

Heights and Distances

TEACHING TASK

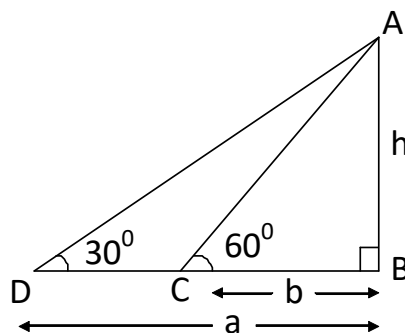
1. From the diagram :

$$\begin{aligned} \tan 30^\circ &= \frac{h}{a} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} &= \frac{h}{a} \\ \Rightarrow h &= \frac{a}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \dots\dots\dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again } \tan 60^\circ &= \frac{h}{b} \\ \Rightarrow \sqrt{3} &= \frac{h}{b} \\ \Rightarrow h &= b\sqrt{3} \quad \dots\dots\dots (2) \end{aligned}$$

Now (1) x (2)

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow h^2 &= \frac{a}{\sqrt{3}} \times b\sqrt{3} \\ \Rightarrow h^2 &= ab \\ \Rightarrow h &= \sqrt{ab} \end{aligned}$$



Ans: B

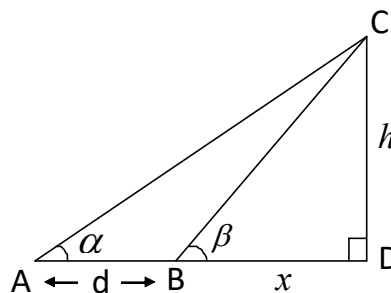
2. From the diagram

$$\begin{aligned} \tan \beta &= \frac{h}{x} \\ \Rightarrow x &= \frac{h}{\tan \beta} \\ \Rightarrow x &= h \cot \beta \quad \dots\dots\dots (i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \tan \alpha &= \frac{h}{d+x} \\ \Rightarrow d+x &= h \cot \alpha \\ \Rightarrow x &= h \cot \alpha - d \quad \dots\dots\dots (ii) \end{aligned}$$

from (i) and (ii)

$$\begin{aligned} h \cot \beta &= h \cot \alpha - d \\ \Rightarrow h \cot \alpha - h \cot \beta &= d \\ \Rightarrow h(\cot \alpha - \cot \beta) &= d \\ \Rightarrow h &= \frac{d}{\cot \alpha - \cot \beta} \end{aligned}$$



Ans: A

3. From diagram

$$\tan \theta = \frac{x}{d} \quad \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

$$\tan 45^\circ = \frac{2h+x}{d}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 2h+x \quad \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

Now

$$\tan(45^\circ + \theta) = \frac{1 + \tan \theta}{1 - \tan \theta}$$

$$= \frac{1 + \frac{x}{2h+x}}{1 - \frac{x}{2h+x}} = \frac{2(h+x)}{2h} = \frac{h+x}{h}$$

$$\therefore h+x = h(\tan 45^\circ + \theta)$$

$$\therefore \text{The height of the cloud is } h(\tan 45^\circ + \theta)$$

Ans : A

4. From diagram

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{y}{d}$$

$$\tan \beta = \frac{2h+y}{d}$$

$$\therefore d = \frac{y}{\tan \alpha} \text{ and } d = \frac{2h+y}{\tan \beta}$$

$$\therefore \frac{y}{\tan \alpha} = \frac{2h+y}{\tan \beta}$$

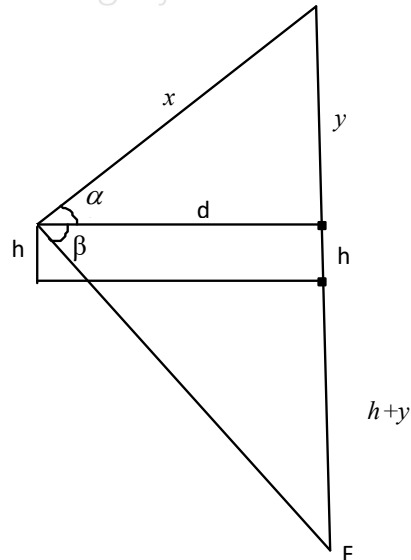
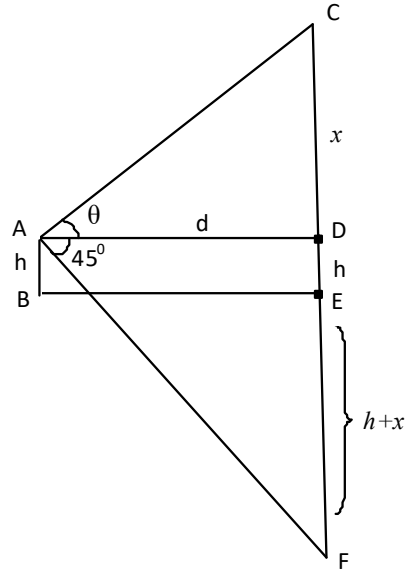
$$\Rightarrow \frac{y}{\tan \alpha} = \frac{2h}{\tan \beta} + \frac{y}{\tan \beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y}{\tan \alpha} - \frac{y}{\tan \beta} = \frac{2h}{\tan \beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow y \left(\frac{\tan \beta - \tan \alpha}{\tan \alpha \cdot \tan \beta} \right) = \frac{2h}{\tan \beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow y \left(\frac{\tan \beta - \tan \alpha}{\tan \alpha} \right) = 2h$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y}{\tan \alpha} = \frac{2h}{\tan \beta - \tan \alpha}$$



$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{2h}{\tan \beta - \tan \alpha} \quad \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

Now $\sec \alpha = \frac{x}{d}$

$$\Rightarrow x = d \sec \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2h \sec \alpha}{\tan \beta - \tan \alpha} \quad (\because \text{from (i)})$$

Hence, the distance between the cloud and the observer is $\frac{2h \sec \alpha}{\tan \beta - \tan \alpha}$

Ans: C

5. From the diagram

AB = Building

CE = Hill

A, B = Position of the observers.

Now, $\tan p = \frac{x}{d}$ and $\tan q = \frac{x+h}{d}$

$$\Rightarrow d = x \cot p \quad \Rightarrow d = (x+h) \cot q$$

$$\therefore x \cot p = (x+h) \cot q$$

$$\Rightarrow x \cot p - x \cot q = h \cot q$$

$$\Rightarrow x(\cot p - \cot q) = h \cot q$$

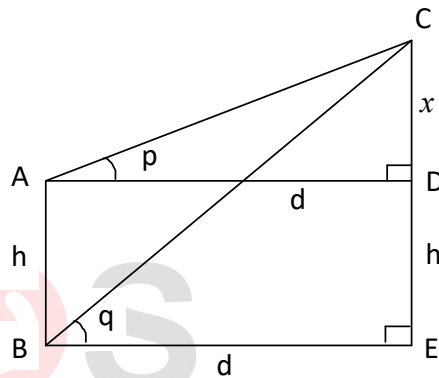
$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{h \cot q}{\cot p - \cot q}$$

