Mathematics

(Chapter – 2) (Linear Equations in One Variable) (Class – VIII)

Exercise 2.1

Question 1:

Solve the following: x-2=7 **Answer 1:** x-2=7 \Rightarrow x-2+2=7+2 \Rightarrow x=9

[Adding 2 both sides]

Question 2:

Solve the following: y + 3 = 10

Answer 2: y+3=10 $\Rightarrow y+3-3=10-3$ $\Rightarrow y=7$

[Subtracting 3 both sides]

Question 3:

Solve the following: 6 = z + 2**Answer 3:**

> 6 = z + 2 $\Rightarrow \qquad 6 - 2 = z + 2 - 2$ $\Rightarrow \qquad 4 = z \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad z = 4$

[Subtracting 2 both sides]



Question 4:

Solve the following: $\frac{3}{7} + x = \frac{17}{7}$ Answer 4: $\frac{3}{7} + x = \frac{17}{7}$ $\Rightarrow \quad x + \frac{3}{7} - \frac{3}{7} = \frac{17}{7} - \frac{3}{7}$ $\Rightarrow \quad x = \frac{17 - 3}{7}$ $\Rightarrow \quad x = \frac{14}{7} \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = 2$

Question 5:

Solve the following: 6x = 12 **Answer 5:**

6x = 12 $\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{x}{6} = \frac{12}{6}$

[Dividing both sides by 6]

[Subtracting $\frac{3}{7}$ both sides]

Question 6:

Solve the following: $\frac{t}{5} = 10$

 $\Rightarrow x = 2$

Answer 6:

$$\frac{t}{5} = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{t}{5} \times 5 = 10 \times 5 \qquad [Multiplying both sides by 5]$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad t = 50$$



Question 7:

Solve the following: $\frac{2x}{3} = 18$

Answer 7:

$$\frac{2x}{3} = 18$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{2x}{3} \times 3 = 18 \times 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 2x = 18 \times 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{2x}{2} = \frac{18 \times 3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad x = 27$$

[Multiplying both sides by 3]

[Dividing both sides by 2]

Question 8:

Solve the following: $1.6 = \frac{y}{1.5}$

Answer 8:

$$1.6 = \frac{y}{1.5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 1.6 \times 1.5 = \frac{y}{1.5} \times 1.5$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 2.40 = y \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = 2.40$$

[Multiplying both sides by 1.5]

Question 9:

Solve the following: 7x-9=16 **Answer 9:**

$$7x-9=16$$

$$\Rightarrow 7x-9+9=16+9$$

$$\Rightarrow 7x=25 \Rightarrow \frac{7x}{7}=\frac{25}{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow x=\frac{25}{7}$$

[Adding 9 both sides] [Dividing both sides by 7]



Question 10:

Solve the following: 14y - 8 = 13

Answer 10:

14y-8=13 $\Rightarrow 14y-8+8=13+8$ $\Rightarrow 14y=21$ $\Rightarrow \frac{14y}{14} = \frac{21}{14}$ $\Rightarrow y = \frac{3}{2}$

[Adding 8 both sides]

[Dividing both sides by 14]

Question 11:

Solve the following: 17 + 6p = 9

Answer 11:

$$17+6p=9$$

$$\Rightarrow 17+6p-17=9-17$$

$$\Rightarrow 6p=-8$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6p}{6}=\frac{-8}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow p=\frac{-4}{3}$$

[Subtracting 17 from both sides]

[Dividing both sides by 6]

Question 12:

Solve the following: $\frac{x}{3} + 1 = \frac{7}{15}$

Answer 12:

$$\frac{x}{3} + 1 = \frac{7}{15}$$
$$\implies \qquad \frac{x}{3} + 1 - 1 = \frac{7}{15} - 1$$

[Subtracting 1 from both sides]



$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{x}{3} = \frac{7 - 15}{15}$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{x}{3} = \frac{-8}{15}$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{x}{3} \times 3 = \frac{-8}{15} \times 3$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad x = \frac{-8}{5}$$

[Multiplying both sides by 3]



Exercise 2.2

Question 1:

If you subtract $\frac{1}{2}$ from a number and multiply the result by $\frac{1}{2}$, you get $\frac{1}{8}$. What is the number?

Let the number be *x*.

According to the question,
$$\frac{1}{2}\left(x-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{8}$$

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

[Multiplying both sides by 2]

[Adding both sides
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
]

Hence, the required number is $\frac{3}{4}$.

Question 2:

The perimeter of a rectangular swimming pool is 154 m. Its length is 2 m more than twice its breadth. What are the length and breadth?

Answer 2:

Let the breadth of the pool be x m.

Then, the length of the pool = (2x+2) m

Perimeter = 2(l+b)

 $\Rightarrow \qquad 154 = 2(2x+2+x)$



$$\Rightarrow \frac{154}{2} = \frac{2(2x+2+x)}{2}$$
[Dividing both sides by 2]

$$\Rightarrow 77 = 3x+2$$

$$\Rightarrow 77-2 = 3x+2-2$$
[Subtracting 2 from both sides]

$$\Rightarrow 75 = 3x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{75}{3} = \frac{3x}{3}$$
[Dividing both sides by 3]

$$\Rightarrow 25 = x$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 25 \text{ m}$$

Length of the pool = $2x + 2 = 2 \times 25 + 2 = 50 + 2 = 52$ m Breadth of the pool = 25 m

Hence, the length of the pool is 52 m and breadth is 25 m.

