

Problems on Trains

1. A train covers a distance of 12 km in 10 minutes. If it takes 6 seconds to pass a telegraph post, then the length of the train is?

- A. 90 m
- B. 100 m
- C. 140 m
- D. 120 m

Answer & Explanation

Answer :
120 m

Explanation :

Speed = $(12/10 \times 60)$ km/hr = $(72 \times 5/18)$ m/sec. Length of the train = (speed*time) = (20×6) m = 120 m.

2. How long does a train 110 meters long running at the speed of 72 km/hr take to cross a bridge 132 m in length?

- A. 9.8 sec
- B. 12.1 sec
- C. 12.42 sec
- D. 14.3 sec

Answer & Explanation

Answer :
12.1 sec

Explanation :

Speed = $(72 \times 5/18)$ m/sec = 20 m/sec Total distance covered = $(110+132)$ m = 242 m.
Hence Required time = $(242 / 20)$ sec = 12.1 sec

3. Two trains 140 m and 160 m long run at the speed of 60km/hr and 40 km/hr respectively in opposite directions on parallel tracks. The time (in seconds) which they take to cross each other is?

- A. 9
- B. 9.6
- C. 10

D. 10.8

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

10.8

Explanation :

Relative speed = $(60+40)$ km/hr = $(100 \times 5/18)$ m/sec = $(250/9)$ m/sec Distance covered in crossing each other = $(140+160)$ m = 300 m Required time = $(300 \times 9/250)$ sec = $54/5$ sec = 10.8 sec

4. Two trains travel in opposite directions at 36 km/ph and 45 km/ph and a man sitting in slower train passes the faster train in 8 seconds. The length of the faster train is?

- A. 80 m
- B. 100 m
- C. 120 m
- D. 180 m

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

180 m

Explanation :

Relative speed = $(36+45)$ km/hr = $(81 \times 5/18)$ m/sec = $(45/2)$ m/sec Length of train = $(45/2 \times 8)$ m = 180 m

5. A train crosses a platform 100 m long in 60 sec at a speed of 45 km/hr. The time taken by the train to cross an electric pole is?

- A. 8 sec
- B. 52 sec
- C. 1 minute
- D. data inadequate

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

52 sec

Explanation :

Speed = $(45 \times 5/18)$ m/sec = $(25/2)$ m/sec Let the length of the train be X meters. Then $X+100 / (25/2) = 60$ Therefore time taken by the train to cross an electric pole = $(650 \times 2/25)$ seconds = 52 seconds

6. Two train 200 m and 150 m long are running on parallel rails at the rate of 40 km/ph and 45 km/ph respectively. In how much time will they cross each other if they are running in the same direction?

- A. 72 sec
- B. 132 sec
- C. 192 sec
- D. 252 sec

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

252 sec

Explanation :

Relative speed = $(45 - 40)$ km/ph = 5 km/ph = $(5 \times 5/18)$ m/sec = $(25/18)$ m/sec
Total distance covered = sum of lengths of the trains = 350 m
Time taken = $(350 \times 18/25)$ sec = 252 seconds

7. A train takes 18 seconds to pass completely through a station 162 meter long and 15 seconds through another station 120 m long. The length of the train is?

- A. 70m
- B. 80m
- C. 90m
- D. 100m

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

90m

Explanation :

Let the length of the train be x meters
 $x + 162/18 = x + 120/15 = 15(x + 162) = 18(x + 120)$
 $= x = 90$ m

8. A train 132 m long passes a telegraph pole in 6 seconds. Find the speed of the train?

- A. 70 km/hr
- B. 72 km/hr
- C. 79.2 km/hr
- D. 80 km/hr

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

79.2 km/hr

Explanation :

Speed $= (132/6)$ m/sec $= (22*18/5)$ km/hr $= 79.2$ km/hr.

9. A train is moving at a speed of 132 km/hr. If the length of the train is 110 meters, how long will it take to cross a railway platform 165 meters long?

- A. 7 sec
- B. 7 1/2 sec
- C. 6 1/2 sec
- D. 6 sec

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

7 1/2 sec

Explanation :

Speed of train $= (132 * 5/18)$ m/sec $= (110/3)$ m/sec
Distance covered in passing the platform $= (110+165) = 275$ m
Therefore time taken $= (275*3/110)$ sec $= 15/2$ sec $= 7 \frac{1}{2}$ sec

10. A train moves past a telegraph post and a bridge 264m long in 8 seconds and 20 seconds respectively. What is the speed of the train?

