



Chapter - 11

Pipe and Cistern

Foundation

Solutions

1. (b); Time taken to fill the tank = 6 h.
Part of tank filled in 6 h = 1

$$\text{Part of tank filled in 1 h} = \frac{1}{6}$$

2. (d); Time taken to fill $\frac{1}{8}$ part of tank = 1 h
 \therefore Time taken to fill the empty tank = 8 h.
3. (b); Time taken to empty a cistern = 3h

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Time taken to empty } \frac{2}{3} \text{ part of the cistern} \\ = 3 \times \frac{2}{3} = 2 \text{ h} \end{aligned}$$

4. (d); Given time taken by tap A to fill the tank = 60 min
Let Time taken by tap B to fill the tank = x min

$$\text{There, } \frac{1}{60} + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{40} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{40} - \frac{1}{60} = \frac{3-2}{120}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{120} \Rightarrow x = 120 \text{ min}$$

5. (b); Given pipe A can fill a tank = 10 h
Pipe B can empty it = 6 h

$$\text{Time taken to empty the full tank} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{10}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{30}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{30}} = 15 \text{ h}$$

6. (b); Given,
Time taken by first tap to fill the tank (A) = 3 h
Time taken by second tap to fill the tank (B) = 4 h
And time taken to empty the full tank by third tap (C) = 5hr
 \therefore Part of the tank will be filled by all these taps in

$$1 \text{ hr} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5} = \frac{20+15-12}{60} = \frac{23}{60} \text{ h}$$

$$\text{Required time} = \frac{60}{23} \text{ h} = 2 \frac{14}{23} \text{ h}$$

7. (a); Given,
A = 30 min, B = 10 min, C = 40 min

$$\text{Part of the tank filled in 1 h} = \frac{1}{30} + \frac{1}{10} - \frac{1}{40}$$

$$= \frac{4+12-3}{120} = \frac{13}{120}$$

$$\text{Required time} = \frac{120}{13} = 9 \frac{3}{13} \text{ h}$$

8. (b); Given, $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = \frac{1}{10} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} = \frac{1}{30}, \frac{1}{b} = \frac{1}{40}$

$$\frac{1}{c} = \frac{1}{10} - \frac{1}{30} - \frac{1}{40} \Rightarrow \frac{12-4-3}{120} = \frac{5}{120}$$

$$c = 24 \text{ min}$$

9. (a); Given, a = 60, b = 75

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{c} = \frac{1}{50} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{c} = \frac{1}{60} + \frac{1}{75} - \frac{1}{50}$$

$$= \frac{5+4-6}{300} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{c} = \frac{3}{300} \Rightarrow c = 100$$

10. (d); Let a, b, c be the time taken to fill the tank by pipes A, B and C respectively

$$\text{Given, } \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} = \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = \frac{1}{10}, \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{c} = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$\text{Then, } 2\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right) = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{12} = \frac{10+6+5}{60}$$

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = \frac{21}{120}$$

$$\text{Required time} = \frac{120}{21} = \frac{40}{7} = 5 \frac{5}{7} \text{ h}$$

11. (b); Let 4x is the time taken to fill the tank by inlet B
Then x will be the time taken to fill tank by inlet A
 $\Rightarrow x = 15$

$$\text{Part of the tank will fill in 1 min} = \frac{4+1}{60} = \frac{1}{12} \text{ min}$$

$$\text{Required time} = 12 \text{ min}$$

12. (c); A = 16 h, B = 10 h

$$\text{Part of the tank filled in (2h)} = \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{10}$$

$$= \frac{5+8}{80} = \frac{13}{80}$$

$$\text{Part of the tank filled in (12 h)} = \frac{78}{80}$$

$$\text{Remaining part} = 1 - \frac{78}{80} = \frac{2}{80} = \frac{1}{40}$$

$$\frac{1}{40} \text{ part of the tank will be filled by inlet}$$



$$A = \frac{\frac{1}{40}}{\frac{1}{16}} = \frac{16}{40} = \frac{8}{20} = \frac{4}{10} = \frac{2}{5} \text{ hr}$$

$$\text{Required time} = 12 + \frac{2}{5} = 12\frac{2}{5} \text{ hr}$$

13. (d); 1 part of cistern will be empty by pipe A = 27 h

$\frac{2}{3}$ part of cistern will be empty by pipe

$$A = 27 \times \frac{2}{3} = 18 \text{ hr.}$$

14. (d); Given, A = 10 min, B = 6 min

$$\text{Part of tank will be empty in 1 min} = \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{10}$$

$$= \frac{5-3}{30} = \frac{1}{15}$$

∴ Full tank will be empty in 15 min.

