

## 24 .AREA

### FUNDEMENTAL CONCEPTS

#### **I.RESULTS ON TRIANGLES:**

- 1.Sum of the angles of a triangle is 180 degrees.
- 2.Sum of any two sides of a triangle is greater than the third side.

#### **3.Pythagoras theorem:**

In a right angle triangle,  
 $(\text{Hypotenuse})^2 = (\text{base})^2 + (\text{Height})^2$

- 4.The line joining the midpoint of a side of a triangle to the opposite vertex is called the

#### **MEDIAN**

- 5.The point where the three medians of a triangle meet is called **CENTROID**. Centroid divides each of the medians in the ratio 2:1.
- 6.In an isosceles triangle, the altitude from the vertex bi-sects the base
- 7.The median of a triangle divides it into two triangles of the same area.
- 8.Area of a triangle formed by joining the midpoints of the sides of a given triangle is one-fourth of the area of the given triangle.

#### **II.RESULTS ON QUADRILATERALS:**

1. The diagonals of a parallelogram bisect each other .
2. Each diagonal of a parallelogram divides it into two triangles of the same area
3. The diagonals of a rectangle are equal and bisect each other.
4. The diagonals of a square are equal and bisect each other at right angles.
5. The diagonals of a rhombus are unequal and bisect each other at right angles.
6. A parallelogram and a rectangle on the same base and between the same parallels are equal in area.
7. Of all the parallelograms of a given sides , the parallelogram which is a rectangle has the greatest area.

#### **IMPORTANT FORMULAE**

**I.1.**Area of a rectangle=(length\*breath)

Therefore length = (area/breath) and breath=(area/length)

**2.**Perimeter of a rectangle = 2\*(length+breath)

**II.**Area of a square = (side)<sup>2</sup> =1/2(diagonal)<sup>2</sup>

**III** Area of four walls of a room = 2\*(length + breadth)\*(height)

**IV** 1. Area of the triangle =  $\frac{1}{2}(\text{base} \times \text{height})$

2. Area of a triangle =  $(s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c))^{1/2}$ , where a,b,c are the sides of a triangle and  $s = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)$

3. Area of the equilateral triangle =  $(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}) \times (\text{side})^2$

4. Radius of incircle of an equilateral triangle of side a =  $\frac{a}{2\sqrt{3}}$

5. Radius of circumcircle of an equilateral triangle of side a =  $\frac{a}{\sqrt{3}}$

6. Radius of incircle of a triangle of area  $\Delta$  and semiperimeter  $S = \Delta/S$

**V** 1. Area of the parallelogram =  $(\text{base} \times \text{height})$

2. Area of the rhombus =  $\frac{1}{2}(\text{product of the diagonals})$

3. Area of the trapezium =  $\frac{1}{2}(\text{sum of parallel sides}) \times \text{distance between them}$

**VI** 1. Area of a circle =  $\pi r^2$ , where r is the radius

2. Circumference of a circle =  $2\pi R$ .

3. Length of an arc =  $2\pi R \theta / 360$  where  $\theta$  is the central angle

4. Area of a sector =  $(\frac{1}{2}) (\text{arc} \times R) = \pi R^2 \theta / 360$ .

**VII** 1. Area of a semi-circle =  $\frac{\pi}{2} R^2$ .

2. Circumference of a semi-circle =  $\pi R$ .

## SOLVED EXAMPLES

**Ex.1. One side of a rectangular field is 15 m and one of its diagonals is 17 m. Find the area of the field.**

**Sol.** Other side =  $((17)^2 - (15)^2)^{1/2} = (289 - 225)^{1/2} = (64)^{1/2} = 8$  m.  
Area =  $(15 \times 8) \text{ m}^2 = 120 \text{ m}^2$ .

**Ex. 2. A lawn is in the form of a rectangle having its sides in the ratio 2: 3. The area of the lawn is  $(\frac{1}{6})$  hectares. Find the length and breadth of the lawn.**

**Sol.** Let length =  $2x$  metres and breadth =  $3x$  metre.

Now, area =  $(\frac{1}{6}) \times 1000 \text{ m}^2 = 5000/3 \text{ m}^2$

So,  $2x \times 3x = 5000/3 \Rightarrow x^2 = 2500/9 \Rightarrow x = 50/3$

therefore Length =  $2x = (100/3) \text{ m} = 33\frac{1}{3} \text{ m}$  and Breadth =  $3x = 3(50/3) \text{ m} = 50 \text{ m}$ .

