

AREA

1. Triangles

- a. Sum of the angles of a triangle is 180° .
- b. The sum of any two sides of a triangle is greater than the third side.
- c. Pythagoras Theorem:
In a right-angled triangle, (Hypotenuse)² = (Base)² + (Height)².
- d. The line joining the mid-point of a side of a triangle to the opposite vertex is called the median.
- e. The point where the three medians of a triangle meet is called centroid. The centroid divides each of the medians in the ratio 2: 1.
- f. In an isosceles triangle, the altitude from the vertex bisects the base.
- g. The median of a triangle divides it into two triangles of the same area.
- h. The area of the triangle formed by joining the mid-points of the sides of a given triangle is one-fourth of the area of the given triangle.

2. Quadrilaterals

- a. Diagonals of a parallelogram bisect each other.
- b. Each diagonal of a parallelogram divides it into triangles of the same area.
- c. Diagonals of a rectangle are equal and bisect each other.
- d. Diagonals of a square are equal and bisect each other at right angles.
- e. Diagonals of a rhombus are unequal and bisect each other at right angles.
- f. A parallelogram and a rectangle on the same base and between the same parallels are equal in area.
- g. Parallelogram which is a rectangle has the greatest area.

Important Formulae

1	Area of a rectangle = (Length x Breadth).
2	Perimeter of a rectangle = $2(\text{Length} + \text{Breadth})$.
3	Area of a square = $(\text{side})^2 = (\text{diagonal})^2 / 2$.
4	Area of 4 walls of a room = $2 (\text{Length} + \text{Breadth}) \times \text{Height}$.
5	Area of a triangle = $1/2 \times \text{Base} \times \text{Height}$.
6	Area of a triangle = $s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)$ Where a, b, c are the sides of the triangle and $s = (a + b + c) / 2$
7	Area of an equilateral triangle = $3/4 \times (\text{side})^2$
8	Radius of incircle of an equilateral triangle of side a = $a / 2\sqrt{3}$
9	Radius of circumcircle of an equilateral triangle of side a = $a / \sqrt{3}$
10	Radius of incircle of a triangle of area (Delta) and semi-perimeter r = Delta / s
11	Area of parallelogram = (Base x Height).
12	Area of a rhombus = Product of diagonals / 2.
13	Area of a trapezium = $\frac{1}{2} \times (\text{sum of parallel sides} \times \text{distance between them})$.
14	Area of a circle = πR^2 , where R is the radius.
15	Circumference of a circle = $2 \pi R$
16	Length of an arc = $2 \pi \theta R / 360$, where θ is the central angle.
17	Area of a sector = $\frac{1}{2}(\text{arc} \times R) = \pi R^2 \theta / 360 = R^2 \theta / 2$
18	Circumference of a semi-circle = πR .
19	Area of semi-circle = $\pi R^2 / 2$.

Problems with solutions

1. The ratio between the perimeter and the breadth of a rectangle is 5 : 1. If the area of the rectangle is 216 sq. cm, what is the length of the rectangle?

Solution

$$\frac{2(l + b)}{b} = \frac{5}{1}$$

$$2l + 2b = 5b$$

$$3b = 2l$$

$$b = \frac{2}{3}l$$

$$\text{Then, Area} = 216 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$l \times b = 216$$

$$l \times \frac{2}{3}l = 216$$

$$l^2 = 324$$

$$l = 18 \text{ cm.}$$

2. A towel, when bleached, was found to have lost 20% of its length and 10% of its breadth. The percentage of decrease in area is:

Solution

Let original length = x and original breadth = y.

$$\text{Decrease in area} = xy - \left(\frac{80}{100}x \times \frac{90}{100}y \right)$$

$$= \left(xy - \frac{18}{25}xy \right)$$

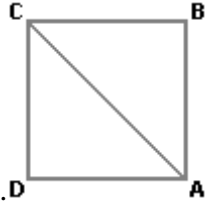
$$= \frac{7}{25}xy.$$

$$\text{Decrease \%} = \left(\frac{7}{25}xy \times \frac{1}{xy} \times 100 \right) \% = 28\%.$$

3. A man walked diagonally across a square lot. Approximately, what was the percent saved by not walking along the edges?

Solution

Let the side of the square (ABCD) be x metres.



Then, $AB + BC = 2x$ metres.

$AC = 2x = (1.41x)$ m.

Saving on $2x$ metres $= (0.59x)$ m.

Saving % $= \left(\frac{0.59x}{2x} \times 100 \right) \% = 30\%$ (approx.)

4. What is the least number of squares tiles required to pave the floor of a room 15 m 17 cm long and 9 m 2 cm broad?

Solution

Length of largest tile = H.C.F. of 1517 cm and 902 cm = 41 cm.

Area of each tile $= (41 \times 41) \text{ cm}^2$.

\therefore Required number of tiles $= \left(\frac{1517 \times 902}{41 \times 41} \right) = 814$.

5. The length of a rectangle is halved, while its breadth is tripled. What is the percentage change in area?

Solution

Let original length $= x$ and original breadth $= y$.

Original area $= xy$.

New length $= \frac{x}{2}$.

New breadth $= 3y$.

New area $= \left(\frac{x}{2} \times 3y \right) = \frac{3}{2}xy$.

Increase % $= \left(\frac{1}{2}xy \times \frac{1}{xy} \times 100 \right) \% = 50\%$.