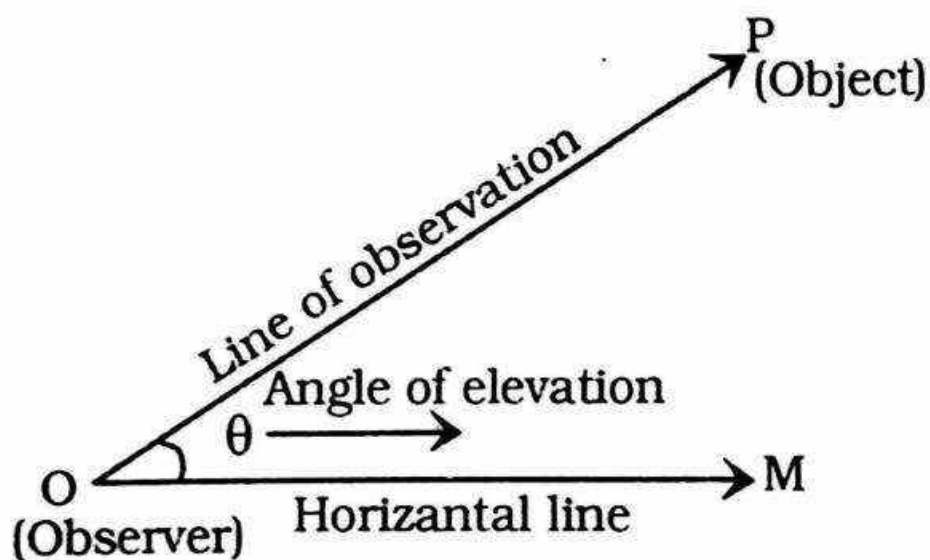


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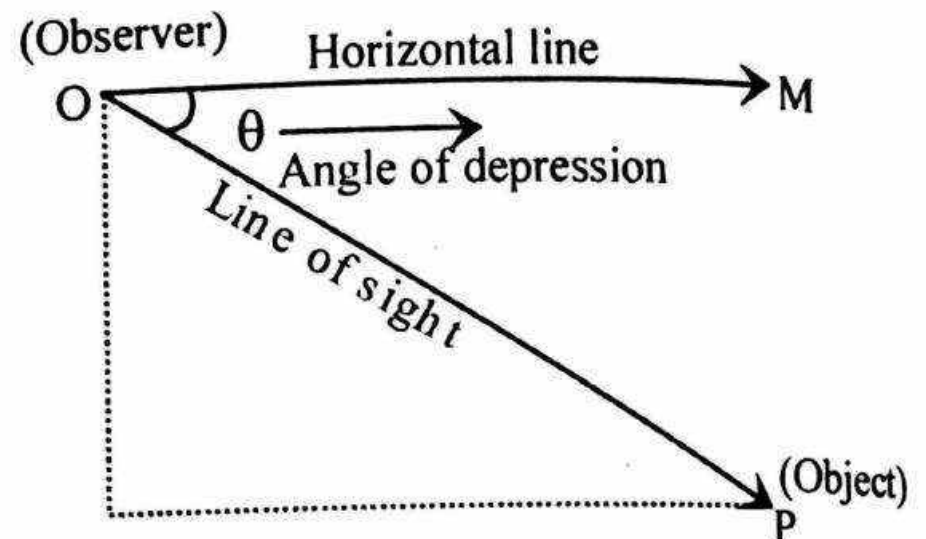
One of the important application of trigonometry is in finding the height and distance of the point which are not directly measurable. This is done with the help of trigonometric ratios.

**Angle of elevation:-**

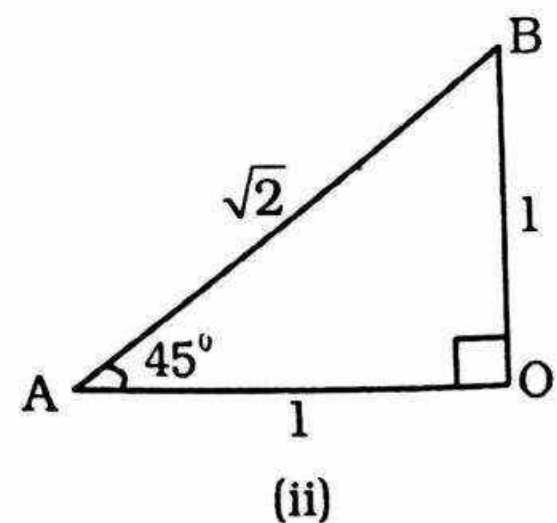
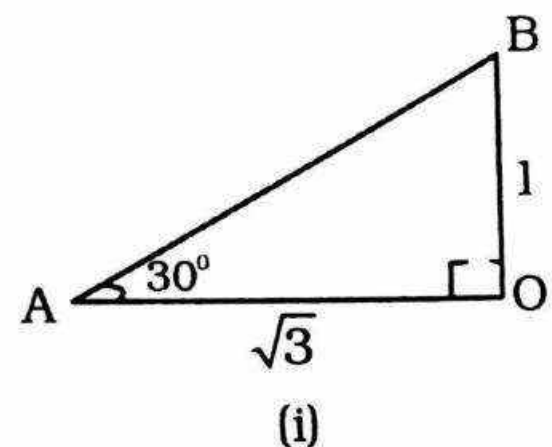
Let O and P be two point where P is at a higher level than O. Let O be at the position of the observer and P be the position of the object. Draw a horizontal line OM through the point O. OP is called the line of observation or line of sight, Then  $\angle POM = \theta$  is called of elevation of P as observed from O.

**Angle of Depression :-**

In the above figure, if P be at a lower level than O, then  $\angle MOP = \theta$  is called the angle of depression.

**Note :-**

In this chapter we solve all the questions with the help of ratio. Some important ratios are as following :-



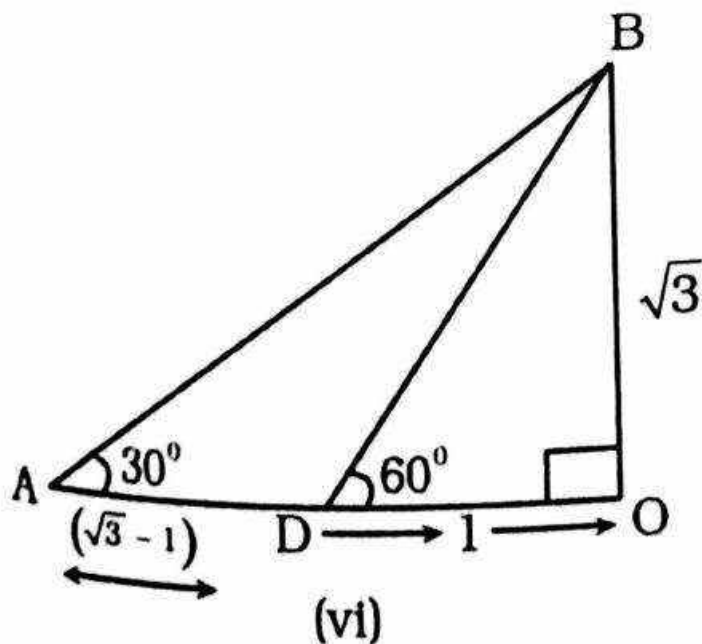
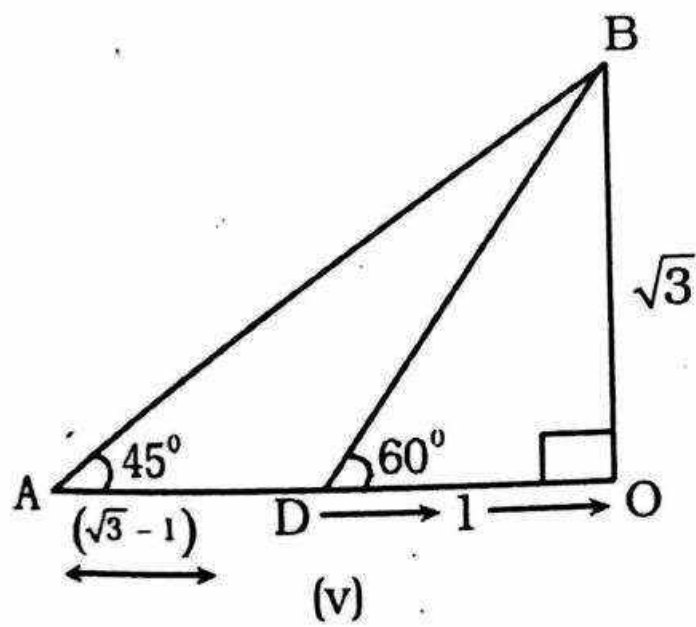
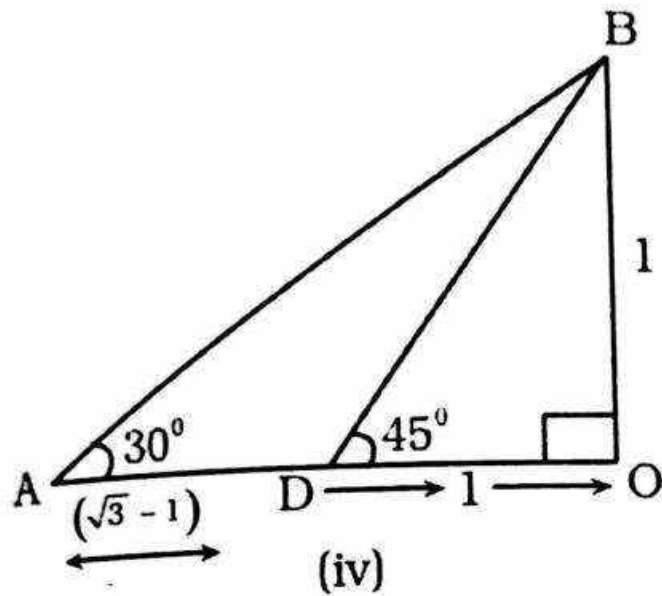
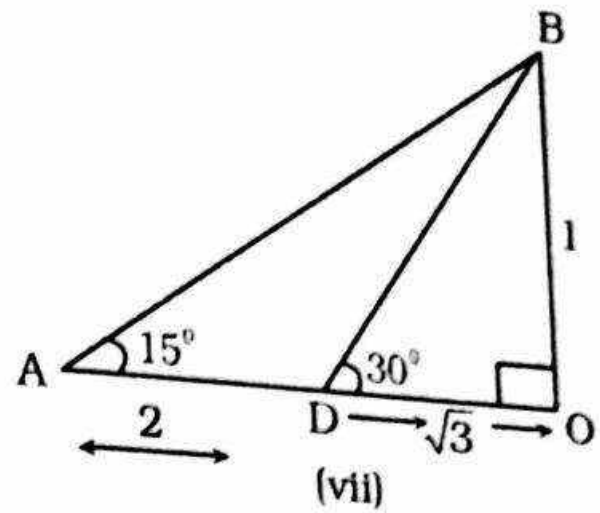
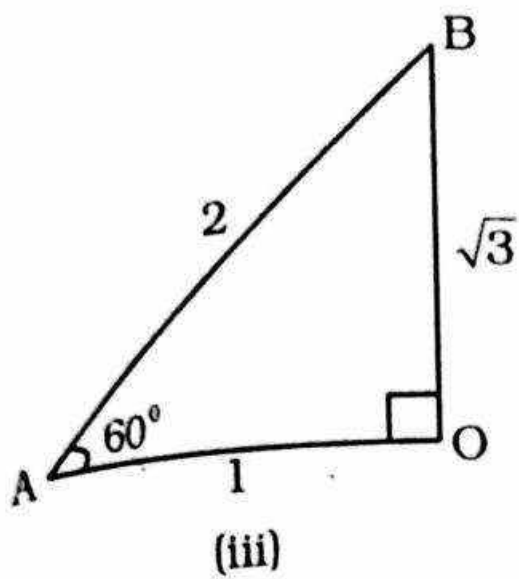


Figure Angle Ratio (Base : Height : Hypotenuse)

(i)  $30^\circ \sqrt{3} : 1 : 2$

(ii)  $45^\circ 1 : 1 : \sqrt{2}$

(iii)  $60^\circ 1 : \sqrt{3} : 2$

So remember all these ratios, and with the help of these ratios we can solve question very quickly.

**Note :-** you also can make other ratio for different angle.

**Note :-**  $\tan 15^\circ = 2 - \sqrt{3} = \frac{1}{2 + \sqrt{3}}$

**Useful Result :-**

1 . If  $\angle PAQ = 45^\circ$ ,  $\angle BAM = 30^\circ$  and  $\angle PBN = 60^\circ$  then

$$h = AB \left( \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2} \right)$$

### LEVEL - I

1. A tower is  $50\sqrt{3}$  meters high. Find the angle of elevation of its top from a point 50 meters away from its foot:-  
 (a)  $\theta = 60^\circ$  (b)  $\theta = 45^\circ$   
 (c)  $\theta = 30^\circ$  (d)  $\theta = 22\frac{1}{2}^\circ$
2. The angle of elevation of the top of a tower at a distance of 30 m from its foot is  $45^\circ$ . The height of the tower is:-  
 (a) 20 m (b) 30 m  
 (c)  $15\sqrt{2}$  m (d)  $\frac{15}{\sqrt{2}}$  m
3. If the ratio of the length of a pen to its shadow is  $1:\sqrt{3}$ , the angle of elevation of the source of light is :-  
 (a)  $40^\circ$  (b)  $30^\circ$   
 (c)  $60^\circ$  (d)  $90^\circ$
4. The angle of elevation of the top of a tower at a distance of 500 m from its foot is  $30^\circ$ . The height of the tower is :-  
 (a)  $\frac{500(\sqrt{3}-1)}{3}$  m (b) 500 m  
 (c)  $\frac{500\sqrt{3}}{3}$  m (d)  $\frac{500(\sqrt{3}+1)}{3}$
5. If the angle of elevation of the top of a building from a point 50 m away from its base is  $60^\circ$ , the height of the building is :-  
 (a)  $100\sqrt{3}$  m (b)  $50(\sqrt{3}-1)$  m  
 (c)  $\frac{50}{\sqrt{3}}$  m (d)  $50\sqrt{3}$
6. If the of the shadow of a pole is  $\sqrt{3}$  times the height of the pole, the angle of elevation of sun is :-  
 (a)  $60^\circ$  (b)  $30^\circ$   
 (c)  $45^\circ$  (d)  $90^\circ$
7. If the angle of elevation of sun is  $\theta$  and the length of the shadow of a pole of length P is S, then:-  
 (a)  $P = S \cos \theta$  (b)  $P = S \sin \theta$   
 (c)  $P = \frac{S}{\cot \theta}$  (d)  $P = S \cot \theta$
8. Determine the length of a ladder, if it is leaning against a vertical wall making an angle of inclination of  $30^\circ$  with the ground and its foot is 15 m from the wall :-  
 (a) 15.77 m (b) 10 m  
 (c)  $10\sqrt{3}$  m (d) 12.71 m
9. The foot of a ladder leaning against a wall of length 5 metre rest on a level ground  $5\sqrt{3}$  metre from the base of the wall. The angle of inclination of the ladder with the ground is :-  
 (a)  $60^\circ$  (b)  $50^\circ$   
 (c)  $40^\circ$  (d)  $30^\circ$
10. A balloon is connected to a meteorological station by a cable of length 200 m, inclined at  $60^\circ$  to the horizontal. Find the height of the balloon from the ground. Assume that there is no slack in the cable :-  
 (a) 173.2 m (b) 17.35 m  
 (c) 123.2 m (d) None of these
11. The angle of elevation of a moon when the length of the shadow of a pole is equal to its height is :-  
 (a)  $30^\circ$  (b)  $45^\circ$   
 (c)  $60^\circ$  (d)  $90^\circ$

12. If the length of shadow of a pole on a level ground is twice the length of that pole, the angle of elevation of the sun is :-

(a)  $30^\circ$  (b)  $45^\circ$   
(c)  $60^\circ$   
(d) None of these

13. The altitude of the sun at any instant is  $60^\circ$ . The height of the vertical pole that will cast a shadow of 40 m is :-

(a) 20 m (b)  $\frac{40}{\sqrt{3}}$  m  
(c)  $40\sqrt{3}$  m (d)  $20\sqrt{3}$  m

14. When the sun is  $30^\circ$  above the horizontal, the length of shadow cast by a building 100 m high is :-

(a)  $100\sqrt{3}$  m (b)  $\frac{100}{\sqrt{3}}$  m  
(c) 50 m (d)  $50\sqrt{3}$  m

15. The banks of a river are parallel. A swimmer starts from a point on one of the banks and swims in a straight line inclined to the bank at  $45^\circ$  and reaches the opposite bank at a point 20 m from the point opposite to the starting point. The breadth of the river is :-

(a) 20 m (b) 28.28 m  
(c) 14.14 m (d) 40 m

16. The length of a string between a kite and a point on the ground is 50 m. The string makes an angle of  $60^\circ$  with the level ground. If there is no slack in the string, the height of the kite is:-

(a)  $50\sqrt{3}$  m (b)  $25\sqrt{3}$  m  
(c) 25 m (d)  $\frac{25}{\sqrt{3}}$  m

17. The length of a shadow of a vertical tower is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  times its height. The angle of elevation of the Sun is :

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

18. A ladder is resting against a wall at a height of 10m. If the ladder is inclined at an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the ground the distance of the ladder from the wall is:

(a)  $\frac{10}{\sqrt{3}}$  m (b)  $\frac{20}{\sqrt{3}}$  m  
(c)  $10\sqrt{3}$  m (d)  $20\sqrt{3}$  m

19. One flies a kite with a thread 150 metre long. If the thread of the kite makes an angle of  $60^\circ$  with the horizontal line, then the height of the kite from the ground (assuming the thread to be in a straight line) is :

(a) 50 metre (b)  $75\sqrt{3}$  m  
(c)  $25\sqrt{3}$  metre (d) 80 metre

## LEVEL - II

1. The angle of elevation of the top of a tower at two points which are at a distance  $a$  and  $b$  from the foot in the same horizontal line and on the same side of the tower, are complementary. The height of the tower is :-  
 (a)  $ab$  (b)  $\sqrt{ab}$   
 (c)  $\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}}$  (d)  $\sqrt{\frac{b}{a}}$
2. From the top of  $h$  meters high cliff, the angles of depression of the top and bottom of a tower are observed to be  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  respectively. The height of the tower is :-  
 (a)  $\frac{2h}{3}$  (b)  $\frac{h}{3}$   
 (c)  $\frac{2h}{\sqrt{3}}$  (d)  $h\sqrt{3}$
3. A man from the top a 50 m high tower, sees a car moving towards the tower at an angle of depression of  $30^\circ$ . After some time, the angle of depression becomes  $60^\circ$ . The distance (in m) travelled by the car during this time is :-  
 (a)  $50\sqrt{3}$  (b)  $\frac{50\sqrt{3}}{3}$   
 (c)  $\frac{100\sqrt{3}}{3}$  (d)  $100\sqrt{3}$
4. A pole is standing erect on the ground which is horizontal. The top of the pole is tied tight with a rope of length  $\sqrt{12}$  m to a point on the ground. If the rope is making  $30^\circ$  angle with the horizontal, then the height of the pole is :-  
 (a)  $2\sqrt{3}$  m (b)  $3\sqrt{2}$  m  
 (c) 3 m (d)  $\sqrt{3}$  m
5. Two observers are stationed due north of a tower at a distance of 20 m from each other. If the elevations of the tower observed by them are  $30^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$  respectively, then the height of the tower is :-  
 (a) 10 m (b) 16.32 m  
 (c)  $10(\sqrt{3} + 1)$  m (d) 30 m
6. The shadow of an electric pole standing on a ground is 40 m less when the angle of elevation changes from  $30^\circ$  to  $45^\circ$ . The length of the pole is :-  
 (a)  $20(\sqrt{3} + 1)$  m  
 (b)  $20(\sqrt{3} - 1)$  m  
 (c) 20 m  
 (d)  $20\sqrt{3}$  m
7. The angle of elevation of top of a tree on the bank of a river from its other bank is  $60^\circ$  and from a point 20 m further away from this is  $30^\circ$ . The width of the river is :-  
 (a)  $10\sqrt{3}$  m (b) 10 m  
 (c) 20 m (d)  $20\sqrt{3}$  m
8. Find the decrease in the length of the shadow of a pole, when the angle of elevation becomes double. Give that at this moment, the shadow on the ground of a vertical pole of 16 m high is 64 m. :-  
 (a) 42 m (b) 40 m  
 (c) 30 m (d) 34 m
9. A person standing on the bank of a river observes that the angle of elevation of the top of a tree on the opposite side of the bank is  $60^\circ$ . When he moves 50 m away from the bank, the angle of elevation becomes  $30^\circ$ . The height of the tree and width of river respectively are:-