**Ex. 3. Find the cost of carpeting a room 13 m long and 9 m broad with a carpet 75 cm wide at the rate of Rs. 12.40 per square metre.**

**Sol.** Area of the carpet = Area of the room =  $(13 \times 9) \text{ m}^2 = 117 \text{ m}^2$ .

Length of the carpet =  $(\text{area}/\text{width}) = 117 \times (\frac{4}{3}) \text{ m} = 156 \text{ m}$ .

Therefore Cost of carpeting = Rs.  $(156 \times 12.40) = \text{Rs. } 1934.40$ .

**Ex. 4. If the diagonal of a rectangle is 17 cm long and its perimeter is 46 cm, find the area of the rectangle.**

**Sol.** Let length =  $x$  and breadth =  $y$ . Then,

$$2(x + y) = 46 \text{ or } x + y = 23 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 = (17)^2 = 289.$$

$$\text{Now, } (x + y)^2 = (23)^2 \Leftrightarrow (x^2 + y^2) + 2xy = 529 \Leftrightarrow 289 + 2xy = 529 \Leftrightarrow xy = 120$$

$$\text{Area} = xy = 120 \text{ cm}^2.$$

**Ex. 5. The length of a rectangle is twice its breadth. If its length is decreased by 5 cm and breadth is increased by 5 cm, the area of the rectangle is increased by 75 sq. cm. Find the length of the rectangle.**

**Sol.** Let breadth =  $x$ . Then, length =  $2x$ . Then,

$$(2x - 5)(x + 5) - 2x * x = 75 \Leftrightarrow 5x - 25 = 75 \Leftrightarrow x = 20.$$

$\therefore$  Length of the rectangle = 20 cm.

**Ex. 6. In measuring the sides of a rectangle, one side is taken 5% in excess, and the other 4% in deficit. Find the error percent in the area calculated from these measurements. (M.B.A. 2003)**

**Sol.** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be the sides of the rectangle. Then, Correct area =  $xy$ .

$$\text{Calculated area} = (105/100)*x * (96/100)*y = (504/500)(xy)$$

$$\text{Error In measurement} = (504/500)xy - xy = (4/500)xy$$

$$\text{Error \%} = [(4/500)xy * (1/xy) * 100] \% = (4/5) \% = 0.8\%.$$

**Ex. 7. A rectangular grassy plot 110 m. by 65 m has a gravel path 2.5 m wide all round it on the inside. Find the cost of gravelling the path at 80 paise per sq. metre.**

$$\text{Sol. Area of the plot} = (110 \times 65) \text{ m}^2 = 7150 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Area of the plot excluding the path} = [(110 - 5) * (65 - 5)] \text{ m}^2 = 6300 \text{ m}^2.$$

$$\text{Area of the path} = (7150 - 6300) \text{ m}^2 = 850 \text{ m}^2.$$

$$\text{Cost of gravelling the path} = \text{Rs.} 850 * (80/100) = \text{Rs. } 680$$

**Ex. 8. The perimeters of two squares are 40 cm and 32 cm. Find the perimeter of a third square whose area is equal to the difference of the areas of the two squares. (S.S.C. 2003)**

$$\text{Sol. Side of first square} = (40/4) = 10 \text{ cm};$$

$$\text{Side of second square} = (32/4) \text{ cm} = 8 \text{ cm}.$$

$$\text{Area of third square} = [(10)^2 - (8)^2] \text{ cm}^2 = (100 - 64) \text{ cm}^2 = 36 \text{ cm}^2.$$

$$\text{Side of third square} = (36)^{(1/2)} \text{ cm} = 6 \text{ cm}.$$

$$\text{Required perimeter} = (6 \times 4) \text{ cm} = 24 \text{ cm}.$$

**Ex. 9. A room 5m 55cm long and 3m 74 cm broad is to be paved with square tiles. Find the**

**least number of square tiles required to cover the floor.**

**Sol.** Area of the room =  $(544 \times 374) \text{ cm}^2$ .

Size of largest square tile = H.C.F. of 544 cm and 374 cm = 34 cm.

Area of 1 tile =  $(34 \times 34) \text{ cm}^2$ .

Number of tiles required =  $(544 \times 374) / (34 \times 34) = 176$

**Ex. 10. Find the area of a square, one of whose diagonals is 3.8 m long.**

**Sol.** Area of the square =  $(1/2) \times (\text{diagonal})^2 = [(1/2) \times 3.8 \times 3.8] \text{ m}^2 = 7.22 \text{ m}^2$ .

