

# Unit 10 (Construction)

## Exercise 10.1 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)

### Question 1:

To divide a line segment AB in the ratio 5 : 7, first a ray AX is drawn, so that  $\angle BAX$  is an acute angle and then at equal distances points are marked on the ray AX such that the minimum number of these points is

- (a) 8                      (b) 10                      (c) 11                      (d) 12

### Solution:

(d) We know that, to divide a line segment AB in the ratio  $m : n$ , first draw a ray AX which makes an acute angle  $\angle BAX$ , then marked  $m + n$  points at equal distance.

Here,  $m = 5, n = 7$

So, minimum number of these points =  $m+n = 5 + 7 = 12$ .

### Question 2:

To divide a line segment AB in the ratio 4 : 7, a ray AX is drawn first such that  $\angle BAX$  is an acute angle and then points  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots$  are located at equal distances on the ray AX and the point B is joined to

- (a)  $A_{12}$                       (b)  $A_{11}$                       (c)  $A_{12}$                       (d)  $A_9$

### Solution:

(b) Here, minimum  $4+7 = 11$  points are located at equal distances on the ray AX, and then B is joined to last point is  $A_{11}$

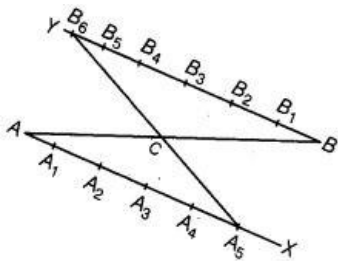
### Question 3:

To divide a line segment AB in the ratio 5 : 6, draw a ray AY such that  $\angle BAX$  is an acute angle, then draw a ray BY parallel to AY and the points  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots$  and  $B_1, B_2, B_3, \dots$  are located to equal distances on ray AY and BY, respectively. Then, the points joined are

- (a)  $A_5$  and  $A_6$                       (b)  $A_6$  and  $B_5$                       (c)  $A_4$  and  $B_5$                       (d)  $A_5$  and  $B_4$

### Solution:

(a) Given a line segment AB and we have to divide it in the ratio 5:6.



### Steps of construction

1. Draw a ray AX making an acute  $\angle BAX$ .
2. Draw a ray BY parallel to AX by making  $\angle ABY$  equal to  $\angle BAX$ .
3. Now, locate the points  $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4$  and  $A_5$  ( $m=5$ ) on AX and  $B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4, B_5$  and  $B_6$  ( $n=6$ ) such that all the points are at equal distance from each other.
4. Join  $B_6A_5$ . Let it intersect AB at a point C.  
Then,  $AC:BC = 5:6$

### Question 4:

To construct a triangle similar to a given  $\triangle ABC$  with its sides  $\frac{3}{7}$  of the corresponding sides of  $\triangle ABC$ , first draw a ray BX such that  $\angle CBX$  is an acute angle and X lies on the opposite side of A with respect to BC. Then, locate points  $B_1, B_2, B_3, \dots$  on BX at equal distances and next step is to join

- (a)  $B_{10}$  to C      (b)  $B_{13}$  to C      (c)  $B_7$  to C      (d)  $B_4$  to C

### Solution:

(c) Here, we locate points  $B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4, B_5, B_6$  and  $B_7$  on BX at equal distance and in next step join the last points is  $B_7$  to C.

### Question 5:

To construct a triangle similar to a given  $\triangle ABC$  with its sides  $\frac{8}{5}$  of the corresponding sides of  $\triangle ABC$  draw a ray BX such that  $\angle CBX$  is an acute angle and X is on the opposite side of A with respect to BC. The minimum number of points to be located at equal distances on ray BX is

- (a) 5      (b) 8      (c) 13      (d) 3

### Solution:

(b) To construct a triangle similar to a given triangle, with its sides  $\frac{m}{n}$  of the corresponding sides of given triangle the minimum number of points to be located at equal distance is equal to the greater of m and n is  $\frac{8}{5}$

Hence,

$$\frac{m-8}{n-5}$$

So, the minimum number of point to be located at equal distance on ray BX is 8.

### Question 6:

To draw a pair of tangents to a circle which are inclined to each other at an angle of  $60^\circ$ , it is required to draw tangents at end points of those two radii of the circle, the angle between them should be

- (a)  $135^\circ$       (b)  $90^\circ$       (c)  $60^\circ$       (d)  $120^\circ$

### Solution:

(d) The angle between them should be  $120^\circ$  because in that case the figure formed by the intersection point of pair of tangent, the two end points of those-two radii tangents are drawn and the centre of the circle is a quadrilateral.

