

Rational Applications

• D 1) $D = rt$
 $\text{Time} = \frac{D}{r}$

x = speed on 1st leg
 $2x$ = speed on 2nd leg

LCD = $2x$

$$2x \left(\frac{120}{x} + \frac{300}{2x} = 9 \right)$$

30 mi/hr on 1st leg
60 mi/hr on 2nd leg

$$\begin{aligned} 240 + 300 &= 18x \\ 30 &= x \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{120}{30} = 4 \text{ hrs}$$

Mary was stuck in traffic for 4 hours

• D 2) x = speed of freight train
 $x + 20$ = speed of passenger train

$$\text{Time } p = \text{Time } f$$

$x(x+20)$

$$\frac{390}{x+20} = \frac{270}{x}$$

$$\text{LCD} = x(x+20)$$

$$390x = 270x + 540$$

$$120x = 540$$

$x = 4.5$ mi/hr speed of freight train

$x + 20 = 24.5$ mi/hr speed of passenger train

• D 3) Time Going = Time returning + 2

x = speed on skateboard

$2x$ = speed on bike

$$2x \left(\frac{24}{x} = \frac{24}{2x} + 2 \right)$$

$$\text{LCD} = 2x$$

$$48 = 24 + 4x$$

$$24 = 4x$$

$$6 = x \quad 2x = 12$$

The average speed on the bike was 12 miles/hr

- W 4 | x = the time it will take to fill the pool using both hoses

$$60x \left(\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{15} = \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

hose1
hose2
together

$$\text{LCD} = 60x$$

$$5x + 4x = 60$$

$$9x = 60$$

$$x = \frac{20}{3} = 6\frac{2}{3} \text{ hr}$$

or 6 hrs 40 minutes

It will take 6 hours and 40 minutes to fill the pool using both hoses.

- W 5 | x = time ^{for son} to complete the yard work

$$6x \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

Joe
son
together

$$\text{LCD} = 6x$$

$$2x + 6 = 3x$$

$$6 = x$$

It would take his son 6 hours to complete the yard work if he is working by himself.

- W 6 | $2x$ = time it will take Cliff to paint the office by himself
 x = time it will take Norm to paint

$$10x \left(\frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{5} \right)$$

$$\text{LCD} = 10x$$

$$5 + 10 = 2x$$

$$15 = 2x$$

$$7.5 = x$$

It will take Cliff 15 hours to paint the office

N W 7 | $x =$ time it takes 2 painters to paint a house

$$24x \left(\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{x} \right) \quad \text{LCD} = 24x$$

$$2x + 3x = 24$$

$$5x = 24$$

$$x = 4.8 \text{ hours}$$

It will take 4.8 hours working together.

N W 8 | $x =$ time it takes the slower pipe.
 $.8x =$ time it takes the faster pipe

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{.8x} = \frac{1}{5} \quad \text{LCD} = 40x$$

$$40x \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{10}{8x} = \frac{1}{5} \right)$$

$$40 + 50 = 8x$$

$$90 = 8x$$

$$11.25 \text{ hrs} = x$$

It will take the slower pipe 11.25 hours.

N W 9 | $x =$ time it takes Maria
 $2x =$ time it takes Paco

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2x} = \frac{1}{4.5} \quad \text{LCD} = 18x$$

$$18x \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2x} = \frac{2}{9} \right)$$

$$18 + 9 = 4x$$

$$27 = 4x$$

$$6.75 = x$$

It would take Maria 6.75 hours and it would take Paco 13.5 hours.

N D 10) $x =$ speed without covering
 $x+10 =$ speed with covering

$$2x(x+10) \left(\frac{75}{x} = \frac{75}{x+10} + 2 \right) \quad \text{LCD} = 2x(x+10)$$

$$150(x+10) = 150x + 4x(x+10)$$

$$150x + 1500 = 150x + 4x^2 + 40x$$

$$1500 = 4x^2 + 40x$$

$$0 = 4x^2 + 40x - 1500$$

$$0 = x^2 + 10x - 375$$

$$0 = (x+25)(x-15)$$

$$x = -25 \quad x = 15$$

No negative speed

The speed of the trip using the covering was 25 miles per hour.