**Ex. 11. The diagonals of two squares are in the ratio of 2 : 5. Find the ratio of their areas. (Section Officers', 2003)**

**Sol.** Let the diagonals of the squares be  $2x$  and  $5x$  respectively.

Ratio of their areas =  $(1/2) \times (2x)^2 : (1/2) \times (5x)^2 = 4x^2 : 25x^2 = 4 : 25$ .

**Ex.12. If each side of a square is increased by 25%, find the percentage change in its area.**

**Sol.** Let each side of the square be  $a$ . Then, area =  $a^2$ .

New side =  $(125a/100) = (5a/4)$ . New area =  $(5a/4)^2 = (25a^2)/16$ .

Increase in area =  $((25a^2)/16) - a^2 = (9a^2)/16$ .

Increase% =  $[(9a^2)/16 \times (1/a^2) \times 100] \% = 56.25\%$ .

**Ex. 13. If the length of a certain rectangle is decreased by 4 cm and the width is increased by 3 cm, a square with the same area as the original rectangle would result. Find the perimeter of the original rectangle.**

**Sol.** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be the length and breadth of the rectangle respectively.

Then,  $x - 4 = y + 3$  or  $x - y = 7$  ----(i)

Area of the rectangle =  $xy$ ; Area of the square =  $(x - 4)(y + 3)$

$(x - 4)(y + 3) = xy \Leftrightarrow 3x - 4y = 12$  ----(ii)

Solving (i) and (ii), we get  $x = 16$  and  $y = 9$ .

Perimeter of the rectangle =  $2(x + y) = [2(16 + 9)] \text{ cm} = 50 \text{ cm}$ .

**Ex. 14. A room is half as long again as it is broad. The cost of carpeting the at Rs. 5 per sq. m is Rs. 270 and the cost of papering the four walls at Rs. 10 per  $\text{m}^2$  is Rs. 1720. If a door and 2 windows occupy 8 sq. m, find the dimensions of the room.**

**Sol.** Let breadth =  $x$  metres, length =  $3x$  metres, height =  $H$  metres.

Area of the floor = (Total cost of carpeting) / (Rate/m<sup>2</sup>) = (270/5)m<sup>2</sup> = 54m<sup>2</sup>.

$$x * (3x/2) = 54 \Leftrightarrow x^2 = (54 * 2/3) = 36 \Leftrightarrow x = 6.$$

So, breadth = 6 m and length = (3/2)\*6 = 9 m.

Now, papered area = (1720/10)m<sup>2</sup> = 172 m<sup>2</sup>.

Area of 1 door and 2 windows = 8 m<sup>2</sup>.

Total area of 4 walls = (172 + 8) m<sup>2</sup> = 180 m<sup>2</sup>

$$2*(9+6)*H = 180 \Leftrightarrow H = 180/30 = 6 \text{ m.}$$

**Ex. 15. Find the area of a triangle whose sides measure 13 cm, 14 cm and 15 cm.**

**Sol.** Let a = 13, b = 14 and c = 15. Then,  $S = (1/2)(a + b + c) = 21$ .

$$(s - a) = 8, (s - b) = 7 \text{ and } (s - c) = 6.$$

$$\text{Area} = (s(s - a)(s - b)(s - c))^{(1/2)} = (21 * 8 * 7 * 6)^{(1/2)} = 84 \text{ cm}^2.$$

**Ex. 16. Find the area of a right-angled triangle whose base is 12 cm and hypotenuse is 13cm.**

**Sol.** Height of the triangle =  $[(13)^2 - (12)^2]^{(1/2)} \text{ cm} = (25)^{(1/2)} \text{ cm} = 5 \text{ cm.}$

$$\text{Its area} = (1/2) * \text{Base} * \text{Height} = ((1/2) * 12 * 5) \text{ cm}^2 = 30 \text{ cm}^2.$$

**Ex. 17. The base of a triangular field is three times its altitude. If the cost of cultivating the field at Rs. 24.68 per hectare be Rs. 333.18, find its base and height.**

**Sol.** Area of the field = Total cost/rate = (333.18/25.6)hectares = 13.5 hectares

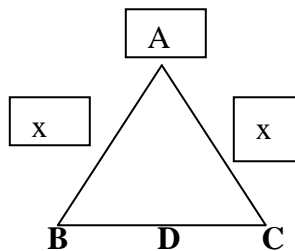
$$\Leftrightarrow (13.5 * 10000) \text{ m}^2 = 135000 \text{ m}^2.$$

Let altitude = x metres and base = 3x metres.

$$\text{Then, } (1/2) * 3x * x = 135000 \Leftrightarrow x^2 = 90000 \Leftrightarrow x = 300.$$

Base = 900 m and Altitude = 300 m.