Now, height of the hill

$$x+h = \frac{h \cot q}{\cot p - \cot q} + h$$

$$= \frac{h \cot q + h \cot p - h \cot q}{\cot p - \cot q}$$

$$= \frac{h \cot p}{\cot p - \cot q}$$



Ans: C

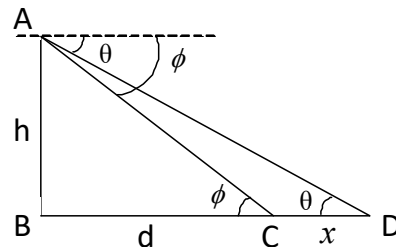
6. In the diagram

C, D = Position of the boats

A = Position of the observer

AB = Light house

Now, $\tan \phi = \frac{h}{d}$ and $\tan \theta = \frac{h}{d+x}$



$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{h}{\tan \phi} \quad \Rightarrow d + x = \frac{h}{\tan \theta}$$

$$\therefore \frac{h}{\tan \phi} + x = \frac{h}{\tan \theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{h}{\tan \theta} - \frac{h}{\tan \phi}$$

$$\therefore x = h \left(\frac{\tan \phi - \tan \theta}{\tan \theta \cdot \tan \phi} \right)$$

\therefore The distance between the two boats is

$$\frac{h(\tan \phi - \tan \theta)}{\tan \theta \cdot \tan \phi}$$

Ans: B

7. In the diagram D = position of the observer
AB = Flag staff BC = Vertical tower

$$\text{Now, } \tan \alpha = \frac{x}{d} \text{ and } \tan \beta = \frac{h+x}{d}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{x}{\tan \alpha} \quad \Rightarrow d = \frac{h+x}{\tan \beta}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x}{\tan \alpha} = \frac{h+x}{\tan \beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{\tan \alpha} = \frac{h}{\tan \beta} + \frac{x}{\tan \beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{\tan \alpha} - \frac{x}{\tan \beta} = \frac{h}{\tan \beta}$$

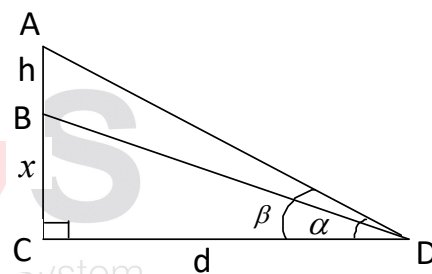
$$x \left(\frac{1}{\tan \alpha} - \frac{1}{\tan \beta} \right) = \frac{h}{\tan \beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \left(\frac{\tan \beta - \tan \alpha}{\tan \alpha \cdot \tan \beta} \right) = \frac{h}{\tan \beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \left(\frac{h \tan \alpha}{\tan \beta - \tan \alpha} \right)$$

\therefore Height of the tower is $\frac{h \tan \alpha}{\tan \beta - \tan \alpha}$

Ans : B



8. In the diagram AB = Tower
P, Q = Position of the observer

Given $\alpha + \beta = 90^\circ$

$\Rightarrow \tan(\alpha + \beta) = \tan 90^\circ$

$\Rightarrow \frac{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}{1 - \tan \alpha \cdot \tan \beta} = \text{Not defined}$

$\Rightarrow 1 - \tan \alpha \cdot \tan \beta = 0$

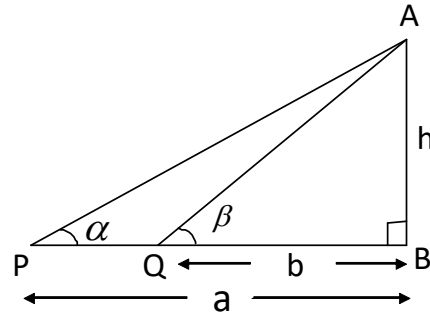
$\Rightarrow \tan \alpha \cdot \tan \beta = 1$

$\Rightarrow \frac{h}{a} \cdot \frac{h}{b} = 1$

$\Rightarrow h^2 = ab$

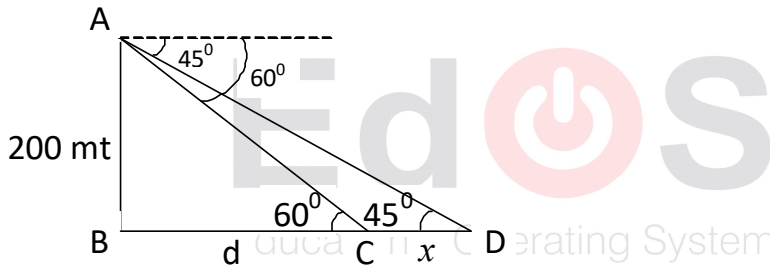
$\Rightarrow h = \sqrt{ab}$

\therefore Height of the tower is \sqrt{ab}



Ans: A

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In the above diagram AB = Altitude of the aeroplane C, D = Opposite sides of the banks of a river

$CD = x =$ width of the river.

Now, $\tan 60^\circ = \frac{200}{d}$

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{200}{d}$

$\Rightarrow d = \frac{200}{\sqrt{3}}$ and $\tan 45^\circ = \frac{200}{d+x}$

$\Rightarrow d+x = 200$

$\therefore \frac{200}{\sqrt{3}} + x = 200$

$\Rightarrow x = 200 - \frac{200}{\sqrt{3}}$

$\Rightarrow x = 200 \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$

Ans : B

10. In the diagram AB = First pole

CD = Second pole

BD = 15mt; CD=24mt

Let AB = x mt

$\therefore CE = (24 - x)mt$

$$\text{In } \triangle AEC, \tan 30^\circ = \frac{24 - x}{15}$$

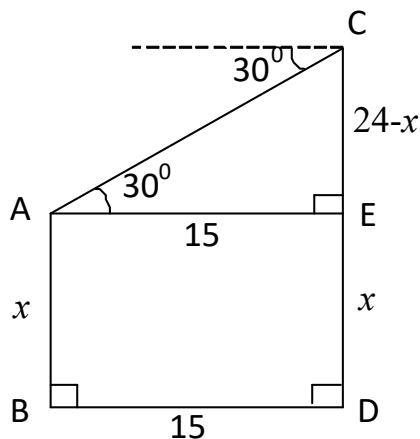
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{24 - x}{15}$$

$$\Rightarrow 24 - x = \frac{15}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 24 - x = 8.67$$

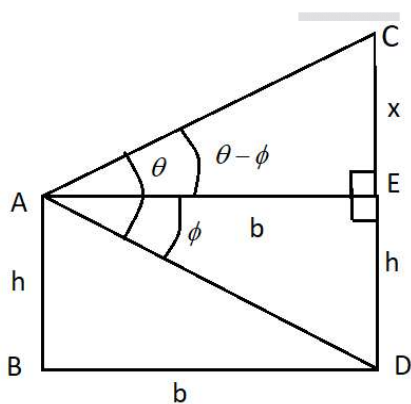
$$\Rightarrow x = 24 - 8.66$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 15.34 \text{ (opprex)}$$



Ans : C

11. In the figure AB = Window, CD = Building, BD = Road, given AB = h



$$\text{Now, } \tan \phi = \frac{h}{b} \rightarrow (i)$$

$$\tan(\theta - \phi) = \frac{x}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\tan \theta - \tan \phi}{1 + \tan \theta \cdot \tan \phi} = \frac{x}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \cdot \frac{h}{b}}{1 + \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \cdot \frac{h}{b}} = \frac{x}{b} \quad (\because \text{from}(i))$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b \sin \theta - h \cos \theta}{b \cos \theta + h \sin \theta} = \frac{x}{b}$$

