

THE WORLD OF NUMBERS**SELECTED IMPORTANT QUESTIONS FROM GANITA MANJARI**

- Q 1. A merchant in the port city of Lothal is exchanging bags of spices for copper ingots. He receives 15 ingots for every 2 bags of spices. If he brings 12 bags of spices to the market, how many copper ingots will he leave with?
- Q2. Look at the sequence of numbers on one column of the Ishango bone: 11, 13, 17, 19. What do these numbers have in common? List the next three numbers that fit this pattern.
- Q3. We know that Natural Numbers are closed under addition (the sum of any two natural numbers is always a natural number). Are they closed under subtraction? Provide a couple of examples to justify your answer.
- Q4. The temperature in the high-altitude desert of Ladakh is recorded as 4°C at noon. By midnight, it drops by 15°C . What is the midnight temperature?
- Q5. A spice trader takes a loan (debt) of ₹ 850 . The next day, he makes a profit (fortune) of ₹1,200. The following week, he incurs a loss of ₹ 450 . Write this sequence as an equation using integers and calculate his final financial standing.
- Q6. Calculate the following using Brahmagupta's laws:
- (i) $(-12) \times 5$
 - (ii) $(-8) \times (-7)$
 - (iii) $0 - (-14)$
 - (iv) $(-20) \div 4$
- Q 7. Explain, using a real-world example of debt, why subtracting a negative number is the same as adding a positive number (e.g., $10 - (-5) = 15$).
- Q8. Prove that the following rational numbers are equal:
- (i) $\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{4}{6}$
 - (ii) $\frac{5}{4}$ and $\frac{10}{8}$



(iii) $-\frac{3}{5}$ and $-\frac{6}{10}$

(iv) $\frac{9}{3}$ and 3

Q9. Find the sum:

(i) $\frac{2}{5} + \frac{3}{10}$

(ii) $\frac{7}{12} + \frac{5}{8}$

(iii) $-\frac{4}{7} + \frac{3}{14}$

Q10. Find the difference:

(i) $\frac{5}{6} - \frac{1}{4}$

(ii) $\frac{11}{8} - \frac{3}{4}$

(iii) $-\frac{7}{9} - \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)$

Q11. Find the product:

(i) $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{10}$

(ii) $\frac{7}{11} \times \frac{5}{8}$

(iii) $-\frac{4}{7} \times \frac{5}{14}$

Q12. Find the quotient:

(i) $\frac{2}{3} \div \frac{3}{10}$

(ii) $\frac{7}{11} \div \frac{5}{8}$

(iii) $-\frac{4}{7} \div \frac{5}{14}$

Q13. Show that:

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4}\right) \times \frac{8}{3} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{8}{3} + \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{8}{3}$$

Q14. Simplify the following using the distributive property: $\frac{7}{9}\left(\frac{6}{7} - \frac{3}{4}\right)$

Q15. Find the rational number x such that:

$$\frac{5}{6}\left(x + \frac{3}{5}\right) = \frac{5}{6}x + \frac{1}{2}$$

Q16. A tailor has $15\frac{3}{4}$ metres of fine silk. If making one kurta requires $2\frac{1}{4}$ metres of silk, exactly how many kurtas can he make?

Q17. Find three rational numbers between 3.1415 and 3.1416 .



- Q18. Without performing long division, determine which of the following rational numbers will have terminating decimals and which will be repeating: $\frac{7}{20}, \frac{4}{15}, \frac{13}{250}$. Then check your answers by explicitly performing the long divisions and expressing these rational numbers as decimals.
- Q19. Perform the long division for $\frac{1}{13}$. Identify the repeating block of digits. Does it show cyclic properties if you evaluate $\frac{2}{13}$? Now compute $\frac{3}{13}, \frac{4}{13}$, etc. What do you notice?
- Q20. Classify the following numbers as rational or irrational. For rationals, find the explicit fraction $\frac{p}{q}$.
- (i) $\sqrt{81}$
 - (ii) $\sqrt{12}$
 - (iii) 0.33333 ...
 - (iv) 0.123451234512345 ...
 - (v) 1.01001000100001 ...
 - (vi) 23.560185612239874790120...
- Q21. The number $0.\overline{9}$ (which means 0.99999 ...) is a rational number. Using algebra (let $x = 0.\overline{9}$, multiply by 10, and subtract), explain why $0.\overline{9}$ is exactly equal to 1.
- Q22. Locate the following rational numbers on the number line.
- (i) 0.532
 - (ii) $1.1\overline{5}$
- Q23. If $\frac{x}{3} + \frac{x}{5} = \frac{16}{15}$, find the rational number x .
- Q24. Let a and b be two non-zero rational numbers such that $a + \frac{1}{b} = 0$. Without assigning any numerical values, determine whether ab is positive or negative. Justify your answer.
- Q25. A rational number has a terminating decimal expansion whose last non-zero digit occurs in the 4th decimal place. Show that such a number can be written in the form $\frac{p}{10^4}$ where p is an integer not divisible by 10. Is it necessary that the denominator of this rational number when written in the lowest form, is divisible by 2^4 or 5^5 ? Give reasons.