- (a)  $25\sqrt{3}$  m, 25 m  
 (b)  $25\sqrt{3} \cdot 25\sqrt{3}$  m  
 (c) 25,  $25\sqrt{3}$  m  
 (d) None of these
10. The angles of elevation of the top of a tower as observed from the bottom and top of a building of height 80 metre are  $60^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$  respectively. The distance of the base of the tower from the base of the building is :-  
 (a)  $40(\sqrt{3} - 1)$  m  
 (b)  $40(3 + \sqrt{3})$  m  
 (c)  $40(3 - \sqrt{3})$  m  
 (d)  $40(\sqrt{3} + 1)$  m
11. A man on the top of a rock rising on a sea-shore observes a boat coming towards it. If it takes 20 minute for the angle of depression to change from  $30^\circ$  to  $60^\circ$ , how soon will the boat reach the shore ?  
 (a) 20 minute (b) 30 minute  
 (c) 10 minute (d) 15 minute
12. From the top of a 60 m high tower the angle of depression of the top and bottom of a building are observed to be  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  respectively. The height of the building is :-  
 (a)  $60\sqrt{3}$  m (b)  $40\sqrt{3}$  m  
 (c) 40 m (d) 20 m
13. From the top of a cliff 30 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. Find the height of the tower ?  
 (a) 50 m (c) 60 m  
 (b)  $30\sqrt{3}$  m (d) 45 m
14. A vertical tower stands on a horizontal plane and is surmounted by a flagstaff of height 12 m. At a point on the plane, the angle of elevation of the bottom of the flagstaff is  $30^\circ$  and that of the top of the flagstaff is  $45^\circ$ . Find the height of the tower ?  
 (a)  $6(\sqrt{3} + 1)$  m  
 (b)  $12(\sqrt{3} + 1)$  m  
 (c)  $6(\sqrt{3} - 1)$  m  
 (d)  $12(\sqrt{3} - 1)$  m
15. A vertical pole fixed to the ground is divided in the ratio 2:5 by a mark on it, the two parts subtend equal angle at a place on the ground, 14 m from the base of the pole. If the lower part be shorter than the upper one, the height of the pole is :-  
 (a)  $\sqrt{21}$  m (b)  $5\sqrt{21}$  m  
 (c)  $6\sqrt{21}$  m (d)  $7\sqrt{21}$  m
16. From the top of a pillar of height 80 m the angle of elevation and depression of the top and bottom of another pillar are  $30^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$  respectively. The height of second pillar (in metre) is :-  
 (a)  $80\sqrt{3}$  m  
 (b)  $\frac{80}{\sqrt{3}}(\sqrt{3} - 1)$  m  
 (c)  $\frac{80}{\sqrt{3}}(\sqrt{3} + 1)$  m (d)  $\frac{80}{\sqrt{3}}$  m
17. The angle of elevation of the top of a building and the top of the chimney on the roof of the building from a point on the ground are  $\theta$  and  $45^\circ$  respectively. The height of building is h metre. Then, the height of the chimney (in metre) is :-

- (a)  $h \cot \theta + h$  (b)  $h \cot \theta - h$   
 (c)  $h \tan \theta - h$  (d)  $h \tan \theta + h$
18. Two posts are  $k$  metres apart and the height of one is double that of the other. If from the middle point of the line joining their feet, an observer finds the angular elevations of their tops to be complementary, then the height of the shorter post (in metre) is :-  
 (a)  $\frac{K}{2\sqrt{2}}$  (b)  $\frac{K}{4}$   
 (c)  $K\sqrt{2}$  (d)  $\frac{K}{\sqrt{2}}$
19. Two poles of equal height are standing opposite to each other on either side of a road, which is 28 m wide. From a point between them on the road, the angles of elevation of the tops are  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$ . The height of each pole is :-  
 (a)  $6\sqrt{3}$  m (b)  $5\sqrt{3}$  m  
 (c)  $4\sqrt{3}$  m (d)  $7\sqrt{3}$  m
20. A, B, C are three collinear points on the ground such that B lies between A and C and  $AB=10$  m. If the angles of elevation of the top of a vertical tower at C are respectively  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  as seen from A and B, then the height of the tower is :-  
 (a)  $5\sqrt{3}$  m (b) 5 m  
 (c)  $\frac{10\sqrt{3}}{3}$  m (d)  $\frac{20\sqrt{3}}{3}$  m
21. A landmark on a river bank is observed from two points A and B on the opposite bank of the river. The lines of sight make equal angles of  $45^\circ$  with the bank of the river. If  $AB=1$  km, then the width of the river is :-
- (a) 2 m (b)  $\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$  Km  
 (c)  $\frac{1}{2}$  Km (d)  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$  Km
22. When the angle of elevation of the sun increases from  $30^\circ$  to  $60^\circ$ , the shadow of a pole is diminished by 5 metres. Then the height of the pole is :  
 (a)  $\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2}$  m (b)  $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{5}$  m  
 (c)  $\frac{2}{5\sqrt{3}}$  m (d)  $\frac{4}{5\sqrt{3}}$  m
23. A man is climbing a ladder which is inclined to the wall at an angle of  $30^\circ$ . If he ascends at a rate of 2 m/s, then he approaches the wall at the rate of:  
 (a) 1.5 m/s (b) 1 m/s  
 (c) 2 m/s (d) 2.5 m/s
24. P and Q are two points observed from the top of a building  $10\sqrt{3}$  m high. If the angles of depression of the points are complementary and  $PQ = 20$  m, then the distance of P from the building is :  
 (a) 25 m (b) 45 m  
 (c) 30 m (d) 40 m
25. From the top of cliff 90 metre high, the angles of depression of the top and bottom of a tower are observed to be  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  respectively. The height of the tower is :  
 (a) 45 m (b) 60 m  
 (c) 75 m (d) 30 m
26. The angles of elevation of the top of a tower from two points A and B lying on the horizontal through the foot of the tower are respectively  $15^\circ$  and  $30^\circ$ . If A and B are on the same side of the tower and  $AB = 48$  metre, then the height of the tower is :

- (a)  $24\sqrt{3}$  metre (b) 24 metre  
(c)  $24\sqrt{2}$  metre (d) 96 metre
27. The angles of elevation of the top of a building from the top and bottom of a tree are  $x$  and  $y$  respectively. If the height of the tree is  $h$  metre, then, in metre, the height of the building is :
- (a)  $\frac{h \cot x}{\cot x + \cot y}$   
(b)  $\frac{h \cot y}{\cot x + \cot y}$   
(c)  $\frac{h \cot x}{\cot x - \cot y}$   
(d)  $\frac{h \cot y}{\cot x + \cot y}$
28. If the angle of elevation of the Sun changes from  $30^\circ$  to  $45^\circ$ , the length of the shadow of a pillar decreases by 20 metres. The height of the pillar is :
- (a)  $20(\sqrt{3} - 1)$  m  
(b)  $20(\sqrt{3} + 1)$  m  
(c)  $10(\sqrt{3} - 1)$  m  
(d)  $10(\sqrt{3} + 1)$  m
29. There are two vertical posts, one on each side of a road, just opposite to each other. One post is 108 metre high. From the top of this post, the angles of depression of the top and foot of the other post are  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  respectively. The height of the other post, in metre, is :
- (a) 36 (b) 72  
(c) 108 (d) 110
30. Two poles of equal heights are standing opposite to each other on either side of a road which is 100m wide. From a point between them on road, angles of elevation of their tops are  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$ . The height of each pole in metre, is :
- (a)  $25\sqrt{3}$  (b)  $20\sqrt{3}$   
(c)  $28\sqrt{3}$  (d)  $30\sqrt{3}$
31. The angle of elevation of the top of a tower from a point A on the ground is  $30^\circ$ . On moving a distance of 20 metres towards the foot of the tower to a point B, the angle of elevation increases to  $60^\circ$ . The height of the tower is :
- (a)  $\sqrt{3}$  m (b)  $5\sqrt{3}$  m  
(c)  $10\sqrt{3}$  m (d)  $20\sqrt{3}$  m
32. The angle of elevation of an aeroplane from a point on the ground is  $60^\circ$ . After 15 seconds flight, the elevation changes to  $30^\circ$ . If the aeroplane is flying at a height of  $1500\sqrt{3}$  m, find the speed of the plane :
- (a) 300 m/s (b) 200 m/s  
(c) 100 m/s (d) 150 m/s
33. An aeroplane when flying at height of 5000 m from the ground passes vertically above another aeroplane at an instant, when the angles of elevation of the two aeroplanes from the same point on the ground are  $60^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$  respectively. The vertical distance between the aeroplanes at that instant is :
- (a)  $5000(\sqrt{3} - 1)$   
(b)  $5000(3 - \sqrt{3})$  m  
(c)  $5000\left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$  m  
(d) 4500 m

34. A man 6 ft tall casts a shadow 4 ft long at the same time when a flag pole casts a shadow 50 ft long. The height of the flag pole is :  
 (a) 80 ft (b) 75 ft  
 (c) 60 ft (d) 70 ft
35. A man standing at a point P is watching the top of a tower, which makes an angle of elevation of  $30^\circ$ . The man walks some distance towards the tower and then his angle of elevation of the top of the tower is  $60^\circ$ . If the height of the tower is 30 m, then the distance he moves is :  
 (a) 22 m (b)  $22\sqrt{3}$  m  
 (c) 20 m (d)  $20\sqrt{3}$  m
36. The distance between two vertical poles is 60 m. The height of one of the poles is double the height of the other. The angles of elevation of the top of the poles from the middle point of the line segment joining their feet are complementary to each other. The heights of the poles are :  
 (a) 10 m and 20 m  
 (b) 20 m and 40 m  
 (c) 20.9 m and 41.8 m  
 (d)  $15\sqrt{2}$  m and  $30\sqrt{2}$  m
37. There are two temples, one on each bank of a river, just opposite to each other. One temple is 54 m high. From the top of this temple, the angles of depression of the top and the foot of the other temple are  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  respectively. The length of the temple is :  
 (a) 18 m (b) 36 m  
 (c)  $36\sqrt{3}$  m (d)  $18\sqrt{3}$  m
38. An aeroplane when flying at a height of 3125 m from the ground passes vertically below another plane at an instant when the angles of elevation of the two planes from the same point on the ground are  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  respectively. The distance between the two planes at that instant is :  
 (a) 6520 m (b) 6000 m  
 (c) 5000 m (d) 6250 m

### LEVEL - III

- From vertically situated aeroplane to the straight horizontal road, the angle of depression of two consecutive km stones are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . If an aeroplane is in vertical plane in between two stones, then the height of the aeroplane from the road (in km) will be :-
  - $\frac{\tan \alpha \tan \beta}{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}$
  - $\frac{\tan \alpha \tan \beta}{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta}$
  - $\frac{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta}$
  - $\frac{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta}{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}$
- Each side of an equilateral triangle subtends an angle of  $60^\circ$  at the top of a tower  $h$  m high located at the centre of the triangle. If  $a$  is the length of each side of the triangle, then :-
  - $3a^2 = 2h^2$
  - $2a^2 = 3h^2$
  - $a^2 = 3h^2$
  - $3a^2 = h^2$
- A round balloon of radius  $r$  subtends an angle  $\alpha$  at the eye of an observer while the angle of elevation of its centre is  $\beta$ . The height of the centre of the balloon is :-
  - $r \sin \beta \cdot \operatorname{cosec} \frac{\alpha}{2}$
  - $r \cos \beta \cdot \operatorname{cosec} \frac{\alpha}{2}$
  - $r \operatorname{cosec} \alpha \cdot \sin \beta$
  - $r^2 \sin \frac{\beta}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}$
- A tower on horizontal ground leans towards the north. at two points due south at distance  $a$  and  $b$  respectively

from the foot, the angular elevations of the top of the tower are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Find the inclination  $\theta$  of the tower to the horizontal :-

- $\frac{b \cot \alpha + a \cot \beta}{a - b}$
  - $\frac{b \sin \alpha + b \cos \beta}{b - a}$
  - $\frac{b \cot \alpha - a \cot \beta}{b - a}$
  - None of these
- At the foot of the mountain the elevation of its summit is  $45^\circ$ ; after ascending 4 km towards the mountain up a slope of  $30^\circ$  inclination, the elevation is found to be  $60^\circ$ . Find the height of the mountain:-
    - $2(\sqrt{3} + 1)$  km
    - $4(\sqrt{3} + 1)$  km
    - $2(\sqrt{3} - 1)$  km
    - $4(\sqrt{3} + 1)$  km
  - A boy standing in the middle of a field, observes a flying bird in the north at an angle of elevation of  $30^\circ$  and after 2 minutes, he observes the same bird in the south at an angle of elevation of  $60^\circ$ . If the bird flies all along in a straight line at a height of  $50\sqrt{3}$  m, then its speed in km/h is :
    - 4.5
    - 3
    - 9
    - 6
  - A pole broken by the storm of wind and its top struck the ground at an angle of  $30^\circ$  and at a distance of 20 m from the foot of the pole, the height of the pole before it was broken was :

(a)  $20\sqrt{3}$  m

(b)  $\frac{40\sqrt{3}}{3}$  m

(c)  $60\sqrt{3}$  m

(d)  $\frac{100\sqrt{3}}{3}$  m

8. A tree is broken by the wind. If the top of the tree struck the ground at an angle of  $30^\circ$  and at a distance of 30 m from the root, then the height of the tree is :

(a)  $25\sqrt{3}$  m

(b)  $30\sqrt{3}$  m

(c)  $15\sqrt{3}$  m

(d)  $20\sqrt{3}$  m

9. At a point on a horizontal line through the base of a monument, the angle of elevation of the top of the monument is

found to be such that its tangent is  $\frac{1}{5}$ .

On walking 138 metres towards the monument the secant of the angle of

elevation is found to be  $\frac{\sqrt{193}}{12}$ . The

height of the monument (in metre) is :

(a) 35

(b) 49

(c) 42

(d) 56

10. A telegraph post is bent at a point above the ground due to storm. Its top just meets the ground at a distance of  $8\sqrt{3}$  metres from its foot and makes an angle of  $30^\circ$ , then the height of post is :

(a) 16 metres

(b) 23 metres

(c) 24 metres

(d) 10 metres

11. The angle of elevation of a cloud from height  $h$  above the level of water in a lake is  $\alpha$  and the angle of the depression of its image in the lake is  $\beta$ . Then, the height of the cloud above the surface of the lake is :

(a)  $h \cot \beta$

(b)  $h (\cot \alpha + \cot \beta)$

(c)  $h \cot \alpha$

(d)  $h \left( \frac{\cot \alpha + \cot \beta}{\cot \alpha - \cot \beta} \right)$

12. A vertical post 15 ft high is broken at a certain height and its upper part, not completely separated, meets the ground at an angle of  $30^\circ$ . Find the height at which the post is broken :

(a) 10 ft

(b) 5 ft

(c)  $15\sqrt{3}(2 - \sqrt{3})$  ft

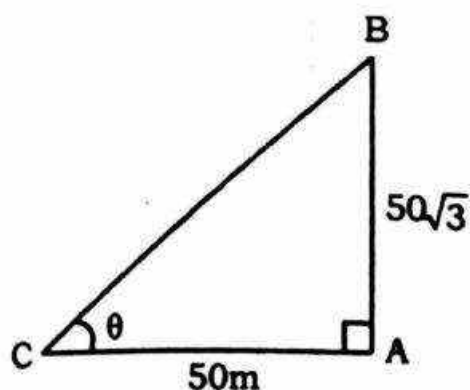
(d)  $5\sqrt{3}$  ft

## Solution I

1.(a) height of tower (AB) =  $50\sqrt{3}$   
(given)

$$\therefore \tan \theta = \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{50\sqrt{3}}{50} = \sqrt{3} = \tan 60^\circ$$

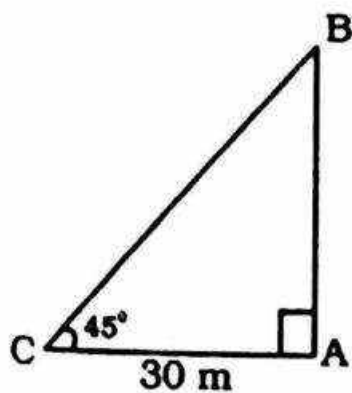
$$\Rightarrow \theta = 60^\circ$$



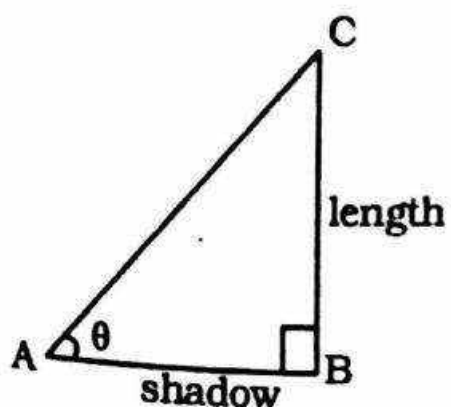
2.(b) in  $45^\circ$  Base : height = 1 : 1  
 $\therefore$  height = Base = 30 m  
Alternatively :-

$$\text{In } \triangle ABC, \tan 45^\circ = \frac{AB}{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{AB}{30} \Rightarrow AB = 30 \text{ m}$$



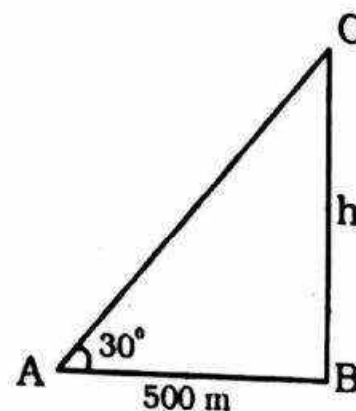
3.(b)  $\tan \theta = \frac{BC}{AB} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \tan 30^\circ$   
 $\Rightarrow \theta = 30^\circ$



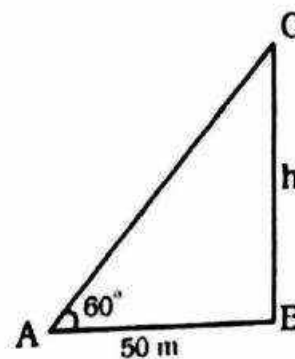
4.(b)  $\tan 30^\circ = \frac{BC}{AB} = \frac{h}{500}$   
 $\Rightarrow h = 500 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{500\sqrt{3}}{3}$

Alternatively,  
in  $30^\circ$  :- height : Base  
1 :  $\sqrt{3}$   
but Base = 500(given)  
 $\therefore \sqrt{3} \rightarrow 500$

$$\therefore 1 \rightarrow \frac{500}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{500\sqrt{3}}{3}$$



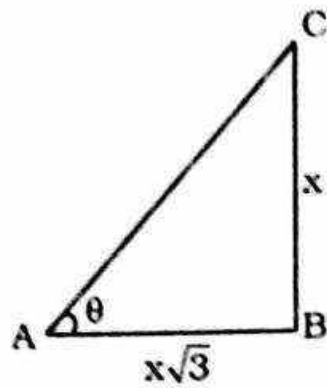
5.(d)  $\tan 60^\circ = \frac{h}{50} = \sqrt{3}$   
 $\Rightarrow h = 50\sqrt{3}$



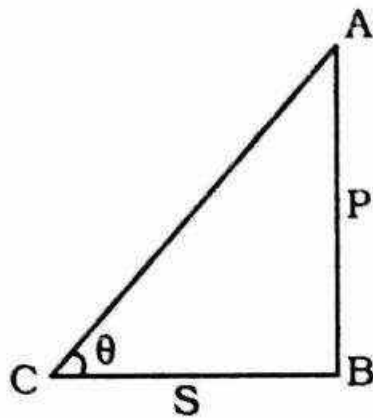
6. (B). let AB be the pole of x cm. Then  
length of its shadow is  $x\sqrt{3}$  in  
 $\triangle ABC$ ,

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

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



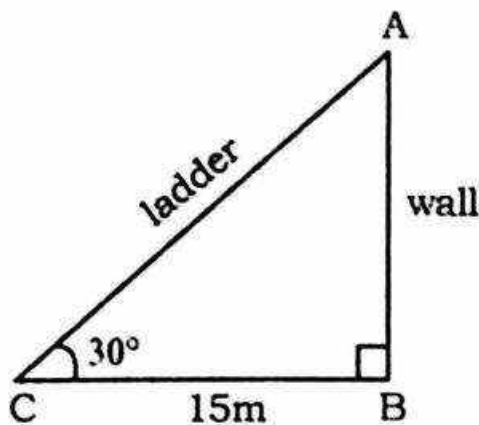
7.(c)  $\tan \theta = \frac{P}{S} \Rightarrow P = \frac{S}{\cot \theta}$



8.(c) In right angled  $\triangle ABC$ ,

$$\cos 30^\circ = \frac{BC}{AC} = \frac{15}{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow AC = \frac{15}{\cos 30^\circ} = \frac{15}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}$$



$$\Rightarrow AC = \frac{15 \times 2}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{30\sqrt{3}}{3} = 10\sqrt{3}$$

