

# HARDER ELIMINATION METHOD Questions

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1. Solve these simultaneous equations by elimination:

(a)  $7x + 2y = 33$  and  $3x + y = 17$

(b)  $6a - 5b = 10$  and  $2a + b = 14$

(c)  $4y + 5z = -16$  and  $y - 3z = 30$

(d)  $11h - 2k = 95$  and  $7h - 6k = 51$

(e)  $8p - 3q = 40$  and  $5p - 2q = 26$

(f)  $4c + 7d = -3$  and  $3c - 4d = 7$

(g)  $10e + 3f + 2 = 0$  and  $9e + 5f - 12 = 0$

(h)  $5k - 2t - 1 = 0$  and  $3k + 5t - 44 = 0$

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Let money invested by Gordana be  $x$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Gordana} \\ \text{Kate} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} x \\ y \end{array}$$

$$x + y = 2000 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$x = 3y \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Sub (2) into (1)

$$\begin{array}{l} 3y + y = 2000 \\ 4y = 2000 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} x = 1500 \\ y = 500 \end{array}$$

$$y = 500$$

Sub.  $y = 500$  into (2)

$$x = 3 \times 500$$

$$= 1500$$

Gordana invested \$1500

Kate \$500

- (c) 3 books and 7 pencils cost \$10.40, while 8 books and 5 pencils cost \$14.75. How much is each pencil? 1.45

Let price of book be  $x$

" pencils "  $y$

$$3x + 7y = 10.4 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$8x + 5y = 14.75 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$(1) \times 8: 24x + 56y = 83.2 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$(2) \times 3: 24x + 15y = 44.25 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$(3) - (4): 24x + 56y - 24x - 15y = 44.25 - 83.2$$

$$-41y = -38.95$$

$$y = 0.95$$

∴ pencils cost 95 cents.

- (e) Alice is 17 years older than her brother. Their combined ages total 41 years. How old are Alice and her brother?

Let Alice's age be  $x$

" Alice's brother be  $y$

$$x + y = 41 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$x = y + 17 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$y + 17 + y = 41$$

$$17 + 2y = 41$$

$$2y = 24$$

$$y = 12$$

$$y = 12 \text{ into (1)}$$

$$x = 17 + 12$$

$$= 29$$

∴ Alice is 29, while her brother is 12.

- (b) Stephen scored 224 runs in a cricket match. In the second innings he scored 8 more runs than he scored in the first innings. How many runs did Stephen score in each innings?

Let first innings be  $2x$ . 2nd innings

$$x + y = 224 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$8 + 2x = y \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Sub (2) into (1)

$$x + 8 + 2x = 224 \quad \text{in the first innig}$$

$$2x + 8 = 224 \quad \text{he scored 108}$$

$$2x = 216 \quad \text{runs, while in the}$$

$$x = 108 \quad \text{second he scored}$$

$$\text{Sub. } x = 108 \text{ into (2)}$$

$$8 + 108 = y \quad 116$$

$$y = 116$$

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- (d) There are both sheep and emus in a paddock. Altogether there are 94 heads and 300 legs.

How many sheep are in the paddock?

Let no. of sheep be  $x$ .

Let no. of emus be  $y$ .

$$4x + 2y = 300 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$x + y = 94 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$(1) \times 2: 2x + 2y = 188 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$(3) - (2): 2x + 2y - x - y = 188 - 94$$

$$-x = -94$$

$$x = 94$$

$$\text{Sub. } x = 94 \text{ into (2)}$$

$$y = 38 \quad 1. 56 \text{ sheep}$$

$$38 \text{ emus}$$

- (f) 10 bolts and 8 nuts weigh 372 grams, while 6 bolts and 13 nuts weigh 297 grams.

What would be the combined weight of 7 bolts and 10 nuts? Let weight of bolt be  $b$

Let weight of nut be  $n$

$$10b + 8n = 372 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$6b + 13n = 297 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$60b + 48n = 2232 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$60b + 130n = 2970 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$(3) - (4): 60b + 130n - 60b - 48n = 2970 - 2232$$

$$82n = 738$$

$$n = 9 \quad 1b + 10n =$$

$$\text{Sub. } n = 9 \text{ into (1)}$$

$$(17 \times 9) + (10 \times 30)$$

$$10b + (8 \times 9) = 372 \quad 363g$$

$$10b + 72 = 372 \quad 363 \text{ grams}$$

$$10b = 300$$

$$b = 30$$