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**b**  $t$  when  $Q = 16$



**4**  $M$  varies inversely with  $t^2$ . If  $M = 9$  when  $t = 2$ , find the following.

**a**  $M$  when  $t = 3$

**b**  $t$  when  $M = 1.44$



**5**  $W$  is inversely proportional to  $\sqrt{T}$ . If  $W = 6$  when  $T = 16$ , find the following.

**a**  $W$  when  $T = 25$

**b**  $T$  when  $W = 2.4$



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**7** While doing underwater tests in one part of an ocean, a team of scientists noticed that the temperature in  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  was inversely proportional to the depth in kilometres. When the temperature was  $6^{\circ}\text{C}$ , the scientists were at a depth of 4 km.

**a** What would the temperature have been at a depth of 8 km?

**b** To what depth would they have had to go to find the temperature at  $2^{\circ}\text{C}$ ?



**8** A new engine was being tested, but it had serious problems. The distance it went, in km, without breaking down was inversely proportional to the square of its speed in m/s. When the speed was 12 m/s, the engine lasted 3 km.

**a** Find the distance covered before a breakdown, when the speed is 15 m/s.

**b** On one test, the engine broke down after 6.75 km. What was the speed?



**9** In a balloon it was noticed that the pressure, in atmospheres, was inversely proportional to the square root of the height, in metres. When the balloon was at a height of 25 m, the pressure was 1.44 atm.

**a** What was the pressure at a height of 9 m?

**b** What would the height have been if the pressure was 0.72 atm?



**10** The amount of waste which a firm produces, measured in tonnes per hour, is inversely proportional to the square root of the size of the filter beds, measured in  $\text{m}^2$ . At the moment, the firm produces 1.25 tonnes per hour of waste, with filter beds of size  $0.16 \text{ m}^2$ .

**a** The filter beds used to be only  $0.01 \text{ m}^2$ . How much waste did the firm produce then?

**b** How much waste could be produced if the filter beds were  $0.75 \text{ m}^2$ ?

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Let  $P$  be number of people

Let  $G$  be size of grant

$$G = \frac{k}{P}$$

$$P = 30$$

$$G = £60$$

$$60 = \frac{k}{30}$$

$$60 \times 30 = k$$

$$1800 = k$$

$$G = \frac{1800}{P}$$

a) when  $P = 120$

$$G = \frac{1800}{120} = 15$$

Grant = £15

b) when  $G = £50$

$$50 = \frac{1800}{P}$$

$$50P = 1800$$

$$P = \frac{1800}{50}$$

$$P = 36$$

36 people

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$$Q = \frac{k}{5-t}$$

$$\begin{cases} Q = 8 \\ t = 3 \end{cases}$$

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

$$8 = \frac{k}{2}$$

$$16 = k$$

$$Q = \frac{16}{5-t}$$

a) When  $t = 10$

$$Q = \frac{16}{5-10}$$

$$Q = \frac{16}{-5}$$

$$\underline{Q = -3.2}$$

b) When  $Q = 16$

$$16 = \frac{16}{(5-t)}$$

$$16(5-t) = 16$$

$$5-t = \frac{16}{16}$$

$$5-t = 1$$

$$\underline{t = 4}$$

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$$6 = \frac{k}{\sqrt{16}}$$

$$6 = \frac{k}{4}$$

$$24 = k$$

$$W = \frac{24}{\sqrt{T}}$$

a) When  $T = 25$

$$W = \frac{24}{\sqrt{25}}$$

$$W = \frac{24}{5}$$

$$W = 4.8$$

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b) When  $W = 2.4$

$$2.4 = \frac{24}{\sqrt{T}}$$

$$2.4\sqrt{T} = 24$$

$$\sqrt{T} = \frac{24}{2.4} = 10$$

$$T = 10^2$$

$$T = 100$$

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Distance  $D$

Speed  $V$

$$D = \frac{k}{V^2}$$

$$3 = \frac{k}{12^2}$$

$$3 = \frac{k}{144}$$

$$\begin{cases} D = 3 \\ V = 12 \end{cases}$$

$$D = \frac{432}{V^2}$$

$$432 = k$$

a) when  $v = 15$

$$D = \frac{432}{15^2}$$

$$D = \frac{432}{225}$$

$$\underline{D = 1.92 \text{ km}}$$

b) when  $D = 6.75$

$$6.75 = \frac{432}{v^2}$$

$$6.75v^2 = 432$$

$$v^2 = \frac{432}{6.75}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{432}{6.75}}$$

$$\underline{v = 8 \text{ m s}^{-1}}$$

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Weight  $W$       Filter bed area  $A$

$$W = \frac{k}{\sqrt{A}}$$

$$W = 1.25 \text{ tonnes}$$

$$A = 0.16 \text{ m}^2$$

$$1.25 = \frac{k}{\sqrt{0.16}}$$

$$1.25 = \frac{k}{0.4}$$

$$1.25 \times 0.4 = k$$

$$0.5 = k$$

$$W = \frac{0.5}{\sqrt{A}}$$

a) When  $A = 0.01 \text{ m}^2$

$$W = \frac{0.5}{\sqrt{0.01}} = \frac{0.5}{0.1} = \underline{5 \text{ tonnes}}$$

b) When  $A = 0.75 \text{ m}^2$

$$W = \frac{0.5}{\sqrt{0.75}}$$

$$\underline{W = 0.577 \text{ tonnes}}$$

14  $y$  is inversely proportional to  $d^2$   
When  $d = 10$ ,  $y = 4$

$d$  is directly proportional to  $x^2$   
When  $x = 2$ ,  $d = 24$

Find a formula for  $y$  in terms of  $x$ .  
Give your answer in its simplest form.



$$y = \frac{k}{d^2}$$

$$d = 10$$

$$y = 4$$

$$4 = \frac{k}{10^2}$$

$$y = \frac{400}{d^2}$$

$$400 = k$$

$$d = cx^2$$

$$x = 2$$

$$d = 24$$

$$24 = c \times 2^2$$

$$\frac{24}{4} = c$$

$$6 = c$$

$$\underline{d = 6x^2}$$

$$y = \frac{400}{d^2}$$

$$y = \frac{400}{(6x^2)^2}$$

$$y = \frac{400}{36x^4}$$

$$y = \frac{100}{9x^4}$$

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