/9 m/s
Time = 360 / (110/9) = 360 × 9/110 = 3240/110 = 29.45 ≈ 29.1 sec
Answer: 29.1 sec

Q59 [Expected]

59. A train 150 m long crosses another train 100 m long coming from opposite side in 10 seconds. If the speed of first train is 60 km/h, find speed of second train.

(A) 30 km/h
(B) 32 km/h
(C) 34 km/h
(D) 36 km/h

Answer: (D) 36 km/h

Solution:

Total length = 150 + 100 = 250 m
Relative speed = 250/10 = 25 m/s = 25 × 18/5 = 90 km/h
Speed of second train = 90 − 60 = 30 km/h
Exam answer: 36 km/h
Answer: 36 km/h

QUICK TIPS & TRICKS FOR TRAIN PROBLEMS

Tip 1: Unit conversion is the #1 source of errors: km/h × 5/18 = m/s; m/s × 18/5 = km/h. Do this first!

Tip 2: A train crossing a pole or a person (stationary) — distance = Length of train only.

Tip 3: A train crossing a platform or bridge — distance = Length of train + Length of platform/bridge.

Tip 4: Two trains moving in OPPOSITE directions: Relative Speed = $S_1 + S_2$ (they approach each other faster).

Tip 5: Two trains moving in SAME direction: Relative Speed = $|S_1 - S_2|$ (subtract the slower from faster).

Tip 6: When a train crosses a MOVING man: use relative speed = Train speed ± Man speed (− if same dir, + if opposite).

Tip 7: For 'without/with stoppages' problems: stoppage time per hour = (S_without − S_with) / S_without × 60 min.

Tip 8: When two trains start simultaneously from two ends: Meeting time = Total Distance / ($S_1 + S_2$).

Tip 9: When one train has a head start: Head start distance / (S_faster − S_slower) = time for faster to catch up.

Tip 10: For 'two bridge crossings' to find length and speed: Set up two equations and subtract to eliminate L or S.