Hence, length of ladder is  $10\sqrt{3}$  m

**Alternatively:**

$$\cos 30^\circ = BC : AC = \sqrt{3} : 2$$

$$\sqrt{3} \rightarrow 15$$

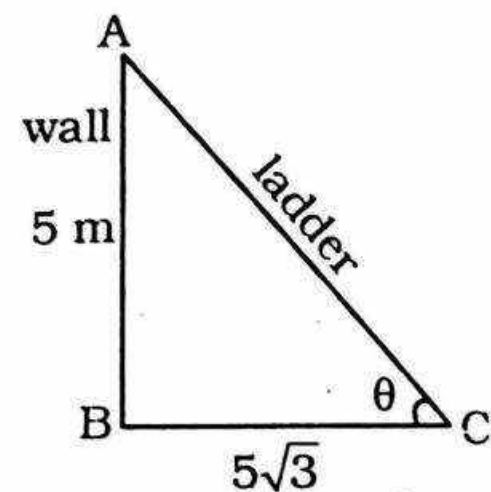
$$1 \rightarrow \frac{15}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$2 \rightarrow \frac{15}{\sqrt{3}} \times 2 = \frac{30}{\sqrt{3}} = 10\sqrt{3}$$

9.(c) In right angled  $\triangle ABC$ ,

$$\tan \theta = \frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{5}{5\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \tan 30^\circ$$

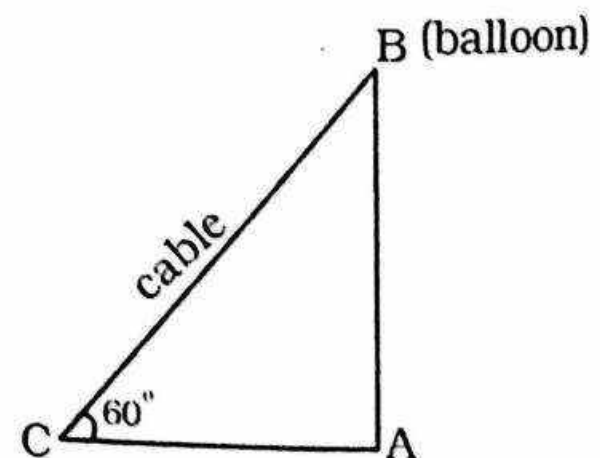
$$\Rightarrow \theta = 30^\circ$$



10.(a) Let B be the balloon and C be the meteorological station and CB be the cable. Then,  $BC = 200$  m and  $\angle ACB = 60^\circ$

$$\text{then, } \sin 60^\circ = \frac{AB}{BC} \Rightarrow \frac{AB}{200} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

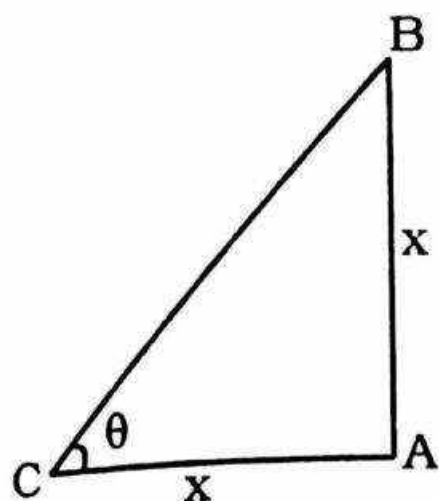
$$\Rightarrow AB = 100\sqrt{3} = 173.2 \text{ m}$$



11.(b) Let  $AB = x$ , then  $AC = x$

$$\therefore \tan \theta = \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{x}{x} = 1$$

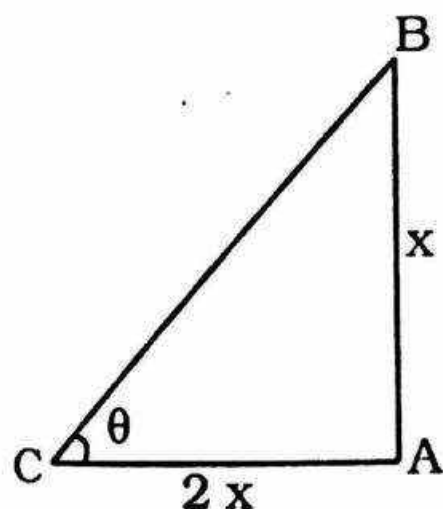
$$\Rightarrow \theta = 45^\circ$$



12.(d) Let  $AB = x$ , then  $AC = 2x$

$$\therefore \tan \theta = \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{x}{2x} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$



13.(c) Let height of pole  $AB = h$  m

$$\therefore \tan 60^\circ = \frac{h}{40}$$

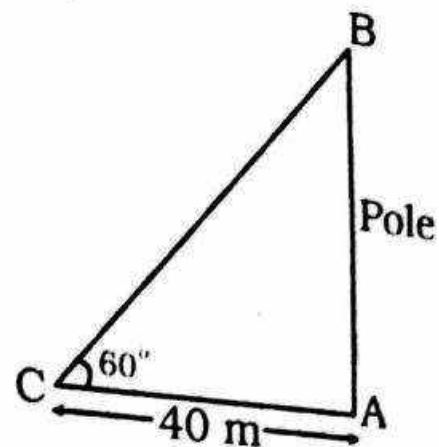
$$\Rightarrow h = 40\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

**Alternatively:**

In  $60^\circ = \text{Base} : \text{height}$

$$\begin{array}{cc} 1 & : \sqrt{3} \\ \times 40 & \times 40 \\ \hline 40 & 40\sqrt{3} \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \text{height} = 40\sqrt{3}$$

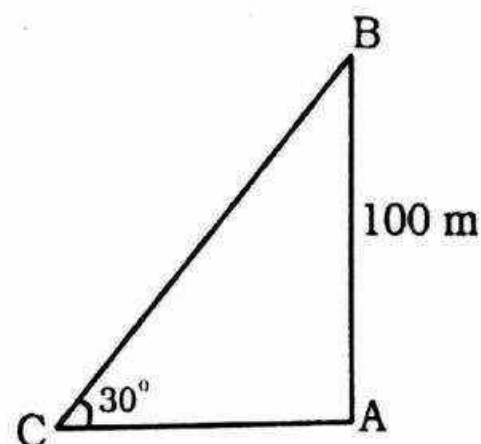


14.(a) Let  $AB$  be the building and  $AC$  be its shadow.

$AB = 100$  m and  $\theta = 30^\circ$

$$\therefore \frac{AB}{AC} = \tan 30^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow AC = AB\sqrt{3} = 100\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

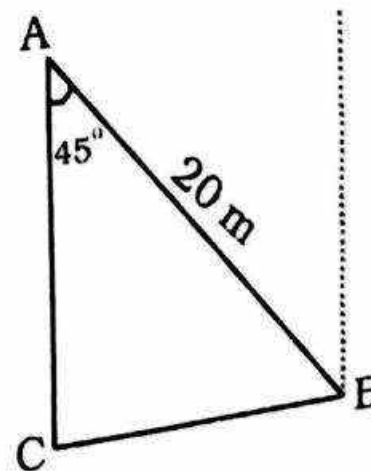


15.(c) Let  $A$  be the starting point and  $B$ , the end point of the swimmer. Then

$AB = 20$  m. &  $\angle BAC = 45^\circ$

$$\text{Now, } \sin 45^\circ = \frac{BC}{AB}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{BC}{20} \Rightarrow BC = 10\sqrt{2} = 14.14 \text{ m}$$



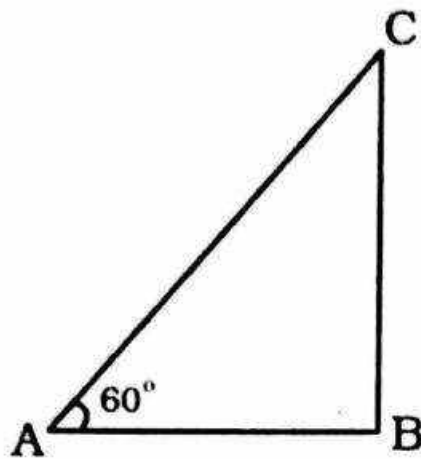
16.(b) Let C be the position of the kite and AC be the string.

$\therefore AC = 50 \text{ m}$  and  $\angle BAC = 60^\circ$

$$\therefore \frac{BC}{AC} = \sin 60^\circ \Rightarrow \frac{BC}{50} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow BC = 25\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

Hence, Height of the kite =  $25\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$



**Alternatively :** in  $60^\circ$   $AC : BC$

$$= 2 : \sqrt{3}$$

$$\times 25 \quad \times 25$$

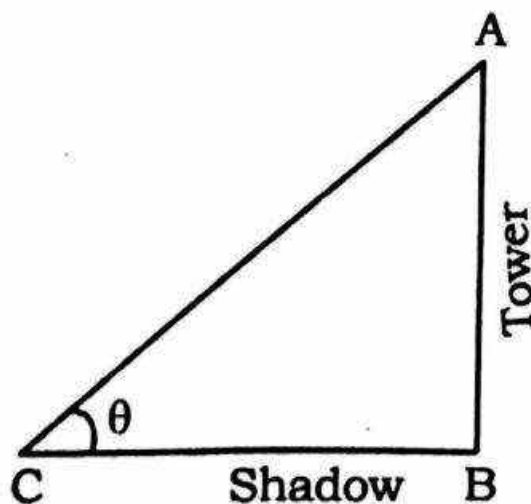
$$50 \quad 25\sqrt{3}$$

17.(c) Let height of tower (AB) =  $x$

$\therefore$  shadow of tower =  $BC = \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}}$

$$\therefore \tan \theta = \frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{x}{\frac{x}{\sqrt{3}}} = \sqrt{3} = \tan 60^\circ$$

$$\therefore \theta = 60^\circ$$

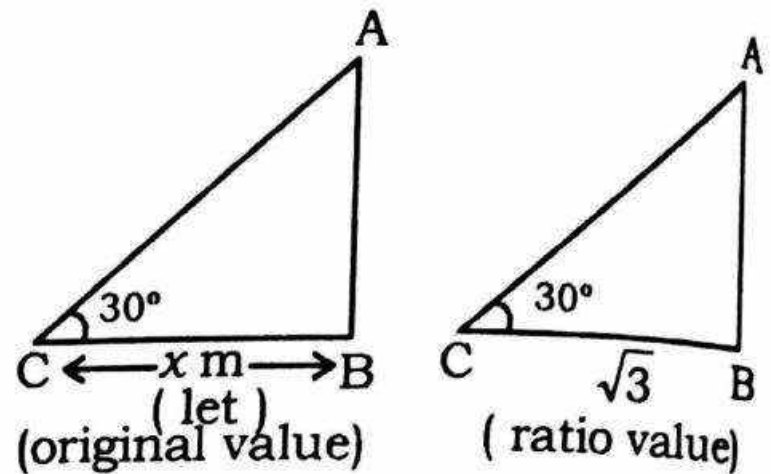


**Alternatively :**

$$\text{Base : height} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}} : x = 1 : \sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore \theta = 60^\circ$$

18.(c)



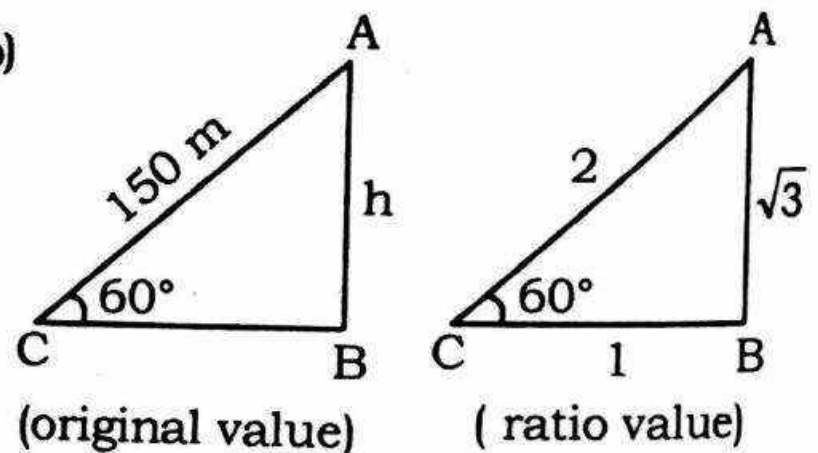
**Ratio value      Original value**

$$AB \rightarrow 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad 10 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore BC \rightarrow \sqrt{3} \quad \rightarrow \quad 10\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

i.e. Required distance (BC ratio value =  $\sqrt{3}$ ) =  $x = 10\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$

19.(b)



AC = length of thread, let height =  $h \text{ m}$

**Ratio value**

**Original value**

$$AC \rightarrow 2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad 150$$

$$\therefore 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{150}{2} = 75$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{3} \quad \longrightarrow \quad 75\sqrt{3}$$

i.e. the height of the kite =  $AB = h$   
 $= 75\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$

## Solution II

1. (B). Let PQ be the given tower of height h. If A, B be given points then suppose.  
 $\angle PAQ = \alpha$  and  $\angle PBQ = \beta$

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

Now in  $\triangle PAQ$ ,

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{h}{a} \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

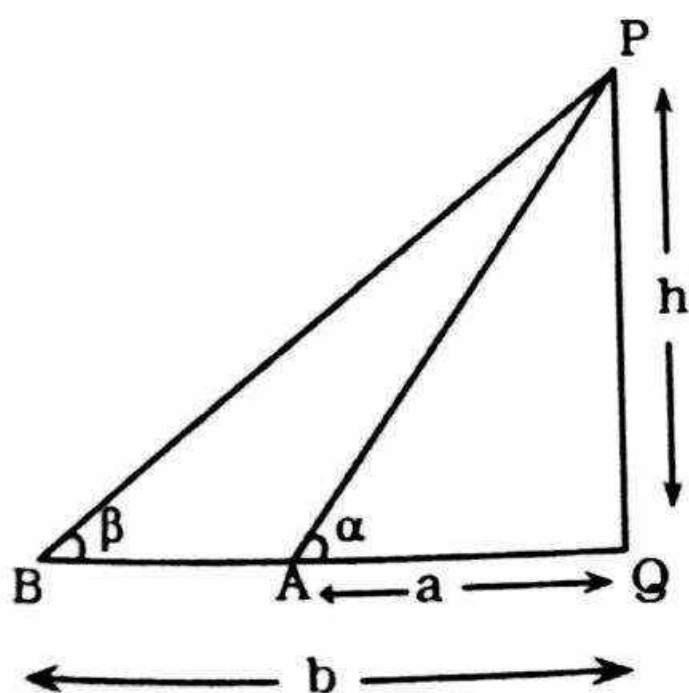
in  $\triangle PBQ$ ,

$$\tan \beta = \frac{h}{b} \Rightarrow \tan(90^\circ - \alpha) = \frac{h}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cot \alpha = \frac{h}{b} \Rightarrow \tan \alpha = \frac{b}{h}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{h}{a} = \frac{b}{h} \quad [\text{from (i) } \tan \alpha = \frac{h}{a}]$$

$$\Rightarrow h^2 = ab \Rightarrow h = \sqrt{ab}$$



2. (A). Let AB and PQ be given cliff and tower respectively.

If  $PQ = x$

Now in  $\triangle ABQ$  and  $\triangle ACP$ ,

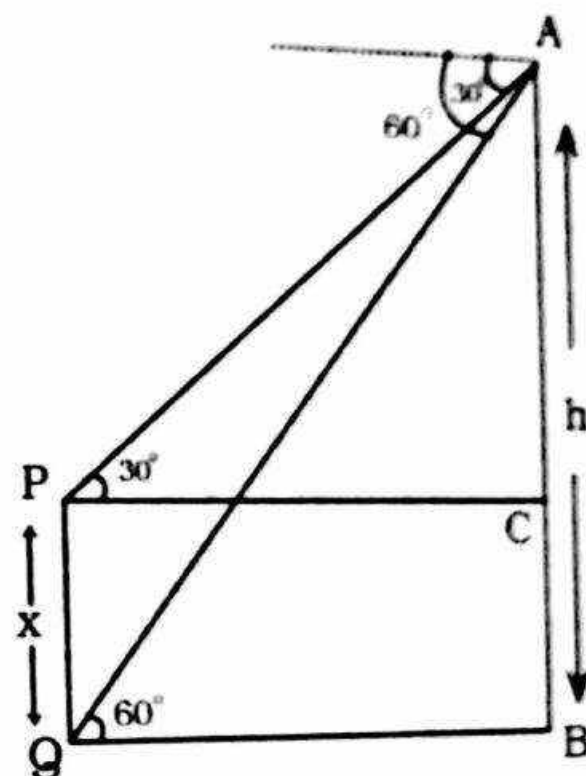
$$\frac{h}{QB} = \tan 60^\circ = \sqrt{3}$$

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

$$\text{and } \frac{h-x}{PC} = \tan 30^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad [PC = QB]$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{h-x}{h} = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow x = \frac{2h}{3}$$



3. (C).

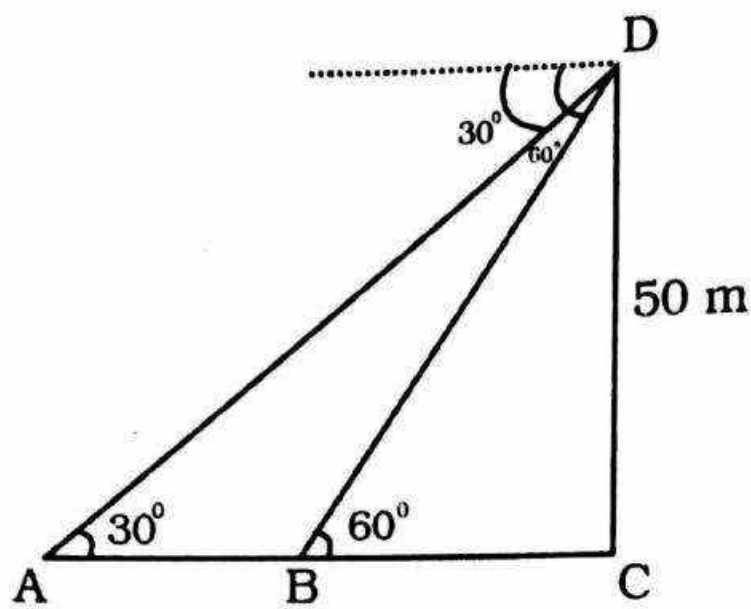
$$BC = \frac{50}{\sqrt{3}}, \quad AC = 50\sqrt{3}$$

$$AB = AC - BC$$

$$= 50 \left( \sqrt{3} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{100}{\sqrt{3}}$$

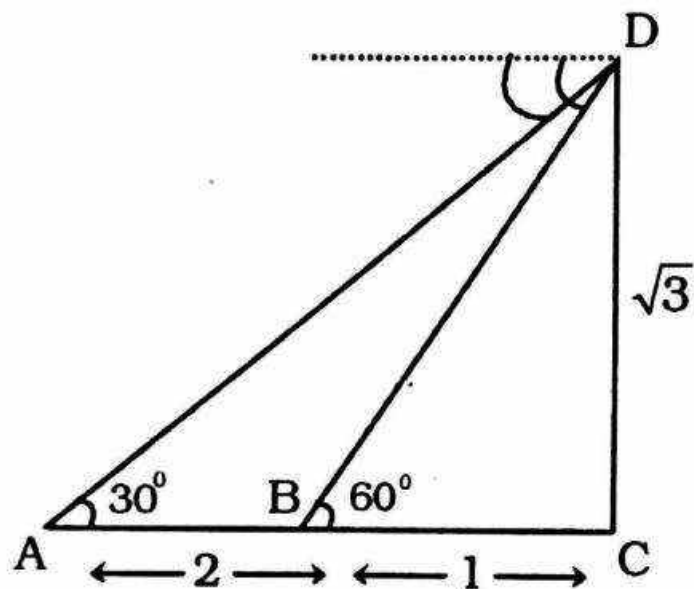
$$= \frac{100\sqrt{3}}{3}$$



**Alternatively** - ( by ratio )

CD=50 m ( given )

but CD =  $\sqrt{3}$  ( according to ratio )



Ratio value original value

$$CD \quad \sqrt{3} \longrightarrow 50$$

$$\therefore 1 \longrightarrow \frac{50}{\sqrt{3}}$$

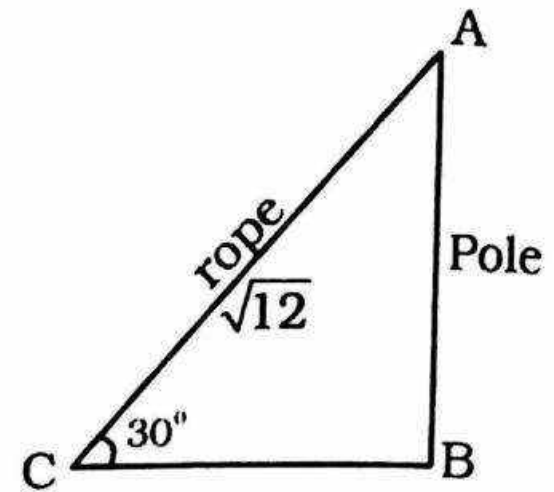
$$\therefore 2 \longrightarrow \frac{100}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\therefore AB(\text{ratio value}) = \frac{100}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{100\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