Question 3:

The base of an isosceles triangle is $\frac{4}{3}$ cm. The perimeter of the triangle is $4\frac{2}{15}$ cm. What is the length of either of the remaining equal sides?

Answer 3:

Let each of equal sides of an isosceles triangle be x cm. Perimeter of a triangle = Sum of all three sides

\Rightarrow	$4\frac{2}{15} = \frac{4}{3} + x + x$	
\Rightarrow	$\frac{62}{15} = \frac{4}{3} + 2x$	
	$\frac{62}{15} - \frac{4}{3} = \frac{4}{3} - \frac{4}{3} + 2x$	[Subtracting $\frac{4}{3}$ from both the sides]
\Rightarrow	$\frac{62-20}{15} = 2x$	
\Rightarrow	$\frac{42}{15} = 2x$	
\Rightarrow	$\frac{42}{15 \times 2} = \frac{2x}{2}$	[Dividing both sides by 2]



$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{7}{5} = x$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad x = 1\frac{2}{5} \text{ cm}$$

Hence, each equal side of an isosceles triangle is $1\frac{2}{5}$ cm.

Question 4:

Sum of two numbers is 95. If one exceeds the other by 15, find the numbers.

Answer 4:

Sum of two number = 95

Let the first number be *x*, then another number be x+15.

According to the question,

x+x+15=95 $\Rightarrow 2x+15$

$$\Rightarrow 2x+15=95$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x+15-15=95-15$$
 [Subtracting 15 from both sides]

$$\Rightarrow 2x=80$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x}{2} = \frac{80}{2}$$
 [Dividing both sides by 2]

$$\Rightarrow x=40$$

So, the first number = 40 and another number = 40 + 15 = 55

Hence, the two numbers are 40 and 55.

Question 5:

Two numbers are in the ratio 5:3. If they differ by 18, what are the numbers? **Answer 5:**

Let the two numbers be 5x and 3x. According to question, 5x-3x=18 $\Rightarrow 2x=18$ $\Rightarrow \frac{2x}{2}=\frac{18}{2}$ [Dividing both sides by 2] $\Rightarrow x=9$

Hence, first number = $5 \times 9 = 45$ and second number = $3 \times 9 = 27$.



Question 6:

Three consecutive integers add up to 51. What are these integers?

Answer 6:

Let the three consecutive integers be x, x+1 and x+2.

According to the question,

x+x+1+x+2=51 $\Rightarrow 3x+3=51$ $\Rightarrow 3x+3-3=51-3$ [Subtracting 3 from both sides] $\Rightarrow 3x=48$ $\Rightarrow \frac{3x}{3} = \frac{48}{3}$ [Dividing both sides by 3] $\Rightarrow x=16$

Hence, first integer = 16, second integer = 16 + 1 = 17 and third integer = 16 + 2 = 18.

Question 7:

The sum of three consecutive multiples of 8 is 888. Find the multiples.

Answer 7:

Let the three consecutive multiples of 8 be x, x + 8 and x + 16.

According to question, x+x+8+x+16=888

\Rightarrow	3x + 24 = 888	
\Rightarrow	3x + 24 - 24 = 888 - 24	[Subtracting 24 from both sides]
\Rightarrow	3x = 864	
\Rightarrow	$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{864}{3}$	[Dividing both sides by 3]
\Rightarrow	x = 288	

Hence, first multiple of 8 = 288, second multiple of 8 = 288 + 8 = 296 and third multiple of 8 = 288 + 16 = 304.



Question 8:

Three consecutive integers are such that when they are taken in increasing order and multiplied by 2, 3 and 4 respectively, they add up to 74. Find these numbers.

Answer 8:

Let the three consecutive integers be x, x+1 and x+2.

2x+3(x+1)+4(x+2)=74According to the question, 2x + 3x + 3 + 4x + 8 = 74 \Rightarrow 9x+11=74 \Rightarrow 9x+11-11=74-11[Subtracting 11 from both sides] \Rightarrow 9x = 63 \Rightarrow $\frac{9x}{9} = \frac{63}{9}$ [Dividing both sides by 9] \Rightarrow x = 7 \Rightarrow

Hence first integer = 7, second integer = 7 + 1 = 8 and third integer = 7 + 2 = 9.

Question 9:

The ages of Rahul and Haroon are in the ratio 5:7. Four years later the sum of their ages will be 56 years. What are their present ages?

Answer 9:

Let the present ages of Rahul and Haroon be 5x years and 7x years respectively. According to condition, (5x+4)+(7x+4)=56

\Rightarrow	12x + 8 = 56	
\Rightarrow	12x + 8 - 8 = 56 - 8	[Subtracting 8 from both sides]
\Rightarrow	12x = 48	
\Rightarrow	$\frac{12x}{12} = \frac{48}{12}$	[Dividing both sides by 12]
\Rightarrow	x = 4	

Hence, present age of Rahul = 5 x 4 = 20 years and present age of Haroon = 7 x 4 = 28 years.



Question 10:

The number of boys and girls in a class are in the ratio 7 : 5. The number of boys is 8 more than the number of girls. What is the total class strength?