N D 11) $x =$ speed jogging uphill
 $x+4 =$ speed jogging downhill

$$x(x+4) \left(\frac{5}{x+4} = \frac{3}{x} \right) \quad \text{LCD} = x(x+4)$$

$$5x = 3(x+4)$$

$$5x = 3x + 12$$

$$2x = 12$$

$$x = 6$$

$$x+4 = 10$$

Rosa jogs 6 mph uphill and 10 mph downhill

W 12) $x =$ time it takes Tim to stuff envelopes
 $3x =$ time it takes Tim's daughter

$$12x \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{3x} = \frac{1}{4} \right) \quad \text{LCD} = 12x$$

$$12 + 4 = 3x$$

$$16 = 3x$$

$$5\frac{1}{3} \text{ hrs} = x$$

$$x = 5\frac{1}{3} \text{ hours } \begin{matrix} \text{5 hrs} \\ \text{20 mins} \end{matrix}$$

$$3x = 16 \text{ hours}$$

It would take Tim 5 hours 20 mins and his daughter 16 hrs.

W 13) $x =$ time it takes Adrian to weed
 $2x =$ time it takes son

$$\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2x} = \frac{1}{3}\right) 6x \quad \text{LCD} = 6x$$

$$6 + 3 = 2x$$

$$9 = 2x$$

$$4.5 \text{ hrs } x$$

It will take Adrian 4.5 hours + his son 9 hours

D 14) $x =$ speed of hiker
 $x+2 =$ speed of jogger

$$x(x+2) \left(\frac{15}{x+2} = \frac{10}{x}\right) \quad \text{LCD} = x(x+2)$$

$$15x = 10(x+2)$$

$$15x = 10x + 20$$

$$5x = 20$$

$$x = 4$$

$$x+2 = 6$$

The jogger was traveling at 6mph and the hiker was traveling at 4 mph

W 15) $x =$ the time it takes Maria
 $x-9 =$ the time it takes Felipe

$$20(x-9) \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x-9} = \frac{1}{20}\right) \quad \text{LCD} = 20x(x-9)$$

$$20(x-9) + 20x = x(x-9)$$

$$20x - 180 + 20x = x^2 - 9x$$

$$0 = x^2 - 49x + 180$$

$$0 = (x-4)(x-45)$$

$$x = 4 \text{ or } 45$$

Since $x=4$ will give Felipe a negative time, we can eliminate it.

$$x-9 = 36$$

It would take Maria 45 hours + Felipe 36 hours.

W 16) $x =$ time it takes the new employee
 $x-2 =$ time it takes the experienced employee

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x-2} = \frac{1}{2.4} \quad \text{LCD} = 24x(x-2)$$

$$24x(x-2) \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x-2} = \frac{10}{24} \right)$$

$$24(x-2) + 24x = 10x(x-2)$$

$$24x - 48 + 24x = 10x^2 - 20x$$

$$0 = 10x^2 - 68x + 48$$

$$= (x-2)(10x-48) = 0$$

$$x=2 \quad x=4.8$$

Since $x-2=0$ time we omit 2

But 4.8 and 2.8 do not work,

So they can't get the job done in 2.4 hours!

D 17) $x =$ Steve's speed
 $x+10 =$ Paula's speed

$$3x(x+10) \left(\frac{100}{x} = \frac{100}{x+10} + \frac{1}{3} \right) \quad \text{LCD} = 3x(x+10)$$

$$300(x+10) = 300x + x(x+10)$$

$$300x + 3000 = 300x + x^2 + 10x$$

$$0 = x^2 + 10x - 3000$$

$$= (x+60)(x-50)$$

$$x = -60, 50$$

Omit -60 $x = 50$ $x+10 = 60$

Steve's speed is 50mph and Paula's is 60mph

D 18) $x =$ speed of 1st trip $x+50 =$ speed of 2nd trip

$$\frac{1000}{x} = \frac{2025}{x+50} - 2 \quad \text{LCD} = x(x+50)$$

$$1000(x+50) = 2025x - 2x(x+50)$$

$$1000x + 50,000 = 2025x - 2x^2 - 100x$$

$$2x^2 - 925x + 50,000 = 0$$

$$(2x - 125)(x - 400) = 0 \quad \begin{cases} x = 400 \\ x = 62.5 \end{cases}$$