4.(d) In right angled  $\triangle ABC$ ,

$$\sin 30^\circ = \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{AB}{\sqrt{12}}$$

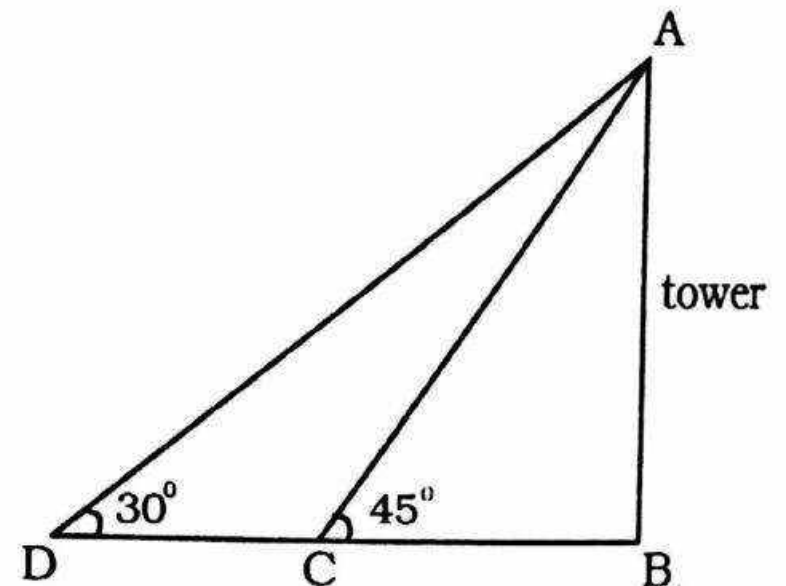
$$\Rightarrow AB = \sqrt{12} \sin 30^\circ = \sqrt{12} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sqrt{3}$$



Hence, height of the pole is  $\sqrt{3}$  m

5.(c) Here, AB be the tower and C and D the two observers

Now, In right angled  $\triangle ABC$ ,



$$\tan 45^\circ = \frac{AB}{BC} \Rightarrow BC = AB \dots (i)$$

In right angled  $\triangle ABD$ ,

$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{AB}{BD} \Rightarrow BD = AB\sqrt{3}$$

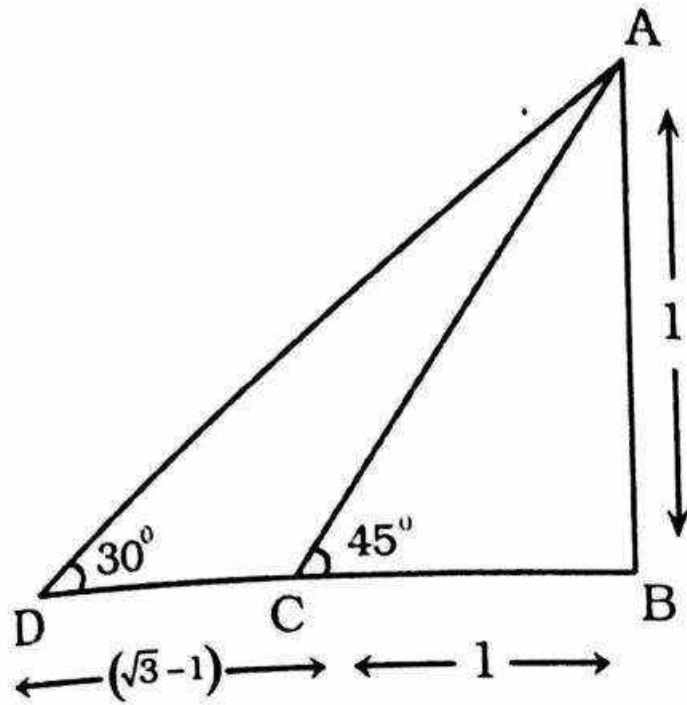
$$\Rightarrow BC + 20 = AB\sqrt{3} \dots (ii)$$

From (i) and (ii)

$$AB + 20 = AB\sqrt{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow AB &= \frac{20}{(\sqrt{3}-1)} \times \frac{(\sqrt{3}+1)}{(\sqrt{3}+1)} \\ &= 10(\sqrt{3}+1) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, height of the tower is  $10(\sqrt{3} + 1)$  m  
 Alternatively - ( by ratio ) :-



Ratio value      original value

$$CD \quad (\sqrt{3} - 1) \longrightarrow 20\text{m}$$

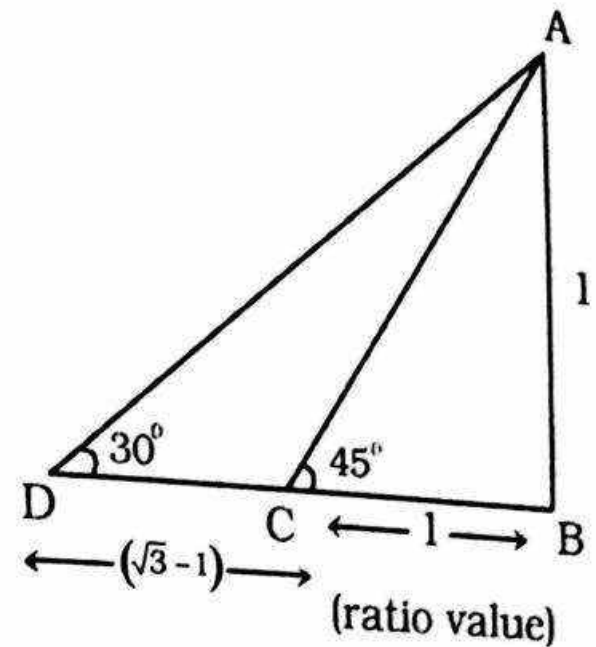
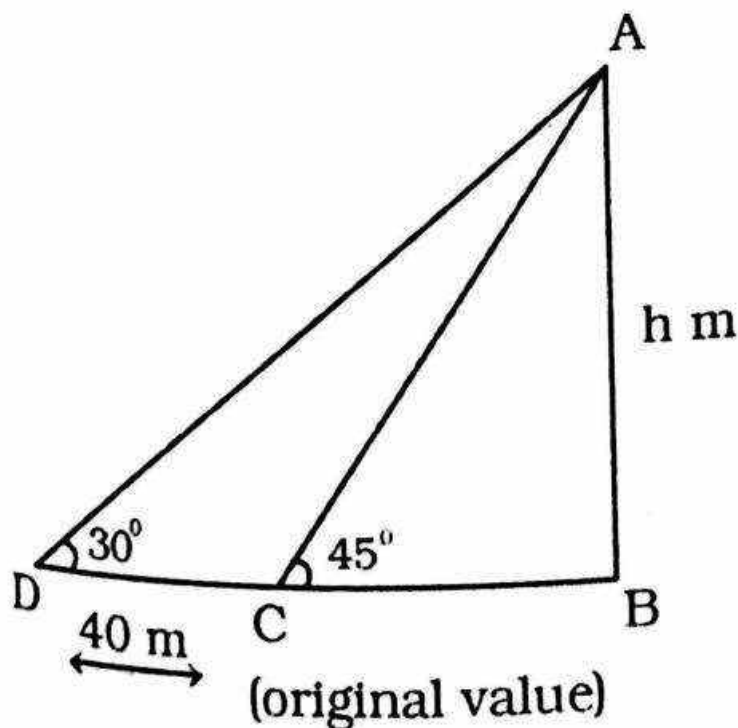
$$\therefore 1 \longrightarrow \frac{20}{\sqrt{3} - 1} \text{ m}$$

$\therefore$  Value of AB ( height of tower ) = (ratio value = 1)

$$= \frac{20}{\sqrt{3} - 1} \text{ m} = \frac{20}{\sqrt{3} - 1} \times \frac{(\sqrt{3} + 1)}{(\sqrt{3} + 1)}$$

$$= 10(\sqrt{3} + 1) \text{ m}$$

6.(a) (By ratio)



Ratio value original value

$$\therefore (\sqrt{3} - 1) \rightarrow 40 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore 1 \rightarrow \frac{40}{\sqrt{3} - 1} \times \frac{(\sqrt{3} + 1)}{(\sqrt{3} + 1)} = 20(\sqrt{3} + 1)$$

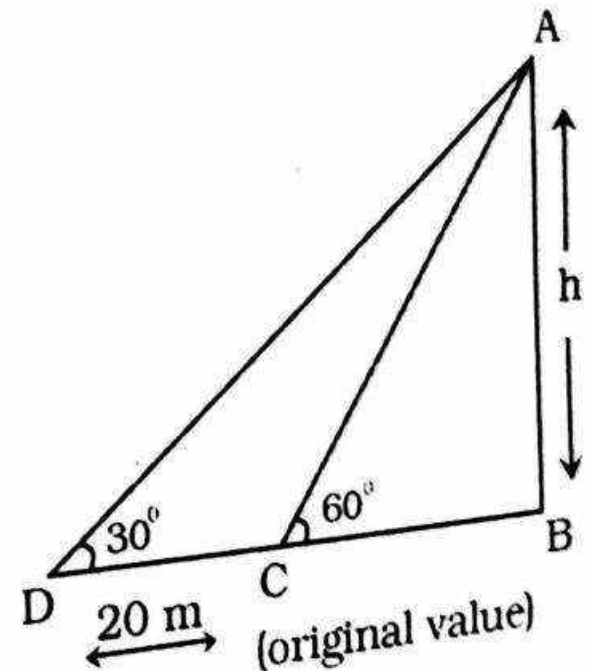
$\therefore$  length of pole

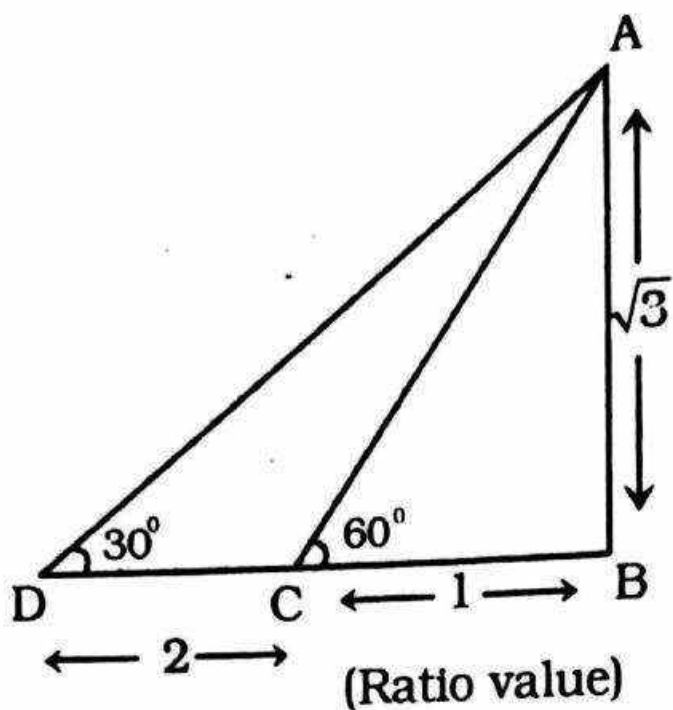
$$AB(\text{ratio value} = 1) = 20(\sqrt{3} + 1) \text{ m}$$

7.(b)

(By ratio)

BC = width of river





Ratio value    original value  
 $2 \longrightarrow 20 \text{ m}$   
 $\therefore 1 \longrightarrow 10 \text{ m}$

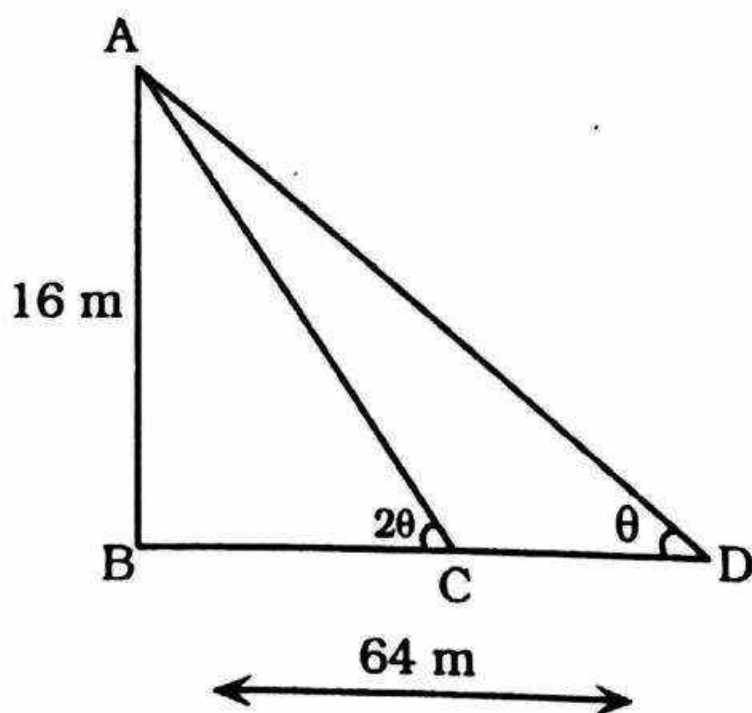
8.(d) Hence, width of the river =  $BC = 10 \text{ m}$   
 Let  $AB$  be a pole of height  $16 \text{ m}$ . The angle of elevation at  $D$  is  $\theta$  and the angle of elevation at  $C$  is  $2\theta$ .

In right angle  $\triangle ABD$ ,

$$\tan \theta = \frac{AB}{BD} = \frac{16}{64} = \frac{1}{4}$$

In right angle  $\triangle ABC$ ,

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{AB}{BC}$$



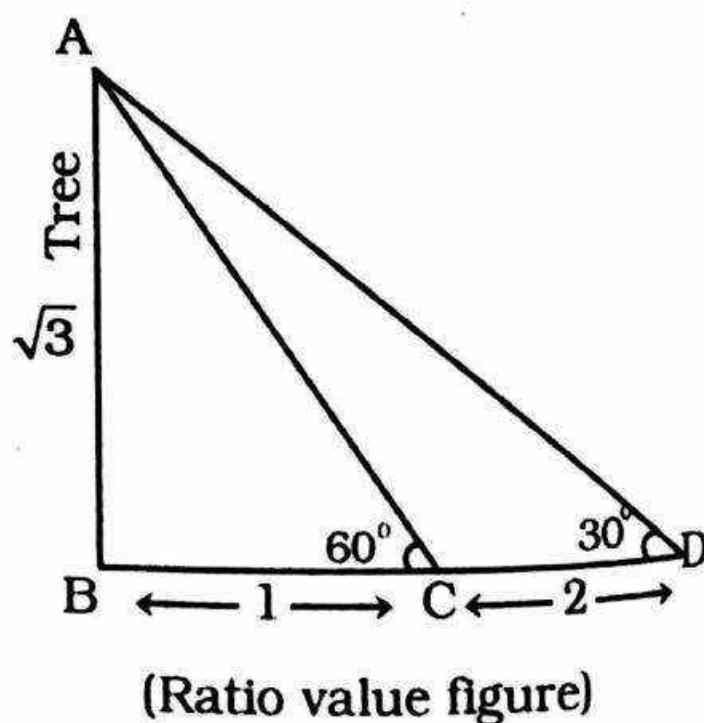
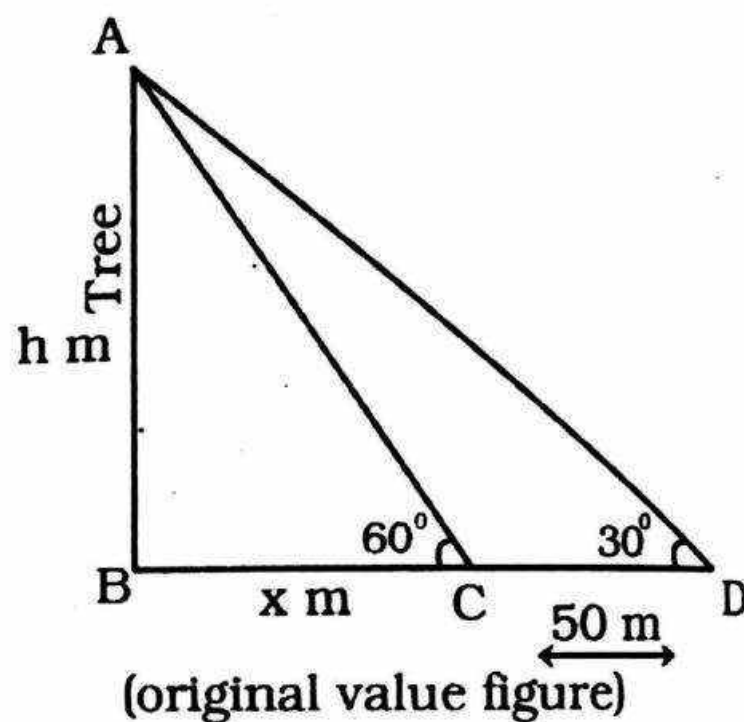
$$\Rightarrow \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} = \frac{16}{BC} \Rightarrow \frac{2 \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)}{1 - \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)^2} = \frac{16}{BC}$$

$$\Rightarrow BC = 30 \text{ m}$$

$\therefore$  Required decrease in the length of shadow

$$= 64 - 30 = 34$$

9.(a) (By ratio)



Ratio value    original value  
 $2 \longrightarrow 50$   
 $\therefore 1 \longrightarrow 25$   
 and  $\sqrt{3} \longrightarrow$

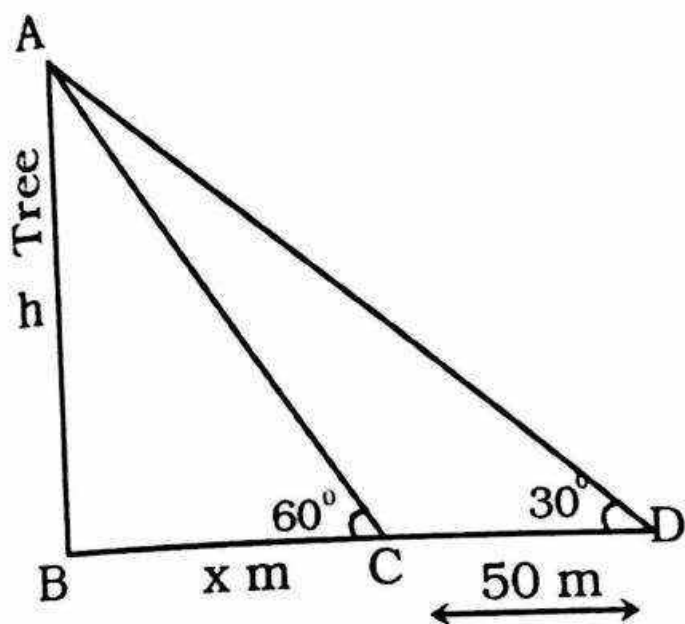
$$25\sqrt{3}$$

$\therefore$  height of the tree

$$= h(\text{ratio value} = \sqrt{3}) = 25\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

and width of the river =  $x$  (ratio value = 1) = 25m

Alternatively :-



In right angled  $\triangle ABC$ ,

$$\tan 60^\circ = \frac{h}{x} \Rightarrow h = x\sqrt{3} \dots (i)$$

In right angled  $\triangle ABD$ ,

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

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{x+50}{\sqrt{3}} \dots (ii)$$

From (i) and (ii)

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

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 50 \Rightarrow x = 25$$

Putting  $x = 25$  in (i)

$$h = 25\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

Hence, height of the tree

$$= h = 25\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

and width of the tree =  $x = 25 \text{ m}$

10.(d) In  $\triangle CDE$ ,

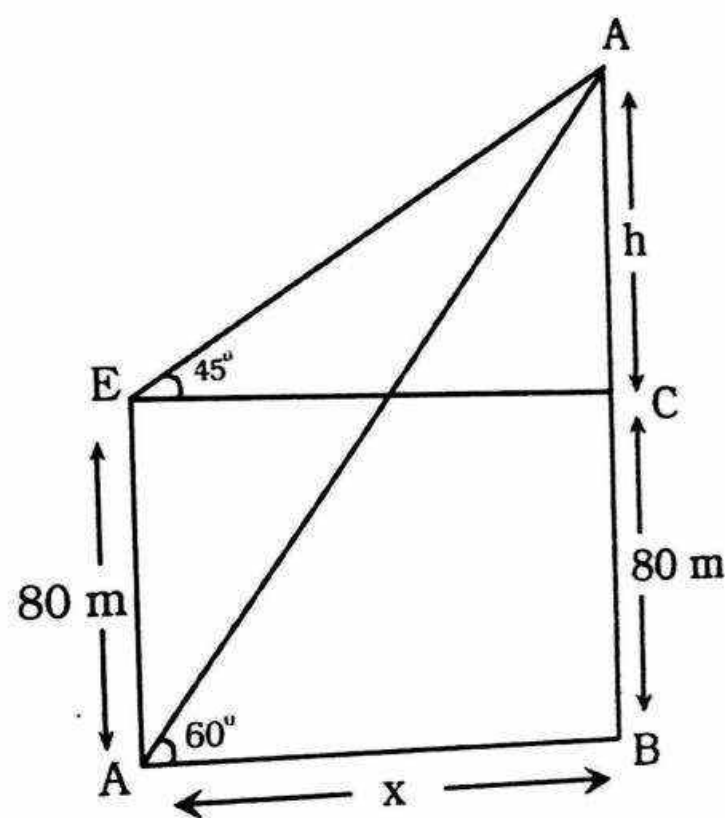
$$\tan 45^\circ = \frac{CD}{CE}$$

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

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

In  $\triangle ABD$ ,

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



$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{80+h}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3}x = 80 + h$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3}x = 80 + x$$