∴ $\frac{2}{3}$ rd part of the tank will be empty in

$$= 15 \times \frac{2}{3} = 10 \text{ minutes to empty the tank}$$

15. (c); Part of the tank will be filled in 1 h = $\frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{16} = \frac{1}{16}$

Required time = 16 h

16. (b); Part of the tank that will be empty in 1 h = $\frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{10}$

$$= \frac{2+3}{30} = \frac{5}{30} = \frac{1}{6} \Rightarrow \text{Required time} = 6 \text{ hrs}$$

17. (c); Given, A = 20 min, B = 25 min

In 1 min, part of the tank will be filled

$$= \frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{25} = \frac{5+4}{100} = \frac{9}{100}$$

$$\text{In 5 min part of the tank will be filled} = \frac{45}{100}$$

$$\text{Remaining part} = 1 - \frac{45}{100} = \frac{55}{100} = \frac{11}{20}$$

It will take pipe A to fill the $\frac{11}{20}$ part of the tank

$$= \frac{\frac{11}{20}}{\frac{1}{20}} = 11 \text{ min}$$

18. (c); By the formula

$$\frac{M_1 D_1 H_1}{W_1} = \frac{M_2 D_2 H_2}{W_2}$$

Here, $D_1 = 15$, $H_1 = 6$, $M_1 = 12$

$M_2 = ?$, $D_2 = 12$, $H_2 = 9$

$$15 \times 6 \times 12 = x \times 12 \times 9$$

$$x = \frac{5 \times 6}{3} = 10$$

19. (c); Time taken by second pipe to fill the tank

$$= \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{12}\right)} = \frac{1}{\frac{3-2}{24}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{24}} = 24 \text{ hrs}$$

Capacity of tank = $24 \times 60 \times 6 = 8640$ litres

20. (a); Given,

First tap to fill the tank (A) = 8 hr

Second tap can empty the tank (B) = 16 hr

$$\text{Part of the tank will be filled in 1 h} = \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{16}$$

$$= \frac{2-1}{16} = \frac{1}{16} \Rightarrow \text{Required time} = 16 \text{ hr}$$

21. (c); Given,

First tap to fill the tank (A) = 5 hr

Second tap to empty the tank (B) = 4 hr

Part of the tank will be empty in 1 hr

$$= \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5} = \frac{5-4}{20} = \frac{1}{20}$$

Required time = 20 hr

22. (a); Part of the tank will be filled in 1 hr

$$= \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{20} = \frac{4+5-3}{60} = \frac{6}{60} = \frac{1}{10}$$

Required time = 10 hr

23. (b); Part of tank will be emptied in 1 hr by 3rd pipe

$$= \frac{1}{60} + \frac{1}{70} - \frac{1}{60} = \frac{1}{70}$$

Required time = 70 min

24. (d); Let after x min the pipe be closed so that the tank will be filled full in half hour

$$\therefore \frac{30}{75} \times 2 + \frac{x}{45} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{180+5x}{225} = 1$$

$$180 + 5x = 225 \Rightarrow 5x = 45 \Rightarrow x = 9 \text{ min}$$

25. (b); Let the required time = x

Part of the tank will be filled by tap (A and B)

$$= \frac{1}{60} + \frac{1}{40} = \frac{5}{120} = \frac{1}{24}$$



Then according to question

$$\frac{x}{2 \times 40} + \frac{x}{2 \times (24)} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{x}{80} + \frac{x}{48} = 1 \Rightarrow x = 30$$

Required time = 30 min

26. (a); Part of tank filled in 1 min = $\frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{18} = \frac{6+5}{90} = \frac{11}{90}$

Part of the tank that will be filled in 6 min

$$= \frac{66}{90} = \frac{11}{15}$$

Let x be the time taken to empty the tank by third tap.

$$\frac{\frac{11}{15}}{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{11}{90}} = \frac{33}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{90 - 11x}{90x} = \frac{11}{15} \times \frac{2}{33}$$

$$180x = 4050 - 495x \Rightarrow x = \frac{4050}{675} = 6 \text{ min}$$

27. (c); Part of the tank filled by all the three tap A, B, C in

$$1 \text{ hr} = \frac{1}{6}$$

In 2 hr part of the tank will be fill = $\frac{1}{3}$

$$\text{Remaining part} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Let a and b be time to fill the tank tap A and B respectively.

$$7 = \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{7} = \frac{2}{21}$$

Part of the tank will be fill by the tap C 1 hr

$$= \frac{1}{6} - \frac{2}{21} = \frac{7-4}{42} = \frac{3}{42} = \frac{1}{14}$$

Required time = 14 hr.