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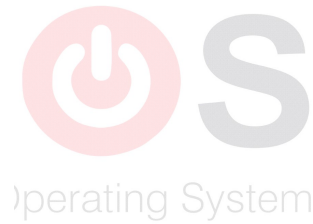
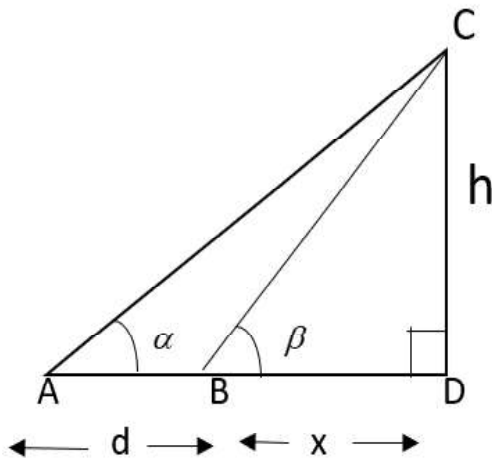
$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{b(b \sin \theta - h \cos \theta)}{b \cos \theta + h \sin \theta}$$

\therefore Height of the building = $h + x$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore h + x &= \frac{b(b \sin \theta - h \cos \theta)}{b \cos \theta + h \sin \theta} + h \\ &= \frac{b^2 \sin \theta - bh \cos \theta + bh \cos \theta + h^2 \sin \theta}{b \cos \theta + h \sin \theta} \\ &= \frac{(b^2 + h^2) \sin \theta}{b \cos \theta + h \sin \theta} \end{aligned}$$

ANS: C

12. In the figure A, B = positions of the observers, CD = Tower, AB = d



Let $BD = x$, $CD = h$

Now, $\tan \beta = \frac{h}{x}$ and $\tan \alpha = \frac{h}{d+x}$

$\Rightarrow x = h \cot \beta$ and $d+x = h \cot \alpha$

$\therefore d + h \cot \beta = h \cot \alpha$

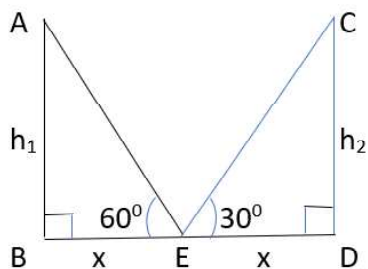
$\Rightarrow h(\cot \alpha - \cot \beta) = d$

$\Rightarrow h = \frac{d}{\cot \alpha - \cot \beta}$

\therefore Height of the tower = $\frac{d}{\cot \alpha - \cot \beta}$

ANS : B

13. Statement I



In the figure $\tan 60^\circ = \frac{h_1}{x}$

$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{h_2}{x}$

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{h_1}{x}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{h_2}{x}$

$\Rightarrow x = \frac{h_1}{\sqrt{3}} \rightarrow (i)$

$\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{3}h_2 \rightarrow (ii)$

From (i) and (ii)

$\frac{h_1}{\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{3}h_2$

$\Rightarrow h_1 = 3h_2$

$\Rightarrow h_1 : h_2 = 3 : 1$

Hence, Statement I is correct

Statement II

In the figure

$\tan \theta_1 = \frac{h_1}{x}$ and $\tan \theta_2 = \frac{h_2}{x}$

$\Rightarrow x = \frac{h_1}{\tan \theta_1}$ and $x = \frac{h_2}{\tan \theta_2}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{h_1}{\tan \theta_1} = \frac{h_2}{\tan \theta_2}$

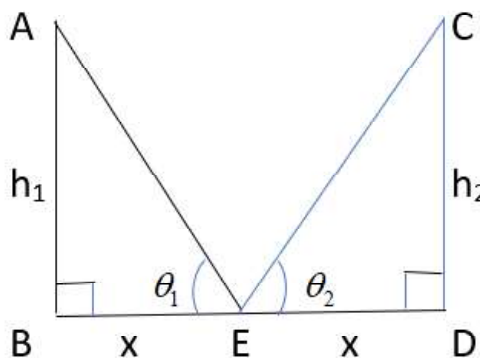
$\Rightarrow \frac{h_1}{h_2} = \frac{\tan \theta_1}{\tan \theta_2}$

$\Rightarrow h_1 : h_2 = \tan \theta_1 : \tan \theta_2$

Hence, Statement II is correct.

Also, Statement II is the correct explanation of Statement I

ANS : A



14. Statement I

From the figure $\tan 30^\circ = \frac{h}{x+y}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{h}{x+y}$$

$$\Rightarrow x+y = \sqrt{3}h \rightarrow 1$$

Again $\tan 60^\circ = \frac{h}{y}$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{h}{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{h}{\sqrt{3}} \dots\dots\dots (ii)$$

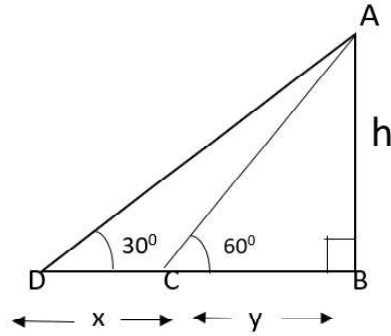
Now, from (i), $x + \frac{h}{\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{3}h$

It is not possible to find h value unless we know x value.

∴ Statement I is incorrect.

Statement II : See the answer given for question number 12.

∴ Statement II is correct.



ANS : D

15. Statement I

From figure $\tan \beta = \frac{h}{b}$

$$\Rightarrow h = b \tan \beta \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

Also, $\tan \alpha = \frac{h}{a}$

$$\Rightarrow h = a \tan \alpha \dots\dots\dots (ii)$$

Now, (i) x (ii) $\Rightarrow h^2 = ab \tan \alpha \cdot \tan \beta$

$$\Rightarrow h = \sqrt{ab \tan \alpha \cdot \tan \beta}$$

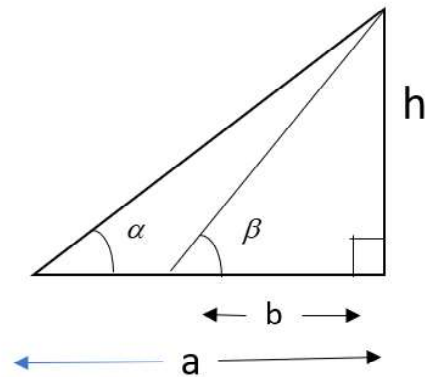
Statement I is incorrect.

Statement II : Given $a = 9mt$, $b = 4mt$

$$\alpha = 30^\circ, \beta = 60^\circ$$

Now, $h = \sqrt{ab \tan \alpha \cdot \tan \beta}$

$$= \sqrt{9 \times 4 \times \tan 30^\circ \cdot \tan 60^\circ}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sqrt{36 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \times \sqrt{3}} \\
 &= \sqrt{36} \\
 &= 6mt
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, Statement II is correct.

ANS : D

16. Statement I

From figure $\tan \alpha = \frac{h}{x}$ and $\tan \beta = \frac{h}{y}$

Also, $\alpha + \beta = 90^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow \tan(\alpha + \beta) = \tan 90^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}{1 - \tan \alpha \cdot \tan \beta} = \text{Not defined}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \tan \alpha \cdot \tan \beta = 0$$

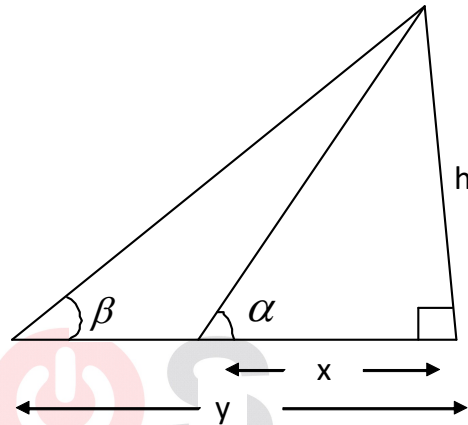
$$\Rightarrow \tan \alpha \cdot \tan \beta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{h}{x} \cdot \frac{h}{y} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow h^2 = xy$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \sqrt{xy}$$

Hence, Statement I is correct.