- A. 69.5 km/hr
- B. 70 km/hr
- C. 79 km/hr
- D. 79.2 km/hr

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

79.2 km/hr

Explanation :

Let the length of the train be x meters and its speed be y m/sec
They $x/y = 8 = x = 8y$
Now $x+264/20 = y$
 $8y+264 = 20y$
 $y=22$
Speed $= 22$ m/sec $= (22*18/5)$ km/hr $= 79.2$ km/hr

11. A train 240 m long passed a pole in 24 seconds. How long will it take to pass a platform 650 m long?

- A. 65 sec
- B. 89 sec
- C. 100 sec
- D. 150 sec

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

89 sec

Explanation :

Speed = $(240/24)$ m/sec = 10 m/sec. Therefore required time = $(240+650/10)$ sec = 89 sec.

12. A man sitting in a train which is traveling at 50 km/hr observes that a goods train traveling in opposite direction takes 9 seconds to pass him. If the goods train is 280 m long find its speed?

- A. 65 km/hr
- B. 60 km/hr
- C. 64 km/hr
- D. 62 km/hr

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

62 km/hr

Explanation :

Relative speed = $(280/9)$ m/sec = $(280/9 * 18/5)$ km/hr = 112 km/hr Hence speed of the goods train = $(112 - 50) = 62$ km/hr

13. A train 100 meters long take as 6 seconds to cross a man walking at 5 km/hr. In a direction opposite to that of the train. Find the speed of the train?

- A. 57 km/hr
- B. 55 km/hr
- C. 48 km/hr
- D. 50 km/hr

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

55 km/hr

Explanation :

Let the speed of the train be X km/hr Speed of the train relative to man = $(X+5)$ km/hr = $(X+5) * 5/18$ m/sec $100/(X+5) * 5/18 = 6$ $30(X+5) = 1800 = X=55$ Speed of the train is 55 Km/ph

14. A man is standing on a railway bridge which is 180 m long. He finds that a train crosses the bridge in 20 sec but himself in 8 sec. Find the length of the train and its

speed?

- A. 54 km/hr
- B. 52 km/hr
- C. 58 km/hr
- D. 60km/hr

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

54 km/hr

Explanation :

Let the length of the train be X meters. Then the train covers X meters in 8 sec and (X+180) meters in 20 seconds. Therefore $X/8 = X+180/20 = 20x = 8(X+180) = X = 120$
Therefore length of the train = 120m Speed of the train = $(120/8)$ m/sec =
m/sec= $(15*18/5)$ km/hr = 54 km/hr

15. A train 110 m long passes a man running at 6 km/ph in the direction opposite to that of train in 6 seconds,the speed of the train is?

- A. 54 km/hr
- B. 60 km/hr
- C. 66 km/hr
- D. 72 km/hr

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

60 km/hr

Explanation :

Speed of the train relative to man = $(110/6)$ m/sec = $(110/6*18/5)$ km/hr = 66 km/hr Let the speed of train be x km/ph. Then relative speed = $(x+6)$ km/ph $X= 60$ km/hr

16. The length of train and that of platform are equal. If with a speed of 90 km/hr, the train crosses the platform in one minute, then the length of the train (in meters) is?

- A. 500
- B. 600
- C. 750
- D. 900

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

750

Explanation :

Speed = $(90 \times 5/18)$ m/sec = 25 m/sec; time 1 min. = 60 sec. Let the length of the train and that of the platform be x meters. then, $2x/60 = 25 \Leftrightarrow x = 25 \times 60/2 = 750$.

17. A train speeds past a pole in 15 seconds and a platform 100 m long in 25 seconds. Its length is?

- A. 50 m
- B. 150 m
- C. 200 m
- D. Data inadequate

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

150 m

Explanation :

Let the length of the train be x meters and its speed be y m/sec They $x/y = 15$ $Y = x/15$
 $x + 100/25 = x/15$ $x = 150$ m

18. Two trains of equal length are running on parallel lines in the same direction at 46 km/hr and 36 km/hr. The faster train passes the slower train in 36 seconds. The length of each train is?