**Ex. 18. The altitude drawn to the base of an isosceles triangle is 8 cm and the perimeter is 32 cm. Find the area of the triangle.**



**Sol.** Let ABC be the isosceles triangle and AD be the altitude.

Let AB = AC = x. Then, BC = (32 - 2x).

Since, in an isosceles triangle, the altitude bisects the base,  
so  $BD = DC = (16 - x)$ .

In  $\triangle ADC$ ,  $AC^2 = AD^2 + DC^2 \Rightarrow x^2 = (8^2) + (16-x)^2$   
 $\Rightarrow 32x = 320 \Rightarrow x = 10$ .

$BC = (32 - 2x) = (32 - 20) \text{ cm} = 12 \text{ cm}$ .

Hence, required area =  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \times BC \times AD = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \times 12 \times 10 \text{ cm}^2 = 60 \text{ cm}^2$ .

**Ex. 19. Find the length of the altitude of an equilateral triangle of side  $3\sqrt{3}$  cm.**

**Sol.** Area of the triangle =  $\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}\right) \times (3\sqrt{3})^2 = 27\sqrt{3}$ . Let the height be  $h$ .

Then,  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \times 3\sqrt{3} \times h = 27\sqrt{3}$   $\Rightarrow h = 18$  cm.

**Ex. 20. In two triangles, the ratio of the areas is 4 : 3 and the ratio of their heights is 3 : 4. Find the ratio of their bases.**

**Sol.** Let the bases of the two triangles be  $x$  and  $y$  and their heights be  $3h$  and  $4h$  respectively.  
Then,

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \times x \times 3h \div \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \times y \times 4h = \frac{4}{3} \Leftrightarrow \frac{x}{y} = \left(\frac{4}{3} \times \frac{4}{3}\right) = \frac{16}{9}$$

Required ratio = 16 : 9.

**Ex.21. The base of a parallelogram is twice its height. If the area of the parallelogram is 72 sq. cm, find its height.**

**Sol.** Let the height of the parallelogram be  $x$  cm. Then, base =  $(2x)$  cm.

$$2x \times x = 72 \Leftrightarrow 2x^2 = 72 \Leftrightarrow x^2 = 36 \Leftrightarrow x = 6$$

Hence, height of the parallelogram = 6 cm.

**Ex. 22. Find the area of a rhombus one side of which measures 20 cm and one diagonal 24 cm.**

**Sol.** Let other diagonal =  $2x$  cm.

Since diagonals of a rhombus bisect each other at right angles, we have:

$$(20)^2 = (12)^2 + (x)^2 \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{(20)^2 - (12)^2} = \sqrt{256} = 16 \text{ cm.} \quad \perp$$

So, other diagonal = 32 cm.

$$\text{Area of rhombus} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \times (\text{Product of diagonals}) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \times 24 \times 32 \text{ cm}^2 = 384 \text{ cm}^2$$

**Ex. 23. The difference between two parallel sides of a trapezium is 4 cm. perpendicular distance between them is 19 cm. If the area of the trapezium is 475 find the lengths of the parallel sides. (R.R.B. 2002)**

**Sol.** Let the two parallel sides of the trapezium be  $a$  cm and  $b$  cm.

Then,  $a - b = 4$

$$\text{And, } \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \times (a + b) \times 19 = 475 \Leftrightarrow (a + b) = \left(\frac{475 \times 2}{19}\right) \Leftrightarrow a + b = 50$$

Solving (i) and (ii), we get:  $a = 27$ ,  $b = 23$ .  
So, the two parallel sides are 27 cm and 23 cm.

**Ex. 24. Find the length of a rope by which a cow must be tethered in order that it may be able to graze an area of 9856 sq. metres. (M.A.T. 2003)**

**Sol.** Clearly, the cow will graze a circular field of area 9856 sq. metres and radius equal to the length of the rope.

Let the length of the rope be  $R$  metres.

$$\text{Then, } \pi(R)^2 = (9856 \times \frac{7}{22}) = 3136 \Leftrightarrow R = 56.$$

Length of the rope = 56 m.