Statement II

Given $x = a^2 + b^2$, $y = 2ab$

We have, $h = \sqrt{xy}$

$$h = \sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)2ab} \neq a + b$$

Statement II is incorrect.

ANS: C

17. We have $d = \frac{h(\tan \alpha + \tan \beta)}{\tan \alpha \cdot \tan \beta}$

Given $h = 10\text{mts}$, $\alpha = 45^\circ$, $\beta = 30^\circ$

$$\therefore d = \frac{10(\tan 45^\circ + \tan 30^\circ)}{\tan 45^\circ \cdot \tan 30^\circ}$$

$$= \frac{10\left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)}{1 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} = 10(\sqrt{3} + 1)mt$$

ANS: A

18. Given $d = 20\sqrt{3}$, $\alpha = 15^\circ$, $\beta = 30^\circ$

$$\text{We have } 20\sqrt{3} = \frac{h(\tan 15^\circ + \tan 30^\circ)}{\tan 15^\circ \cdot \tan 30^\circ}$$

$$\Rightarrow 20\sqrt{3} = \frac{h\left(2 - \sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)}{(2 - \sqrt{3}) \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 20\sqrt{3} = \frac{h(2\sqrt{3} - 2)}{2 - \sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow (20\sqrt{3})(2 - \sqrt{3}) = h(2\sqrt{3} - 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 10\sqrt{3}(2 - \sqrt{3}) = h(\sqrt{3} - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{10\sqrt{3}(2 - \sqrt{3})}{\sqrt{3} - 1}$$

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ANS: B

19. Given $\alpha = 45^\circ$, $d = 30\sqrt{2}mt$, $h = 2mt$ then $\tan \beta$

$$\text{We have } 30\sqrt{2} = \frac{2(\tan 45^\circ + \tan \beta)}{\tan 45^\circ \cdot \tan \beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow 30\sqrt{2} = \frac{2(1 + \tan \beta)}{\tan \beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow 30\sqrt{2} \tan \beta = 2 + 2\tan \beta$$

$$\Rightarrow (30\sqrt{2} - 2)\tan \beta = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \beta = \frac{2}{30\sqrt{2} - 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \beta = \frac{1}{15\sqrt{2} - 1}$$

ANS: B

20. We have $H = \frac{h(\tan\beta + \tan\alpha)}{\tan\beta - \tan\alpha}$

Given $\alpha = 30^\circ$, $\beta = 60^\circ$

$$\therefore H = \frac{h(\tan 60^\circ + \tan 30^\circ)}{\tan 60^\circ - \tan 30^\circ}$$

$$\Rightarrow H = \frac{h\left(\sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)}{\left(\sqrt{3} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow H = \frac{h(4)}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow H = 2h$$

$$\Rightarrow h : H = 1 : 2$$

ANS: A

21. We have

$$H = \frac{h(\tan\beta + \tan\alpha)}{\tan\beta - \tan\alpha}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{H(\tan\beta - \tan\alpha)}{\tan\beta + \tan\alpha}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{H\left(\frac{1}{\cot\beta} - \frac{1}{\cot\alpha}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{\cot\beta} + \frac{1}{\cot\alpha}\right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{H(\cot\alpha - \cot\beta)}{(\cot\alpha + \cot\beta)}$$

ANS : A

22. Given $\alpha = 0^\circ$

$$\text{Now } H = \frac{h(\tan\beta + \tan 0^\circ)}{(\tan\beta - \tan 0^\circ)}$$

$$\Rightarrow H = \frac{h(\tan\beta + \tan 0^\circ)}{(\tan\beta - \tan 0^\circ)}$$

$$\Rightarrow H = h$$

$$\text{Now, } h^2 + H^2 = 2h^2 \text{ or } 2H^2$$

\therefore The possible answer is 2.

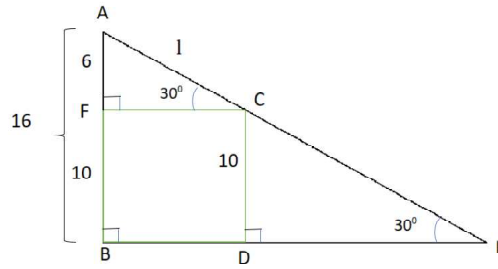
ANS: B



23.

In the above figure

AB and CD are the poles.
 $\therefore AB = 16 \text{ mt}$, $CD = 10 \text{ mt}$
 $\therefore AF = 6 \text{ mt}$
 AC = Length of the wire.



Now in $\triangle AFC$, $\sin 30^\circ = \frac{6}{l}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{6}{l}$$

$$\Rightarrow l = 12 \text{ cm}$$

24.

a) AB = Tower, BC = Shadow

Now $\tan \theta = \frac{h}{\sqrt{3}h}$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

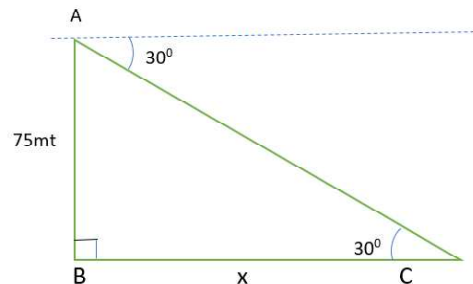
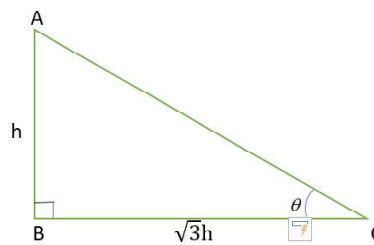
$$\Rightarrow \theta = 30^\circ$$

b) A = Position of the observer
 C = Position of the car

Now $\tan 30^\circ = \frac{75}{x}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{75}{x}$$

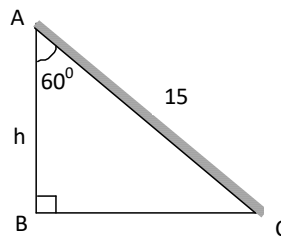
$$\Rightarrow x = 75\sqrt{3}$$



c) $\cos 60^\circ = \frac{h}{15}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{h}{15}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{15}{2} \text{ mt}$$

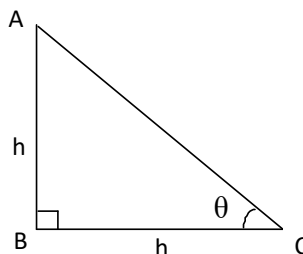


d) Here AB = Pole, BC = Shadow of the pole
 Given AB = BC

$$\therefore \tan \theta = \frac{AB}{BC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 45^\circ$$

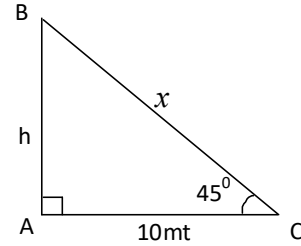


ANS: $a \rightarrow q, b \rightarrow t, c \rightarrow r, d \rightarrow s$

25. a) From figure, $\tan 45^\circ = \frac{h}{10}$ $\sin 45^\circ = \frac{h}{x}$

α $\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{h}{10}$ $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{10}{x}$