[From (i)]

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{3} - 1)x = 80$$

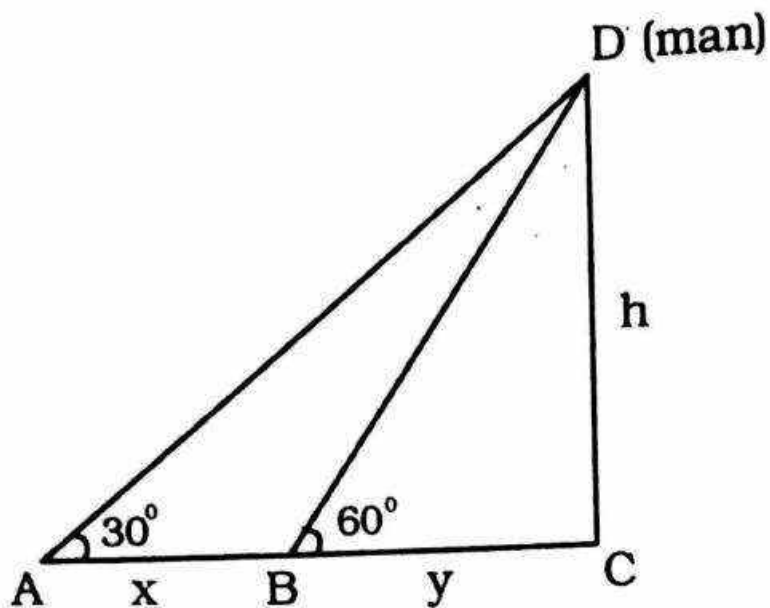
$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{80}{\sqrt{3} - 1} \times \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{\sqrt{3} + 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 40(\sqrt{3} + 1)$$

$\therefore$  Distance between the bases

$$= 40(\sqrt{3} + 1) \text{ m}$$

11.(c)



From figure,  $\tan 60^\circ = \frac{h}{y}$

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

$$\text{and } \tan 30^\circ = \frac{h}{x+y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{y\sqrt{3}}{x+y} \quad [\text{using (i)}]$$

$$\therefore 3y = x + y$$

$$\Rightarrow 2y = x \Rightarrow y = \frac{x}{2}$$

$\therefore$  Time taken to cover a distance from A to B = 20 minute

$\therefore$  time taken to cover a unit distance

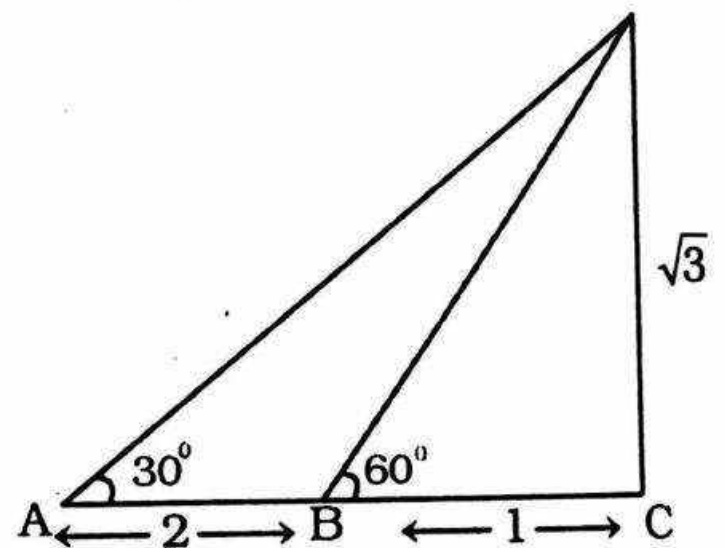
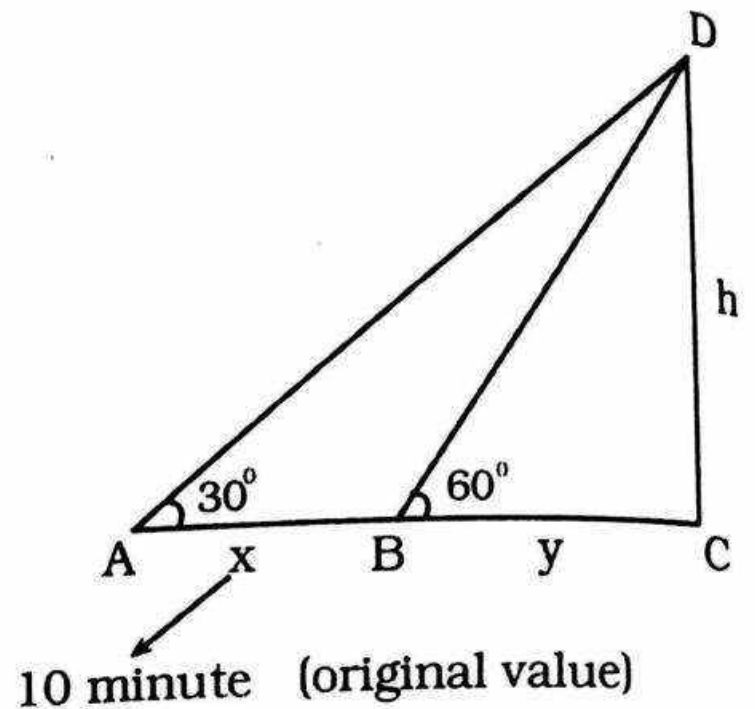
$$= \frac{20}{x} \text{ minute}$$

$\therefore$  For distance 'y' time taken

$$= \frac{20}{x} \times y$$

$$= \frac{20}{x} \times \frac{x}{2} = 10 \text{ minute}$$

**Alternatively.** (By ratio)



(Real value)

Ratio value      original value

2  $\longrightarrow$  20 minute

$\therefore$  1  $\longrightarrow$  10 minute

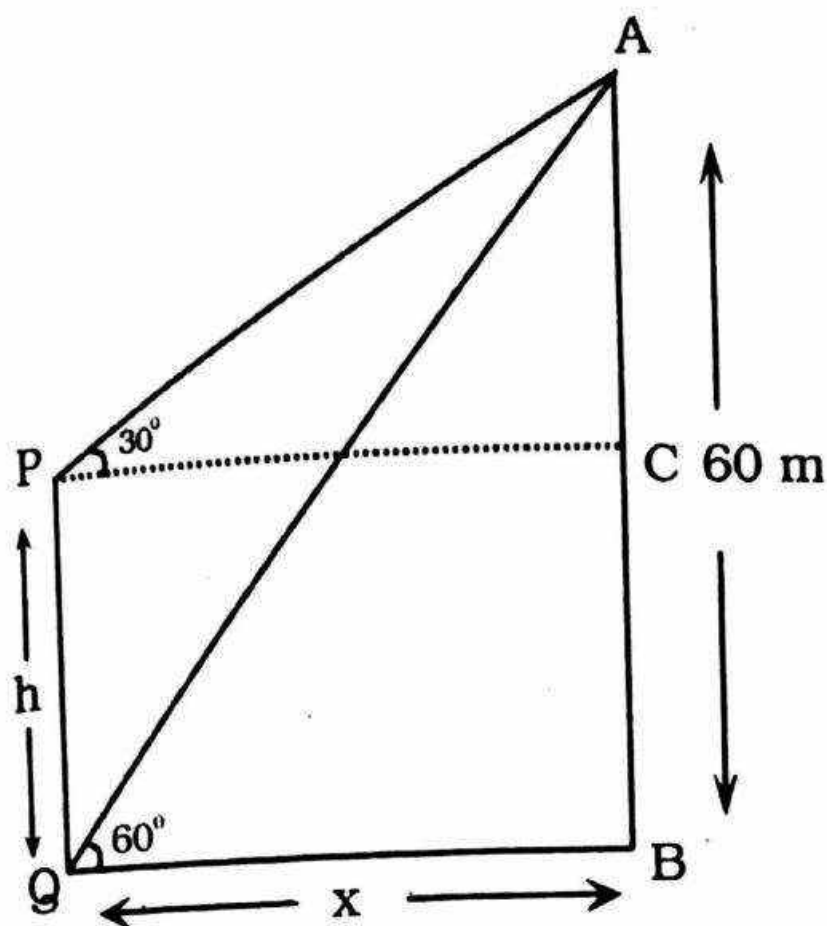
$\therefore$  For distance y (or ratio value=1) time taken = 10 minute

12.(c) Let AB be the tower and PQ the building.

From right angled  $\triangle ABQ$ ,

$$\tan 60^\circ = \frac{AB}{BQ} \Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{60}{x}$$

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



and From right angled  $\triangle APC$ ,

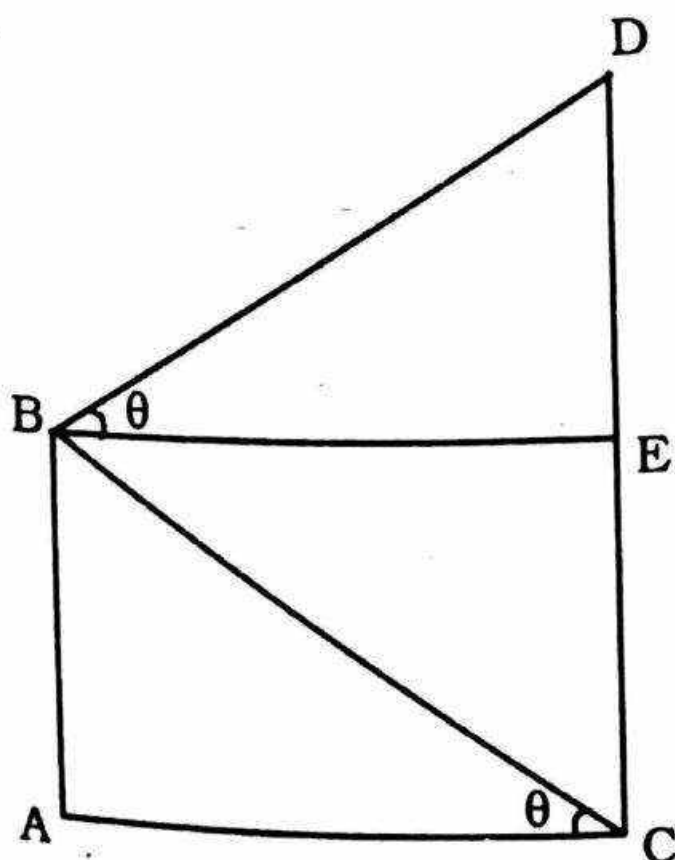
$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{AC}{PC} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{AC}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow AC = \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{20\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = 20$$

$$\therefore PQ = BC = AB - AC = 60 - 20 = 40$$

$$\therefore \text{height of the building} = h = 40 \text{ m}$$

13.(b) Let AB be the cliff and CD be the tower. Then,  $AB = 30 \text{ m}$ . From B draw line  $BE \perp CD$



$$\text{Let } \angle EBD = \angle ACB = \theta$$

$$\text{Now in } \triangle BED, \tan \theta = \frac{DE}{BE}$$

and in  $\triangle ABC$ ,

$$\tan \theta = \frac{AB}{AC}$$

$$\therefore \frac{DE}{BE} = \frac{AB}{AC} \Rightarrow DE = AB \quad [\because BE = AC]$$

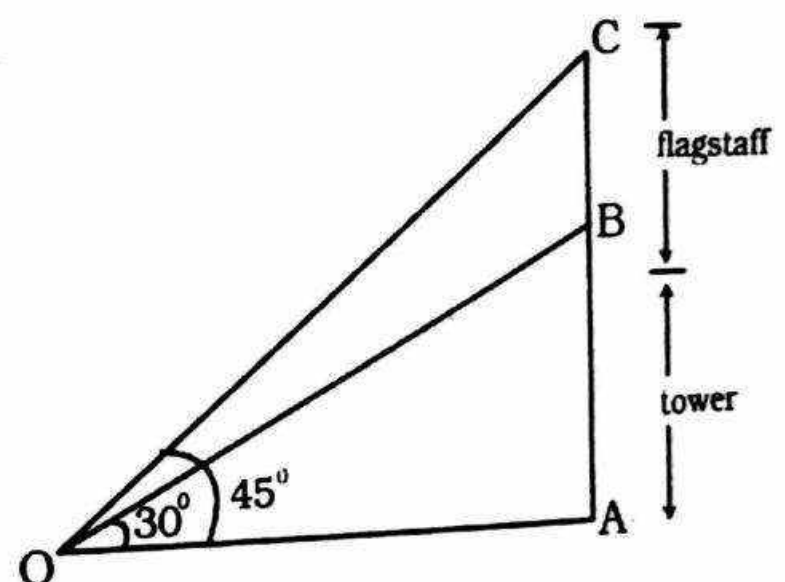
$$\therefore CD = CE + DE = AB + AB = 2AB = 60 \text{ m}$$

14.(a) In  $\triangle OAB$ ,

$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{AB}{OA} \Rightarrow OA = AB\sqrt{3} \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

and In  $\triangle OAC$ ,

$$\tan 45^\circ = \frac{AC}{OA} \Rightarrow OA = AC$$



$$\Rightarrow AB\sqrt{3} = AC \text{ [from (i)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB\sqrt{3} = AB + BC$$

$$\Rightarrow AB(\sqrt{3} - 1) = BC = 12$$

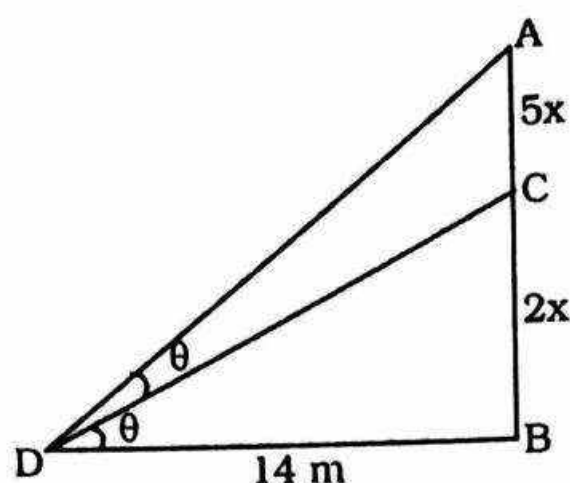
$$\Rightarrow AB = \frac{12}{\sqrt{3} - 1} \times \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{\sqrt{3} + 1} =$$

$$\frac{12(\sqrt{3} + 1)}{2} = 6(\sqrt{3} + 1) \text{ m}$$

15.(d) Let  $BC = 2x$ , then  $CA = 5x$

$$\therefore AB = 7x$$

According to question



$\angle ADC = \angle CDB = \theta$  and  $BD = 14$  m

$$\text{In } \triangle BDC, \tan \theta = \frac{BC}{BD} = \frac{2x}{14} = \frac{x}{7}$$

$$\text{In } \triangle ABD, \tan 2\theta = \frac{AB}{BD} = \frac{7x}{14} = \frac{x}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} = \frac{x}{2}$$

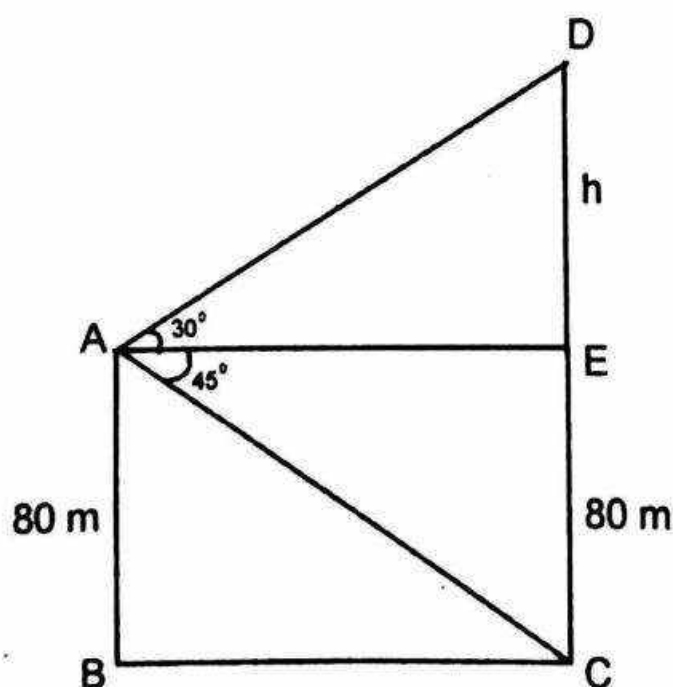
$$\Rightarrow \frac{2 \left( \frac{x}{7} \right)}{1 - \left( \frac{x}{7} \right)^2} = \frac{x}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x \times 7}{49 - x^2} = \frac{x}{2} \Rightarrow 49 - x^2 = 28$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 21 \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{21}$$

$\therefore$  height of the pole =  $AB = 7x = 7\sqrt{21}$  m

16.(c) Let AB and CD are pillars.  
Let  $DE = h$



$$\text{In } \triangle ADE, \tan 30^\circ = \frac{h}{AE}$$

$$\Rightarrow AE = h\sqrt{3} \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

$$\text{In } \triangle ACE, \tan 45^\circ = \frac{80}{AE}$$

$$\Rightarrow AE = 80 \Rightarrow h\sqrt{3} = 80 \quad [\text{From (i)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{80}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$\therefore$  Required height

$$= 80 + \frac{80}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{80}{\sqrt{3}} (\sqrt{3} + 1) \text{ m}$$

**Alternatively:**

In  $45^\circ$ ; Base : height = 1 : 1

$\therefore$  AE(Base) = 80m  $\therefore$  height (EC) = 80 m

In  $30^\circ$ ; Base : height

$$= \sqrt{3} : 1$$

$$\times \frac{80}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \times \frac{80}{\sqrt{3}}$$

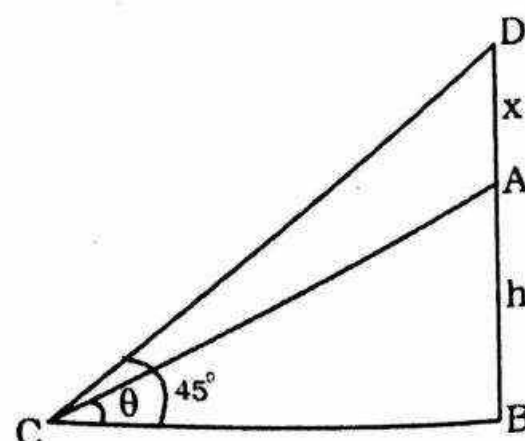
$$\frac{80}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \frac{80}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ m}$$

$$h = \frac{80}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ m}$$

$\therefore$  Required height =

$$CD = 80 + \frac{80}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{80}{\sqrt{3}} (\sqrt{3} + 1)$$

17.(b) AB = Building = h metre  
AD = Chimney = x metre



In  $\triangle BCD$ ,

$$\tan 45^\circ = \frac{h+x}{BC} \Rightarrow BC = h+x \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

In  $\triangle ABC$ ,

$$\tan \theta = \frac{h}{BC} \Rightarrow BC = h \cot \theta \dots \dots \dots (ii)$$

From (i) and (ii)

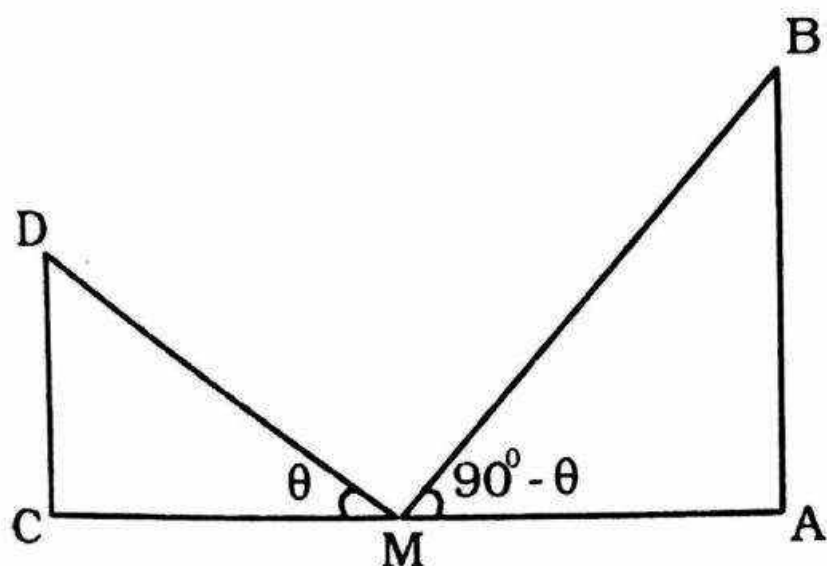
$$h+x = h \cot \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow x = (h \cot \theta - h) \text{ m}$$

