1. Calculation Tricks

1.1 List of Important Fractions

You get many questions in the exams based on Percentage, Profit, Interest etc. in which you have to calculate, say 87.5 % of 800, 58.33 % of 2400 etc.

Calculating these values with the help of traditional methods is time-consuming. If you apply the fraction approach, you can crack these easily i.e., if you know that 87.5 % is just $7/8^{\text{th}}$ of the number and 58.33 % is $7/12^{\text{th}}$ of the number, then it becomes easy to calculate.

Given below are the important fractions, which you should remember:

| % age | Fraction | % age | Fraction |
|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 50 % | ¹ / ₂ | 55 ⁵ / ₉ % | ⁵ /9 |

| 33 ¹ / ₃ % | ¹ / ₃ | 77 ⁷ / ₉ % | ⁷ /9 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 66 ² / ₃ % | ² / ₃ | 88 ⁸ / ₉ % | ⁸ /9 |
| 25 % | 1/4 | | |
| 75 % | ³ / ₄ | 9 ¹ / ₁₁ % | ¹ / ₁₁ |
| 20 % | ¹ / ₅ | 18 ² / ₁₁ % | ² / ₁₁ |
| 40 % | ² / ₅ | 27 ³ / ₁₁ % | ³ / ₁₁ |
| 60 % | ³ / ₅ | 36 ⁴ / ₁₁ % | ⁴ / ₁₁ |
| 80 % | ⁴ / ₅ | 45 ⁵ / ₁₁ % | ⁵ / ₁₁ |
| | | 54 ⁶ / ₁₁ % | ⁶ / ₁₁ |
| 16 ² / ₃ % | ¹ / ₆ | 63 ⁷ / ₁₁ % | ⁷ / ₁₁ |
| 83 ¹ / ₃ % | ⁵ / ₆ | 72 ⁸ / ₁₁ % | ⁸ / ₁₁ |
| $14^{2}/_{7}\%$ | ¹ / ₇ | 81 ⁹ / ₁₁ % | ⁹ / ₁₁ |

| | | 90 ¹⁰ / ₁₁ % | ¹⁰ / ₁₁ |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 12 ¹ / ₂ % | ¹ / ₈ | | |
| 37 ¹ / ₂ % | ³ / ₈ | 8 ¹ / ₃ % | ¹ / ₁₂ |
| 62 ¹ / ₂ % | ⁵ / ₈ | 41 ² / ₃ % | ⁵ / ₁₂ |
| 87 ¹ / ₂ % | ⁷ / ₈ | 58 ¹ / ₃ % | ⁷ / ₁₂ |
| | | 91 ² / ₃ % | ¹¹ / ₁₂ |
| 11 ¹ / ₉ % | ¹ / ₉ | 6 ² / ₃ % | ¹ / ₁₅ |
| 22 ² / ₉ % | ² / ₉ | 6 ¹ / ₄ % | ¹ / ₁₆ |
| 44 ⁴ / ₉ % | ⁴ / ₉ | 5 % | ¹ / ₂₀ |

Anything doubles to increase by 100 % and becomes 200%.

Anything trebles to increase by 200 % and becomes 300 %.

1.2 Important Tables, Squares & Cubes In order to be good at mathematics, you have to be good at calculations. For improving calculations, you have to be good at numbers and tables. You should start with tables and make it the most important part of your preparation.

Tables:

Learn all these tables by heart and see how you improve your calculation speed.

| Table | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| T×1 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| T×2 | 24 | 26 | 28 | 30 | 32 | 34 | 36 | 38 |
| T×3 | 36 | 39 | 42 | 45 | 48 | 51 | 54 | 57 |
| T×4 | 48 | 52 | 56 | 60 | 64 | 68 | 72 | 76 |
| T×5 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 75 | 80 | 85 | 90 | 95 |
| T×6 | 72 | 78 | 84 | 90 | 96 | 102 | 108 | 114 |
| T×7 | 84 | 91 | 98 | 105 | 112 | 119 | 126 | 133 |
| T×8 | 96 | 104 | 112 | 120 | 128 | 136 | 144 | 152 |
| T×9 | 108 | 117 | 126 | 135 | 144 | 153 | 162 | 171 |

Squares: Learn these squares by heart.

| Z | Z ² | Z | Z ² | Z | Z ² |
|----|----------------|----|----------------|----|----------------|
| 1 | 1 | 13 | 169 | 25 | 625 |
| 2 | 4 | 14 | 196 | 26 | 676 |
| 3 | 9 | 15 | 225 | 27 | 729 |
| 4 | 16 | 16 | 256 | 28 | 784 |
| 5 | 25 | 17 | 289 | 29 | 841 |
| 6 | 36 | 18 | 324 | 30 | 900 |
| 7 | 49 | 19 | 361 | 31 | 961 |
| 8 | 64 | 20 | 400 | 32 | 1024 |
| 9 | 81 | 21 | 441 | 33 | 1089 |
| 10 | 100 | 22 | 484 | 34 | 1156 |

| 11 | 121 | 23 | 529 | 35 | 1225 | |
|----|-----|----|-----|----|------|--|
| 12 | 144 | 24 | 576 | | | |

Cubes: Learn these cubes by heart.

| Y | Y ³ | Y | Y ³ |
|----|----------------|----|----------------|
| 1 | 1 | 12 | 1728 |
| 2 | 8 | 13 | 2197 |
| 3 | 27 | 14 | 2744 |
| 4 | 64 | 15 | 3375 |
| 5 | 125 | 16 | 4096 |
| 6 | 216 | 17 | 4913 |
| 7 | 343 | 18 | 5832 |
| 8 | 512 | 19 | 6859 |
| 9 | 729 | 20 | 8000 |
| 10 | 1000 | 21 | 9261 |

| 11 1331 22 10648 | | | | |
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