$\Rightarrow h = 10mt$ $\Rightarrow x = 10\sqrt{2}mt$



The length of the entire tree = AB + BC

$$= h + x$$

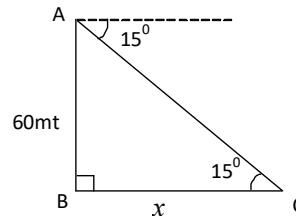
$$= 10 + 10\sqrt{2}$$

$$= 10(\sqrt{2} + 1)mt$$

b) From figure $\tan 15^\circ = \frac{60}{x}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{\sqrt{3}+1} = \frac{60}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 60 \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{\sqrt{3}-1} \right)$$



c) Hence, AB = Building, CD = Hill A, B = Positions of the observer

Now, $\tan \theta_1 = \frac{H-h}{d}$

$\tan \theta_2 = \frac{H}{d}$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{H-h}{\tan \theta_1} \dots\dots (i)$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{H}{\tan \theta_2} \dots\dots (ii)$$

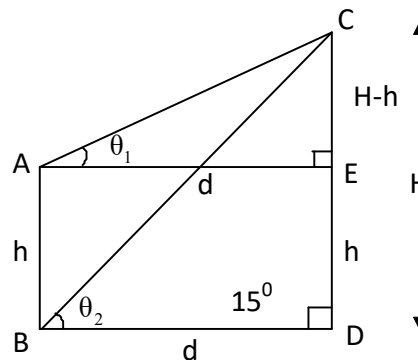
from (i) & (ii)

$$\frac{H-h}{\tan \theta_1} = \frac{H}{\tan \theta_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{H}{\tan \theta_1} - \frac{H}{\tan \theta_2} = \frac{h}{\tan \theta_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow H \left(\frac{\tan \theta_2 - \tan \theta_1}{\tan \theta_1 \cdot \tan \theta_2} \right) = \frac{h}{\tan \theta_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow H = \frac{h \cdot \tan \theta_2}{\tan \theta_2 - \tan \theta_1}$$



d) From the figure

$$\tan \theta_1 = \frac{H-h}{d}$$

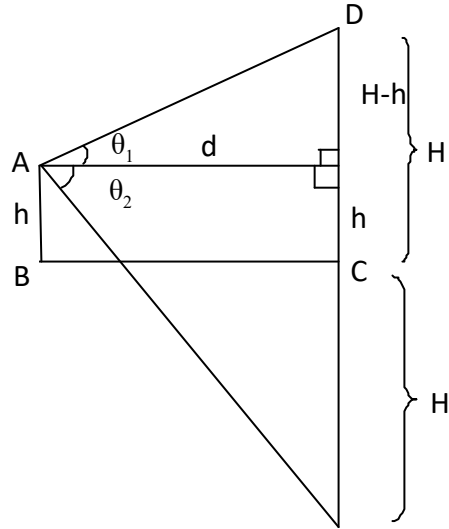
$$\tan \theta_2 = \frac{H+h}{d}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{H-h}{\tan \theta_1} \dots\dots (i)$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{H+h}{\tan \theta_2} \dots\dots (ii)$$

from (i) & (ii)

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{H-h}{\tan \theta_1} &= \frac{H+h}{\tan \theta_2} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{H}{\tan \theta_1} - \frac{H}{\tan \theta_2} &= \frac{h}{\tan \theta_2} + \frac{h}{\tan \theta_1} \\ \Rightarrow H(\tan \theta_2 - \tan \theta_1) &= h(\tan \theta_1 + \tan \theta_2) \\ \Rightarrow H &= \frac{h(\tan \theta_1 + \tan \theta_2)}{(\tan \theta_2 - \tan \theta_1)} \\ \Rightarrow H &= \frac{h \left(\frac{\sin \theta_1}{\cos \theta_1} + \frac{\sin \theta_2}{\cos \theta_2} \right)}{\left(\frac{\sin \theta_2}{\cos \theta_2} - \frac{\sin \theta_1}{\cos \theta_1} \right)} \\ \Rightarrow H &= h \left(\frac{\sin \theta_1 \cdot \cos \theta_2 + \cos \theta_1 \cdot \sin \theta_2}{\sin \theta_2 \cdot \cos \theta_2 - \cos \theta_2 \cdot \sin \theta_1} \right) \\ \Rightarrow H &= \frac{h \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}{\sin(\theta_2 - \theta_1)} \end{aligned}$$



ANS: $a \rightarrow t, b \rightarrow q, c \rightarrow r, d \rightarrow s$

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LEARNERS TASK

1. AB = Tower

θ = Angle of elevation of top of the tower

Given AB = BC = 10 unit

$$\therefore \tan \theta = \frac{AB}{BC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{100}{100}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 45^\circ$$

Ans: C

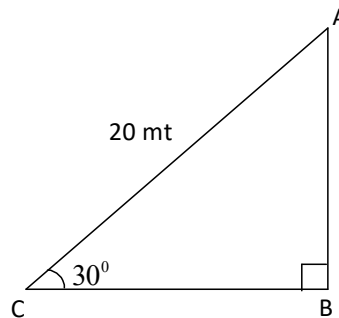
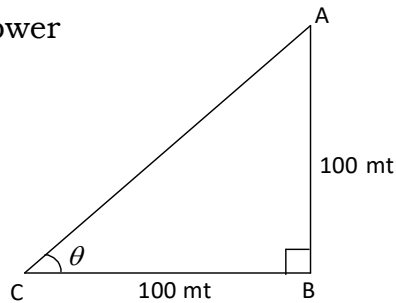
2. From figure

AC = Rope

AB = Pole

$$\therefore \sin 30^\circ = \frac{AB}{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{AB}{20}$$



$$\Rightarrow AB = 10 \text{ mt}$$

Ans : C

3. From figure

$$\tan 60^\circ = \frac{AB}{BC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{AB}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = 6\sqrt{3} \text{ mt}$$

Ans : B

4. AB = Pole

BC = Shadow

$$\tan \theta = \frac{15}{5\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 60^\circ$$

Ans : A

5. AB = tower

$$\tan 60^\circ = \frac{AB}{BC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{AB}{15}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = 15\sqrt{3}$$

Ans : A

$$6. \quad \tan 45^\circ = \frac{AB}{15}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{AB}{15}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = 15 \text{ mt}$$

Ans : D

7. In the diagram

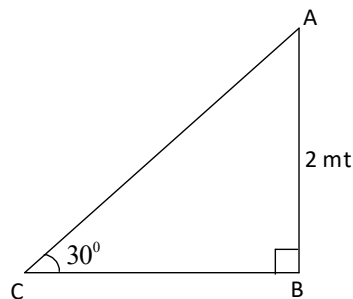
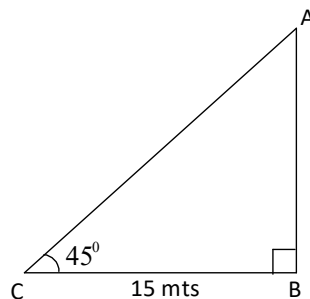
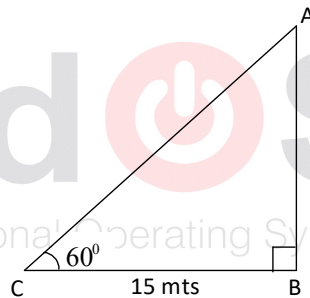
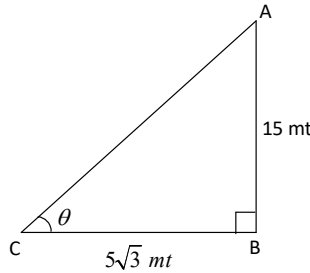
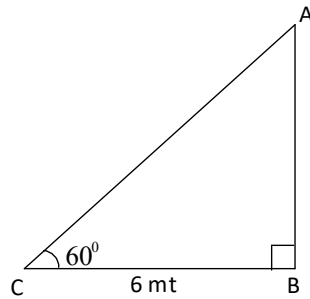
AC = slide

$$\therefore \sin 30^\circ = \frac{AB}{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow AC = 4 \text{ mt}$$