- 18.(a) Let AB and CD be the two posts such that  $AB=2CD$ . Let M be the mid-point of CA. Let  $\angle CMD = \theta$  and

$$\angle AMB = 90^\circ - \theta$$

Let  $CD=h$ , then  $AB = 2h$



Now,

$$\tan(90^\circ - \theta) = \frac{AB}{AM} \Rightarrow \cot \theta = \frac{2h}{(K/2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cot \theta = \frac{4h}{K} \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

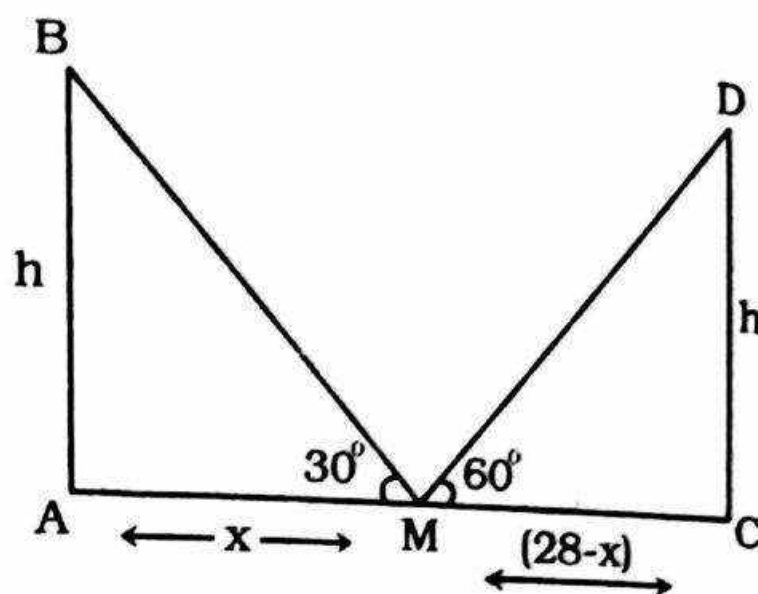
$$\frac{CD}{CM} = \tan \theta \Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{h}{K/2} = \frac{2h}{K} \dots \dots \dots (ii)$$

Multiplying (i) and (ii), we get :

$$\frac{4h}{K} \times \frac{2h}{K} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow h^2 = \frac{K^2}{8} \Rightarrow h = \frac{K}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

- 19.(a) Let AB and CD be the pole and AC be the road.  
Let  $AE = x$ , then  $EC = 28-x$  and  $AB = CD = h$ . Then



$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{h}{x} \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{3}h \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

$$\tan 60^\circ = \frac{h}{28-x} \Rightarrow 28-x = \frac{h}{\sqrt{3}}$$

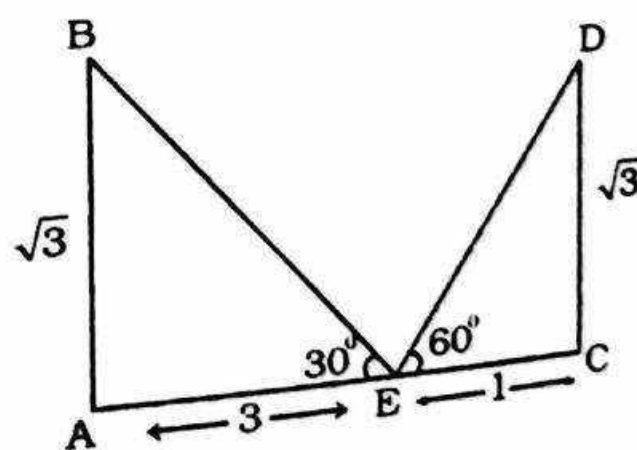
$$\Rightarrow 28 - \sqrt{3}h = \frac{h}{\sqrt{3}}$$

[From (i)]

$$\Rightarrow \left( \sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) h = 28 \Rightarrow \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} h = 28$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 7\sqrt{3}$$

**Alternatively** - (By ratio)



let  $AB = CD = \sqrt{3}$   
then,  $EC=1$  and  $AE=3$   
 $\therefore AC$  (ratio value)  $= 3+1=4$

$$\therefore 4 \longrightarrow 28$$

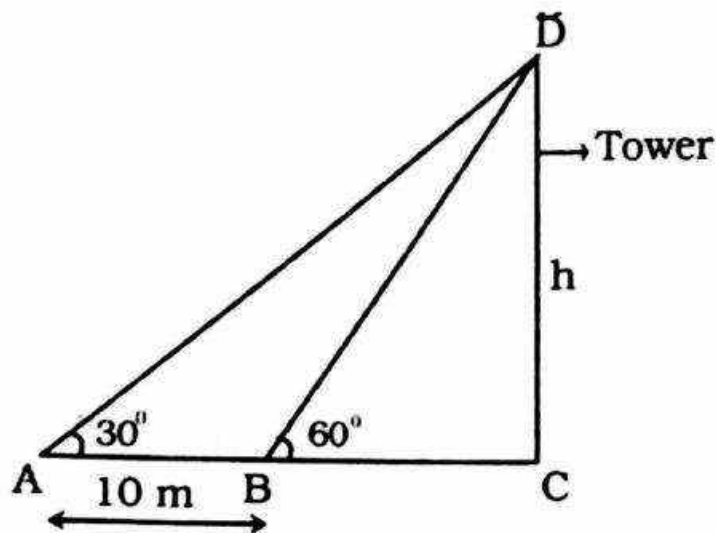
$$\Rightarrow 1 \longrightarrow 7$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{3} \longrightarrow 7\sqrt{3}$$

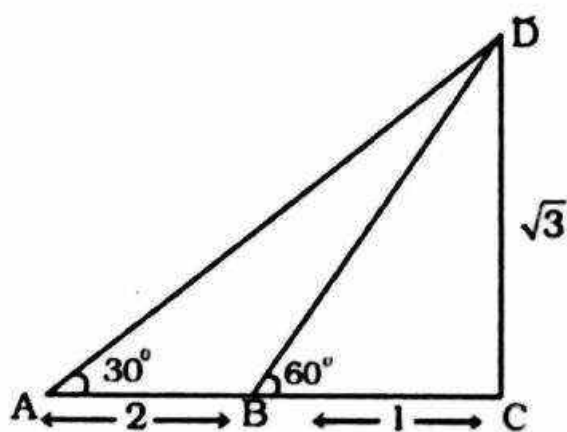
i.e. height =  $h$  (ratio value =  $\sqrt{3}$ )

$$= 7\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

20.(a) (By ratio)



(original value)



(ratio value)

$$\text{i.e. } 2 \longrightarrow 10$$

$$\therefore 1 \longrightarrow 5$$

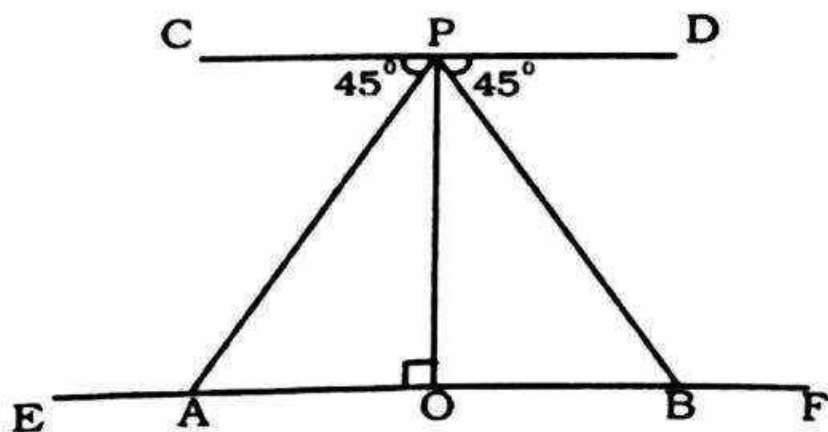
$$\therefore \sqrt{3} \longrightarrow 5\sqrt{3}$$

hence, height of tower (CD) =  $h =$

$$(\text{ratio value} = \sqrt{3}) = 5\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

21.(c) Let CD and EF be the two banks of a river and P be the landmark.

From P draw  $PO \perp AB$ .



As given  $\angle DPB = \angle CPA = 45^\circ$

$$\therefore \angle A = \angle B = 45^\circ$$

$\therefore$  So  $PA = PB$

Thus  $\triangle ABP$  is an isosceles triangle and  $PO \perp AB$  So, O is the mid-point of AB.

$$\therefore AO = OB = 0.5 \text{ km}$$

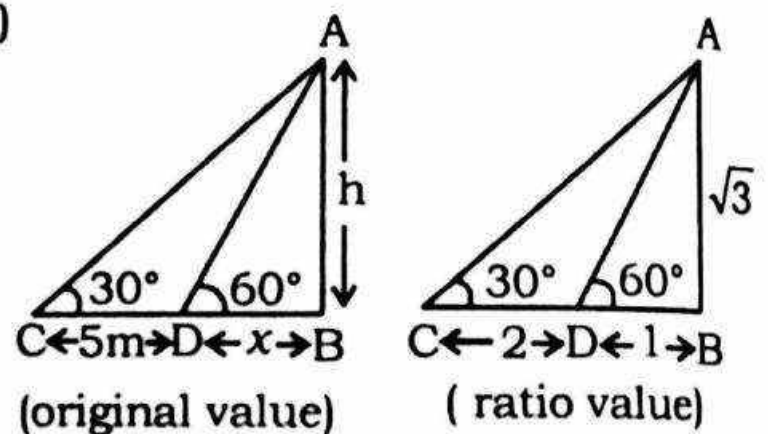
$$\text{In } \triangle OBP, \angle OBP = \angle BPO = 45^\circ$$

$$\therefore PO = BO = 0.5 \text{ km}$$

Hence, the width of the river

$$= 0.5 \text{ km} = 500 \text{ m} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ km}$$

22.(a)



(original value)

(ratio value)

$AB = \text{Pole} = h \text{ metre (let)}$

let  $BD = x \text{ metre}$

Ratio value

Original value

$$CD \rightarrow 2 \longrightarrow 5$$

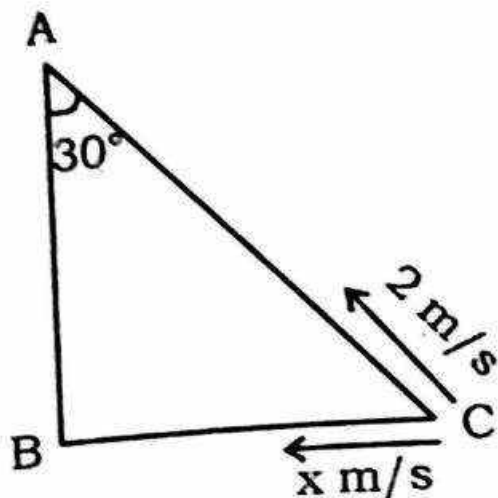
$$\therefore 1 \longrightarrow \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{3} \longrightarrow \frac{5}{2}\sqrt{3}$$

i.e. the height of the pole = AB

$$= h = \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ metre}$$

23.(b)



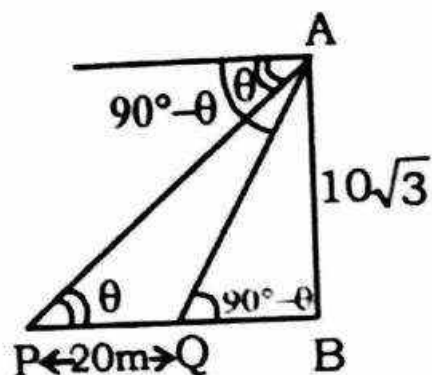
$$\angle C = 90^\circ - 30^\circ = 60^\circ$$

let he approaches the wall at the rate of  $x$  m/s.

$\therefore$  components of 2 m/s in horizontal

$$\text{direction } x = 2 \cos 60^\circ = 2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1 \text{ m/s}$$

24.(c)



$$AB = \text{Building} = 10\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

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

$$\text{let } BQ = x \text{ m}$$

As we know that the two points at a distance of  $a$  and  $b$  from the base of a building respectively, makes angles at the top of the Building which are complementary, then height of building,

$$h = \sqrt{ab}$$

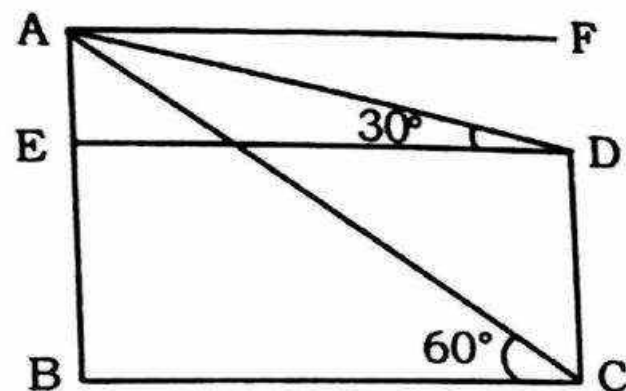
$$\therefore 10\sqrt{3} = \sqrt{x(x+20)}$$

$$\text{or } 300 = x(x+20)$$

On solving we get  $x = 10 \text{ m}$ .

$$\therefore BP = 10 + 20 = 30 \text{ m}$$

25.(b)



$$AB = \text{cliff} = 90 \text{ metre}$$

$$\angle ADE = 30^\circ$$

$$\angle ACB = 60^\circ$$

$$CD = \text{Tower} = h \text{ metre}$$

$$BC = x \text{ metre}$$

From  $\triangle ABC$ ,

$$\tan 60^\circ = \frac{AB}{BC} \Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{90}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{90}{\sqrt{3}} = 30\sqrt{3} \text{ metre}$$

From  $\triangle ADE$ ,

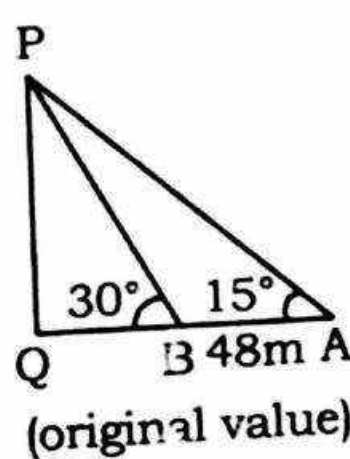
$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{AE}{ED} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{90-h}{30\sqrt{3}}$$

$$[\because ED = x = 30\sqrt{3}]$$

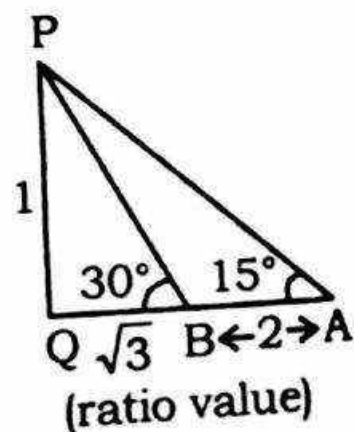
$$\therefore 90 - h = 30$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 90 - 30 = 60 \text{ metre}$$

26.(b)



(original value)

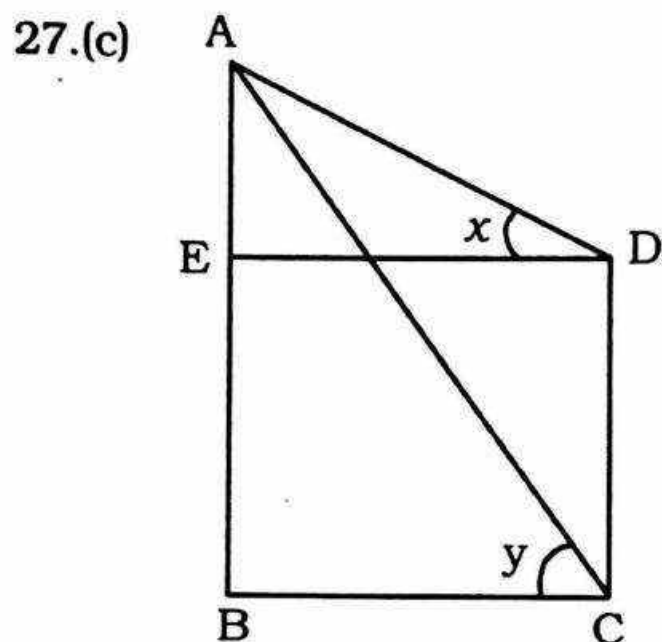


(ratio value)

$$PQ = \text{Tower} = h \text{ metre}$$

Ratio value	Original value
$AB \rightarrow 2$	$\rightarrow 48$
$\therefore 1$	$\rightarrow \frac{48}{2} = 24 \text{ metre}$

i.e. height of the building = PQ  
(ratio value = 1) =  $h = 24 \text{ metre}$ .



CD = tree =  $h \text{ metre}$   
AB = building =  $a \text{ metre}$   
BC = ED =  $b \text{ metre}$

$\therefore$  From  $\Delta AED$ ,

$$\tan x = \frac{AE}{ED} \Rightarrow \tan x = \frac{a - h}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow b = (a - h) \cot x$$

$$\Rightarrow b = a \cot y$$

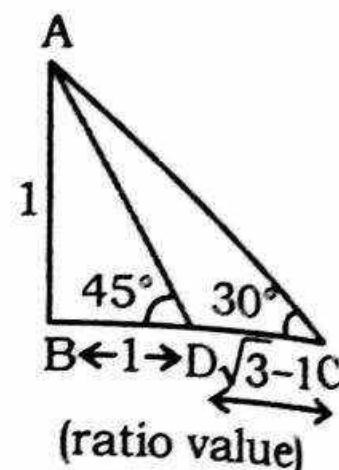
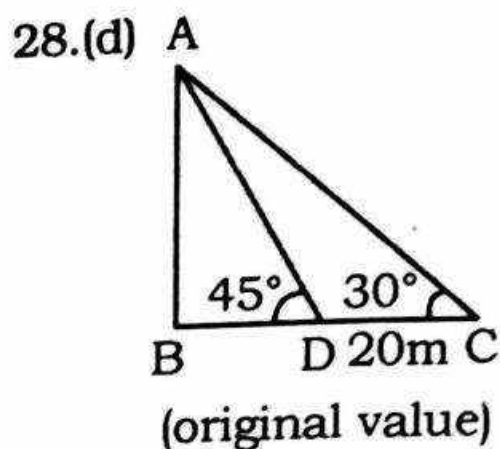
From equations (i) and (ii)

$$(a - h) \cot x = a \cot y$$

$$\Rightarrow a \cot x - h \cot x = a \cot y$$

$$\Rightarrow h \cot x = a (\cot x - \cot y)$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{h \cot x}{\cot x - \cot y}$$



Let AB be a pillar of height  $h \text{ metre}$ .

