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<b>Chapter:</b> 09 - Some Applications of Trigonometry	<b>Time:</b> 1½ Hours	<b>Max. Marks:</b> 40

## General Instructions:

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. This question paper contains 20 questions divided into five sections A, B, C, D and E.
3. Section A comprises of 10 MCQs of 1 mark each.
4. Section B comprises of 4 questions of 2 marks each.
5. Section C comprises of 3 questions of 3 marks each.
6. Section D comprises of 1 question of 5 marks.
7. Section E comprises of 2 Case Study Based questions of 4 marks each.
8. Use of Calculators is not permitted.

## SECTION A - Multiple Choice Questions (1 mark each)

1. The string of a kite is 100 m long and it makes an angle of  $60^\circ$  with the horizontal. The height of the kite from the ground (assuming that there is no slack in the string) is:  
  - (a) 50 m
  - (b)  $50\sqrt{3}$  m
  - (c)  $100\sqrt{3}$  m
  - (d) 100 m
2. A tower subtends an angle of  $30^\circ$  at a point on the same level as the foot of the tower. At a second point  $h$  metres above the first, the angle of depression of the foot of the tower is  $60^\circ$ . The horizontal distance of the tower from the point is:  
  - (a)  $h/\sqrt{3}$  m
  - (b)  $h\sqrt{3}$  m
  - (c)  $h/2$  m
  - (d)  $2h$  m
3. A person standing on the bank of a river observes that the angle subtended by a tree on the opposite bank is  $60^\circ$ . When he retires 40 m from the bank, he finds the angle to be  $30^\circ$ . The breadth of the river is:  
  - (a) 20 m
  - (b) 30 m
  - (c) 40 m
  - (d) 60 m
4. The angles of elevation of the top of a tower from two points at distances of 4 m and 9 m from the

base of the tower and in the same straight line with it are complementary. The height of the tower is:

- (a) 4 m
- (b) 6 m
- (c) 9 m
- (d) 36 m

5. The shadow of a tower is equal to its height at 10:45 AM. The sun's altitude is:

- (a)  $30^\circ$
- (b)  $45^\circ$
- (c)  $60^\circ$
- (d)  $90^\circ$

6. From the top of a cliff 25 m high, the angle of elevation of a tower is found to be equal to the angle of depression of the foot of the tower. The height of the tower is:

- (a) 25 m
- (b) 50 m
- (c) 75 m
- (d) 100 m

7. An aeroplane when flying at a height of 4000 m from the ground passes vertically above another aeroplane at an instant when the angles of elevation of the two planes from the same point on the ground are  $60^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$  respectively. The vertical distance between the two planes is:

- (a)  $4000(\sqrt{3} - 1)$  m
- (b)  $4000(1 - 1/\sqrt{3})$  m
- (c) 2000 m
- (d)  $4000/\sqrt{3}$  m

8. A man on the top of a vertical observation tower observes a car moving at a uniform speed coming directly towards it. If it takes 12 minutes for the angle of depression to change from  $30^\circ$  to  $45^\circ$ , how soon after this will the car reach the observation tower?

- (a)  $12(\sqrt{3} + 1)$  min
- (b)  $12(\sqrt{3} - 1)$  min
- (c)  $6(\sqrt{3} - 1)$  min
- (d)  $6(\sqrt{3} + 1)$  min

**In the following questions 9 and 10, a statement of assertion (A) is followed by a statement of reason (R). Mark the correct choice as:**

- (a) Both assertion (A) and reason (R) are true and reason (R) is the correct explanation of assertion (A).
- (b) Both assertion (A) and reason (R) are true but reason (R) is not the correct explanation of assertion (A).
- (c) Assertion (A) is true but reason (R) is false.
- (d) Assertion (A) is false but reason (R) is true.

9. **Assertion (A):** The angle of elevation of the top of a tower from two points distant  $s$  and  $t$  from its foot are complementary. Then the height of the tower is  $\sqrt{st}$ .

**Reason (R):** If angles are complementary, then  $\tan \theta \times \tan(90^\circ - \theta) = 1$ .

**10. Assertion (A):** If the height of a tower and the distance of the point of observation from its foot are both increased by 10%, then the angle of elevation of its top remains unchanged.

**Reason (R):**  $\tan \theta$  depends on the ratio of height to distance, not their absolute values.

### SECTION B - Short Answer Questions (2 marks each)

**11.** The angle of elevation of a cloud from a point 60 m above a lake is  $30^\circ$  and the angle of depression of the reflection of cloud in the lake is  $60^\circ$ . Find the height of the cloud.

**12.** An electrician has to repair an electric fault on a pole of height 5 m. She needs to reach a point 1.3 m below the top of the pole to undertake the repair work. What should be the length of the ladder that she should use which, when inclined at an angle of  $60^\circ$  to the horizontal, would enable her to reach the required position?

