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Quantitative Aptitude - Ratios and Proportion

English

Q:1 If ratio $a : b$ and $b : c$ are both equal to $2 : 3$, find the ratio of $3a + 7b - 2c$ and $5a - 11b + 10c$.

1. $3 : 7$
2. $4 : 5$
3. $9 : 11$
4. $13 : 17$

Q:2 The ratio of men and women in a village is $7 : 6$. If 10 men join the village and 15 women leave the village, the ratio becomes $4 : 3$. Find the previous population of the village.

1. 390
2. 325
3. 455
4. 364

Q:3 The ratio of students in sections A and B of class 10 in a school is $4 : 5$. Boys to girls ratio is $11 : 9$ and $3 : 2$ in sections A and B respectively. If the classes are merged, find the ratio of boys to girls in the merged class.

1. $17 : 13$
2. $26 : 19$
3. $31 : 23$
4. $11 : 7$

Q:4 Two numbers are in the ratio $3 : 2$. If 3 is added to the larger number and 2 to the smaller number, the ratio is still $3 : 2$. The numbers are?

1. 42 : 28
2. 633 : 422
3. Both 1 and 2
4. Cannot be determined

Q:5 Ratio of present ages of Tushar, Garima and Saurav is $5 : 7 : 4$. If the sum of their ages after 9 years will be 139 years then what was the age of Garima 5 years ago?

1. 30 years
2. 37 years
3. 44 years
4. 36 years

Q:6 The present ages of a mother and daughter are in the ratio of $8 : 3$. After 12 years, the ratio of their ages will be $2 : 1$. What is the sum of the present ages of the mother and the daughter?

1. 71 years
2. 66 years

3. 69 years

4. 74 years

Q:7 If $A : B = 17 : 7$ & $B : C = 7 : 17$, find $A : C$.

1. $119 : 17$
2. $119 : 49$
3. $49 : 119$
4. $1 : 1$

Q:8 Which of the following ratio is the greatest?

1. $7 : 15$
2. $15 : 23$
3. $17 : 25$
4. $21 : 29$

Q:9 The ratio of ages of Rahul and Vimal 4 years ago was $4 : 3$. The ratio of sum and difference of their present ages is $9 : 1$. What will be the age of Vimal after 4 years?

1. 16 years
2. 20 years
3. 18 years
4. 22 years

Q:10 If a carton containing a dozen mirrors is dropped, which of the following cannot be the ratio of broken mirrors to unbroken mirrors?

1. $2 : 1$
2. $3 : 1$
3. $3 : 2$
4. $7 : 5$
5. $5 : 7$

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Answer Key

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

Answers and Solutions

Q:1 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **9 : 11**.

Given

$$a : b = 2 : 3$$

$$b : c = 2 : 3$$

$$a : b : c = 2 \times 2 : 3 \times 2 : 3 \times 3$$

Let a, b, c be equal to 4m, 6m, 9m respectively.

Now,

$$3a + 7b - 2c = (3 \times 4 + 7 \times 6 - 2 \times 9)m = 36m$$

$$5a - 11b + 10c = (5 \times 4 - 11 \times 6 + 10 \times 9)m = 44m$$

$$\text{Required ratio} = 36m : 44m = 9 : 11$$

Q:2 The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **390**.

Let the number of men and women be 7x and 6x respectively.

$$\text{Ratio when 10 men join and 15 women leave} = (7x + 10)/(6x - 15)$$

According to condition,

$$(7x + 10)/(6x - 15) = 4/3$$

$$3(7x + 10) = 4(6x - 15)$$

$$21x + 30 = 24x - 60$$

$$3x = 90$$

$$x = 30$$

$$\text{Total population} = 6x + 7x = 13x = 13 \times 30 = 390$$

Q:3 The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **26 : 19**.

As the ratio of students is given, we can assume students in both sections accordingly

Let the students be 40 and 50 respectively.

$$\text{Boys in section A} = (11/20) \times 40 = 22$$

$$\text{Girls in section A} = (9/20) \times 40 = 40 - 22 = 18$$

$$\text{Boys in section B} = (3/5) \times 50 = 30$$

$$\text{Girls in section B} = 50 - 30 = 20$$

$$\text{Sections are merged, number of boys in merged class} = 22 + 30 = 52$$

$$\text{Number of girls} = 18 + 20 = 38$$

Hence,

$$\text{Ratio} = 52 : 38 = 26 : 19$$

Q:4 The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **Cannot be**

determined.

Given information is insufficient to get an answer that is finite because any two numbers given in a particular ratio will continue to be in same ratio if numbers are added/subtracted/multiplied/divided in their ratio.

Q:5 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **44 years**

Suppose the present ages of Tushar, Garima and Saurav are 5x, 7x and 4x respectively.

Given: sum of their ages after 9 years will be 139 years

So,

$$(5x + 7x + 4x) + 9 \times 3 = 139$$

$$\Rightarrow 16x = 139 - 27$$

$$\Rightarrow 16x = 112$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 7$$

$$\text{Hence, age of Garima 5 years ago} = 7 \times 7 - 5 = 44 \text{ years}$$

Q:6 The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **66 years**

Understanding	Application
The present age of a mother and daughter is in the ratio of 8 : 3.	Suppose Present age of Mother = 8x Present age of daughter = 3x
After 12 years, the ratio of their ages will be 2 : 1.	So, $(8x + 12) : (3x + 12) = 2 : 1$ $\Rightarrow 8x + 12 = 6x + 24$ $\Rightarrow 2x = 12$ $\Rightarrow x = 6$
Sum of the present age of the mother and the daughter = 8x + 3x = 11x	Hence, Required sum = $11 \times 6 = 66$ years

Q:7 The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **1 : 1**.



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$A : B = 17 : 7$ & $B : C = 7 : 17$

$\Rightarrow A : C = AB : BC$

$\Rightarrow 17 \times 7 : 7 \times 17$

$\Rightarrow 1 : 1$

Q:8 The Correct Answer is **Option 4** i.e **21 : 29**.

The given ratios are: 7 : 15, 15 : 23, 17 : 25 and 21 : 29.

$\Rightarrow 7 : 15 = 7/15 = 0.47$

$\Rightarrow 15 : 23 = 15/23 = 0.65$

$\Rightarrow 17 : 25 = 17/25 = 0.68$

$\Rightarrow 1 : 29 = 21/29 = 0.72$

Hence, the greatest ratio among the given options is 21 : 29 = 0.72

Q:9 The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **20 years**

Let present age of Rahul be x

And present age of Vimal be y.

4 years ago, ratio of age = 4 : 3

i.e. $(x - 4)/(y - 4) = 4/3$

$3x - 12 = 4y - 16$

$4y - 3x = 4$ ----- (1)

Also, ratio of sum and difference of their present age = 9 : 1

i.e. $(x + y)/(x - y) = 9/1$

$x + y = 9x - 9y$

$10y = 8x$

or, $5y = 4x$ ----- (2)

Solving equation (1) & (2):

$y = 16$ years

$x = 20$ years.

Hence, present age of Vimal is 16 years

So, after 4 years, age of Vimal will be $16 + 4 = 20$ years

Q:10 The correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **3:2**

Concept	Application
Ratio	For dividing 12 into two whole numbers, the sum of the ratio terms must be a factor of 12. So, they cannot be in the ratio 3:2