Ratio value Original value

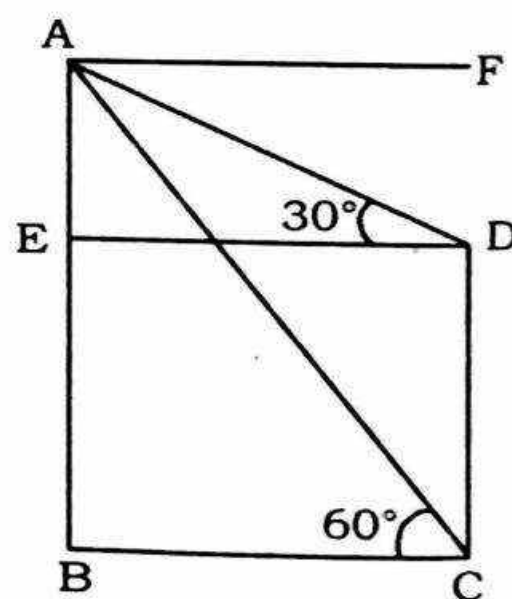
$$CD \rightarrow \sqrt{3} - 1 \rightarrow 20$$

$$\therefore 1 \rightarrow \frac{20}{\sqrt{3} - 1} \times \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{\sqrt{3} + 1}$$

$$= 10 (\sqrt{3} + 1) \text{ metre}$$

29.(b) AB = 108 m  
CD =  $x \text{ metre}$   
From  $\Delta ABC$ ,

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



$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{108}{BC}$$

$$\Rightarrow BC = \frac{108}{\sqrt{3}} = 36\sqrt{3} \text{ m}$$

From  $\Delta AED$ ,

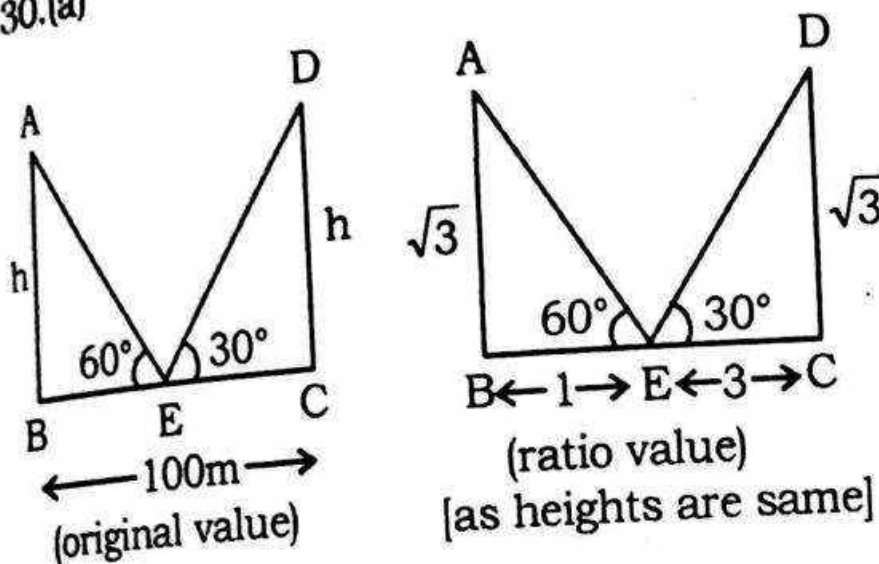
$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{AE}{ED} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{108 - x}{36\sqrt{3}}$$

$$[\because ED = BC = 36\sqrt{3}]$$

$$\Rightarrow 108 - x = 36$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 108 - 36 = 72\text{m}$$

30.(a)



**Ratio value** **Original value**

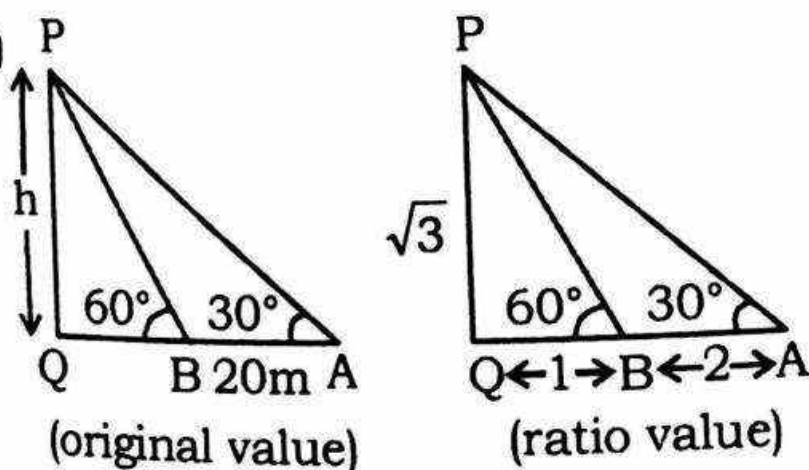
$$BC \rightarrow 4 \longrightarrow 100$$

$$\therefore 1 \longrightarrow 25$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{3} \longrightarrow 25\sqrt{3}$$

$\therefore$  height of each pole =  $h$  (ratio value =  $\sqrt{3}$ ) =  $25\sqrt{3}$

31.(c)



$PQ = \text{Tower} = h$  metre (let)

**Ratio value**

**Original value**

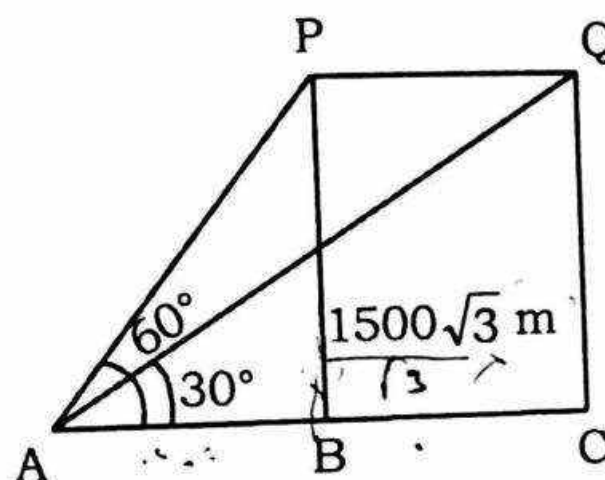
$$AB \rightarrow 2 \longrightarrow 20$$

$$\therefore 1 \longrightarrow 10$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{3} \longrightarrow 10\sqrt{3}$$

i.e. height of the tower =  $h$  (ratio value =  $\sqrt{3}$ ) =  $10\sqrt{3}$  metre.

32.(b)



$P$  &  $Q$  are the positions of the plane.

$$\angle PAB = 60^\circ; \angle QAB = 30^\circ$$

$$PB = 1500\sqrt{3}\text{ m}$$

In  $\triangle ABP$

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

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{1500\sqrt{3}}{AB}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = 1500\text{ metre}$$

In  $\triangle ACQ$

$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{CQ}{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1500\sqrt{3}}{AC}$$

$$= AC = 1500 \times 3$$

$$= 4500\text{ metre}$$

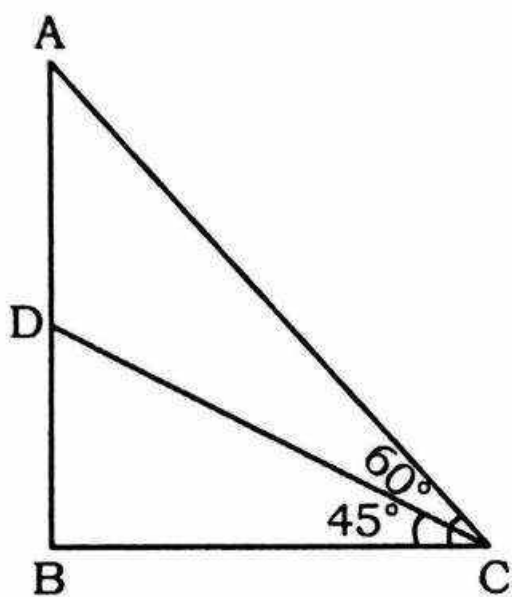
$$PQ = BC = AC - AB$$

$$= 4500 - 1500$$

$$= 3000\text{ metre}$$

$$\therefore \text{Speed of plane} = \frac{3000}{15} = 200 \text{ metre/second}$$

33.(c)  $\angle ACB = 60^\circ$   
 $\angle DCB = 45^\circ$   
 $AB = 5000 \text{ metre}$   
 $AD = x \text{ metre}$   
 $\therefore$  From  $\Delta ABC$ ,  
 $\tan 60^\circ = \frac{AB}{BC}$



$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{5000}{BC}$$

$$\Rightarrow BC = \frac{5000}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ metre}$$

From  $\Delta DBC$ ,

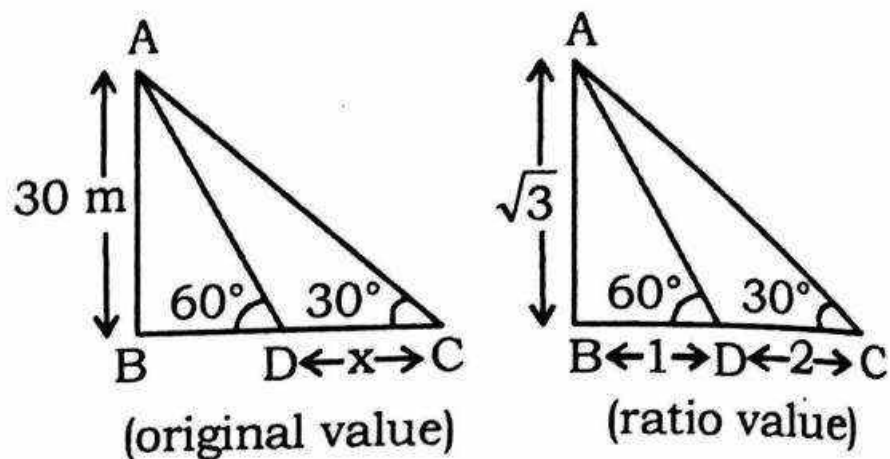
$$\tan 45^\circ = \frac{DB}{BC} \Rightarrow DB = BC = \frac{5000}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\therefore AD = AB - BD = 5000 - \frac{5000}{\sqrt{3}} = 5000 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = 5000 \left( \frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \text{ metre}$$

34.(b)  $\frac{6}{4} = \frac{h}{50}$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{50 \times 6}{4} = 75 \text{ feet}$$

35.(d)

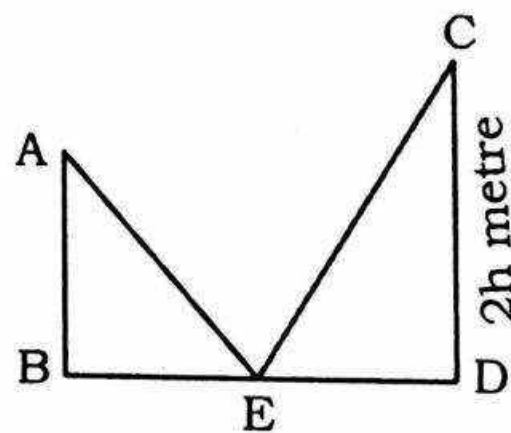


$AB = \text{tower} = 30 \text{ metre}$ , let  $CD = x$  metre

Ratio value	Original value
$AB \rightarrow \sqrt{3}$	30
$\therefore 1$	$\frac{30}{\sqrt{3}} = 10\sqrt{3}$
$\therefore 2$	$20\sqrt{3} \text{ metre}$

$\therefore$  Required distance moved =  $x$  (ratio value = 2) =  $20\sqrt{3} \text{ metre}$ .

36.(d)



$BE = DE = 30 \text{ metre}$

$\angle AEB = \theta$

$\therefore \angle CED = 90^\circ - \theta$

From  $\Delta ABE$ ,

$$\tan \theta = \frac{AB}{BE}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{h}{30}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 30 \tan \theta \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

From  $\Delta CDE$ ,

$$\tan(90^\circ - \theta) = \frac{2h}{30}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cot \theta = \frac{h}{15} \Rightarrow 15 \cot \theta \dots\dots(ii)$$

by multiplying both equations,

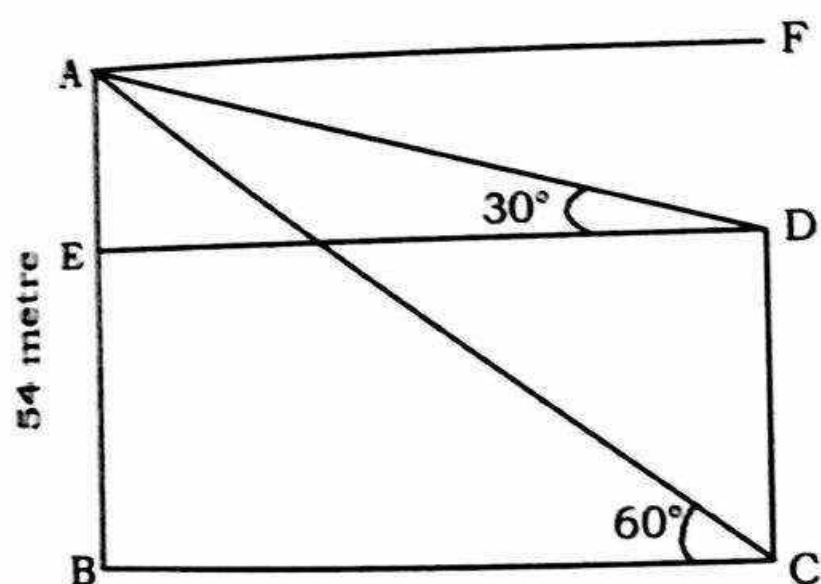
$$h^2 = 30 \times 15$$

$$[\because \tan \theta \cdot \cot \theta = 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 15\sqrt{2} \text{ metre} = AB$$

$$\Rightarrow 2h = 30\sqrt{2} \text{ metre} = CD$$

37.(b)



AB = temple = 54 metre

CD = temple = h metre

BC = width of river = x metre

From  $\Delta ABC$ ,

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

$$\Rightarrow BC = \frac{54}{\sqrt{3}} = 18\sqrt{3} \text{ metre}$$

From  $\Delta ADE$ ,

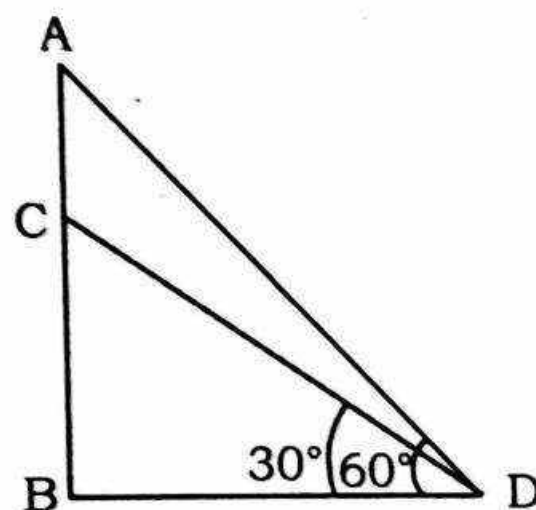
$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{AE}{DE} \quad [\because DE = BC = 18\sqrt{3}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{54 - h}{18\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 54 - h = 18$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 54 - 18 = 36 \text{ metre}$$

38.(d)



A and C  $\Rightarrow$  position of planes

BC = 3125 m

AC = x metre

In  $\Delta ABD$ ,

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

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{3125 + x}{BD}$$

$$\Rightarrow BD = \frac{3125 + x}{\sqrt{3}}$$

In  $\Delta BCD$ ,

$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{BC}{BD}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{3125}{\frac{3125 + x}{\sqrt{3}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(3125) = 3125 + x$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 9375 - 3125$$

$$x = 6250 \text{ metre}$$

### Solution - III

- 1.(a) Let P be the position of the aeroplane and A, B, given km stones on the road. Then as given

$$\angle PAB = \alpha \text{ and } \angle PBA = \beta$$

If height of the aeroplane from the road be  $PQ=h$  then,

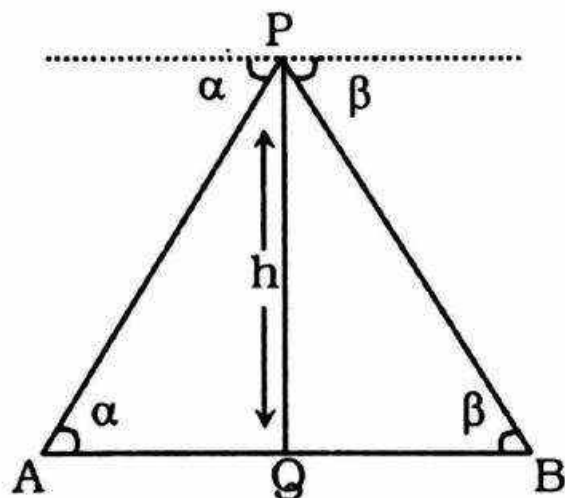
$$\frac{h}{AQ} = \tan \alpha \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{h}{BQ} = \tan \beta$$

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

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

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



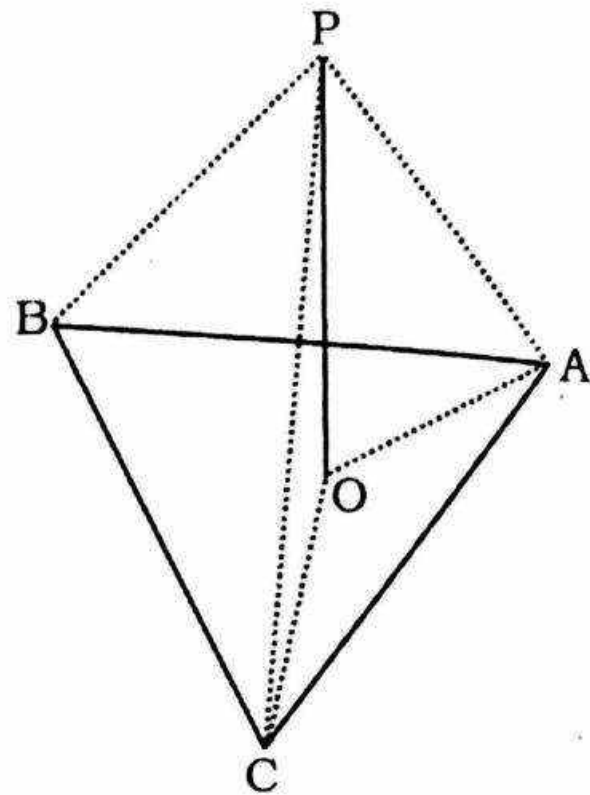
- 2.(b) Let O be the centre of the equilateral  $\triangle ABC$  and OP the tower of height h. Then each of the  $\triangle PAB$ ,  $\triangle PBC$  and  $\triangle PCA$  equilateral. Thus,  $PA = PB = PC = a$ . Therefore from right-angle triangle POA, we have

$$PA^2 = PO^2 + OA^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = h^2 + \left( \frac{a}{2} \sec 30^\circ \right)^2$$

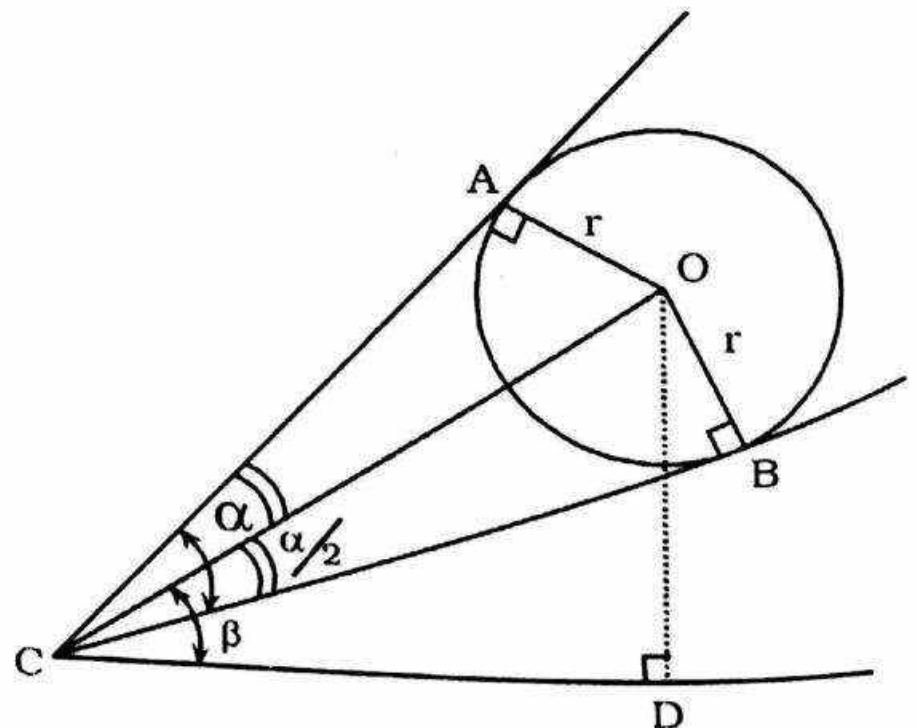
$$= h^2 + \frac{a^2}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{3} = h^2 + \frac{a^2}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{3} a^2 = h^2 \Rightarrow 2a^2 = 3h^2$$



- 3.(a) Let O be the centre of balloon of radius r. The observer's eye is at C, s.t.  $\angle ACB = \alpha$  and  $\angle OCD = \beta$  clearly, CA and CB are tangents to the circle. so  $\angle ACO = \angle BCO = \frac{\alpha}{2}$

In right angled  $\triangle OBC$ ,



$$\sin \frac{\alpha}{2} = \frac{OB}{OC} \Rightarrow OC = \frac{OB}{\sin \frac{\alpha}{2}} = r \operatorname{cosec} \frac{\alpha}{2}$$

