CHAPTER - 3

Playing with Numbers

EXECRISE - 3.6

Q. 1

Find the HCF of the following numbers:

- (a) 18, 48
- (b) 30, 42
- (c) 18, 60
- (d) 27, 63
- (e) 36, 84
- (f) 34, 102
- (g) 70, 105, 175
- (h) 91, 112, 49 (i) 18, 54, 81
- (j) 12, 45, 75

Answer:

HCF – Highest common factor

The highest common factor of two or more numbers is the largest number that divides separately both the numbers.

a. 18 and 48,

2	18
3	9
3	3
	1

2	48
2	24
2	12
2	6
3	3
-	1

$$18 = 2 \times 3 \times 3$$

$$48 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3$$

$$HCF = 2 \times 3 = 6$$

b. 30, 42

$$30 = 2 \times 3 \times 5$$

$$42 = 2 \times 3 \times 7$$

$$HCF = 2 \times 3 = 6$$

$$18 = 2 \times 3 \times 3$$

$$60 = 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 5$$

$$HCF = 2 \times 3 = 6$$

d.27, 63

3	27
3	9
3	3
	1

$$27 = 3 \times 3 \times 3$$

$$63 = 3 \times 3 \times 7$$

$$HCF = 3 \times 3 = 9$$

e. 36, 84

$$36 = 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3$$

$$84 = 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 7$$

$$HCF = 2 \times 2 \times 3 = 12$$

$$34 = 2 \times 17$$

$$102 = 2 \times 3 \times 17$$

$$HCF = 2 \times 17 = 34$$

g. 70, 105, 175

$$70 = 2 \times 5 \times 7$$

$$105 = 3 \times 5 \times 7$$

$$175 = 5 \times 5 \times 7$$

$$HCF = 5 \times 7 = 35$$

h.91, 112, 49

$$91 = 7 \times 13$$

$$112 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 7$$

$$49 = 7 \times 7$$

$$HCF = 7$$

i. 18, 54, 81

$$18 = 2 \times 3 \times 3$$

$$54 = 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$$

$$81 = 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$$

$$HCF = 3 \times 3 = 9$$

$$12 = 2 \times 2 \times 3$$

$$45 = 3 \times 3 \times 5$$

$$75 = 3 \times 5 \times 5$$

$$HCF = 3$$

Q. 2

What is the HCF of two consecutive-

- (a) numbers?
- (b) even numbers?
- (c) odd numbers?

Answer:

a. Consecutive numbers

$$HCF = 1$$

b. Even number

Example
$$-2$$
 and 4

$$HCF = 2$$

c. Odd numbers

Example
$$-3$$
 and 5

$$HCF = 1$$

Q. 3

HCF of co-prime numbers 4 and 15 was found as follows by factorization: $4 = 2 \times 2$ and $15 = 3 \times 5$ since there is no common prime factor. So, HCF of 4 and 15 is 0. Is the answer correct? If not, what is the correct HCF?

Answer:

No, the answer is not correct. 1 will be the correct HCF.

Explanation: The factorization of 4 and 15 is given as:

4:
$$1 \times 2 \times 2$$

$$15: 1 \times 3 \times 5$$

Here, the highest common factor is 1.