

**Q.1** In a  $\Delta ABC$ , D and E are points on the sides AB and AC, respectively, such that  $DE \parallel BC$ .

- (i) If  $AD = 6$  cm,  $DB = 9$  cm and  $AE = 8$  cm, Find  $AC$ .
- (ii) If  $AD/DB = 3/4$  and  $AC = 15$  cm, Find  $AE$ .
- (iii) If  $AD/DB = 2/3$  and  $AC = 18$  cm, Find  $AE$ .
- (iv) If  $AD = 4$  cm,  $AE = 8$  cm,  $DB = x - 4$  cm and  $EC = 3x - 19$ , find  $x$ .
- (v) If  $AD = 8$  cm,  $AB = 12$  cm and  $AE = 12$  cm, find  $CE$ .
- (vi) If  $AD = 4$  cm,  $DB = 4.5$  cm and  $AE = 8$  cm, find  $AC$ .
- (vii) If  $AD = 2$  cm,  $AB = 6$  cm and  $AC = 9$  cm, find  $AE$ .
- (viii) If  $AD/BD = 4/5$  and  $EC = 2.5$  cm, Find  $AE$ .
- (ix) If  $AD = x$  cm,  $DB = x - 2$  cm,  $AE = x + 2$  cm, and  $EC = x - 1$  cm, find the value of  $x$ .
- (x) If  $AD = 8x - 7$  cm,  $DB = 5x - 3$  cm,  $AE = 4x - 3$  cm, and  $EC = (3x-1)$  cm, Find the value of  $x$ .
- (xi) If  $AD = 4x - 3$ ,  $AE = 8x - 7$ ,  $BD = 3x - 1$ , and  $CE = 5x - 3$ , find the value of  $x$ .
- (xii) If  $AD = 2.5$  cm,  $BD = 3.0$  cm, and  $AE = 3.75$  cm, find the length of  $AC$ .

**Sol.1 (i)** Given:  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $DE \parallel BC$ ,  $AD = 6 \text{ cm}$ ,  $DB = 9 \text{ cm}$  and  $AE = 8 \text{ cm}$ .

Required to find  $AC$ .

By using Thales Theorem, [As  $DE \parallel BC$ ]

$$AD/BD = AE/CE$$

Let  $CE = x$ .

So then,

$$6/9 = 8/x$$

$$6x = 72 \text{ cm}$$

$$x = 72/6 \text{ cm}$$

$$x = 12 \text{ cm}$$

$$\therefore AC = AE + CE = 12 + 8 = 20.$$

**(ii)** Given:  $AD/BD = 3/4$  and  $AC = 15 \text{ cm}$  [As  $DE \parallel BC$ ]

Required to find  $AE$ .

By using Thales Theorem, [As  $DE \parallel BC$ ]

$$AD/BD = AE/CE$$

Let,  $AE = x$ , then  $CE = 15-x$ .

$$\Rightarrow 3/4 = x/(15-x)$$

$$45 - 3x = 4x$$

$$-3x - 4x = -45$$

$$7x = 45$$

$$x = 45/7$$

$$x = 6.43 \text{ cm}$$

$$\therefore AE = 6.43 \text{ cm}$$

**(iii)** Given:  $AD/BD = 2/3$  and  $AC = 18 \text{ cm}$

Required to find  $AE$ .

By using Thales Theorem, [As  $DE \parallel BC$ ]

$$AD/BD = AE/CE$$

Let,  $AE = x$  and  $CE = 18 - x$

$$\Rightarrow 2/3 = x/(18-x)$$

$$3x = 36 - 2x$$

$$5x = 36 \text{ cm}$$

$$x = 36/5 \text{ cm}$$

$$x = 7.2 \text{ cm}$$

$$\therefore AE = 7.2 \text{ cm}$$

- (iv)** Given:  $AD = 4 \text{ cm}$ ,  $AE = 8 \text{ cm}$ ,  $DB = x - 4$  and  $EC = 3x - 19$

Required to find  $x$ .

By using Thales Theorem, [As  $DE \parallel BC$ ]

$$AD/BD = AE/CE$$

$$\text{Then, } 4/(x - 4) = 8/(3x - 19)$$

$$4(3x - 19) = 8(x - 4)$$

$$12x - 76 = 8(x - 4)$$

$$12x - 8x = -32 + 76$$

$$4x = 44 \text{ cm}$$

$$x = 11 \text{ cm}$$

- (v)** Given:  $AD = 8 \text{ cm}$ ,  $AB = 12 \text{ cm}$ , and  $AE = 12 \text{ cm}$ .

Required to find  $CE$ ,

By using Thales Theorem, [As  $DE \parallel BC$ ]

$$AD/BD = AE/CE$$

$$8/4 = 12/CE$$

$$8 \times CE = 4 \times 12 \text{ cm}$$

$$CE = (4 \times 12)/8 \text{ cm}$$

$$CE = 48/8 \text{ cm}$$

$$\therefore CE = 6 \text{ cm}$$

- (vi)** Given:  $AD = 4 \text{ cm}$ ,  $DB = 4.5 \text{ cm}$ ,  $AE = 8 \text{ cm}$

Required to find  $AC$ .

