

DIRECTION SENSE

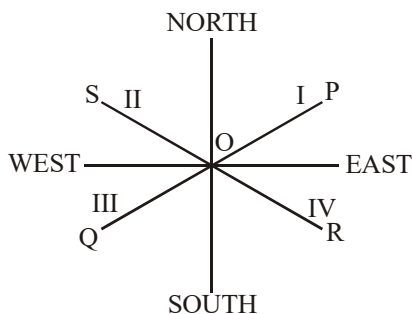
1 CHAPTER

➤ Definition

Mental ability is the ability to distinguish between right and wrong, to judge the minutest difference and to adapt to the ever changing environment, the wit to master the situation, the capacity to learn and to put past experience to the most advantageous use in future and the ability to distinguish between important, less important and more important.

There are four directions such as North, South, East and West. The word NEWS came from North, East, West and South. There are four regions :

- (i) North-East; (ii) North-West; (iii) South-East; (iv) South-West.



The directions OP, OS, OQ and OR are -

North-East direction; North-West direction; South-West direction; and South-East direction respectively.

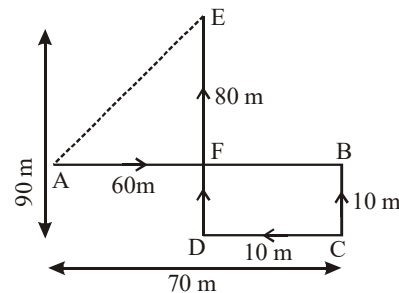
Note : The candidate must distinguish between the regions and directions, i.e., between North-East region and north-East direction. If you move with your face East-wards, your left hand is towards North and your right hand is towards South. Similarly the positions of the directions of the hands can be fixed when you move in any of the other three directions.

❖ EXAMPLES ❖

- Ex.1** Sanjay went 70 metres in the East before turning to his right. He went 10 metres before turning to his right again and went 10 metres from this point. From here he went 90 metres to the North. How far was he from the starting point ?

- (A) 80 metres (B) 100 metres
(C) 140 metres (D) 260 metres

Sol.



The movement of Sanjay from A to E are as shown in figure.

$$\text{Now, } AF = (AB - FB) \\ = (AB - DC) = (70 - 10) \text{ m} = 60 \text{ m}$$

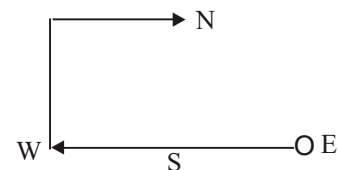
$$EF = (DE - DF) = (DE - BC) \\ = (90 - 10) \text{ m} = 80 \text{ m}.$$

$$\text{Required distance} = AE = \sqrt{AF^2 + EF^2} \\ = \sqrt{(60)^2 + (80)^2} = 100 \text{ m}$$

- Ex.2** I start from my home and go two kilometres straight. Then I turn towards my right and go one kilometre. I turn again towards my right and go one kilometre again. If I am North-west from my house then in which direction did I go in the beginning ?

- (A) North (B) South
(C) East (D) West

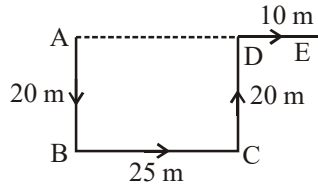
Sol. The following diagrams clarifies my movements.



- Ex.3** Raj walked 20 metres towards South. Then he turned to his left and walked 25 metres. He then turned to his left and walked 20 metres. He again turned to his right and walked 10 metres. At what distance is he from the starting point and in which direction ?

- (A) 35 metres, East (B) 35 metres, North
(C) 40 metres, East (D) 60 metres, East

Sol.(A)



The movements of Raj are as shown in figure

\therefore Raj's distance from starting point A

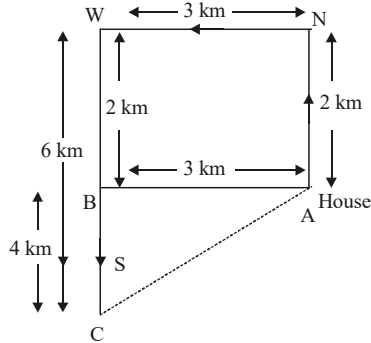
$$= AE = (AD + DE)$$

$$= (BC + DE) = (25 + 10) \text{ m} = 35 \text{ m}$$

So, E is to the east of A

Ex.4 Mohan started from his house, walked 2 km North, then 3 km West, then 6 km South. How faraway from his house was he then ?