28. (d); Part of the tank will be filled by all of the taps in 1

$$\text{min} = \frac{3+2-4}{12} = \frac{1}{12}$$

Required time = 12 hour

29. (b); Part of the tank will be empty in 1 hr = $\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{30}$

Required time = 30 hr

30. (c); By formula; $\frac{18 \times 5}{1440} = \frac{x \times 8}{1920}$

$$x = \frac{18 \times 5 \times 1920}{1440 \times 8} \Rightarrow x = 15 \text{ hour}$$

Moderate

1. (d); Part of the cistern that can be filled in 1 hr

$$= \frac{1}{14} + \frac{1}{16} = \frac{8+7}{112} = \frac{15}{112}$$

Time taken to fill the cistern = $\frac{112}{15}$ hr

$$= \frac{112}{15} \times 60 \text{ min} = 448 \text{ min}$$

Due to leakage, time taken to fill the cistern

$$= 448 + 92 = 540 \text{ min} = 9 \text{ hr}$$

Time required to empty the tank

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{15}{112} - \frac{1}{9}} = \frac{112 \times 9}{23} = 43 \frac{19}{23} \text{ h}$$

2. (c); Part of the tank that will be filled when pipe

P and R are opened for 1 min = $\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{15} = \frac{9}{60}$

∴ Part of the tank that will be filled after 5 min

$$= \frac{45}{60} = \frac{3}{4}$$

6 min is the time to empty the tank by tap M.

$$\therefore \text{Required time} = \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{6} - \frac{9}{60}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{60}{1} = 45 \text{ min}$$

3. (c); Required time = $\frac{40}{4}$ min = 10 min

4. (a); Let first pipe fill the tank in (x) h then
Second pipe will fill it in (x + 10)h

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x+10} = \frac{1}{12} \Rightarrow \frac{x+10+x}{x(x+10)} = \frac{1}{12}$$



$$\frac{2x+10}{x^2+10x} = \frac{1}{12} \Rightarrow 24x + 120 = x^2 + 10x$$

$$x^2 - 14x - 120 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 20x + 6x - 120 = 0$$

$$x(x - 20) + 6(x - 20) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 20$$

5. (b); Let total time = x

$$\therefore \frac{2}{15} + \frac{x}{20} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{x}{20} = 1 - \frac{2}{15}$$

$$\frac{x}{20} = \frac{13}{15} \Rightarrow x = \frac{52}{3} \text{ min}$$

6. (d); Part of the tank that will be filled by both pipe A

$$\text{and B in 1 min} = \frac{1}{24} + \frac{1}{32} = \frac{4+3}{96} = \frac{7}{96}$$

Let after x min, pipe B should be closed

$$\therefore x \times \frac{7}{96} + \frac{(9-x)}{24} = 1$$

$$\frac{7x + 36 - 4x}{96} = 1$$

$$3x + 36 = 96 \Rightarrow 3x = 60 \Rightarrow x = 20 \text{ min}$$

7. (c); Part of the tank will be filled when all of the pipes A, B and C are opened alternatively, each of 1 min (3 min)

$$= \frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{30} - \frac{1}{15} = \frac{3+2-4}{60} = \frac{1}{60}$$

$$\therefore \text{Time taken to fill} \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{30} \right) \right] \text{ Or}$$

$$\frac{55}{60} \text{ th part of the tank filled in} = 3 \times 55 = 165 \text{ min}$$

$$\therefore \text{Remaining part} = 1 - \frac{55}{60} = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$\text{Tank A fills } \frac{1}{20} \text{ part in 1 min}$$

$$\therefore \text{Remaining part} = \frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{20} = \frac{1}{30}$$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{1}{30} \text{ th part is filled by B in 1 min}$$

$$\therefore \text{Total time} = (165 + 1 + 1) = 167 \text{ min}$$

8. (d); When taps are not opened properly

$$\text{Tap A will fill the tank} = 25 \times \frac{6}{5} = 30 \text{ min}$$

$$\text{Tap B will fill the tank} = 20 \times \frac{3}{2} = 30 \text{ min}$$

$$\therefore \text{Part of the tank will be filled in 1 min} = \frac{1}{30} + \frac{1}{30}$$

$$= \frac{1}{15}$$

$$\therefore \text{Required time} = 15 \text{ min}$$

9. (b); Part of the tank will be filled in 1 min

$$= \frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{12} = \frac{3+4+5}{60} = \frac{12}{60} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\therefore \text{Required time} = 5 \times \frac{40}{100} = 2 \text{ min}$$