Answer 10:

	number of girls be x . the number of boys = $x+8$.	
According to the question,		$\frac{x+8}{x} = \frac{7}{5}$
\Rightarrow	5(x+8) = 7x	
\Rightarrow	5x+40=7x	
\Rightarrow	5x - 7x = -40	[Transposing $7x$ to L.H.S. and 40 to R.H.S.]
\Rightarrow	-2x = -40	
\Rightarrow	$\frac{-2x}{-2} = \frac{-40}{-2}$	[Dividing both sides by -2]
\Rightarrow	x = 20	

Hence the number of girls = 20 and number of boys = 20 + 8 = 28.

Question 11:

Baichung's father is 26 years younger than Baichung's grandfather and 29 years older than Baichung. The sum of the ages of all the three is 135 years. What is the age of each one of them?

Answer 11:

Let Baichung's age be x years, then Baichung's father's age = (x+29) years and

Baichung's granddaughter's age = (x+29+26) = (x+55) years.

Accordin	ng to condition, $x + x +$	29 + x + 55 = 135
\Rightarrow	3x + 84 = 135	
\Rightarrow	3x + 84 - 84 = 135 - 84	[Subtracting 84 from both sides]
\Rightarrow	3x = 51	
\Rightarrow	$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{51}{3}$	[Dividing both sides by 3]
\Rightarrow	x = 17 years	

Hence, Baichung's age = 17 years, Baichung's father's age = 17 + 29 = 46 years and Baichung's granddaughter's age = 17 + 29 + 26 = 72 years.



Question 12:

Fifteen years from now Ravi's age will be four times his present age. What is Ravi's present age?

Answer 12:

Let Ravi's present age be x years. After fifteen years, Ravi's age = 4x years. Fifteen years from now, Ravi's age = (x+15) years. According to question, 4x = x+15 $\Rightarrow \quad 4x - x = 15$ [Transposing x to L.H.S.] $\Rightarrow \quad 3x = 15$ $\Rightarrow \quad \frac{3x}{3} = \frac{15}{3}$ [Dividing both sides by 3] $\Rightarrow \quad x = 5$ years

Hence, Ravi's present age be 5 years.

Question 13:

A rational number is such that when you multiply it by $\frac{5}{2}$ and add $\frac{2}{3}$ to the product, you

get $\frac{-7}{12}$. What is the number?

Answer 13:

Let the rational number be *x*.

According to the question, $\begin{array}{l}
\frac{5}{2}x + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{-7}{12} \\
\begin{array}{l}
\Rightarrow & \frac{5}{2}x + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{-7}{12} - \frac{2}{3} \\
\begin{array}{l}
\Rightarrow & \frac{5x}{2} = \frac{-7-8}{12} \\
\Rightarrow & \frac{5x}{2} = \frac{-15}{12} \\
\Rightarrow & 5x \times 12 = -15 \times 2 \\
\Rightarrow & 60x = -30
\end{array}$ [Subtracting $\frac{2}{3}$ from both sides]



$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{60x}{60} = \frac{-30}{60}$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad x = \frac{-1}{2}$$

[Dividing both sides by 60]

Hence, the rational number is $\frac{-1}{2}$.

Question 14:

Lakshmi is a cashier in a bank. She has currency notes of denominations ₹100, ₹50 and ₹10 respectively. The ratio of the number of these notes is 2:3:5. The total cash with Lakshmi is ₹4,00,000. How many notes of each denomination does she have?

Answer 14:

Let number of notes be 2x, 3x and 5x.

According to question, $100 \times 2x + 50 \times 3x + 10 \times 5x = 4,00,000$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 200x + 150x + 50x = 4,00,000$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 400x = 4,00,000$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{400x}{400} = \frac{4,00,000}{400}$$

x = 1000

[Dividing both sides by 400]

Hence, number of denominations of ₹100 notes = $2 \times 1000 = 2000$ Number of denominations of ₹50 notes = $3 \times 1000 = 3000$ Number of denominations of ₹10 notes = $5 \times 1000 = 5000$

Therefore, required denominations of notes of ₹100, ₹50 and ₹10 are 2000, 3000 and 5000 respectively.

Question 15:

 \Rightarrow

I have a total of ₹300 in coins of denomination ₹1, ₹2 and ₹5. The number of ₹2 coins is 3 times the number of ₹5 coins. The total number of coins is 160. How many coins of each denomination are with me?

Answer 15:

Total sum of money = ₹300

Let the number of ₹5 coins be x, number of ₹2 coins be 3x and number of ₹1 coins be 160 - (x + 3x) = 160 - 4x.



 $5 \times x + 2 \times (3x) + 1 \times (160 - 4x) = 300$ According to question, 5x + 6x + 160 - 4x = 300 \Rightarrow 7x + 160 = 300 \Rightarrow 7x + 160 - 160 = 300 - 160[Subtracting 160 from both sides] \Rightarrow 7x = 140 \Rightarrow $\frac{7x}{7} = \frac{140}{7}$ [Dividing both sides by 7] \Rightarrow x = 20 \Rightarrow

Hence, the number of coins of ₹5 denomination = 20 Number of coins of ₹2 denomination = $3 \times 20 = 60$ Number of coins of ₹1 denomination = $160 - 4 \times 20 = 160 - 80 = 80$

Question 16:

The organizers of an essay competition decide that a winner in the competition gets a prize of $\gtrless 100$ and a participant who does not win, gets a prize of $\gtrless 25$. The total prize money distributed is $\gtrless 3,000$. Find the number of participants is $\gtrless 3$.

