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1. Betty decided to distribute a sum of money among her four children Anna, Bella, Rosy and Charlie in the ratio of 6:7:3:5. If Bella and Rose together got Rs. 1300, what percentage of total money did Charlie get?
2. The ratio of water to milk is 2:3 in 100 litres of Tea. How much water needs to be added to make the final ratio to be 6:5?
3. If you take out two whole numbered balls from a bag without looking at it and both the numbers are in the ratio of 3:8 and the $\frac{1}{4}$ th of the greater number is 7 less than the smaller one. Find the two numbers.
4. A piggy bank contains the various coins of different values along with a few currency notes. The total money in the piggy bank is Rs. 3500 and $\frac{1}{4}$ th of the total amount is in the form of currency notes and rest in the form of coins of Rs. 1, Rs. 2 and Rs. 5 in the ratio of 9:3:2. Find the number of Rs.5 coins in the piggy bank.
5. The ratio of engineering students to Law students on a Camp is 2:7. When another group of 40 engineering students join, the ratio becomes 2:3. Find the total number of students in the camp initially.
6. 3 friends (Alan, Jake and Evelyn) took up a summer job for a week at a fast-food joint. Alan worked for 2 days, Jake worked for 4 days and Evelyn worked for 1 day. Their total earnings together added up to Rs. 1400. Find how much would they have earned if Alan would have worked for 4 days and Jake would have worked for 5 days?
7. If the price of sugar is Rs. 4000 per ton, what will be the price of 37 kilograms of sugar?
8. If a train covers a distance of 270 kilometres in 3 hours, then at a constant speed, how much distance can it cover in 17 hours?
9. The ratio of prices of the shoes of two brands A and B are in the ratio 4:5. If the price is increased by Rs. 500 each and the new ratio is 5/6, find the original price.

10. If there are male and female students in a university of 6000 students are in the ratio of 3:2.
How many female students must take admission in order to have equal no. of male and female students?

Explanations:

1. Since the money is distributed in the ratio of 6:7:3:5, let the money to Anna, Bella, Rosy and Charlie be $6x$, $7x$, $3x$ and $5x$ respectively.

As per the question,

$$7x + 3x = \text{Rs. } 1300$$

$$10x = 1300$$

$$x = \text{Rs. } 130$$

The money Charlie will get = $5x$

$$= 5 * 130$$

$$= \text{Rs. } 650$$

Total money distributed by Betty = $6x + 7x + 3x + 5x = \text{Rs. } 2730$

Percentage of money Charlie will get = $(650/2730) * 100$

$$= 23.8 \%$$

1. Let the water and milk in tea be $2x$ and $3x$ respectively.

$$2x + 3x = 100 \text{ litres}$$

$$x = 20 \text{ litres}$$

In 100 litres of tea,

$$\text{Quantity of water} = 2x = 40 \text{ litres}$$

$$\text{Quantity of milk} = 3x = 60 \text{ litres}$$

To make the final ratio 6:5, let the water to be added be w .

$$40 + w : 60 = 6:5$$

$$5*(40+w) = 60*6$$

$$200 + 5w = 360$$

$$5w = 160$$

$$w = 32 \text{ litres}$$

Therefore water needed to be added is 32 litres

1. Let the two numbers be $3x$ and $8x$.

As per the question,

$$\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) * 8x + 7 = 3x$$

$$2x + 7 = 3x$$

$$x = 7$$

Therefore the two numbers are

$$3x = 3 * 7 = 21$$

$$8x = 8 * 7 = 56$$

1. Total money in the piggy bank = Rs 3500

Amount in the form of Currency notes = $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) * 3500$

$$= \text{Rs. } 875$$

Money in the form of coins = Rs. 2625

Let the coins of Rs. 1, Rs. 2 and Rs. 5 be $9x$, $3x$ and $2x$.

As per the question,

$$9x + 2 * (3x) + 5 * (2x) = 2625$$

$$9x + 6x + 10x = 2625$$

$$x = 2625 / 25$$

$$= 105$$

Therefore, no. of Rs. 5 coins = $2 * 105 = 210$ coins

1. Let the number of Engineering students and law students be $2x$ and $7x$ respectively.

When 40 engineering students are added, the ratio becomes 2:3

As per the question,

$$2x + 40 : 7x = 2:3$$

$$3*(2x+40) = 2*(7x)$$

$$6x + 120 = 14x$$

$$8x = 120$$

$$x = 15$$

Therefore,

$$\text{No. of Engineering students in the camp initially} = 2*15 = 30$$

$$\text{No. of Law students in the camp initially} = 7*15 = 105$$

$$\text{Total students initially} = 105 + 30 = 135$$

1. Let the money received by Alan, Jake and Evelyn be $2x$, $4x$ and $1x$ respectively.

As per the question:

$$2x + 4x + x = 1400$$

$$x = 1400/7$$

$$= 200$$

Therefore, per day payment for each person, $x = \text{Rs. } 200$

If Alan would have worked for 4 days and Jake would have worked for 5 days,

$$\text{The total amount received would be} = 4x + 5x$$

$$= 9x$$

$$= 9*200$$

$$= 1800$$

1. Here, the concept of proportionality will apply.

$$\text{One ton} = 1000 \text{ kilograms}$$

Let the price of 37 kg of sugar be x

1 ton of sugar / Rs. 4000 = 37 kg of sugar /x

Applying the formula,

If $x:y = m:n$, then it means than x, y, m and n are in proportion and $x*n = y*m$

$$1000/4000 = 37/x$$

$$1000x = 37*4000$$

$$x = (37*4000)/1000$$

$$= \text{Rs. } 148$$

1. Let the distance covered in 17 hours be x km.

Here, let us find out the ratio between the distances = 270 : x

The ratio between the time taken = 3: 17

Since the speed is constant

$$270:x = 3:17$$

$$270* 17 = 3*x$$

$$x = (270*17)/ 3$$

$$= 90* 17$$

$$= 1530 \text{ km.}$$

1. The ratio of prices of original prices of shoes of brand A and B = 4:5

Now, when the prices are increased,

$$4x+ 500 : 5x+500 = 5:6$$

Applying the formula,

If $x:y = m:n$, then it means than x, y, m and n are in proportion and $x*n = y*m$

$$4x+ 500 : 5x+500 = 5:6$$

$$6*(4x+500) = 5*(5x+500)$$

$$x = 500$$

$$\text{Original Price of shoes of Brand A} = 4 * 500 = \text{Rs.2000}$$

$$\text{Original Price of shoes of Brand B} = 5 * 500 = \text{Rs. 2500}$$

1. Let the number of male and female students be $3x$ and $2x$ respectively.

$$\text{Total students} = 5x = 6000$$

$$x = 6000/5 = 1200$$

$$\text{No. of male students} = 1200 * 3 = 3600$$

$$\text{No. of female students} = 1200 * 2 = 2400$$

For there to be equal no. of male and female students,

$$\text{No. of female students to take admission} = 3600 - 2400$$

$$= 1200$$

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