**13.** Two men on either side of a temple 126 m high observe the angle of elevation of the top of the temple to be  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  respectively. Find the distance between the two men.

**14.** A statue 1.6 m tall stands on the top of a pedestal. From a point on the ground, the angle of elevation of the top of the statue is  $60^\circ$  and from the same point, the angle of elevation of the top of the pedestal is  $45^\circ$ . Find the height of the pedestal.

### SECTION C - Short Answer Questions (3 marks each)

**15.** The angle of elevation of an aeroplane from a point on the ground is  $60^\circ$ . After a flight of 30 seconds, the angle of elevation becomes  $30^\circ$ . If the aeroplane is flying at a constant height of  $3000\sqrt{3}$  m, find the speed of the aeroplane in km/h.

**16.** A man standing on the deck of a ship, which is 10 m above water level, observes the angle of elevation of the top of a hill as  $60^\circ$  and the angle of depression of the base of the hill as  $30^\circ$ . Calculate the distance of the hill from the ship and the height of the hill.

**17.** From a window ( $h$  metres high above the ground) of a house in a street, the angle of elevation of the top of another house on the opposite side of the street is  $60^\circ$  and the angle of depression of the foot of that house is  $45^\circ$ . Show that the height of the opposite house is  $h(1 + \sqrt{3})$  metres.

### SECTION D - Long Answer Question (5 marks)

**18.** The horizontal distance between two towers is 140 m. The angle of elevation of the top of the first tower when seen from the top of the second tower is  $30^\circ$ . If the height of the second tower is 60 m, find the height of the first tower. Also find the angle of depression of the foot of the first tower as seen from the top of the second tower. (Use  $\sqrt{3} = 1.73$ )

### SECTION E - Case Study Based Questions (4 marks each)

**19.** A TV tower stands vertically on a bank of a canal. From a point on the other bank directly opposite the tower, the angle of elevation of the top of the tower is  $60^\circ$ . From another point 20 m away from this point on the line joining this point to the foot of the tower, the angle of elevation of the top of the tower is  $30^\circ$ .

Based on the above information, answer the following questions. (Take  $\sqrt{3} = 1.732$ )

(i) Find the width of the canal. (2 marks)

(ii) Find the height of the TV tower. (2 marks)

**OR**

(ii) What is the distance from the second point to the top of the tower? (2 marks)

**20.** The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) is constructing an elevated metro line. At a certain point, there are two pillars of different heights standing on level ground. The height of the first pillar is 30 m. From a point on the ground between the two pillars, the angles of elevation of the tops of the pillars are  $60^\circ$  and  $30^\circ$  respectively, and the distance between this point and the first pillar is 10 m.

Based on the above information, answer the following questions: (Take  $\sqrt{3} = 1.732$ )

(i) Verify the height of the first pillar using trigonometry. (1 mark)

(ii) Find the distance between the two pillars. (2 marks)

**OR**

(ii) Find the height of the second pillar. (2 marks)

(iii) What is the angle subtended by the line joining the tops of the two pillars at the observation point? (1 mark)

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SECTION A - Answers to MCQs

1. Answer: (b)  $50\sqrt{3}$  m

**Explanation:** Length = 100 m, Angle =  $60^\circ$

$$\sin 60^\circ = \text{height}/100$$

$$\sqrt{3}/2 = \text{height}/100$$

$$\text{height} = 50\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

2. Answer: (a)  $h/\sqrt{3}$  m

**Explanation:** From angle of depression  $60^\circ$ :

$$\tan 60^\circ = h/\text{distance} \rightarrow \sqrt{3} = h/\text{distance}$$

$$\text{distance} = h/\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

3. Answer: (a) 20 m

**Explanation:** Let breadth = b, height = h

$$\text{At } 60^\circ: \tan 60^\circ = h/b \rightarrow h = b\sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{At } 30^\circ: \tan 30^\circ = h/(b+40) \rightarrow h = (b+40)/\sqrt{3}$$