Answer 16:

Total sum of money = ₹3000 Let the number of winners of $\gtrless 100$ be *x*. And those who are not winners = 63 - x $100 \times x + 25 \times (63 - x) = 3000$ According to the question, 100x + 1575 - 25x = 3000 \Rightarrow 75x + 1575 = 3000 \Rightarrow 7x + 1575 - 1575 = 3000 - 1575 \Rightarrow [Subtracting 1575 from both sides] 7x = 1425 \Rightarrow $\frac{7x}{7} = \frac{1425}{7}$ [Dividing both sides by 7] \Rightarrow x = 19 \Rightarrow

Hence the number of winner is 19.



Exercise 2.3

Question 1:

Solve the following equations and check your results: 3x = 2x + 18

Answer 1:

3x = 2x + 18 $\Rightarrow \qquad 3x - 2x = 18$ $\Rightarrow \qquad x = 18$

To check:

3x = 2x + 18 $\Rightarrow 3 \times 18 = 2 \times 18 + 18$ $\Rightarrow 54 = 36 + 18$ $\Rightarrow 54 = 54$ $\Rightarrow L.H.S. = R.H.S.$

Hence, it is correct.

Question 2:

Solve the following equations and check your results: 5t - 3 = 3t - 5

Answer 2:

$$5t-3=3t-5$$

$$\Rightarrow 5t-3t=-5+3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2t=-2$$

$$\Rightarrow t=\frac{-2}{2}=-1$$

To check:

$$5t-3=3t-5$$

$$\Rightarrow 5\times(-1)-3=3\times(-1)-5$$

$$\Rightarrow -5-3=-3-5$$

$$\Rightarrow -8=-8$$

$$\Rightarrow L.H.S. = R.H.S.$$



Question 3:

Solve the following equations and check your results: 5x+9=5+3x

Answer 3:

$$5x+9=5+3x$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x-3x=5-9$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x=-4$$

$$\Rightarrow x=\frac{-4}{2}=-2$$

To check:

$$5x+9=5+3x$$

$$\Rightarrow 5\times(-2)+9=5+3\times(-2)$$

$$\Rightarrow -10+9=5-6$$

$$\Rightarrow -1=-1$$

$$\Rightarrow L.H.S. = R.H.S.$$

Hence, it is correct.

Question 4:

Solve the following equations and check your results: 4z + 3 = 6 + 2z

Answer 4:

$$4z+3=6+2z$$

$$\Rightarrow 4z-2z=6-3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2z=3$$

$$\Rightarrow z=\frac{3}{2}$$

To check:

$$4z+3=6+2z$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\times\frac{3}{2}+3=6+2\times\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\times3+3=6+3$$

$$\Rightarrow 6+3=9$$

$$\Rightarrow 9=9$$

$$\Rightarrow L.H.S. = R.H.S.$$



Question 5:

Solve the following equations and check your results: 2x-1=14-x

Answer 5:

$$2x-1=14-x$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x+x=14+1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x=15$$

$$\Rightarrow x=\frac{15}{3}=5$$

To check:

2x-1=14-x $\Rightarrow 2\times5-1=14-5$ $\Rightarrow 10-1=9$ $\Rightarrow 9=9$ $\Rightarrow L.H.S. = R.H.S.$

Hence, it is correct.

Question 6:

Solve the following equations and check your results: 8x + 4 = 3(x-1) + 7

Answer 6:

$$8x+4 = 3(x-1)+7$$

$$\Rightarrow 8x+4 = 3x-3+7$$

$$\Rightarrow 8x-3x = -3+7-4$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{0}{5} = 0$$

To check:

$$8x + 4 = 3(x - 1) + 7$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 8 \times 0 + 4 = 3(0 - 1) + 7$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 0 + 4 = 3 \times (-1) + 7$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 4 = -3 + 7$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 4 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad L.H.S. = R.H.S.$$



Question 7:

Solve the following equations and check your results: $x = \frac{4}{5}(x+10)$

Answer 7:

$$x = \frac{4}{5}(x+10)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x = 4(x+10)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x = 4x + 40$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x - 4x = 40$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 40$$

To check:

$$x = \frac{4}{5}(x+10)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 40 = \frac{4}{5}(40+10)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 40 = \frac{4}{5} \times 50$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 40 = 4 \times 10$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 40 = 40$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad L.H.S. = R.H.S.$$

Hence, it is correct.

Question 8:

Solve the following equations and check your results: $\frac{2x}{3} + 1 = \frac{7x}{15} + 3$

Answer 8:

$$\frac{2x}{3} + 1 = \frac{7x}{15} + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{2x}{3} - \frac{7x}{15} = 3 - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{10x - 7x}{15} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 3x = 30$$



$$\Rightarrow \qquad x = \frac{30}{3} = 10$$

To check:

$$\frac{2x}{3} + 1 = \frac{7x}{15} + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{2 \times 10}{3} + 1 = \frac{7 \times 10}{15} + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{20}{3} + 1 = \frac{14}{3} + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{20 + 3}{3} = \frac{14 + 9}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{23}{3} = \frac{23}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \text{L.H.S. = R.H.S.}$$

Hence, it is correct.