Ans : C



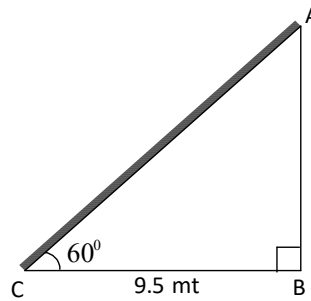
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8. AC = Ladder

$$\cos 60^\circ = \frac{BC}{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{9.5}{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow AC = 19 \text{ mt}$$



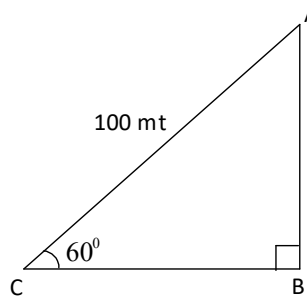
9. AC = string

AB = Height of the kite

$$\sin 60^\circ = \frac{AB}{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{AB}{100}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = 50\sqrt{3}$$



Ans : C

10. In the figure

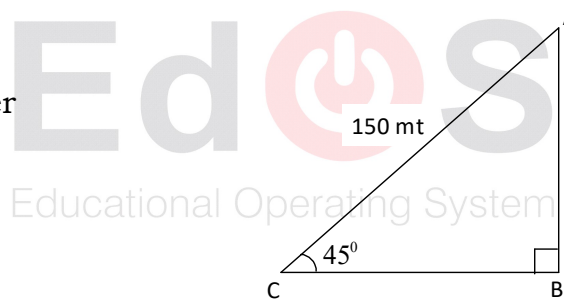
AC = Bridge

BC = width of the river

$$\text{Now, } \cos 45^\circ = \frac{BC}{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{BC}{150}$$

$$\Rightarrow BC = \frac{150}{\sqrt{2}} = 75\sqrt{2}$$



Ans : B

JEE MAINS LEVEL QUESTIONS

1. In the figure AB = Height of the pole

AC = Length of the rope

$$\cos 60^\circ = \frac{AB}{AC}$$

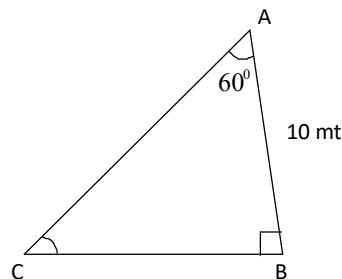
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{10}{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow AC = 20 \text{ mt}$$

\therefore The length each rope = 20mt

\therefore the length of 3 ropes = $3 \times 20 = 60 \text{ mt}$

Ans : D

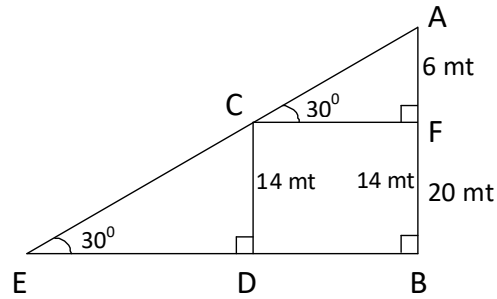


2. In the figure
 AB, CD are poles and AC is rope

$$\therefore \sin 30^\circ = \frac{AF}{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{6}{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow AC = 12$$



Ans : A

3. In the diagram AB = tower BC = Building

$$\tan 45^\circ = \frac{BC}{CD}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{20}{CD}$$

$$\Rightarrow CD = 20\text{m}$$

$$\text{Now, } \tan 60^\circ = \frac{AC}{CD}$$

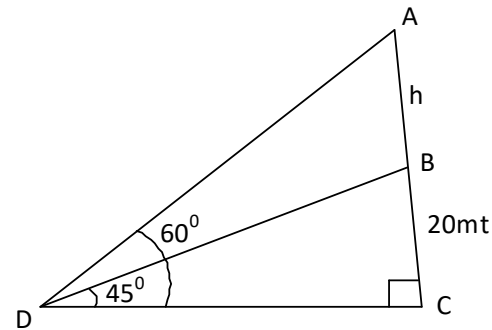
$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{20+h}{20}$$

$$\Rightarrow 20+h = 20\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 20\sqrt{3} - 20$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 20(\sqrt{3} - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 14\text{m (approx)}$$



4. From figure $\alpha + \beta = 90^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow \tan(\alpha + \beta) = \tan 90^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}{1 - \tan \alpha \tan \beta} = \text{not defined}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \tan \alpha \tan \beta = 0$$

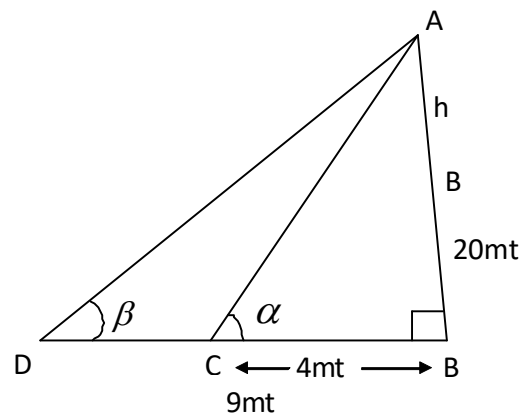
$$\Rightarrow \tan \alpha \tan \beta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{h}{4} \cdot \frac{h}{9} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow h^2 = 36$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 6\text{m}$$

Ans : A

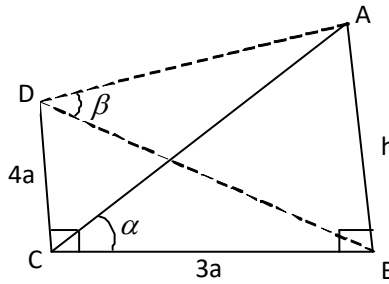


5. In the figure $AB = \text{Tower}$ $BC = \text{First direction}$ $CD = \text{second direction}$
 Given $BC = 3a$ and $CD = 4a$

Now In $\triangle BCD$

$$\begin{aligned} BD^2 &= BC^2 + CD^2 \\ &= (3a)^2 + (4a)^2 \\ &= 9a^2 + 16a^2 \\ &= 25a^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore BD = 5a$$



$$\text{Now, } \tan \alpha = \frac{h}{3a}$$

$$\text{Again, } \tan \beta = \frac{h}{5a}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 5a \tan \beta \text{ also } h = 3a \tan \alpha$$

Ans : A,B

6. $AB = \text{Mountain}$

Let $BC = x \text{ km}$

$$\text{Now, } \tan 30^\circ = \frac{h}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{h}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{3}h$$

$$\tan 15^\circ = \frac{h}{10+x}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 - \sqrt{3} = \frac{h}{10+x}$$

$$\Rightarrow 10+x = \frac{h}{2-\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{Now, } 10 + \sqrt{3}h = \frac{h}{2-\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow (10 + \sqrt{3}h)(2 - \sqrt{3}) = h$$

$$\Rightarrow 20 - 10\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{3}h - 3h = h$$

$$\therefore 20 - 10\sqrt{3} = h + 3h - 2\sqrt{3}h$$

$$\Rightarrow 20 - 10\sqrt{3} = 4h - 2\sqrt{3}h$$

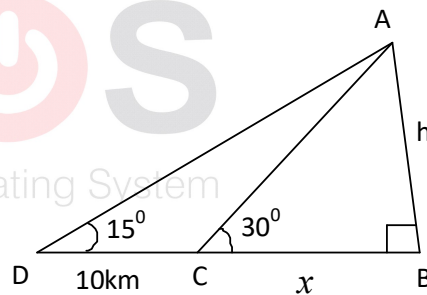
$$\Rightarrow 20 - 10\sqrt{3} = 2h(2 - \sqrt{3})$$

$$\Rightarrow 10(2 - \sqrt{3}) = 2h(2 - \sqrt{3})$$

$$\Rightarrow 2h = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 5 \text{ km}$$