- A. 50 m
- B. 72 m
- C. 80 m
- D. 82 m

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

50 m

Explanation :

Let the length of each of train be X meters, Then distance covered = 2x meters. Relative speed = $(46 - 36)$ km /hr = $(10 \times 5/18)$ m/sec = $(25/9)$ m/sec $2x/36 = 25/9 = 2x = 100 = x = 50$

19. A train 150m long is running with a speed of 68 km/hr. In what time will it pass a man who is running at 8 km/hr in the same direction in which the train is going?

- A. 5 sec
- B. 8 sec
- C. 6 sec
- D. 9 sec

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

9 sec

Explanation :

Speed of the train relative to man = $(68-8)\text{km/ph} = (60 \times 5/18)\text{m/sec} = (50/3)\text{ m/sec}$ Time taken by the train to cross the man Time taken by it to cover 150 m at $(50/3)\text{ m/sec} = (150 \times 3/50)\text{ sec} = 9\text{ seconds}$

20. A train 110 meters long is running with a speed of 60 km/ph. In what time will it pass a man who is running at 6 km/hr in the direction opposite to that in which the train is going?

- A. 5 sec
- B. 6 sec
- C. 7 sec
- D. 10 sec

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

6 sec

Explanation :

Speed of the train relative to the man = $(60+6)\text{ km/hr} = 66\text{ km/hr} = (66 \times 5/18)\text{ m/sec} = (55/3)\text{ m/sec}$ Time taken to pass the man = $(110 \times 3/55)\text{ sec} = 6\text{ sec}$

21. A train 108 m long moving at a speed of 50 km/hr crosses a train 112 m long coming from opposite direction in 6 seconds. The speed of the second train is?

- A. 48 km/hr
- B. 54 km/hr
- C. 66 km/hr
- D. 82 km/hr

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

82 km/hr

Explanation :

Let the speed of the 2nd train be $x\text{ km/hr}$ Relative speed = $(x+50)\text{ km/hr} = [(x+50) \times 5/18]\text{ m/sec} = (250+5x/18)\text{ m/sec}$ Distance covered = $(108+112) = 220\text{ m}$ $220 / (250+5x/18) = 6 \Leftrightarrow 250+5x = 660 \Leftrightarrow x = 82\text{ km/hr}$

22. Two trains 100 meters and 120 meters long are running in the same direction with

speed of 72 km/hr and 54 km/hr in how much time will the first train cross the second?

- A. 44 sec
- B. 46 sec
- C. 42 sec
- D. 48 sec

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

44 sec

Explanation :

Relative speed of the trains = $(72-54 = 18 \text{ km/hr}) = (18 \times 5/18) \text{ m/sec} = 5 \text{ m/sec}$ Time taken by the trains to cross each other = Time taken to cover $(100+120)\text{m}$ at $5 \text{ m/sec} = (220/5)\text{sec} = 44 \text{ sec}$

23. A train 360 m long is running at a speed of 45 km/hr. What time will it pass a bridge 140 m long?

- A. 40 sec
- B. 42 sec
- C. 45 sec
- D. 48 sec

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

40 sec

Explanation :

Speed = $(45 \times 5/18) \text{ m/sec} = 25/2 \text{ m/sec}$. Total distance covered = $(360+140) \text{ m} = 500 \text{ m}$. Therefore required time = $(500 \times 2/25) \text{ sec} = 40 \text{ sec}$.

24. A train 125m long passes a man running at 5 km /ph in the same direction in which the train is going in 10 seconds.The speed of the train is?

- A. 40 km/hr
- B. 50 km/hr
- C. 54 km/hr
- D. 55 km/hr

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

50 km/hr

Explanation :

Speed of the train relative to man = $(125/10) \text{ m/sec} = (25/2) \text{ m/sec} = (25/2 \times 18/5) \text{ km/hr}$

=45km/hr Let the speed of the train be x km/ph. Then relative speed = $(x-5)$ km/ph $x-5$
=45 $X= 45+5 =50$ km/hr

25. Two trains are moving opposite direction at 60 km/hr and 90 km/hr. Their lengths are 1.10 km/hr and 0.9 km respectively. The time taken by the slower train to cross the faster train in seconds is?

- A. 36
- B. 45
- C. 48
- D. 49

Answer & Explanation

Answer :

48

Explanation :

Relative speed = $(60+90)$ km/hr $(150 \times \frac{5}{18})$ m/sec = $(\frac{125}{3})$ m/sec Distance covered = $(1.10+0.9)$ km = 2 km = 2000m Required time = $(\frac{2000 \times 3}{125})$ sec = 48 seconds