Question 9:

Solve the following equations and check your results: $2y + \frac{5}{3} = \frac{26}{3} - y$

Answer 9:

$$2y + \frac{5}{3} = \frac{26}{3} - y$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 2y + y = \frac{26}{3} - \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 3y = \frac{26 - 5}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 3y = \frac{21}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad y = \frac{21}{3 \times 3} = \frac{7}{3}$$

To check:

$$2y + \frac{5}{3} = \frac{26}{3} - y$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 2 \times \frac{7}{3} + \frac{5}{3} = \frac{26}{3} - \frac{7}{3}$$



$$\Rightarrow \frac{14}{3} + \frac{5}{3} = \frac{26}{3} - \frac{7}{3}$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{14+5}{3} = \frac{26-7}{3}$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{19}{3} = \frac{19}{3}$$
$$\Rightarrow L.H.S. = R.H.S.$$

Hence, it is correct.

Question 10:

Solve the following equations and check your results: $3m = 5m - \frac{8}{5}$

Answer 10:

$$3m = 5m - \frac{8}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 3m - 5m = \frac{-8}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad -2m = \frac{-8}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad m = \frac{-8}{5 \times (-2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad m = \frac{4}{5}$$

To check:

$$3m = 5m - \frac{8}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 3 \times \frac{4}{5} = 5 \times \frac{4}{5} - \frac{8}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{12}{5} = 4 - \frac{8}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{12}{5} = \frac{20 - 8}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{12}{5} = \frac{12}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad L.H.S. = R.H.S.$$



Exercise 2.4

Question 1:

Amina thinks of a number and subtracts $\frac{5}{2}$ from it. She multiplies the result by 8. The result now obtained is 3 times the same number she thought of. What is the number? **Answer 1:**

Let Amina think a number *x*.

According to the question, $8\left(x-\frac{5}{2}\right)=3x$

\Rightarrow	$8x - \frac{8 \times 5}{2} = 3x$
\Rightarrow	$8x - 4 \times 5 = 3x$
\Rightarrow	8x - 20 = 3x
\Rightarrow	8x - 3x = 20
\Rightarrow	5x = 20
\Rightarrow	$x = \frac{20}{5} = 4$

Hence, the number is 4.

Question 2:

A positive number is 5 times another number. If 21 is added to both the numbers, then one of the new numbers becomes twice the other new number. What are the numbers?

Answer 2:

Let another number be x. Then positive number = 5xAccording to the question,

5x+21=2(x+21)

$$\Rightarrow 5x+21=2x+42$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x-2x=42-21$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x=21$$

$$\Rightarrow x=\frac{21}{3}=7$$

Hence another number = 7 and positive number = $5 \times 7 = 35$



Question 3:

Sum of the digits of a two-digit number is 9. When we interchange the digits, it is found that the resulting new number is greater than the original number by 27. What is the two-digit number?

Answer 3:

Let the unit place digit of a two-digit number be *x*.

Therefore, the tens place digit = 9 - x

: 2-digit number = 10 x tens place digit + unit place digit

 \therefore Original number = 10(9-x)+x

According to the question, New number = Original number + 27

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 10x + (9-x) = 10(9-x) + x + 27$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 10+9-x=90-10x+x+27$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x+9=117-9x$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x+9x=117-9$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 18x = 108

$$\Rightarrow \qquad x = \frac{108}{18} = 6$$

Hence, the 2-digit number = $10(9-x) + x = 10(9-6) + 6 = 10 \times 3 + 6 = 30 + 6 = 36$

Question 4:

One of the two digits of a two-digit number is three times the other digit. If you interchange the digits of this two-digit number and add the resulting number to the original number, you get 88. What is the original number?

Answer 4:

Let the unit place digit of a two-digit number be *x*.

Therefore, the tens place digit = 3x

: 2-digit number = 10 x tens place digit + unit place digit

 \therefore Original number = $10 \times 3x + x = 30x + x = 31x$

According to the question, New number + Original number = 88

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 10x + 3x + 31x = 88$$

$$\Rightarrow 44x = 88$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad x = \frac{88}{44} = 2$$

Hence, the 2-digit number = $31x = 31 \times 2 = 62$



Question 5:

Shobo's mother's present age is six times Shobo's present age. Shobo's age five years from now will be one third of his mother's present age. What are their present age?

Answer 5:

Let Shobo's present age be x years. And Shobo's mother's present age = 6x years

According to the question, $x+5 = \frac{1}{3} \times 6x$

 $\Rightarrow x+5=2x$ $\Rightarrow 2x=x+5$ $\Rightarrow 2x-x=5$ $\Rightarrow x=5 \text{ years.}$

Hence, Shobo's present age = 5 years and Shobo's mother's present age = 6 x 5 = 30 years

Question 6:

There is a narrow rectangular plot, reserved for a school, in Mahuli village. The length and breadth of the plot are in the ratio 11:4. At the rate ` 100 per meter it will cost the village panchayat ` 75,000 to fence the plot. What are the dimensions of the plot?

Answer 6:

Let the length and breadth of the rectangular plot be 11x and 4x respectively.

 $\therefore \qquad \text{Perimeter of the plot} = \frac{\text{Total Cost}}{\text{Cost of 1 meter}} = \frac{75000}{100} = 750 \text{ m}$ We know that Perimeter of rectangle = 2 (length + breadth) Therefore, according to the question, 750 = 2(11x + 4x)

$$\Rightarrow 750 = 2 \times 15x$$

$$\Rightarrow 750 = 30x$$

$$\Rightarrow 30x = 750$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{750}{30} = 25$$

Hence, length of rectangular plot = 11 x 25 = 275 m and breadth of rectangular plot = 4 x 25 = 100 m



Question 7:

Hasan buys two kinds of cloth materials for school uniforms, shirt material that costs him ₹50 per meter and trouser material that costs him ₹90 per meter. For every 2 meters of the trouser material he buys 3 meters of the shirt material. He sells the materials at 12% and 10% respectively. His total sale is ₹36,000. How much trouser material did he buy?