10. (d); Part of the tank will be filled in 1 min by tap

$$\text{A and B} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{5+4}{20} = \frac{9}{20}$$

In 2 min, part of the tank will be filled

$$= 2 \times \frac{9}{20} = \frac{9}{10}$$

Time Required by third pipe to empty the tank

$$= \frac{9}{10} \times \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5} \right)} = \frac{9}{10} \times 20 = 18 \text{ min}$$

11. (c); In 1 hr the amount of water that will be filled in the tank = 42 + 56 - 48 = 50 L

$$\therefore \text{Capacity of the tank} = 50 \times 16 = 800 \text{ L}$$

12. (c); In 1 min the boy will pour water in tank = $\frac{4}{3}$ L

$$\text{In 1 min the girl will pour water in tank} = \frac{3}{4} \text{ L}$$

$$\therefore \text{Both will pour water in 1 min} = \frac{1}{\frac{4}{3} + \frac{3}{4}} = \frac{12}{25}$$

$$\therefore \text{Required time} = \frac{12}{25} \times 100 = 48 \text{ min}$$

13. (a); Let inlet pipe fill the tank in x hr

\therefore Outlet pipe will empty the tank in 2x hr

$$\therefore \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{2x} = \frac{1}{x+36} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2x} = \frac{1}{x+36} \Rightarrow x = 36 \text{ hr}$$

14. (a); Diameter \Rightarrow 1 3 4
Efficiency \Rightarrow 1 : 9 : 16 \rightarrow 26 \rightarrow 16 min

$$\downarrow$$

$$\frac{16 \times 26}{16}$$

Thus, third pipe alone will fill the tank in 26 min.



15. (c); Part of the tank will be filled in 1 hr

$$= \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{45} = \frac{9}{180} = \frac{1}{20}$$

∴ Required time = 20 hr

16. (c); In 1 minute the pipe of 2 cm fills

$$\frac{1}{61} \times \frac{1}{4} \text{ of the cistern}$$

In 1 min the pipe of $1\frac{1}{3}$ cm diameter fill $\frac{1}{61} \times \frac{4}{9}$ of the cistern

In 1 min the pipe of 1 cm diameter fill $\frac{1}{61}$ of the cistern.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{1}{61 \times 4} + \frac{1}{61} \times \frac{4}{9} + \frac{1}{61} &= \frac{9+16+36}{9 \times 4 \times 61} \\ &= \frac{61}{36 \times 61} = \frac{1}{36} \end{aligned}$$

∴ The whole is filled with 36 minutes.

17. (c); Part of the tank will be filled, by both pipe in 1 hr

$$= \frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{30} = \frac{5}{60} = \frac{1}{12}$$

∴ In 1 hr the leak will empty the part of tank

$$= \frac{1}{12} \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{36}$$

And to fill $\frac{1}{3}$ of the tank, both pipe will take

$$= \frac{12}{3} = 4 \text{ hr.}$$

to fill other $\frac{2}{3}$ part of the tank, it will take

$$= \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{\frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{30} - \frac{1}{36}} = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{\frac{9+6-5}{180}}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{180}{10} = 12 \text{ hr}$$

∴ Total time = (12 + 4) hr = 16 hr

18. (b); Part of tank will be full in 1 hr

$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{6+4-3}{24} = \frac{7}{24}$$

∴ Required time = $\frac{24}{7} = 3\frac{3}{7}$ hrs.

19. (b); Let first pipe can fill the reservoir in x hr

∴ Second pipe will fill it in (x + 5) hr

$$\therefore \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x+5} = \frac{1}{6} \Rightarrow \frac{x+5+x}{x(x+5)} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$6(2x+5) = x^2 + 5x \Rightarrow 12x + 30 = x^2 + 5x$$

$$x^2 - 7x - 30 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - 10x + 3x - 30 = 0$$

$$(x+3)(x-10) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 10 \text{ hrs}$$

20. (b); Let x, y and z be time to fill the cistern by pipes, A, B and C respectively. The part of the tank will be filled in 2 hr by all the pipe

$$= 2 \times \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{Remaining part} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

∴ Time taken by pipe A and B together to fill the

$$\text{tank} = 8 \times \frac{3}{2} = 12 \text{ h}$$

∴ by pipe C alone to fill the tank = $\frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{12} = \frac{1}{12}$

∴ Required time = 12 hr

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2. Practising regularly using standard books and online mock tests enhances the speed of solving the questions from the mathematics part.

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