Ans : D



$$7. \quad \tan 60^\circ = \frac{h}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{h}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{h}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{Also, } \tan 45^\circ = \frac{h}{10+x}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{h}{10+x}$$

$$\Rightarrow 10+x = h$$

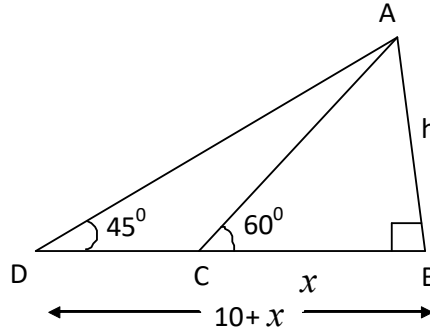
$$\Rightarrow 10 + \frac{h}{\sqrt{3}} = h$$

$$\Rightarrow 10\sqrt{3} + h = \sqrt{3}h$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{3}-1)h = 10\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{10\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 23.66 \text{ mt}$$



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8. From the figure

$$\tan 45^\circ = \frac{h}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{h}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = h \quad \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

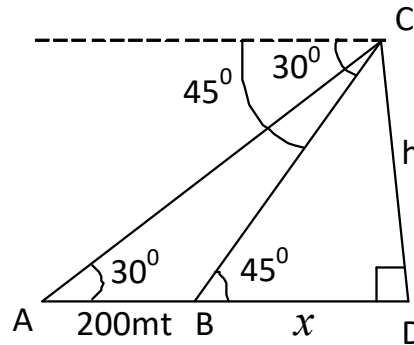
$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{h}{200+x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{h}{200+h} \quad \text{from (i)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 200+h = \sqrt{3}h$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{3}-1)h = 200$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{200}{\sqrt{3}-1} = 100(\sqrt{3}-1) = 273.2 \text{ mt}$$



Ans : B

9. In the figure AB and CD are two pillars of equal height.
BD = 100 mt

$$\text{Now, } \tan 60^\circ = \frac{h}{x}$$

$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{h}{100-x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{h}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{h}{100-x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{h}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

$$\Rightarrow 100 - x = \sqrt{3} h$$

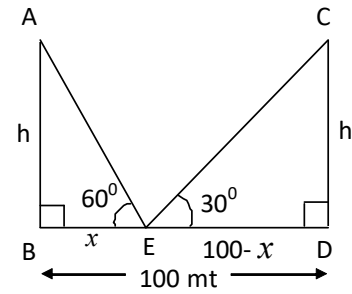
$$\Rightarrow 100 - \frac{h}{\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{3} h \quad \text{from (i)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 100\sqrt{3} - h = 3h$$

$$\Rightarrow 4h = 100\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 25\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 43.3 \text{ mt}$$



10. In the figure AB = Tower

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{h}{x}$$

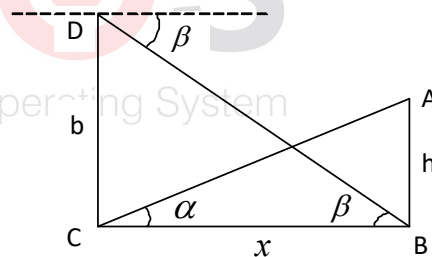
$$\Rightarrow x = h \cot \alpha \quad \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

$$\tan \beta = \frac{b}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = b \cot \beta$$

$$\Rightarrow h \cot \alpha = b \cot \beta \quad (\because \text{from (i)})$$

$$\Rightarrow h = b \cot \beta \tan \alpha$$



Ans : A

11. In the figure AB = Tower CD = Hill

$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{50}{x}$$

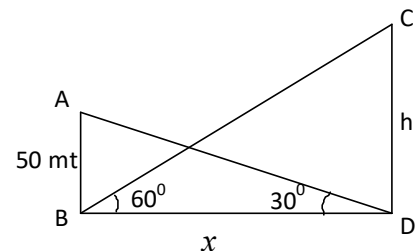
$$\tan 60^\circ = \frac{h}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{50}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{h}{50\sqrt{3}} \quad \text{(from (i))}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 50\sqrt{3} \quad \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 150 \text{ mt}$$



ADVANCED LEVEL QUESTIONS

12. From the figure

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{h}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{h}{\tan \alpha} \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

Again $\tan \beta = \frac{h}{1-x}$

$$\Rightarrow 1-x = \frac{h}{\tan \beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{h}{\tan \alpha} = \frac{h}{\tan \beta} \quad (\because \text{from (i)})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{h}{\tan \alpha} + \frac{h}{\tan \beta} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow h \left(\frac{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}{\tan \alpha \cdot \tan \beta} \right) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{\tan \alpha \cdot \tan \beta}{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{\frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} \cdot \frac{\sin \beta}{\cos \beta}}{\frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} + \frac{\sin \beta}{\cos \beta}}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{\sin \alpha \cdot \sin \beta}{\sin \alpha \cos \beta + \cos \alpha \cdot \sin \beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{\sin \alpha \cdot \sin \beta}{\sin(\alpha + \beta)}$$

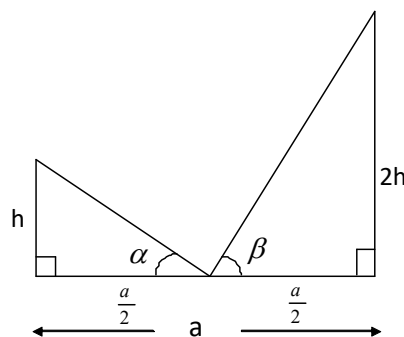
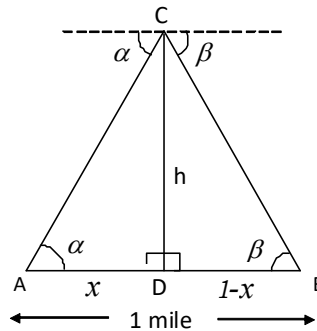
Ans : A,B

13. Given $\alpha + \beta = 90^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \alpha \cdot \tan \beta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{h}{\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)} \cdot \frac{2h}{\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{8h^2}{a^2} = 1$$



$$\Rightarrow h^2 = \frac{a^2}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

\therefore The height of the smaller pole $= \frac{a}{2\sqrt{2}}$ mt

The height of the larger pole $= 2h = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}$ mt

Ans : B,C

14. $\text{Tan}45^\circ = \frac{H+h}{d}$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{H+h}{d}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = H+h \quad \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

Again $\text{Tan}\theta = \frac{H-h}{d}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Tan}\theta = \frac{H-h}{H+h} \quad (\text{from } (i))$$

$$\Rightarrow H \text{Tan}\theta + h \tan\theta = H - h$$

$$\Rightarrow H(1 - \text{Tan}\theta) = h(1 + \text{Tan}\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow H = h \left(\frac{1 + \text{Tan}\theta}{1 - \text{Tan}\theta} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow H = h \left(\frac{\cot\theta + 1}{\cot\theta - 1} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow H = h \cot(45^\circ - \theta)$$