Answer 7:

Let ratio between shirt material and trouser material be 3x: 2x. The cost of shirt material = $50 \times 3x = 150x$

The selling price at 12% gain = $\frac{100 + P\%}{100} \times \text{C.P.} = \frac{100 + 12}{100} \times 150x$ $=\frac{112}{100}\times 150x = 168x$

The cost of trouser material = $90 \times 2x = 180x$ The selling price at 12% gain = $\frac{100 + P\%}{100} \times \text{C.P.} = \frac{100 + 10}{100} \times 180x$ $=\frac{110}{100} \times 180x = 198x$

According to the question, 168x + 198x = 36,600

366x = 36600 \Rightarrow \Rightarrow

 $x = \frac{36600}{366} = 100$ meters

Now, trouser material = $2x = 2 \times 100 = 200$ meters

Hence, Hasan bought 200 meters of the trouser material.

Question 8:

Half of a herd of deer are grazing in the field and three fourths of the remaining are playing nearby. The rest 9 are drinking water from the pond. Find the number of deer in the herd.

Answer 8:

Let the total number of deer in the herd be *x*.

 $x = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \times \left(x - \frac{x}{2}\right) + 9$ According to question, $\Rightarrow \qquad x = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{2x - x}{2} \right) + 9$ 4

 $\Rightarrow \qquad x = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{x}{2} + 9$ $\Rightarrow \qquad x = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{3}{8}x + 9$ $\Rightarrow \qquad x - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{3x}{8} = 9$ $\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{8x - 4x - 3x}{8} = 9$ $\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{x}{8} = 9$ $\Rightarrow \qquad x = 9 \times 8 = 72$

Hence, the total number of deer in the herd is 72.

Question 9:

A grandfather is ten times older than his granddaughter. He is also 54 years older than her. Find their present ages.

Answer 9:

Let present age of granddaughter be *x* years.

Therefore, Grandfather's age = 10x years

According to question, 10x = x + 54

$$\Rightarrow 10x - x = 54$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 9x = 54

$$\Rightarrow$$
 $x = \frac{54}{9} = 6$ years

Hence, granddaughter's age = 6 years and grandfather's age = $10 \times 6 = 60$ years.

Question 10:

Aman's age is three times his son's age. Ten years ago he was five times his son's age. Find their present ages.

Answer 10:

Let the present age of Amon's son be x years.

Therefore, Aman's age = 3x years

According to question, 3x - 10 = 5(x - 10)

 \Rightarrow 3x-10=5x-50

 \Rightarrow 3x-5x=-50+10



$$\Rightarrow -2x = -40$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-40}{-2} = 20 \text{ years}$$

Hence, Aman's son's age = 20 years and Aman's age = $3 \times 2 = 60$ years



Exercise 2.5

Question 1:

Solve the following linear equation: $\frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{5} = \frac{x}{3} + \frac{1}{4}$

Answer 1:

$$\frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{5} = \frac{x}{3} + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x}{3} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{3x - 2x}{6} = \frac{5 + 4}{20}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{x}{6} = \frac{9}{20}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad x = \frac{9 \times 6}{20} = \frac{27}{10}$$

To check:

$$\frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{5} = \frac{x}{3} + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{27}{10 \times 2} - \frac{1}{5} = \frac{27}{10 \times 3} + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{27}{20} - \frac{1}{5} = \frac{9}{10} + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{27-4}{20} = \frac{18+5}{20}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{23}{20} = \frac{23}{20}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \text{L.H.S. = R. H. S.}$$

Therefore, it is correct.



Question 2:

Solve the following linear equation: $\frac{n}{2} - \frac{3n}{4} + \frac{5n}{6} = 21$

Answer 2:

$$\frac{n}{2} - \frac{3n}{4} + \frac{5n}{6} = 21$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{6n - 9n + 10n}{12} = 21$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{7n}{12} = 21$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad n = \frac{21 \times 12}{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad n = 36$$

To check:

$$\frac{n}{2} - \frac{3n}{4} + \frac{5n}{6} = 21$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{36}{2} - \frac{3 \times 36}{4} + \frac{5 \times 36}{6} = 21$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 18 - 27 + 30 = 21$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 21 = 21$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad L.H.S. = R. H. S.$$

Therefore, it is correct.

Question 3:

Solve the following linear equation: $x + 7 - \frac{8x}{3} = \frac{17}{6} - \frac{5x}{2}$

$$x + 7 - \frac{8x}{3} = \frac{17}{6} - \frac{5x}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{x}{1} - \frac{8x}{3} + \frac{5x}{2} = \frac{17}{6} - \frac{7}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{6x - 16x + 15x}{6} = \frac{17 - 42}{6}$$



$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{5x}{6} = \frac{-25}{6}$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad x = \frac{-25 \times 6}{6 \times 5}$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad x = -5$$

To check:

$$x+7 - \frac{8x}{3} = \frac{17}{6} - \frac{5x}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -5+7 - \frac{8 \times (-5)}{3} = \frac{17}{6} - \frac{5 \times (-5)}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + \frac{40}{3} = \frac{17}{6} + \frac{25}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6+40}{3} = \frac{17+75}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{46}{3} = \frac{92}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{46}{3} = \frac{46}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{L.H.S. = R. H. S.}$$

Therefore, it is correct.