Sol. In the given rational number,
the last non-zero digit is in the 4th decimal place.

So, it can be written in the form:

$$\frac{\text{Integer}}{10000} = \frac{\text{Integer}}{10^4} = \frac{p}{10^4},$$

where p is an integer.

Also, it is given that p is an integer, not divisible by 10.

So, p cannot be a multiple of both 2 and 5.



Now, $\frac{p}{10^4} = \frac{p}{2^4 \times 5^4}$

Case I: When p is a multiple of 2

In this case, when we reduce $\frac{p}{2^4 \times 5^4}$ to the lowest form, the exponent of 2 (in the denominator) will get reduced.

As p is not a multiple of 5 (because it cannot be a multiple of both 2 and 5), the exponent of 5 (in the denominator) will remain the same.

Hence, the denominator of this rational number, written in the lowest form, is still divisible by 5^4 .

For example, if $p = 6$ then

$$\frac{p}{2^4 \times 5^4} = \frac{6}{2^4 \times 5^4} = \frac{3}{2^3 \times 5^4}$$

Clearly, the denominator $2^3 \times 5^4$ is divisible by 5^4 .

Case II: When p is a multiple of 5

In this case, when we reduce $\frac{p}{2^4 \times 5^4}$ to the lowest form, the exponent of 5 (in the denominator) will get reduced.

As p is not a multiple of 2 (because it cannot be a multiple of both 2 and 5), the exponent of 2 (in the denominator) will remain the same.

Hence, the denominator of this rational number, written in the lowest form, is still divisible by 2^4 .

For example, if $p = 5$ then

$$\frac{p}{2^4 \times 5^4} = \frac{5}{2^4 \times 5^4} = \frac{1}{2^4 \times 5^3}$$

Clearly, the denominator $2^4 \times 5^3$ is divisible by 2^4 .

Case III: When p is neither a multiple of 2 nor a multiple of 5

In this case, when we reduce $\frac{p}{2^4 \times 5^4}$ to the lowest form, neither the exponent of 2 nor the exponent of 5 will get reduced.

Hence, the denominator of this rational number, written in the lowest form, is divisible by both 2^4 and 5^4 .

For example, if $p = 7$ then

$$\frac{p}{2^4 \times 5^4} = \frac{7}{2^4 \times 5^4}$$

Clearly, the denominator $2^4 \times 5^4$ is divisible by both 2^4 and 5^4 .



Hence, it is necessary that the denominator of this rational number $\left(\frac{p}{10^4}\right)$ when written in the lowest form, is divisible by 2^4 or 5^4 .

ANSWER KEY

1. 90
2. 23,29,31,
3. No
4. -11
5. 100 Rs debt
6. (i) -60 (ii) 56 (iii) 14 (iv) -5
7. Imagine you have ₹ 10 after accounting for a ₹5 debt (₹15 - ₹5) to a shopkeeper.
If the shopkeeper cancels the ₹ 5 debt, your money becomes ₹ 15 .
So, removing a debt of ₹5, increases your amount by ₹ 5 :
$$10 - (-5) = 10 + 5 = 15$$
8. Prove
9. (i) $\frac{7}{10}$ (ii) $\frac{29}{24}$ (iii) $-\frac{5}{14}$
10. (i) $\frac{7}{12}$ (ii) $\frac{5}{8}$ (iii) $-\frac{1}{9}$
11. (i) $\frac{1}{5}$ (ii) $\frac{35}{88}$ (iii) $-\frac{10}{49}$
12. (i) $\frac{20}{9}$ (ii) $\frac{56}{55}$ (iii) $-\frac{8}{5}$
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