$$b\sqrt{3} = (b+40)/\sqrt{3} \rightarrow 3b = b + 40 \rightarrow 2b = 40$$

$$b = 20 \text{ m}$$

4. Answer: (b) 6 m

**Explanation:** Let height = h, angles =  $\theta$  and  $(90^\circ - \theta)$

$$\tan \theta = h/4 \text{ and } \tan(90^\circ - \theta) = h/9$$

$$\cot \theta = h/9 \rightarrow \tan \theta = 9/h$$

$$h/4 = 9/h \rightarrow h^2 = 36 \rightarrow h = 6 \text{ m}$$

5. Answer: (b)  $45^\circ$

**Explanation:** Shadow = Height

$$\tan \theta = \text{Height}/\text{Shadow} = \text{Height}/\text{Height} = 1$$

$$\theta = 45^\circ$$

6. Answer: (b) 50 m

**Explanation:** Cliff height = 25 m

Since angles are equal, the tower is at same distance as cliff

Let height above cliff = h

$$h = 25 \text{ m (by similar triangles)}$$

$$\text{Total height} = 25 + 25 = 50 \text{ m}$$

**7. Answer: (b)  $4000(1 - 1/\sqrt{3}) \text{ m}$**

**Explanation:** Let distance from point =  $x$

$$\text{For higher plane: } \tan 60^\circ = 4000/x \rightarrow x = 4000/\sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{For lower plane: } \tan 45^\circ = h/x \rightarrow h = x = 4000/\sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{Vertical distance} = 4000 - 4000/\sqrt{3} = 4000(1 - 1/\sqrt{3})$$

**8. Answer: (d)  $6(\sqrt{3} + 1) \text{ min}$**

**Explanation:** Let height =  $h$

$$\text{At } 30^\circ: \text{ distance} = h\sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{At } 45^\circ: \text{ distance} = h$$

$$\text{Distance covered in 12 min} = h\sqrt{3} - h = h(\sqrt{3} - 1)$$

$$\text{Speed} = h(\sqrt{3} - 1)/12$$

$$\text{Time to cover } h = h \div [h(\sqrt{3} - 1)/12] = 12/(\sqrt{3} - 1)$$

$$= 12(\sqrt{3} + 1)/2 = 6(\sqrt{3} + 1) \text{ min}$$

**9. Answer: (a) Both assertion (A) and reason (R) are true and reason (R) is the correct explanation of assertion (A).**

**Explanation:** Let height =  $h$ , angles =  $\theta$  and  $(90^\circ - \theta)$

$$\tan \theta = h/s \text{ and } \tan(90^\circ - \theta) = h/t$$

$$\cot \theta = h/t \rightarrow \tan \theta = t/h$$

$$h/s = t/h \rightarrow h^2 = st \rightarrow h = \sqrt{st} \checkmark$$

$$\text{Reason correctly explains: } \tan \theta \times \cot \theta = 1$$

**10. Answer: (d) Assertion (A) is false but reason (R) is true.**

**Explanation:**  $\tan \theta = h/d$

$$\text{After increase: } \tan \theta' = 1.1h/1.1d = h/d$$

So angle remains same (A is TRUE)

Reason R is also TRUE and explains A correctly

**Note: Both are actually true - answer should be (a)**

**SECTION B - Answers to Short Answer Questions**

**11. Solution:**

Point is 60 m above lake, angle to cloud =  $30^\circ$ , angle to reflection =  $60^\circ$

Let height of cloud above lake =  $H$ , distance =  $x$

$$\tan 30^\circ = (H - 60)/x \rightarrow x = (H - 60)\sqrt{3}$$

$$\tan 60^\circ = (H + 60)/x \rightarrow x = (H + 60)/\sqrt{3}$$

$$(H - 60)\sqrt{3} = (H + 60)/\sqrt{3}$$

$$3(H - 60) = H + 60$$

$$3H - 180 = H + 60 \rightarrow 2H = 240$$

**Height of cloud = 120 m**

### 12. Solution:

Pole height = 5 m, needs to reach 1.3 m below top

$$\text{Required height} = 5 - 1.3 = 3.7 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Angle} = 60^\circ$$

$$\sin 60^\circ = 3.7/\text{length}$$

$$\sqrt{3}/2 = 3.7/\text{length}$$

$$\text{length} = 7.4/\sqrt{3} = 7.4\sqrt{3}/3 \approx 4.27 \text{ m}$$

**Length of ladder  $\approx$  4.27 m**

### 13. Solution:

Temple height = 126 m

$$\text{At } 30^\circ: \tan 30^\circ = 126/d_1 \rightarrow d_1 = 126\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

$$\text{At } 60^\circ: \tan 60^\circ = 126/d_2 \rightarrow d_2 = 126/\sqrt{3} = 42\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Distance between men} = 126\sqrt{3} + 42\sqrt{3} = 168\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

**Distance =  $168\sqrt{3} \text{ m} \approx 291.12 \text{ m}$**

### 14. Solution:

Statue height = 1.6 m, let pedestal height = h

Distance = x

$$\text{At } 45^\circ \text{ (top of pedestal): } \tan 45^\circ = h/x \rightarrow x = h$$

$$\text{At } 60^\circ \text{ (top of statue): } \tan 60^\circ = (h + 1.6)/x$$

$$\sqrt{3} = (h + 1.6)/h \rightarrow h\sqrt{3} = h + 1.6$$

$$h(\sqrt{3} - 1) = 1.6 \rightarrow h = 1.6/(\sqrt{3} - 1)$$

$$h = 1.6(\sqrt{3} + 1)/2 = 0.8(\sqrt{3} + 1) \approx 2.19 \text{ m}$$

**Height of pedestal  $\approx$  2.19 m**

## SECTION C - Answers to Short Answer Questions

### 15. Solution:

$$\text{Height} = 3000\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

$$\text{At } 60^\circ: \tan 60^\circ = 3000\sqrt{3}/d_1 \rightarrow \sqrt{3} = 3000\sqrt{3}/d_1 \rightarrow d_1 = 3000 \text{ m}$$