By using Thales Theorem, [As  $DE \parallel BC$ ]

$$AD/BD = AE/CE$$

$$4/4.5 = 8/CE$$

$$CE = (4.5 \times 8)/4 \text{ cm}$$

$$CE = 9 \text{ cm}$$

$$\therefore AC = AE + CE = 8 + 9 = 17 \text{ cm}$$

- (vii)** Given:  $AD = 2 \text{ cm}$ ,  $AB = 6 \text{ cm}$  and  $AC = 9 \text{ cm}$

Required to find  $AE$ .

$$DB = AB - AD = 6 - 2 = 4 \text{ cm}$$

By using Thales Theorem, [As  $DE \parallel BC$ ]

$$\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{AE}{CE}$$

$$\frac{2}{4} = \frac{x}{(9-x)}$$

$$4x = 18 - 2x$$

$$6x = 18$$

$$x = 3 \text{ cm}$$

$$\therefore AE = 3\text{cm}$$

**(viii)** Given:  $\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{4}{5}$  and  $EC = 2.5 \text{ cm}$

Required to find  $AE$ .

By using Thales Theorem, [As  $DE \parallel BC$ ]

$$\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{AE}{CE}$$

$$\text{Then, } \frac{4}{5} = \frac{AE}{2.5}$$

$$\therefore AE = 4 \times 2.5 / 5 = 2 \text{ cm}$$

**(ix)** Given:  $AD = x$ ,  $DB = x - 2$ ,  $AE = x + 2$  and  $EC = x - 1$

Required to find the value of  $x$ .

By using Thales Theorem, [As  $DE \parallel BC$ ]

$$\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{AE}{CE}$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{x}{(x-2)} = \frac{(x+2)}{(x-1)}$$

$$x(x-1) = (x-2)(x+2)$$

$$x^2 - x - x^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$x = 4$$

**(x)** Given:  $AD = 8x - 7$ ,  $DB = 5x - 3$ ,  $AER = 4x - 3$  and  $EC = 3x - 1$

Required to find  $x$ .

By using Thales Theorem, [As  $DE \parallel BC$ ]

$$\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{AE}{CE}$$

$$\frac{(8x-7)}{(5x-3)} = \frac{(4x-3)}{(3x-1)}$$

$$(8x-7)(3x-1) = (5x-3)(4x-3)$$

$$24x^2 - 29x + 7 = 20x^2 - 27x + 9$$

$$4x^2 - 2x - 2 = 0$$

$$2(2x^2 - x - 1) = 0$$

$$2x^2 - x - 1 = 0$$

$$2x^2 - 2x + x - 1 = 0$$

$$2x(x-1) + 1(x-1) = 0$$

$$(x-1)(2x+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1 \text{ or } x = -1/2$$

We know that the side of a triangle can never be negative. Therefore, we take the positive value.

$$\therefore x = 1.$$

- (xi)** Given:  $AD = 4x - 3$ ,  $BD = 3x - 1$ ,  $AE = 8x - 7$  and  $EC = 5x - 3$

Required to find  $x$ .

By using Thales Theorem, [As  $DE \parallel BC$ ]

$$AD/BD = AE/CE$$

$$\text{So, } (4x-3)/(3x-1) = (8x-7)/(5x-3)$$

$$(4x-3)(5x-3) = (3x-1)(8x-7)$$

$$4x(5x-3) - 3(5x-3) = 3x(8x-7) - 1(8x-7)$$

$$20x^2 - 12x - 15x + 9 = 24x^2 - 29x + 7$$

$$20x^2 - 27x + 9 = 24x^2 - 29x + 7$$

$$\Rightarrow -4x^2 + 2x + 2 = 0$$

$$4x^2 - 2x - 2 = 0$$

$$4x^2 - 4x + 2x - 2 = 0$$

$$4x(x-1) + 2(x-1) = 0$$

$$(4x+2)(x-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1 \text{ or } x = -2/4$$

We know that the side of a triangle can never be negative. Therefore, we take the positive value.

$$\therefore x = 1$$

- (xii)** Given:  $AD = 2.5$  cm,  $AE = 3.75$  cm and  $BD = 3$  cm

Required to find  $AC$ .

By using Thales Theorem, [As  $DE \parallel BC$ ]

$$AD/BD = AE/CE$$

$$2.5/3 = 3.75/CE$$

$$2.5 \times CE = 3.75 \times 3$$

$$CE = 3.75 \times 3 / 2.5$$

$$CE = 11.25 / 2.5$$

$$CE = 4.5$$

$$\text{Now, } AC = 3.75 + 4.5$$

$$\therefore AC = 8.25 \text{ cm.}$$