Sol. See the figure.



$$(AC)^2 = (AB)^2 + (BC)^2$$

$$= 9 + 16$$

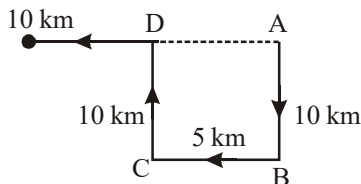
$$= 5 \text{ km.}$$

Ans.

Ex.5 Anil left home and cycled 10 km Southwards, turned right and cycled 5 km & turned right and cycled 10 km and turned left and cycled 10 km. How many kilometres will he have to cycle to reach his home straight ?

- (A) 10 km (B) 15 km
(C) 20 km (D) 25 km

Sol.



Clearly, Anil starts from home at A, moves 10 km Southwards upto B, turns right and moves 5 km upto C, turns right again and moves 10 km upto D and finally turns left and moves 10 km upto E. Thus, his distance from initial position A

$$= AE = AD + DE$$

$$= BC + DE = (5 + 10) \text{ km} = 15 \text{ km.}$$

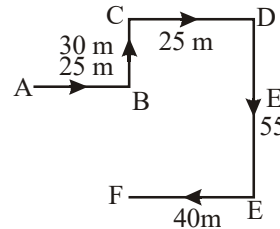
Hence, the answer is (B).

Ex.6

Amit faces towards North. Turning to his right he walks 25 metres. He then turns to his left and walks 30 metres. Next, he moves 25 metres to his right. He then turns to his right again and walks 55 metres. Finally, he turns to the right and moves 40 metres. In which direction is he now from his starting point ?

- (A) South-West (B) South
(C) North-West (D) South-East

Sol.



Amit turns towards right from North direction. So, he walks 25 m towards East upto B, turns left and moves 30 m upto C, turns right and moves 25 m upto D. At D he turns to right towards the South and walks 55 m upto E. Next, he again turns to right and walks 40 m upto F. Which is his final position. F is to the South-East of A. A So, he is to the South-East from his starting point. Hence, the answer is (D).

Ex.7

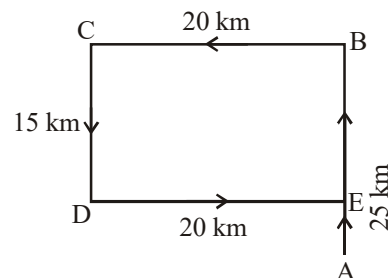
From his house, Rajan went 25 kms to the North. Then he turned West and covered 20 kms. Then he turned South and covered 15 Kms/ Finally, turning to East, he covered 20 kms. In which direction was he from his house ?

- (A) East (B) West (C) North (D) South

Sol.

The movements of Rajan are as shown in figure. (A to B, B to C, C to D and D to E)

Clearly, his final position is E which is to the

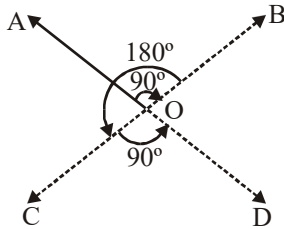


North of his house at A.

Ex.8 A man is facing North-West. He turns 90° in the clockwise direction, then 180° in the anticlockwise direction and then another 90° in the same direction. Which direction is he facing now ?

- (A) South (B) North -West
(C) West (D) South-West

Sol.

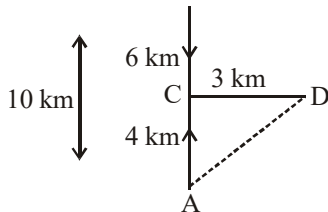


As shown in figure the man initially faces in the direction OA. On moving 90° clockwise, he faces in the direction OB. On further moving 180° anticlockwise, he faces in the direction OC. Finally on moving 90° anticlockwise, he faces in the direction OD, which is South-East.