Ans : B

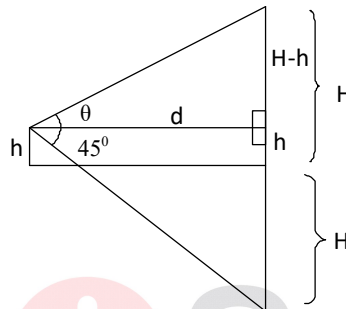
15. We have $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{\cos\alpha - \cos\beta}{\sin\beta - \sin\alpha}$

Given $\alpha + \beta = 105^\circ$

Let $\alpha = 60^\circ$ and $\beta = 45^\circ$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{b} = \frac{\cos 60^\circ - \cos 45^\circ}{\sin 45^\circ - \sin 60^\circ}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}$$



$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{\sqrt{2}-2}{2-\sqrt{6}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{\sqrt{2}(1-\sqrt{2})}{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{3})} = \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2}}$$

Ans : A

16. Given $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{\cos \alpha - \cos \beta}{\sin \beta - \sin \alpha}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \text{Tan}\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \text{Tan}\left(\frac{30^\circ}{2}\right) \quad \text{since } \alpha + \beta = 30^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \text{Tan}15^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = 2 - \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{1}{2 - \sqrt{3}} = 2 + \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b}{a} + 1 = 2 + \sqrt{3} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b = a(3 + \sqrt{3})$$

Ans : B

17. Given $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{\cos \alpha - \cos \beta}{\sin \beta - \sin \alpha}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \text{Tan}\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \text{Tan}\left(\frac{0^\circ}{2}\right) \quad \text{since } \alpha + \beta = 0^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 0$$

Ans : C

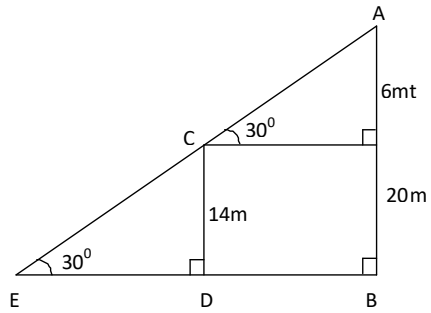


18. In the figure AC = The length of the wire

AB, CD are the poles.

$$\text{Now, } \sin 30^\circ = \frac{6}{AC} \Rightarrow AC = 12\text{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{6}{AC}$$

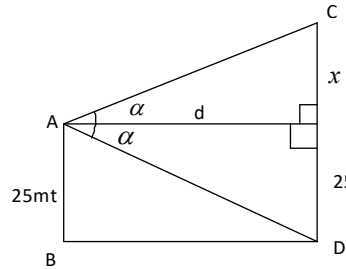


19. In the diagram AB = Height of the cliff
CD = Height of the tower

$$\text{Now } \tan \alpha = \frac{25}{d} = \frac{x}{d}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 25$$

$$\therefore \text{The height of the tower} = 25 + 25 = 50\text{m}$$



20. In the figure

a) AB = Height of the tree

BC = Width of the river

$$\text{Now, } \tan 60^\circ = \frac{h}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{h}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{h}{\sqrt{3}}$$

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$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{h}{20 + x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{h}{20 + x}$$

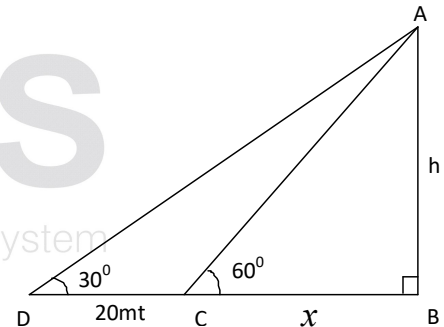
$$\Rightarrow 20 + x = \sqrt{3}h$$

$$\Rightarrow 20 + \frac{h}{\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{3}h$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3}h - \frac{h}{\sqrt{3}} = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow 2h = 20\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 10\sqrt{3}$$



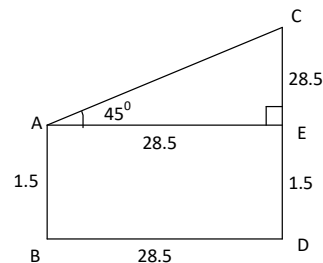
b) In the figure AB = observer CD = Tower

$$\tan 45^\circ = \frac{CE}{AE}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{CE}{28.5}$$

$$\Rightarrow CE = 28.5$$

$$\therefore \text{The height of the observer} = 28.5 + 1.5 = 30\text{m}$$



c) In the figure AB = tower CD = Hill

$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{50}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{50}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 50\sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{Again } \tan 60^\circ = \frac{h}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{h}{50\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 150\text{mt}$$

d) AB = Tower

$$\tan 45^\circ = \frac{100}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{100}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 100$$

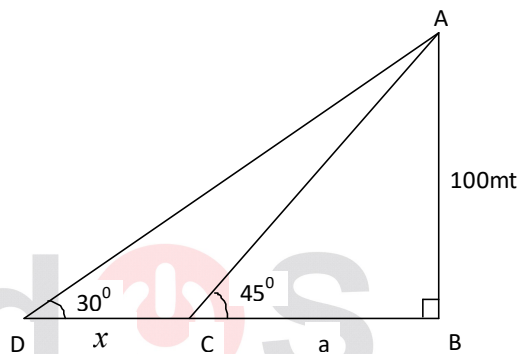
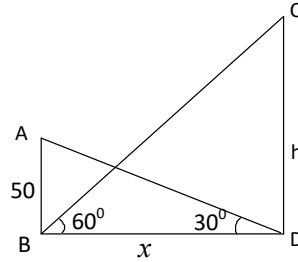
$$\text{Now, } \tan 30^\circ = \frac{100}{x+a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{100}{x+100}$$

$$\Rightarrow x+100 = 100\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 100\sqrt{3} - 100$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 100(\sqrt{3} - 1)$$



ADDITIONAL PRACTICE QUESTIONS FOR STUDENTS

1. See the answer of Q.NO.20, bit no:C
2. ABC is the height of the tree before it was broken

Given ABC = 15mt

Let BC = xmt

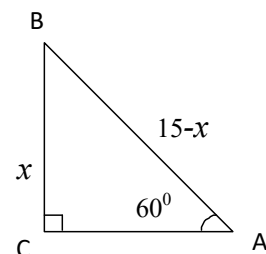
\therefore AC = (15-x)mt

$$\text{Now, } \sin 60^\circ = \frac{x}{15-x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{x}{15-x}$$

$$\Rightarrow 15\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{3}x = 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow (2 + \sqrt{3})x = 15\sqrt{3}$$



$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{15\sqrt{3}}{2+\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{2-\sqrt{3}}{2-\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 15\sqrt{3}(2-\sqrt{3})$$

Ans : B

3. In the figure AB, CD are two vertical poles. Let AB = h mts then CD = 2h mts

Given $\alpha + \beta = 90^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow \tan\alpha \cdot \tan\beta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2h}{30} \cdot \frac{h}{30} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2h^2 = 900$$

$$\Rightarrow h^2 = 450$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \sqrt{450}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 21.21$$

\therefore The heights of the towers are 21.21mt and 42.42mt

4. In the diagram PQ = width of the river AB = Height of the tree.

Now, $\tan 45^\circ = \frac{AB}{x}$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{AB}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = AB$$

Again $\tan 30^\circ = \frac{AB}{100-x}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{x}{100-x}$$

$$\Rightarrow 100-x = \sqrt{3}x$$

$$\Rightarrow 100 = \sqrt{3}x + x$$

$$\Rightarrow 100 = (\sqrt{3} + 1)x$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{100}{\sqrt{3} + 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{100}{\sqrt{3} + 1} \times \frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{\sqrt{3} - 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 50(\sqrt{3} - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 36.5$$

Ans : D

