



eClassroom

GCSE Mathematics

Proportion

Worked Solutions

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Section A — Foundation — Worked Solutions

[Fluency] Question 1

$$k=15/5=3. \quad y=3x.$$

$$y(8)=3 \times 8$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{24}$$

[Fluency] Question 2

$$k=24/6=4. \quad x=y/4.$$

$$x=36/4$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{9}$$

[Fluency] Question 3

$$k=14/2=7. \quad y=7x.$$

$$y(5)=35; \quad x=42/7=6$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{y=35 \text{ when } x=5; \quad x=6 \text{ when } y=42}$$

[Fluency] Question 4

$$xy=\text{constant}=4 \times 6=24$$

$$y=24/8$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{3}$$

[Fluency] Question 5

$$xy=3 \times 12=36$$

$$x=36/4$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{9}$$

[Reasoning] Question 6

$$\text{Speed}=60/40 \times 60=90\text{km/h}$$

$$\text{Distance}=90 \times 75/60=90 \times 1.25$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{112.5 \text{ km}}$$



**[Reasoning] Question 7**

Total work = $8 \times 6 = 48$ worker-days

Time = $48/12$

\therefore **4 days**

[Reasoning] Question 8

(a) $5L = \text{£}8.00$, $8L = \text{£}12.80$, $12L = \text{£}19.20$

(b) Yes: cost = $\text{£}1.60 \times$ litres, a fixed ratio — direct proportion.

\therefore **(a) £8.00, £12.80, £19.20 (b) Yes, direct proportion.**

[Problem Solving] Question 9

$k = 7.5/3 = 2.5$. $y = 2.5x$

(b) $2.5 \times 8 = 20$ ✓ Yes, (8,20) is on the graph.

(c) $y = 2.5 \times 10 = 25$

\therefore **(a) $y = 2.5x$ (b) Yes (c) $y = 25$**

[Problem Solving] Question 10

$k = 50/25 = 2$. $C = 2n^2$

(b) $C(10) = 2 \times 100 = 200$

(c) $2n^2 = 32 \rightarrow n^2 = 16 \rightarrow n = 4$

\therefore **(a) $C = 2n^2$ (b) £200 (c) $n = 4$**



Section B — Higher — Worked Solutions

[Fluency] Question 1

$$k=36/9=4. \quad y=4x^2.$$

$$(a) \quad y=4 \times 25=100$$

$$(b) \quad 4x^2=100 \rightarrow x^2=25 \rightarrow x=5$$

$$\therefore \quad \mathbf{(a) \ 100 \quad (b) \ x=5}$$

[Fluency] Question 2

$$k=6 \times 4=24. \quad y=24/x.$$

$$(a) \quad y=24/3=8$$

$$(b) \quad x=24/12=2$$

$$\therefore \quad \mathbf{(a) \ 8 \quad (b) \ x=2}$$

[Fluency] Question 3

$$k=12/3=4. \quad y=4\sqrt{x}.$$

$$y=4 \times \sqrt{25}=4 \times 5$$

$$\therefore \quad \mathbf{20}$$

[Reasoning] Question 4

$$k=50 \times 4=200. \quad y=200/x^2.$$

$$(a) \quad y=200/25=8$$

$$(b) \quad x^2=200/2=100 \rightarrow x=10$$

$$\therefore \quad \mathbf{(a) \ 8 \quad (b) \ x=10}$$

[Reasoning] Question 5

$$k=16/8=2. \quad p=2q^3.$$

$$p=2 \times 27$$

$$\therefore \quad \mathbf{54}$$

[Reasoning] Question 6

$$y=kx^2. \quad \text{When } x \text{ becomes } 2x: \quad y=k(2x)^2=4kx^2$$

$$\therefore \quad \mathbf{y \text{ is multiplied by 4 (quadruples).}}$$

**[Reasoning] Question 7**

$$k=8x\sqrt{4}=8x2=16. y=16/\sqrt{x}.$$

$$y=16/\sqrt{9}=16/3$$

$$\therefore 16/3 \approx 5.33$$

[Problem Solving] Question 8

$$k=2/\sqrt{0.25}=2/0.5=4. T=4\sqrt{L}.$$

$$T(1)=4\times 1$$

$$\therefore 4 \text{ s}$$

[Problem Solving] Question 9

$$k = \frac{F \cdot d^2}{m_1 m_2} = \frac{10 \times 1}{2 \times 5} = 1$$

$$F = \frac{m_1 m_2}{d^2} = \frac{3 \times 4}{4}$$

$$\therefore F = 3$$

[Problem Solving] Question 10

- (a) $y=kx$: straight line through origin, y increases linearly.
(b) $y=k/x$: reciprocal curve (hyperbola), y decreases as x increases.
(c) $y=kx^2$: parabola, y increases (faster than linear) as x increases.

\therefore See sketch descriptions above.