Ex.9 Kishan walks 10 km towards North. From there, he walks 6 km towards South. Then, he walks 3 km towards East. How far and in which direction is he with reference to his starting point ?

- (A) 5 km, North (B) 5 km, North-East
(C) 7 km, East (D) 7 km, West

Sol.



The movements of kishan are as shown in figure (A to B, B to C and C to D).

$AC = (AB - BC) = (10 - 6) \text{ km} = 4 \text{ km}$.
Clearly, D is to the North-East of A.

\therefore Kishan's distance from starting point A

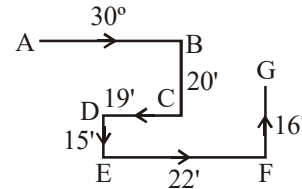
$$= AD = \sqrt{AC^2 + CD^2} = \sqrt{4^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{25} = 5 \text{ km}$$

So, kishan is 5km to the North-East of his starting point.

Ex.10 A rabbit run 30° towards East and turns to right, runs $20'$ and turns to right; runs $19'$ and again turns to left, runs $15'$ and then turns to left, runs $22'$ and finally turns to left and runs $16'$. Now, which direction is the rabbit facing ?

- (A) East (B) West
(C) North (D) South

Sol.



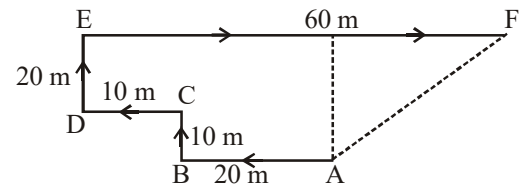
The movement of the rabbit from A to G are as show in figure. So, the rabbit's face is in North direction at the end of runs.

Ex.11 I am facing South. I turn right and walk 20 m. Then I turn right again and walk 10 m. Then I turn left and walk 10 m and then turning right walk 20 m. Then I turn right again and walk 60 m. In which direction am I from the starting point ?

- (A) North (B) North-west
(C) East (D) North-East

Sol.

The movement of the person are from A to F, as shown in figure. Clearly, the final position is F which is to the North-East of the starting point A.



Exercise

- Q.1** A man leaves for his office from his house. He walks towards East. After moving a distance of 20 m, he turns towards South and walks 10 m. Then he walks 35 m towards the West and further 5 m towards the North. He then turns towards East and walks 15 m. What is the straight distance in metres between his initial and final positions ?
(A) 0
(B) 5
(C) 10
(D) cannot be determined
- Q.2** Kashish goes 30 metres North, then turns right and walks 40 metres, then again turns right and walks 20 metres, then again turns right and walks 40 metres. How many metres is he from his original position ?
(A) 0 (B) 10
(C) 20 (D) 40
- Q.3** Raj travelled from a point X straight to Y at a distance of 80 metres. He turned right and walked 50 metres, then again turned right and walked 70 metres. Finally, he turned right and walked 50 metres. How far is he from the starting point ?
(A) 10 metres (B) 20 metres
(C) 50 metres (D) 70 metres
- Q.4** A walks 10 metres in front and 10 metres to the right. Then every time turning to his left, he walks 5, 15 and 15 metres respectively. How far is he now from his starting point ?
(A) 5 metres (B) 10 metres
(C) 15 metres (D) 20 metres
- Q.5** Rasik walks 20 m North. Then he turns right and walks 30 m. Then he turns right and walks 35 m. Then he turns left and walks 15 m. Then he again turns left and walks 15 m. In which direction and how many metres away is he from his original position ?
(A) 15 metres West (B) 30 metres East
(C) 30 metres West (D) 45 metres East
- Q.6** Kamlesh starts walking towards North-East after walking 60 m, he turns to the left and walks 30 m, Again he turns to the right and walk a distance of 40 m straight. Now he turns to the South-West and walks a distance of 100 m. Where is Kamlesh situated now from starting point ?
(A) 60 m North (B) 40 m South-West
(C) 50 m South-East (D) 30 North-West
- Q.7** Vijay starts walking straight towards East. After walking 75 metres he turns to the left and walks 25 metres straight. Again he turns to the left and walks a distance of 40 metres straight. Again he turns to the left and walks a distance of 25 metres. How far is he from the starting point ?
(A) 140 metres (B) 50 metres
(C) 35 metres (D) 115 metres
- Q.8** From the starting point A, Rahim goes 10 metres East then 10 metres North reaching the foot of a vertical pole 5 metres high, on the top of which a red blinking light is fitted. What is the actual distance in metre of the red light as observed from A ?
(A) 20 (B) 18
(C) 15 (D) 10

