## 5 MUST KNOW QUESTIONS TO CONQUER

## DIRECT \& INVERSE PROPORTIONS

| 1 | The volume of a ball, $V \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$, is directly proportional to the cube of its radius, $r$. When $r=7.5 . V=562.5 \pi \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ <br> (a) Find the equation connecting $V$ and $r$. Give the value of $k$, the constant, in terms of $\pi$. <br> (b) Calculate the value of $V$ when $r=9$, giving your answer in terms of $\pi$. | [2] |
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| 2 | The speed of a bullet, $s$, fired from a gun is inversely proportional to the square root of its mass, $m$. When the mass is 64 g , the speed is $676 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$. <br> (a) Find an equation connecting $s$ and $m$. <br> (b) Find the mass of the bullet if its speed is $520 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$. | [2] [1] |
| 3 | $P$ is directly proportional to the square of $r$ and $P=200$ when $r=5$. <br> (a) Express the $P$ in terms of $r$. <br> (b) When $r$ is increased by $300 \%$, find the percentage increase in $P$. | [1] [2] |
| 4 | (a) $y$ is inversely proportional to the square of $x$. Given that $y=8$ for a particular value of $x$, find the value of $y$ when the value of $x$ is doubled. <br> (b) Given that $a$ is directly proportional to the cube of $b$, and $a=24$ for a particular value of $b$. Find the value of $a$ when this value of $b$ is halved. | [1] [2] |
| 5 | Sean wants to travel to Johor Bahru from his house. The following table shows the time ( $t$ hours) that he will take it he travels at different speeds ( $v \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ ). <br> (a) Are $v$ and $t$ in direct or inverse proportion? <br> Show working to support your answer. <br> (b) Find the speed, in $\mathrm{km} / \mathrm{h}$, of Sean if he takes 3 hours and 30 minutes to get to Johor Bahru from his house. Express your answer correct to 3 decimal places. <br> (c) If Sean wants to reach Johor Bahru at 2 am , what time should he set off if he plans to drive at $80 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ ? | $[2]$ $[1]$ $[2]$ |

## Answer Key

Solutions:
(a) When $r=7.5 . V=562.5 \pi$.
(b) Whenr $=9$,
$562.5 \pi=k('$
(b) $520=\frac{5408}{\sqrt{m}}$
$k=\frac{562}{7}$
$k=\frac{4}{3} \pi$
$m=\left(\frac{5408}{520}\right)^{2}$
$I=\frac{4}{3} \pi(9)^{3}$
$=\frac{4}{3} \pi(729)$
$=972 \pi \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$
$V=\frac{4}{3} \pi$
$m=108.16 \mathrm{~g}$

Ans: (a) $V=\frac{4}{3} \pi r^{3}$ (b) $972 \pi \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$
2 Solutions:
(a) $s=\frac{k}{\sqrt{m}}$
$k=s \sqrt{m}=676 \sqrt{64}=5408$
(b) $520=\frac{5408}{\sqrt{m}}$
$s=\frac{5408}{\sqrt{m}}$

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\begin{aligned}
& m=\left(\frac{5408}{520}\right)^{2} \\
& m=108.16 \mathrm{~g}
\end{aligned}
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Ans: (a) $s=\frac{5408}{\sqrt{m}}$ (b) $m=108.16 \mathrm{~g}$
Solutions:
(a) $P=8 r^{2}$
$P=k r^{2}$
$P=8 r^{2}$
(b) Percentage increase $=1500 \%$

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P_{\text {new }}=8(4 r)^{2}
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=16 \mathrm{~V}
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Percentage increase

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\begin{aligned}
& =\frac{16 P-P}{P} \times 100 \\
& =1500 \%
\end{aligned}
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Ans: (a) $8 r^{2}$ (b) $1500 \%$
4 Solutions:
(a) $8=\frac{k}{x^{2}}$
(b) $\frac{24}{b^{3}}=\frac{a}{(0.5 b)^{3}}$
New $y=\frac{8 x^{2}}{(2 x)^{2}} \quad \frac{24}{b^{3}}=\frac{a}{0.125 b^{3}}$

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y=2
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a=3
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Ans: (a) 2 (b) 3
5 Ans: (a) $v$ and $t$ are in inverse proportion because the product $v t$ is always a constant.
(b) Distance from home to $\mathrm{JB}=200 \mathrm{~km}$

Time taken $=3.5 h$

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\text { His speed }=\frac{200}{3.5}=57.143 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h} \text { (3d.p) }
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(c) Time taken $=\frac{200}{80}=2.5 \mathrm{~h}$

He must set off at $11: 30 \mathrm{PM}$