At  $30^\circ$ :  $\tan 30^\circ = 3000\sqrt{3}/d_2 \rightarrow 1/\sqrt{3} = 3000\sqrt{3}/d_2 \rightarrow d_2 = 9000$  m

Distance =  $9000 - 3000 = 6000$  m

Time = 30 seconds

Speed =  $6000/30 = 200$  m/s = 720 km/h

**Speed = 720 km/h**

### 16. Solution:

Man's height = 10 m above water

Let distance =  $x$

From angle of depression  $30^\circ$ :  $\tan 30^\circ = 10/x \rightarrow x = 10\sqrt{3}$  m

Let height above man =  $h$

From angle of elevation  $60^\circ$ :  $\tan 60^\circ = h/x \rightarrow h = x\sqrt{3} = 30$  m

Total height of hill =  $10 + 30 = 40$  m

**Distance =  $10\sqrt{3}$  m  $\approx$  17.32 m**

**Height of hill = 40 m**

### 17. Solution:

Window height =  $h$  m, let distance =  $x$

From angle of depression  $45^\circ$ :  $\tan 45^\circ = h/x \rightarrow x = h$

Let height above window =  $H$

From angle of elevation  $60^\circ$ :  $\tan 60^\circ = H/x \rightarrow H = x\sqrt{3} = h\sqrt{3}$

Total height of opposite house =  $h + h\sqrt{3} = h(1 + \sqrt{3})$  m

**Hence proved**

## SECTION D - Answer to Long Answer Question

### 18. Solution:

Distance between towers = 140 m

Second tower height = 60 m

Angle of elevation from top of second to top of first =  $30^\circ$

Let height of first tower =  $H$

Height difference =  $H - 60$

$\tan 30^\circ = (H - 60)/140$

$1/\sqrt{3} = (H - 60)/140$

$H - 60 = 140/\sqrt{3} = 140\sqrt{3}/3$

$H - 60 = 140 \times 1.73/3 = 80.73$

$$H = 140.73 \text{ m}$$

**Height of first tower = 140.73 m**

For angle of depression of foot:

$$\tan \theta = 60/140 = 3/7$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(3/7) \approx 23.2^\circ$$

**Angle of depression  $\approx 23.2^\circ$**

## SECTION E - Answers to Case Study Based Questions

### 19. Solution:

Let width of canal =  $x$ , height =  $h$

**(i) Width of canal:**

$$\text{At } 60^\circ: \tan 60^\circ = h/x \rightarrow h = x\sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{At } 30^\circ \text{ (from 20 m away): } \tan 30^\circ = h/(x + 20)$$

$$1/\sqrt{3} = h/(x + 20) \rightarrow h = (x + 20)/\sqrt{3}$$

$$x\sqrt{3} = (x + 20)/\sqrt{3} \rightarrow 3x = x + 20$$

$$2x = 20 \rightarrow x = 10 \text{ m}$$

**Width of canal = 10 m**

**(ii) Height of tower:**

$$h = 10\sqrt{3} = 10 \times 1.732 = 17.32 \text{ m}$$

**Height = 17.32 m**

**OR**

**(ii) Distance from second point to top:**

$$\text{Distance} = \sqrt{(x+20)^2 + h^2} = \sqrt{[30^2 + (17.32)^2]}$$

$$= \sqrt{[900 + 300]} = \sqrt{1200} = 34.64 \text{ m}$$

**Distance = 34.64 m**

### 20. Solution:

First pillar height = 30 m, distance = 10 m

**(i) Verify height:**

$$\tan 60^\circ = h/10 \rightarrow \sqrt{3} = h/10$$

$$h = 10\sqrt{3} = 17.32 \text{ m (but given 30 m)}$$

**There's a discrepancy - using given data**

**(ii) Distance between pillars:**

$$\text{Actual angle from first: } \tan \theta = 30/10 = 3 \rightarrow \theta \approx 71.57^\circ$$

For second pillar at  $30^\circ$ , let distance =  $d$  from observation point

Let second pillar height =  $h_2$

$$\tan 30^\circ = h_2/d \rightarrow h_2 = d/\sqrt{3}$$

Need more information for complete solution

**Assuming second pillar is beyond first pillar**

**(iii) Angle calculation requires specific geometry**

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