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Quantitative Aptitude – Boats and Streams

English

Q:1 A boat goes at a speed of 30 km/h in still water. If the speed of the current is 5 km/h. What time will it take to travel 50 km upstream and then 70 km downstream?

1. 5 hours
2. 3 hours
3. 4 hours
4. 2 hours
5. 6 hours

Q:2 A boat travels upstream in 6 hours and it travels the same distance downstream in 4 hours. The speed of the stream is what percent of the speed of the boat?

1. 25%
2. 30%
3. 20%
4. 40%
5. Data Insufficient

Q:3 Two boats A and B are going downstream. The distance between them is 150 km and the speed of the stream is 5 km/hr. If boat A reaches 2 hours before boat B, what is the ratio of the speed of boat A to boat B?

1. 10 : 13
2. 4 : 3
3. 7 : 5
4. 8 : 5
5. Data Insufficient

Q:4 A man can swim at a speed of 8 km/h in still water. If the speed of the stream is 2 km/h, it takes 40 minutes to travel to one place and come back. How far is that place?

1. 1.5 km
2. 2.5 km
3. 3 km
4. 4.5 km
5. cannot be determined

Q:5 In a river, the speed of the stream is 8 km/hr and a swimmer can swim at the speed of 7 km/h in still water. If he is swimming downstream and a 100-meter-long boat with a speed of 6 km/h in still water is going in the same direction as the swimmer, then find the time in which the swimmer crosses the boat.

1. 13 min
2. 12 min
3. 8 min
4. 6 min
5. 10 min

Q:6 The speed of the current is 8 km/hour. Two boats A and B go upstream with the speed of 80 km/hour and 98 km/hour respectively. If boat A starts first and after 1 hour B will start then, find the time when both boats A and B will meet.

1. 8 Hours
2. 6 Hours
3. 10 Hours
4. 4 Hours
5. 2 Hours

Q:7 A boat sailing downstream crosses a ship of length 225 m in 4 minute 10 seconds. Find the speed (In meter/minute) of boat in still water if it crosses the same ship in 18 minute 45 seconds sailing upstream.

1. 36 meter/minute
2. 33 meter/minute
3. 30 meter/minute
4. 48 meter/minute
5. 54 meter/minute

Q:8 Two boats A and B have speeds of 29 km/hour and 25 km/hour. A goes upstream and B goes downstream and crossed each other in 7 seconds. If the speed of the current is 5 km/hours then find the distance between them at the starting.

1. 95 meter
2. 100 meter
3. 105 meter
4. 110 meter
5. 120 meter

Q:9 A boat sails 15 km of a river upstream in 5 hours. How long will it take to cover the same distance downstream, if the speed of the current is one-fourth the speed of the boat in still water?

1. 1.8 hour
2. 3 hour
3. 4.5 hour



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4. 4 hour

5. 5 hour

Q:10 The upstream speed from point A is 10 kmph. If a boat reaches a bridge and takes a U-turn towards A at the speed of 15 kmph. The time taken for the boat in return journey is 1 hour less than the upstream journey. Calculate the distance from point A to the bridge.

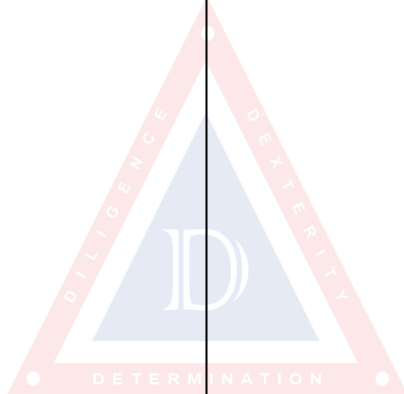
1. 50 km

2. 30 km

3. 20 km

4. 25 km

5. 31 km



Answer Key

1. (3)	2. (3)	3. (5)	4. (2)	5. (4)
6. (4)	7. (2)	8. (3)	9. (2)	10. (2)

Answers and Solutions

Q:1 The correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **4 hours**.

Speed = Distance × Time

If the speed of boat or swimmer is x km/h and the speed of the stream is y km/h,

then, speed of boat upstream = $(x - y)$ km/h

speed of boat downstream = $(x + y)$ km/h

The relative speed of the boat in upstream = $30 - 5 = 25$ km/h

Distance = 50 km

Time = distance/speed = $50/25 = 2$ hours

The relative speed in downstream = $30 + 5 = 35$ km/h

Distance = 70 km

Time = $70/35 = 2$ hours

Total time = $2 + 2 = 4$ hours

Q:2 The correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **20%**.