**Ex. 25. The area of a circular field is 13.86 hectares. Find the cost of fencing it at the rate of Rs. 4.40 per metre.**

**Sol.** Area =  $(13.86 \times 10000) \text{ m}^2 = 138600 \text{ m}^2$ .

$$\pi(R^2 = 138600 \Leftrightarrow (R)^2 = (138600 \times \frac{7}{22}) \Leftrightarrow R = 210 \text{ m.}$$

$$\text{Circumference} = 2\pi R = (2 \times \frac{22}{7}) \times 210 \text{ m} = 1320 \text{ m.}$$

$$\text{Cost of fencing} = \text{Rs. } (1320 \times 4.40) = \text{Rs. } 5808.$$

**Ex. 26. The diameter of the driving wheel of a bus is 140 cm. How many revolutions per minute must the wheel make in order to keep a speed of 66 kmph ?**

**Sol.** Distance to be covered in 1 min. =  $\frac{(66 \times 1000)}{60} \text{ m} = 1100 \text{ m.}$

$$\text{Circumference of the wheel} = (2 \times \frac{22}{7}) \times 0.70 \text{ m} = 4.4 \text{ m.}$$

$$\text{Number of revolutions per min.} = (1100/4.4) = 250.$$

**Ex. 27. A wheel makes 1000 revolutions in covering a distance of 88 km. Find the radius of the wheel.**

**Sol.** Distance covered in one revolution =  $((88 \times 1000)/1000) = 88 \text{ m.}$

$$2\pi R = 88 \Leftrightarrow 2 \times \frac{22}{7} \times R = 88 \Leftrightarrow R = 88 \times \frac{7}{44} = 14 \text{ m.}$$

**Ex. 28. The inner circumference of a circular race track, 14 m wide, is 440 m. Find radius of the outer circle.**

**Sol.** Let inner radius be  $r$  metres. Then,  $2\pi r = 440 \Leftrightarrow r = (440 \times \frac{7}{44}) = 70 \text{ m.}$

$$\text{Radius of outer circle} = (70 + 14) \text{ m} = 84 \text{ m.}$$

**Ex. 29. Two concentric circles form a ring. The inner and outer circumferences of ring are  $(352/7) \text{ m}$  and  $(518/7) \text{ m}$  respectively. Find the width of the ring.**

**Sol.** Let the inner and outer radii be  $r$  and  $R$  metres.

$$2\pi r = (352/7) \Leftrightarrow r = ((352/7) \times (7/22) \times (1/2)) = 8\text{m.}$$

$$2\pi R = (528/7) \Leftrightarrow R = ((528/7) \times (7/22) \times (1/2)) = 12\text{m.}$$

,', Width of the ring =  $(R - r) = (12 - 8) \text{ m} = 4 \text{ m.}$

**Ex, 30. A sector of  $120^\circ$ , cut out from a circle, has an area of  $(66/7)$  sq. cm. Find the radius of the circle.**

**Sol.** Let the radius of the circle be  $r$  cm. Then,

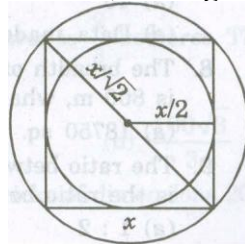
$$(\pi (r)^2 \theta) / 360 = (66/7) \Leftrightarrow (22/7) \times (r)^2 \times (120/360) = (66/7)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (r)^2 = ((66/7) \times (7/22) \times 3) \Leftrightarrow r = 3.$$

Hence, radius = 3 cm.

**Ex, 31. Find the ratio of the areas of the incircle and circumcircle of a square.**

**Sol.** Let the side of the square be  $x$ . Then, its diagonal =  $\sqrt{2}x$ .



Radius of incircle =  $(x/2)$

Radius of circum circle =  $(\sqrt{2}x/2) = (x/\sqrt{2})$

Required ratio =  $((\pi (r)^2) / 4) : ((\pi (r)^2) / 2) = (1/4) : (1/2) = 1 : 2.$

**Ex. 32. If the radius of a circle is decreased by 50%, find the percentage decrease in its area.**

**Sol.** Let original radius =  $R$ . New radius =  $(50/100)R = (R/2)$

Original area =  $\pi (R)^2$  and new area =  $\pi ((R/2))^2 = (\pi (R)^2) / 4$

Decrease in area =  $((3\pi (R)^2) / 4) \times (1/\pi (R)^2) \times 100\% = 75\%$

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