Question 4:

Solve the following linear equation: $\frac{x-5}{3} = \frac{x-3}{5}$

Answer 4:

$$\frac{x-5}{3} = \frac{x-3}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 \times (x-5) = 3(x-3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x-25 = 3x-9$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x-3x = -9+25$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{16}{2} = 8$$

To check:



$$\frac{x-5}{3} = \frac{x-3}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{8-5}{3} = \frac{8-3}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{3}{3} = \frac{5}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad L.H.S. = R. H. S.$$

Therefore, it is correct.

Question 5:

Solve the following linear equation: $\frac{3t-2}{4} - \frac{2t+3}{3} = \frac{2}{3} - t$ **Answer 5:** $\frac{3t-2}{4} - \frac{2t+3}{3} = \frac{2}{3} - t$ $\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{3t-2}{4} - \frac{2t+3}{3} + t = \frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{3(3t-2)-4(2t+3)+12t}{12} = \frac{2}{3}$ \Rightarrow $\frac{9t - 6 - 8t - 12 + 12t}{12} = \frac{2}{3}$ \Rightarrow $\frac{13t - 18}{12} = \frac{2}{3}$ \Rightarrow $3 \times (13t - 18) = 2 \times 12$ \Rightarrow 39t - 54 = 24 \Rightarrow 39t = 24 + 54 \Rightarrow 39t = 78 \Rightarrow $t = \frac{78}{39} = 2$ \Rightarrow

To check:

$$\frac{3t-2}{4} - \frac{2t+3}{3} = \frac{2}{3} - t$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{3 \times 2 - 2}{4} - \frac{2 \times 2 + 3}{3} = \frac{2}{3} - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{6-2}{4} - \frac{4+3}{3} = \frac{2-6}{3}$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{4}{4} - \frac{7}{3} = \frac{-4}{3}$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{1}{1} - \frac{7}{3} = \frac{-4}{3}$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{3-7}{3} = \frac{-4}{3}$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{-4}{3} = \frac{-4}{3}$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad L.H.S. = R. H. S.$$

Therefore, it is correct.

Question 6:

Solve the following linear equation: $m - \frac{m-1}{2} = 1 - \frac{m-2}{3}$

Answer 6:

$$m - \frac{m-1}{2} = 1 - \frac{m-2}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{m}{1} - \frac{m-1}{2} + \frac{m-2}{3} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{6m-3(m-1)+2(m-2)}{6} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{6m-3m+3+2m-4}{6} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{5m-1}{6} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{5m-1}{6} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 5m-1 = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 5m = 6 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 5m = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad m = \frac{7}{5}$$

To check:

 $m - \frac{m-1}{2} = 1 - \frac{m-2}{3}$



$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{7}{5} - \frac{7}{5} - \frac{1}{2} = 1 - \frac{7}{5} - \frac{2}{3}$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{7}{5} - \frac{7 - 5}{2} = 1 - \frac{7 - 10}{5}$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{7}{5} - \frac{2}{5} = 1 - \frac{-3}{5}$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{7}{5} - \frac{2}{5 \times 2} = 1 - \frac{-3}{5 \times 3}$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{7}{5} - \frac{1}{5} = 1 + \frac{1}{5}$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{7 - 1}{5} = \frac{5 + 1}{5}$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{6}{5} = \frac{6}{5}$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad \text{L.H.S. = R. H. S.}$$

Therefore, it is correct.

Question 7:

Simplify and solve the following linear equation: 3(t-3) = 5(2t+1)

Answer 7:

3(t-3)	=5(2t+1)
\Rightarrow	3t - 9 = 10t + 5
\Rightarrow	3t - 10t = 5 + 9
\Rightarrow	-7t = 14
\Rightarrow	$t = \frac{14}{-7}$
\Rightarrow	t = -2

To check:

$$3(t-3) = 5(2t+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 3(-2-3) = 5\{2 \times (-2) + 1\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 3 \times -5 = 5(-4+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad -15 = 5 \times (-3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad -15 = -15$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad L.H.S. = R. H. S.$$

Therefore, it is correct.



Question 8:

Simplify and solve the following linear equation: 15(y-4)-2(y-9)+5(y+6)=0

Answer 8:

$$15(y-4)-2(y-9)+5(y+6)=0$$

$$\Rightarrow 15y-60-2y+18+5y+30=0$$

$$\Rightarrow 18y-12=0$$

$$\Rightarrow 18y=12$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{12}{18}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{2}{3}$$

To check:

$$15(y-4)-2(y-9)+5(y+6) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 15\left(\frac{2}{3}-4\right)-2\left(\frac{2}{3}-9\right)+5\left(\frac{2}{3}+6\right)=0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 15\left(\frac{2-12}{3}\right)-2\left(\frac{2-27}{3}\right)+5\left(\frac{2+18}{3}\right)=0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 15\times\frac{-10}{3}-2\times\frac{-25}{3}+5\times\frac{20}{3}=0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad -50+\frac{50}{3}+\frac{100}{3}=0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad -50+\frac{50+100}{3}=0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad -50+\frac{150}{3}=0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad -50+50=0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 0=0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad L.H.S. = R. H. S.$$

Therefore, it is correct.