Let, the speed of the stream be y km/hr and, the speed of the boat be z km/hr

Now, Upstream total speed = $(z - y)$ km/hr

In Downstream, total speed = $(z + y)$ km/hr

Distance is the same,

So,

$$\Rightarrow 6 \times (z - y) = 4 \times (z + y)$$

$$\Rightarrow 6z - 4z = 4y + 6y$$

$$\Rightarrow 2z = 10y$$

$$\Rightarrow z = 5y$$

Hence, speed of stream = $y/5y \times 100 = 20\%$ of speed of boat

Q:3 The correct answer is **Option 5** i.e. **Data Insufficient**.

Let, the speed of boat A be x km/hr and, the speed of boat B be y km/hr

Given, distance = 150 km

They are going downstream and the speed of the stream is 5 km/hr

Hence, speed of boat A downstream = $(x + 5)$ km/hr

Speed of boat B downstream = $(y + 5)$ km/hr

As boat A reaches 2 hours before boat B

$$\Rightarrow 150/(x + 5) + 2 = 150/(y + 5)$$

As there are 2 variables and a single equation. we cannot find the relation between x and y directly

Hence, the given **data is insufficient**.

Q:4 The correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **2.5 km**

If the speed of a man in still water is u km/hr

and the speed of the stream is v km/hr, then

Speed downstream = $(u + v)$ km/hr

Speed upstream = $(u - v)$ km/hr

Speed downstream = $(8 + 2) = 10$ km/hr

Speed upstream = $(8 - 2) = 6$ km/hr

Let the required distance = x km

$$\Rightarrow (x/10) + (x/6) = (40/60)$$

$$\Rightarrow 16x = 40$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 40/16 = 2.5 \text{ km}$$

Q:5 The correct answer is **Option 4** i.e. **6 min**.

If the speed of a boat in still water is u km/hr and the speed of the stream is v km/hr, then

Speed downstream = $(u + v)$ km/hr

Speed of stream of water = 8 km/hr

The swimmer's speed in downstream = $(8 + 7) = 15$ km/hr

Boat's speed in downstream = $(8 + 6) = 14$ km/hr

Both the swimmer and the boat are going in the same direction.

Relative speed = $(15 - 14) = 1$ km/hr

Length of the boat = 100 m

Required time = $(60/1000) \times 100 = 6$ min

Q:6 The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **4 Hours**.

Speed = distance/time

The actual speed of boat A = $(80 - 8)$ km/hour = 72 km/hour

Distance in 1st hour = 72 km

Now,

Distance between boats A and B = 72 km

Speed of boat B = $(98 - 8)$ km/hour = 90 km/hour

So, the actual speed when both boats start = $(90 - 72)$ km/hour = 18 km/hour

Hence,



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Time = $72/18 = 4$ hour

Q:7 The correct answer is **Option 2** i.e.

33 meter/minute

Suppose the speed of boat in still water and speed of current are 'B' and 'C' respectively.

So, Downstream speed = $(B + C)$

Upstream speed = $(B - C)$

Distance = 225 m

Time = 4 minute 10 seconds = 250 seconds

So, $(B + C) = 225/250 = 0.9$ m/s

Distance = 225 m

Time = 18 minute 45 seconds = 1125 seconds

So, $(B - C) = 225/1125 = 0.2$ m/s

From both equations:

$B = 0.55$ m/s = 33 meter/minute

Hence, Speed of boat in still water = 33 meter/minute

Q:8 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **105 meter**

The relative speed = $(29 - 5) + (25 + 5) = 24 + 30 = 54$ km/hr

in m/s = $54 \times 5/18 = 15$ m/s

Now,

Speed = Distance/time

$\Rightarrow 15 = d/7$

$\Rightarrow d = 105$ m

Hence, initial distance = 105 m

Q:9 The correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **3 hours**

If the speed downstream is a km/hr and the speed upstream is b km/hr, then:

Rate of stream = $\frac{1}{2}(a - b)$ km/hr

Speed in still water = $(1/2)(a + b)$ km/hr

as given in the question, $b = (15/5) = 3$ km/hr

then, $0.5 \times (a - 3) = (1/4) \times 0.5 \times (a + 3)$

$\Rightarrow 4a - 12 = a + 3$

$\Rightarrow a = 5$ km/hr

Time required to sail 15 km downstream = $(15/5)$
= 3 hours

Q:10 The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **30 km**

Let, The distance be D km

now,

Speed of the boat upstream = 10 kmph

Speed of the boat downstream = 15 kmph

$\Rightarrow D/10 - D/15 = 1$

$\Rightarrow D(1/10 - 1/15) = 1$

$\Rightarrow D(1/30) = 1$

$\Rightarrow D = 30$ km

Hence, Distance from point A to the bridge is **30 km**.