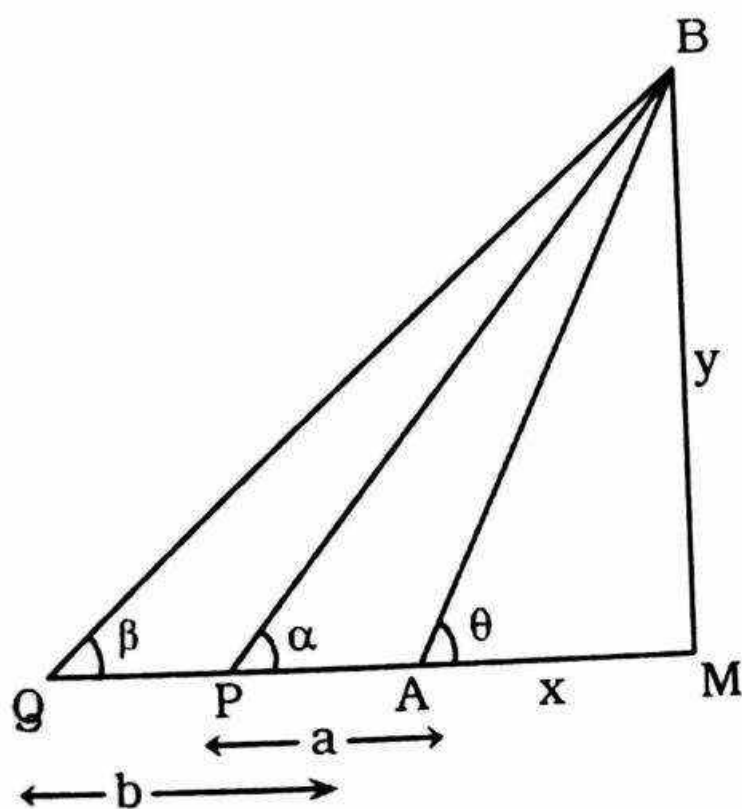
In right angled  $\triangle OCD$ ,

$$\sin \beta = \frac{OD}{OC} \Rightarrow OD = OC \sin \beta = r \operatorname{cosec} \frac{\alpha}{2} \cdot \sin \beta$$

$\therefore$  Height of the centre of the balloon is

$$r \sin \beta \cdot \operatorname{cosec} \frac{\alpha}{2}$$

- 4.(c) Let AB be the tower and its inclination from the horizontal is  $\theta$ .  
Let AM = x and BM = y.  
In  $\triangle BMP$ ,



$$\cot \alpha = \frac{PM}{BM} = \frac{a+x}{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow a+x = y \cot \alpha \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

In  $\triangle BQM$ ,

$$\cot \beta = \frac{QM}{BM} = \frac{b+x}{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow b+x = y \cot \beta \dots \dots \dots (ii)$$

Subtracting (ii) from (i)

$$a-b = y(\cot \alpha - \cot \beta)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{a-b}{\cot \alpha - \cot \beta}$$

Now from (i)-

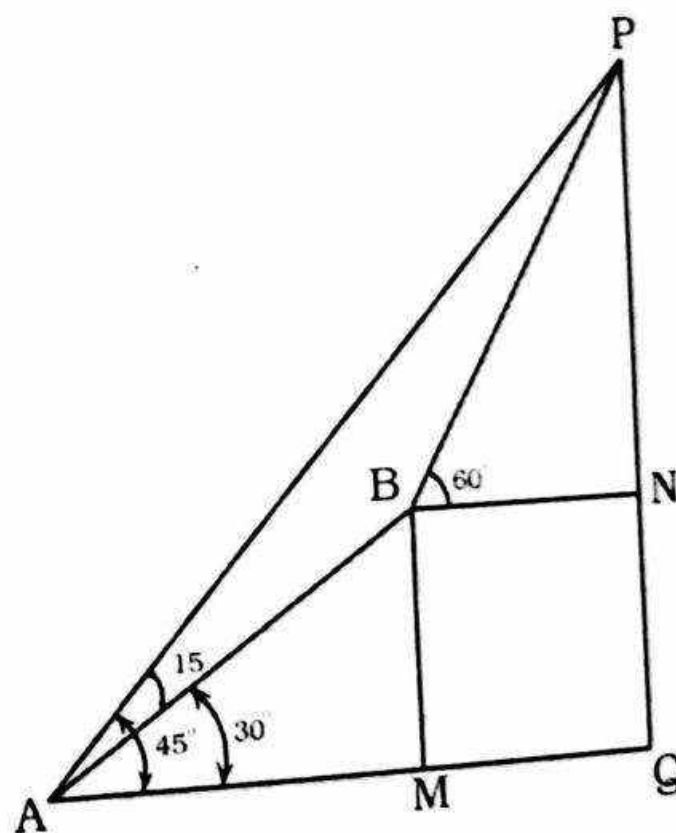
$$x = y \cot \alpha - a = \frac{(a-b) \cot \alpha}{\cot \alpha - \cot \beta} - a$$

$$= \frac{a \cot \beta - b \cot \alpha}{\cot \alpha - \cot \beta}$$

$$\text{In } \triangle ABM, \cot \theta = \frac{x}{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cot \theta = \frac{\frac{a \cot \beta - b \cot \alpha}{\cot \alpha - \cot \beta}}{\frac{a-b}{\cot \alpha - \cot \beta}} = \frac{b \cot \alpha - a \cot \beta}{b-a}$$

- 5.(a) Suppose P be the summit of the mountain and Q be the foot.



Here,  $BN \perp PQ$  and  $BM \perp AQ$ .

$AB = 4 \text{ km}$ ,  $\angle MAB = 30^\circ$ .

$\angle MAP = 45^\circ$

$\angle NBP = 60^\circ \therefore \angle BAP = 15^\circ$

and  $\angle APQ = 45^\circ$

and  $\angle BPN = 30^\circ$

$\therefore \angle APB = 15^\circ$

$\therefore \triangle ABP$  is isosceles and

$$AB = BP = 4 \text{ km}$$

In  $\triangle PBN$ ,

$$PN = BP \sin 60^\circ$$

In  $\triangle ABM$ ,

$$BM = AB \sin 30^\circ$$

$$\therefore PQ = PN + NQ = PN + BM$$

$$= BP \sin 60^\circ + AB \sin 30^\circ$$

$$= 4 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + 4 \frac{1}{2} = 4 \left( \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2} \right)$$

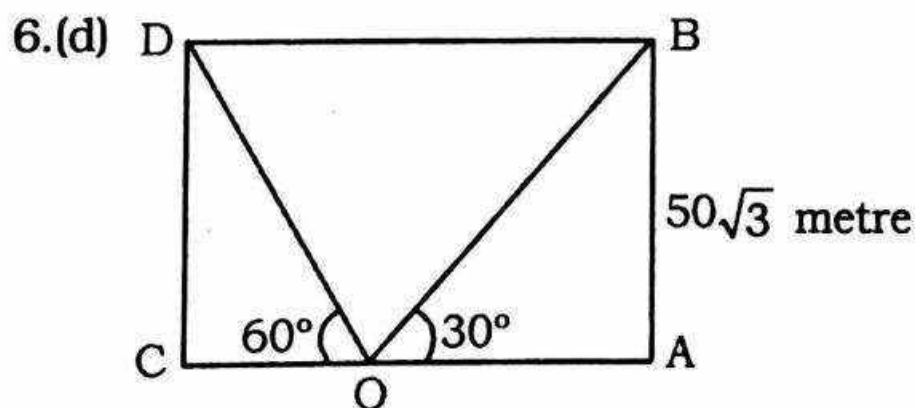
$$= 2(\sqrt{3} + 1) \text{ km}$$

$\therefore$  Height of the mountain is

$$= 2(\sqrt{3} + 1) \text{ km}$$

**Short-cut :-**

$$PQ = AB \left( \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2} \right) = 4 \left( \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2} \right) = 2(\sqrt{3} + 1) \text{ km}$$



$$AB = CD = 50\sqrt{3} \text{ metre}$$

From  $\triangle OAB$ ,

$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{AB}{OA}$$

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

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$$\Rightarrow OA = 50\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3} = 150 \text{ metre}$$

From  $\triangle OCD$ ,

$$\tan 60^\circ = \frac{CD}{OC}$$

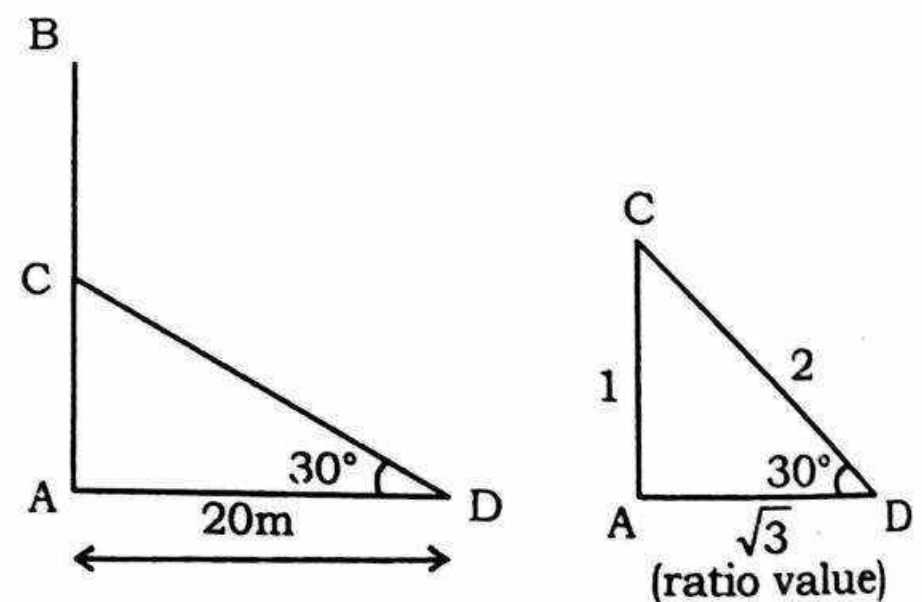
$$\sqrt{3} = \frac{50\sqrt{3}}{OC} \Rightarrow OC = 50 \text{ metre}$$

$$\therefore BD = AC = 150 + 50 = 200 \text{ metre}$$

$$\therefore \text{Speed of bird} = \frac{200}{2} = 100 \text{ m/minute}$$

$$= \frac{100}{1000} \times 60 \text{ kmph} = 6 \text{ kmph}$$

7.(a)



AB = Pole

BC = CD = broken part of pole

AD = 20 m

**Ratio value**

**Original value**

$$AD \rightarrow \sqrt{3} \longrightarrow 20$$

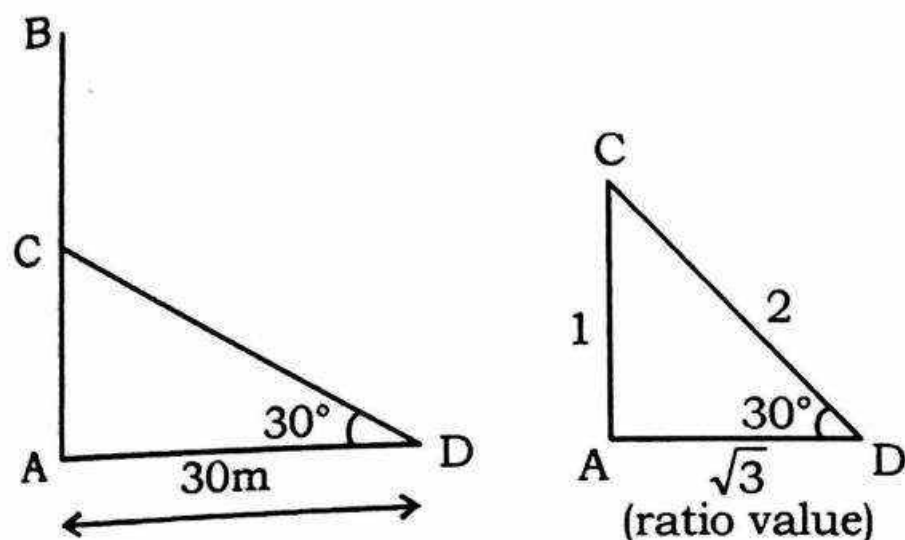
$$\therefore AC \rightarrow 1 \longrightarrow \frac{20}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\therefore CD \rightarrow 2 \longrightarrow \frac{40}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\therefore AC + CD = \frac{20}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{40}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{60}{\sqrt{3}} = 20\sqrt{3} \text{ metre}$$

i.e. height of the pole =  $AB = AC + CD = 20\sqrt{3}$  metre.

8.(b)

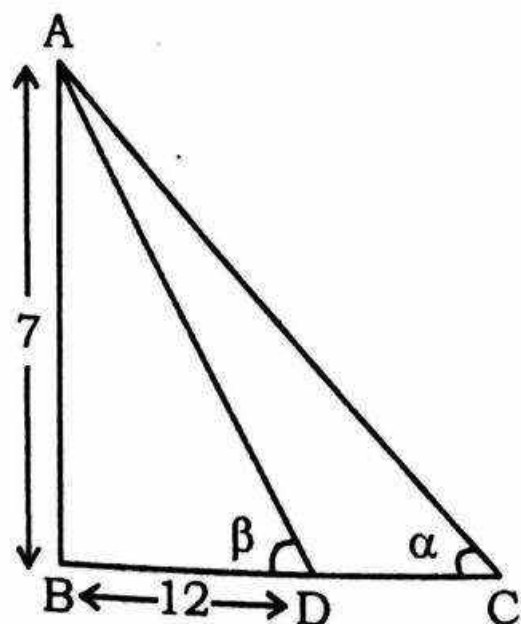


AB = tree  
BC = CD = broken part of tree  
AD = 30 m

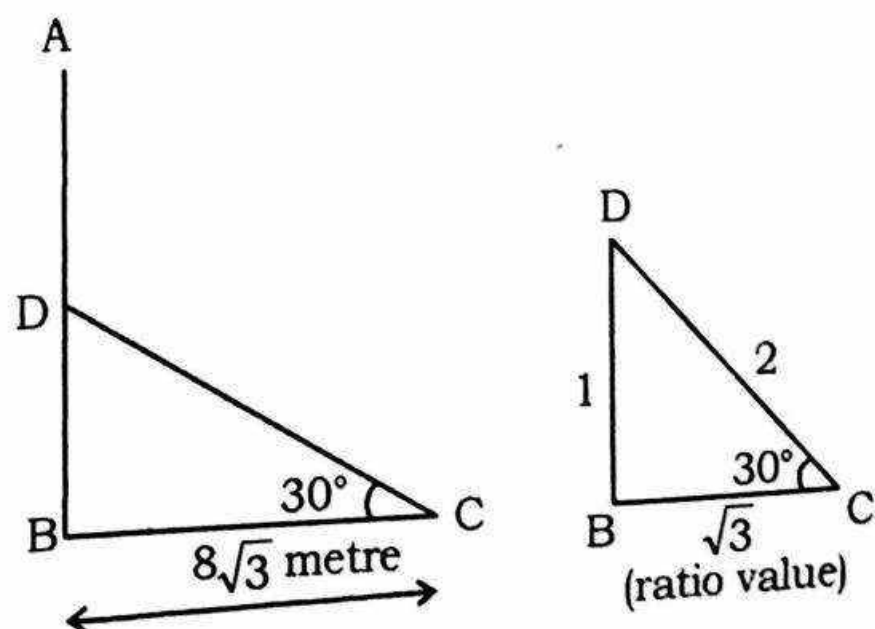
Ratio value	Original value
AD $\rightarrow \sqrt{3}$	30
$\therefore AC \rightarrow 1$	$\frac{20}{\sqrt{3}} = 10\sqrt{3}$
$\therefore CD \rightarrow 2$	$20\sqrt{3}$

Height of the tree =  $AB = AC + BC = AC + CD = 10\sqrt{3} + 20\sqrt{3} = 30\sqrt{3}$  metre.

9.(c)



10.(c)



AB = telegraph post  
AD = CD = broken part of the post

AB = monument = h metre  
DC = 138 metre

Given that,  $\tan \alpha = \frac{1}{5}$

$$\text{and } \sec \beta = \frac{\sqrt{193}}{12} = \frac{AD}{BD}$$

$$\therefore AB = \sqrt{AD^2 - BD^2} = \sqrt{193 - 144}$$

$$\text{or } AB = \sqrt{49} = 7$$

$$\text{Also, } \tan \alpha = \frac{1}{5} = \frac{AB}{BC}$$

but  $AB = 7$  [according to  $\sec \beta$ ]

$$\therefore BC = 5 \times 7 = 35 \text{ (by ratio)}$$

$$\therefore DC = BC - BD = 35 - 12 = 27$$

**Ratio value** **Original value**

DC $\rightarrow 27$	$\longrightarrow$	138
$\therefore 1$	$\longrightarrow$	$\frac{138}{27} = 6$
$\therefore 7$	$\longrightarrow$	42 metres
$\therefore$ height of the monument = h (ratio value = 7) = 42 metre.		

$$BC = 8\sqrt{3} \text{ metre}$$

Ratio value	Original value
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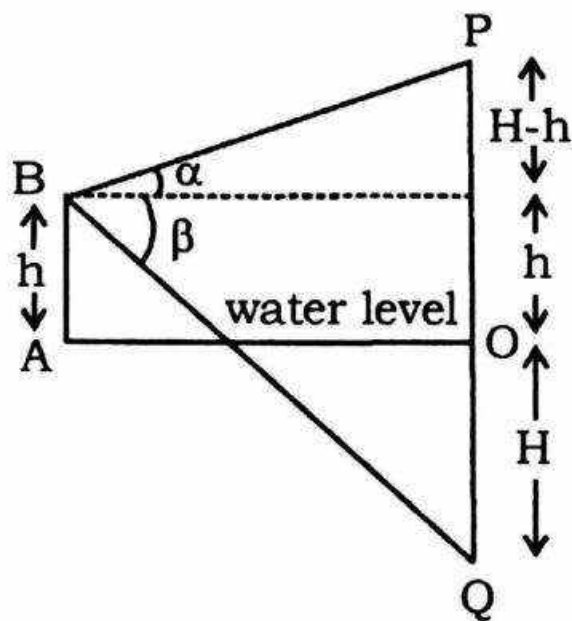
$BC \rightarrow \sqrt{3}$	$\longrightarrow 8\sqrt{3}$
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$\therefore BD \rightarrow 1$	$\longrightarrow \frac{8\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}}$
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and $CD \rightarrow 2$	$\longrightarrow 16$
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$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{height of the telegraph post} &= AB \\ &= BD + AD \\ &= BD + CD \\ &= 8 + 16 \\ &= 24 \text{ metre.} \end{aligned}$$

- 11.(d) Let P be the cloud at height H above the level of the water in the lake Q its image in the water.



$$\therefore OQ = OP = H$$

B is at a point at a height  $AB = h$ , above the water, Angle of elevation of P and depression of Q from B are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  respectively.

In  $\triangle PBM$ ,

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{H - h}{BM}$$

$$\therefore BM = (H - h) \cot \alpha \quad \dots\dots(i)$$

In  $\triangle QMB$ ,

$$\tan \beta = \frac{QM}{BM}$$

$$\therefore BM = (H + h) \cot \beta \quad \dots\dots(ii)$$

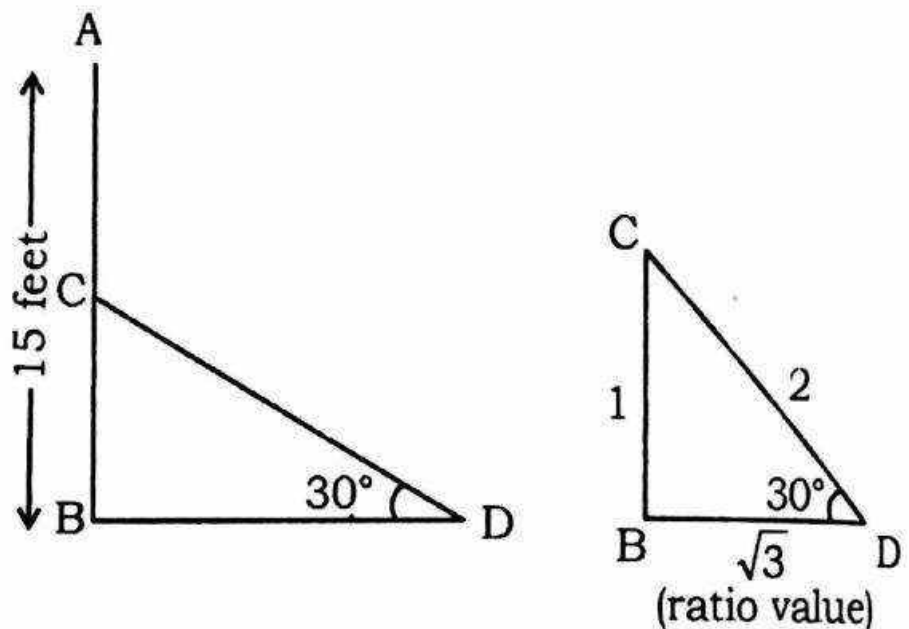
From equations (i) and (ii),

$$(H - h) \cot \alpha = (H + h) \cot \beta$$

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

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

12.(b)



$$AB = \text{Post} = 15 \text{ feet}$$

$$AC = CD = \text{Broken part of the post}$$

$$\therefore AC = CD$$

$$\therefore AB = BC + AC = BC + CD$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{ratio value of } AB &= \text{Ratio value of } (BC + CD) \\ &= 1 + 2 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

Ratio value	Original value
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$AB \rightarrow 3$	$\longrightarrow 15$
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$\therefore BC \rightarrow 1$	$\longrightarrow \frac{15}{3} = 5 \text{ feet}$
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i.e. the required height = BC (ratio value = 1) = 5 feet.