Question 9:

Simplify and solve the following linear equation: 3(5z-7)-2(9z-11) = 4(8z-13)-17

Answer 9:

$$3(5z-7)-2(9z-11) = 4(8z-13)-17$$

$$\Rightarrow 15z-21-18z+22 = 32z-52-17$$

$$\Rightarrow -3z+1=32z-69$$

$$\Rightarrow -3z-32z = -69-1$$

$$\Rightarrow -35z = -70$$

$$\Rightarrow z = \frac{-70}{-35} = 2$$

To check:

$$3(5z-7)-2(9z-11) = 4(8z-13)-17$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 3(5\times2-7)-2(9\times2-11) = 4(8\times2-13)-17$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 3(10-7)-2(18-11) = 4(16-13)-17$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 3\times3-2\times7 = 4\times3-17$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 9-14 = 12-17$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad -5 = -5$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad L.H.S. = R. H. S.$$

Therefore, it is correct.

Question 10:

Simplify and solve the following linear equation: 0.25(4f-3) = 0.05(10f-9)

Answer 10:

$$0.25(4f - 3) = 0.05(10f - 9)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1.00f - 0.75 = 0.50f - 0.45$$

$$\Rightarrow 1.00f - 0.50f = -0.45 + 0.75$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.50f = 0.3$$

$$\Rightarrow f = \frac{0.3}{0.50}$$

$$\Rightarrow f = 0.6$$

To check:

0.25(4f-3) = 0.05(10f-9)



$$\Rightarrow 0.25(4 \times 0.6 - 3) = 0.05(10 \times 0.6 - 9)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.25(24, 3) = 0.05(60, 9)$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 0.25(2.4-3) = 0.05(6.0-9)$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 0.25 \times (-0.6) = 0.05 \times (-3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 0.25 \times (-0.6) = 0.05 \times (-3)$$

$$\Rightarrow -0.150 = -0.150$$

L.H.S. = R. H. S. \Rightarrow

Therefore, it is correct.



Exercise 2.6

Question 1:

Solve the following equation: $\frac{8x-3}{3x} = 2$

Answer 1:

$$\frac{8x-3}{3x} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 8x-3=2\times 3x$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 8x-3=6x$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 8x-6x=3$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 2x=3$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad x=\frac{3}{2}$$

Question 2:

Solve the following equation: $\frac{9x}{7-6x} = 15$

Answer 2:

$$\frac{9x}{7-6x} = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x = 15(7-6x)$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x = 105 - 90x$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x + 90x = 105$$

$$\Rightarrow 99x = 105$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{105}{99}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{35}{33}$$



Question 3:

Solve the following equation: $\frac{z}{z+15} = \frac{4}{9}$

 $\frac{z}{z+15} = \frac{4}{9}$ $\Rightarrow z \times 9 = 4(z+15)$ $\Rightarrow 9z = 4z + 60$ $\Rightarrow 9z - 4z = 60$ $\Rightarrow 5z = 60$ $\Rightarrow z = \frac{60}{5}$ $\Rightarrow z = 12$

Question 4:

Solve the following equation: $\frac{3y+4}{2-6y} = \frac{-2}{5}$

Answer 4:

$$\frac{3y+4}{2-6y} = \frac{-2}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5(3y+4) = -2(2-6y)$$

$$\Rightarrow 15y+20 = -4+12y$$

$$\Rightarrow 15y-12y = -4-20$$

$$\Rightarrow 3y = -24$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{-24}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -8$$



Question 5:

Solve the following equation: $\frac{7y+4}{y+2} = \frac{-4}{3}$

Answer 5:

$$\frac{7y+4}{y+2} = \frac{-4}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 3(7y+4) = -4(y+2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 21y+12 = -4y-8$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 21y+4y = -8-12$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 25y = -20$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad y = \frac{-20}{25}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad y = \frac{-4}{5}$$

Question 6:

The ages of Hari and Harry are in the ratio 5:7. Four years from now the ratio of their ages will be 3:4. Find their present ages.

Answer 6:

Let the Ages of Hari and Harry be 5x years and 7x years.

Accordin	ng to question,	$\frac{5x+4}{7x+4} =$	$=\frac{3}{4}$
\Rightarrow	4(5x+4) = 3(7x+4)		
\Rightarrow	20x + 16 = 21x + 12		
\Rightarrow	20x - 21x = 12 - 16		
\Rightarrow	-x = -4		
\Rightarrow	x = 4		

Hence, the age of Hari = $5x = 5 \times 4 = 20$ years and the age of Harry = $7x = 7 \times 4 = 28$ years.



Question 7:

The denominator of a rational number is greater than its numerator by 8. If the numerator is increased by 17 and the denominator is decreased by 1, the number obtained is $\frac{3}{2}$. Find the rational number.

Answer 7:

Let the numerator of a rational number be x, then the denominator is x+8.

Therefore, Rational number = $\frac{x}{x+8}$ According to the question, $\frac{x+17}{x+8-1} = \frac{3}{2}$ $\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{x+17}{x+7} = \frac{3}{2}$ $\Rightarrow \qquad 2(x+17) = 3(x+7)$ $\Rightarrow \qquad 2x+34 = 3x+21$ $\Rightarrow \qquad 2x-3x = 21-34$

$$\begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow \qquad -x = -13 \\ \Rightarrow \qquad x = 13 \end{array}$$

Hence, the required rational number = $\frac{x}{x+8} = \frac{13}{13+8} = \frac{13}{21}$.

