

Applying LCM and HCF

Maths

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Applying LCM and HCF

1. Amir is organising a buffet.
There are 15 cups in a packet.
There are 18 plates in a packet.

He needs to buy exactly the same
number of cups and plates.

What is the smallest number of each
packet Amir can buy?

2. A red light flashes every 12 minutes.
A green light flashes every 15 minutes.
Both lights flash together at 11 am.

When is the next time that both
lights flash together?



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3. You are given that

$$A = 2 \times 3^2 \times 5^2 \times 7$$

$$B = 2^3 \times 3 \times 7$$

- a) What is the value of A?
- b) Work out the LCM of A and B
- c) Work out the HCF of A and B
- d) Does B divide equally by 6?
How do you know?

4. A number P can be written as a product of its prime factors as

$$P = 2^4 \times 3^2 \times 5^3 \times 7^2 \times 11 \times 17$$

Write 10P as a product of its prime factors.

5. The Highest Common Factor (HCF) of two numbers is 3

The Lowest Common Multiple (LCM) of the same two numbers is 45

What could the numbers be?



Answers



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1. Amir is organising a buffet.

There are 15 cups in a packet.

There are 18 plates in a packet.

He need to buy exactly the same number of cups and plates.

What is the smallest number of each packet Amir can buy?

6 packets of cups and 5 packets of plates

2. A red light flashes every 12 minutes.

A green light flashes every 15 minutes.

Both lights flash together at 11 am.
When is the next time that both lights flash together?

LCM of 12 and 15 = 60 mins
Flash every hour so . . . 12:00pm



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$$A = 2 \times 3^2 \times 5^2 \times 7$$

$$B = 2^3 \times 3 \times 7$$

- a) What is the value of A? $A = 3150$
- b) Work out the LCM of A and B $12,600$
- c) Work out the HCF of A and B $2 \times 3 \times 7$
- d) Does B divide by equally 6? $= 42$

How do you know? **Yes because 2 and 3 are factors.**

4. A number P can be written as a product of its prime factors as

$$P = 2^4 \times 3^2 \times 5^3 \times 7^2 \times 11 \times 17$$

Write $10P$ as a product of its prime factors. $P = 2^5 \times 3^2 \times 5^4 \times 7^2 \times 11 \times 17$

5. The Highest Common Factor (HCF) of two numbers is 3

The Lowest Common Multiple (LCM) of the same two numbers is 45

What could the numbers be? **9 and 15**