- Q.9** Four boys A, B, C and D are up on the ladder. A is further up the ladder than B. B is between A and C. If D is further up than A, who is the third from the bottom ?
 (A) B (B) C
 (C) A (D) D
- Q.10** Reeta drives to North of her place of stay at A and finds after traveling 25 km that she has driven in the wrong direction. She then turns to the right and travels 2 km and then again turns right and drives straight another 25 km. How much distance she has to cover to go back to the point from where she started ?
 (A) 25 km (B) 2 km
 (C) 4 km (D) 50 km
- Q.11** Five persons A, B, C, D and E are standing in a row. B is between A and C and D is between C and E. If the distance of C from B is equal to the distance of D from C, what is the relation between the distances of A to B and B to E ?
 (A) Both are equal
 (B) A B is smaller than B E
 (C) There is no relation in A B and B E
 (D) Nothing can be said about it
- Q.12** A man starts walking towards South. After walking 10 m, he turns left at right angles, then after 15 m he again turns left at right angles. In what direction is he finally walking ?
 (A) North (B) South
 (C) East (D) West
- Q.13** The post office is in the East of the school while my house is in the South of the school. The market is in the North of the post office. If the distance of the market from the post office is equal to the distance of my house from the school, in which direction is the market with respect to my house ?
 (A) North (B) East
 (C) North-East (D) South-West
- Q.14** Deepak starts walking straight towards east. After walking 75 metres, he turns to the left and walks 25 metres straight. Again he turns to the left, walks a distance of 40 metres straight, Again he turns to the left and walks a distance of 25 metres. How far is he from the starting point ?
 (A) 25 metres (B) 50 metres
 (C) 140 metres (D) None of these
- Q.15** Six boys are so standing that they form a circle each facing the centre. Alope is to the left of Prabhat. Sunil is between Ashok and Vikash. Hari is between Alope and Ashok. Who is the the left of Vikash ?
 (A) Prabhat (B) Hari
 (C) Ashok (D) Sunil
- Q.16** I am facing South. I turn right and walks 20 m. Then I turn right again and walk 10 m. Then I turn left and walk 10 m and then turning right walk 20 m. Then I turn right again and walk 60 m. In which direction am I from the starting point ?
 (A) North (B) North-West
 (C) East (D) North-East
- Q.17** Shaloo ran 20 m to the east, then he turned left and walked for 15 m, then turned right and went 25 m and then turned right again and went 15 m. How far was Shaloo from the starting point ?
 (A) 45 m (B) 35 m
 (C) 25 m (D) 15 m
- Q.18** Two ladies and two men are playing bridge a card game and seated at North, East, South and West of a table. No lady is facing East. Persons sitting opposite to each other are not of the same sex. One man is facing South. Which direction are the ladies facing ?
 (A) East and West (B) South and East
 (C) North and West (D) North and East

Q.19 Starting from a point P, Sachin walked 20 metres towards South. He turned left and walked 30 metres. He then turned left and walked 20 metres. He again turned left and walked 40 metres and reached a point Q. How far and in which direction is the point Q from the point P ?
 (A) 20 Metres West (B) 10 Metres East
 (C) 10 Metres West (D) None of these

Q.20 Six students A, B, C, D, E and F are standing in a row. B is between F and D. E is between A and C. A does not stand next to either F or D. C does not stand next to D. F is between which of the following pair of students ?
 (A) B and D (B) B and A
 (C) B and E (D) B and C

Q.21 A walks 10 metres in front and 10 metres to the right. Then every time turning to his left, he walks 5, 15 and 15 metres respectively. How far is he now from his starting point ?
 (A) 5 metres (B) 10 metres
 (C) 15 metres (D) 20 metres

ANSWER KEY

Q.No	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Ans.	B	B	A	A	D	B	C	C	C	B	D	A	C	D	A	D	A	C	C	D	A