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CONSTRUCTIONS

- When 3 sides of a triangle are given : Steps:
 - 1. Draw AB = 6cm.
 - 2. With A as centre and radius 4.8 cm draw an arc.
 - 3. With B as centre and radius 5 cm draw another arc intersecting the previous arc at C.
 - 4. Joint A to C and B to C. \triangle ABC is the required triangle.



• When 2 sides and included angle are given :

Steps:

- 1. Draw PQ = 5.6 cm.
- 2. At Q construct an angle $\angle PQX = 60^{\circ}$.
- 3. With Q as centre and radius 4.5 cm draw an arc cutting QX at R.
- 4. Join P to R, \triangle PQR is the required triangle.



 When two angles and included side of Δ are given:

Steps:

- 1. Draw BC = 4.7 cm.
- 2. At B construct \angle CBQ = 60°.
- 3. At C construct \angle BCR = 45° meeting BQ at A. \triangle ABC is the required triangle.



• When perimeter and two base angles of a triangle are given :

Steps:

- 1. Draw XY = 9.5 cm
- 2. At X construct \angle YXP = 30° (Which is

$$\frac{1}{2}$$
 × 60°)

3. At Y construct
$$\angle XYQ = 22\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$$
 (which is

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 45^{\circ}$$
)

- 4. Draw right bisector of XA cutting XY at B.
- 5. Draw right bisector of YA cutting XY at C.
- 6. Join A to B and A to C.

 ΔABC is the required triangle.



• Construct a $\triangle ABC$ when AB + AC = 8.2cm, BC = 3.6 cm, $\angle B = 45^{\circ}$

Steps:

- (1) Draw BC = 3.6 cm
- (2) At B construct $\angle CBK = 45^{\circ}$.
- (3) From BK cutoff BP = 8.2 cm.
- (4) Join C to P and draw right bisector of CP intersecting BP at A.
- (5) Join A to C, \triangle ABC is the required triangle.



• Construct a $\triangle ABC$, when BC = 4cm, $\angle B = 60^{\circ}$, AB - AC = 1.2 cm

Steps:

- 1. Draw BC = 4 cm.
- 2. Construct \angle CBP = 60°.
- 3. From BP cutoff BK = 1.2 cm.
- 4. Join C to K and draw right bisector of CK intersecting BP produced at A.
- 5. Join A to C, \triangle ABC is the required traingle.



• Construct a $\triangle ABC$ in which AB = 6cm, BC = 4cm and median CD = 3.5cm.

Steps :

- 1. Draw AB = 6cm.
- 2. Draw right bisector of AB meeting AB in D.
- 3. With D as centre and radius 3.5cm draw an arc.
- 4. With B as centre and radius 4cm draw another arc intersecting the previous arc in C.
- 5. Join A to C and B to C, \triangle ABC as the required triangle.



• To draw a tangent to a given circle at a given point on it using its centre :

Steps:

- 1. Draw a circle with centre O and a point P on it.
- 2. Joint O to P

- 3. At P draw $PT \perp OP$.
- 4. Produce TP to Q, then T PQ is the required tangent.



• To draw tangents to a given circle from a given point outside it

Steps:

- 1. Draw a circle with centre O and a point P outside it.
- 2. Join O to A.
- 3. Draw the right bisector of OA. Let R be the mid point of OA.
- 4. With R as centre and radius as RO. Draw a circle intersecting the given circle at P and Q.
- 5. Join A to P and A to Q, then AP and AQ are required tangents.



• To construct a triangle similar to a given triangle with its sides equal to $\frac{3}{5}$ of the corresponding sides of the triangle.

Steps:

- 1. Let ABC be the given Δ . Draw any ray BX making an acute angle with BC on the side opposite to the vertex A.
- 2. Locate 5 points B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4 and B_5 on BX so that $BB_1 = B_1B_2 = B_2B_3 = B_3B_4 = B_4B_5$.
- 3. Join B_5 to C and draw a line through B_3 parallel to B_5C to meet BC at C'.
- 4. Draw a line through C parallel to CA to meet AB in A'. The $\Delta A' BC'$ is the required triagle.



CHECK YOUR PROGRESS:

| 1. | Using a ruler and compass it is possible to construct an angle of: | | | | |
|----|---|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--|
| | (A) 37.5 [°] | (B) 25° | (C) 40° | (D) 70° . | |
| 2. | The constuction of a $\triangle PQR$ in which $PQ = 5$ cm, $\angle A = 60^{\circ}$ is not possible, when different QR and PR is equal to: | | | | |
| | (A) 5.2cm | (B) 4.8 cm | (C) 3.7cm | (D) 4.5cm | |
| 3. | The construction of $\triangle PQR$ is not possible, in which PQ = 5.5cm $\angle Q$ = 45°, and PQ + RP is: | | | | |
| | (A) 5cm | (B) 6cm | (C) 7cm | (D) 8cm | |

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The construction of a $\triangle ABC$ given that BC = 3cm, $\angle C = 60^{\circ}$ is possible when difference of AB 4. and AC is equal to:

(C) 3.1cm (A) 4 cm(B) 3.5cm

- Draw a line segment BA = 8cm, find point C on it such that AC = $\frac{3}{4}$ AB. 5.
- 6. Construct a triangle PQR, given that PQ = 3.4 cm, QR = 5.2 cm and PR = 7.5 cm.
- Construct a triangle ABC, given that AC = 5.5 cm, AB = 3.2 cm and $\angle A = 135^{\circ}$. 7.
- Construct a triangle PQR given that QR = 3.2cm, $\angle Q = 85^{\circ}$ and $\angle R = 60^{\circ}$. 8.
- Construct a triangle ABC in which $\angle B = 60^\circ$, $\angle C = 45^\circ$ and AB + BC + CA = 11cm. 9.

STRETCH YOURSELF

- Construct a triangle PQR in which QR =1. 8cm, $\angle Q = 45^{\circ}$ and PQ – PR = 3.5cm.
- Construct a $\triangle ABC$ in which BC = 5 cm, 2. $\angle B = 60^{\circ}$ and AB + AC = 7.5cm.
- Construct a triangle ABC in which AB =3. 5 cm, BC = 4.2 cm and median CD = 3.8 cm.
- Draw triangle PQR having base QR = 6cm, 4. 4. D $\angle PQR = 60^{\circ}$ and side PQ = 4.5 cm.

Construct a triangle P'QR' similar to Δ PQR

(D) 2.4cm

with scale factor $\frac{4}{5}$.

ANSWERS

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS:

- 1.A
- 2. A
- 3. A