From figure it is quadrilateral,

$$\angle POQ + \angle PRQ = 180^\circ [\because \text{sum of opposite angles are } 180^\circ]$$

$$60^\circ + \theta = 180^\circ$$

$$\theta = 120$$

Hence, the required angle between them is  $120^\circ$ .

### Exercise 10.2 Very Short Answer Type Questions

#### Question 1:

By geometrical construction, it is possible to divide a line segment in the ratio  $\sqrt{3} : \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ .

**Solution:**

**True**

Given, ratio =  $\sqrt{3} : \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$   
 $\therefore$  Required ratio =  $3 : 1$  [multiply  $\sqrt{3}$  in each term]  
 So,  $\sqrt{3} : \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  can be simplified as  $3 : 1$  and  $3$  as well as  $1$  both are positive integer.

Hence, the geometrical construction is possible to divide a line segment in the ratio  $3 : 1$

#### Question 2:

To construct a triangle similar to a given  $\triangle ABC$  with its sides  $\frac{7}{3}$  of the corresponding sides of  $\triangle ABC$ , draw a ray  $BX$  making acute angle with  $BC$  and  $X$  lies on the opposite side of  $A$  with respect of  $BC$ . The points  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_7$  are located at equal distances on  $BX$ ,  $B_3$  is joined to  $C$  and then a line segment  $B_6C'$  is drawn parallel to  $B_3C$ , where  $C'$  lies on  $BC$  produced. Finally line segment  $A'C'$  is drawn parallel to  $AC$ .

**Solution:**

**False**

**Steps of construction**

1. Draw a line segment  $BC$  with suitable length.
2. Taking  $B$  and  $C$  as centres draw two arcs of suitable radii intersecting each other at  $A$
3. Join  $BA$  and  $CA$   $\triangle ABC$  is the required triangle.
4. From  $B$  draw any ray  $BX$  downwards making an acute angle  $CBX$ .
5. Locate seven points  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_7$  on  $SX$ , such that  $BB_1 = B_1B_2 = B_2B_3 = B_3B_4 = B_4B_5 = B_5B_6 = B_6B_7$ .
6. Join  $B_3C$  and from  $B_7$  draw a line  $B_7C' \parallel B_3C$  intersecting the extended line segment  $BC$  at  $C'$ .
7. From point  $C'$  draw  $C'A' \parallel CA$  intersecting the extended line segment  $BA$  at  $A'$ . Then,  $\triangle A'BC'$  is the required triangle whose sides are  $\frac{7}{3}$  of the corresponding sides of  $\triangle ABC$ .

Given that, segment  $B_6C'$  is drawn parallel to  $B_3C$ . But from our construction is never possible that segment  $B_6C'$  is parallel to  $B_3C$  because the similar triangle  $A'BC'$  has its sides  $\frac{7}{3}$  of the corresponding sides of triangle  $ABC$ . So,  $B_6C'$  is parallel to  $B_3C$ .

#### Question 3:

A pair of tangents can be constructed from a point  $P$  to a circle of radius  $3.5$  cm situated at a distance of  $3$  cm from the centre.

**Solution:**

**False**

Since, the radius of the circle is  $3.5$  cm i.e.,  $r = 3.5$  cm and a point  $P$  situated at a distance of  $3$  cm from the centre i.e.,  $d = 3$  cm

We see that,  $r > d$

i.e., a point  $P$  lies inside the circle. So, no tangent can be drawn to a circle from a point lying inside it.

#### Question 4:

A pair of tangents can be constructed to a circle inclined at an angle of  $170^\circ$ .

**Solution:**

**True**

If the angle between the pair of tangents is always greater than 0 or less than 180°, then we can construct a pair of tangents to a circle. Hence, we can draw a pair of tangents to a circle inclined at an angle of 170°.



**Exercise 10.3 Short Answer Type Questions**

**Question 1:**

Draw a line segment of length 7 cm. Find a point P on it which divides it in the ratio 3:5.

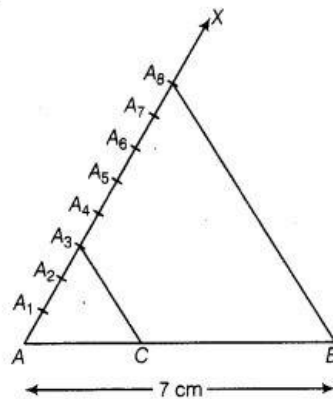
**Solution:**

**Steps of construction**

1. Draw a line segment AB = 7 cm.
2. Draw a ray AX, making an acute  $\angle BAX$
3. Along AX, mark  $3 + 5 = 8$  points  $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5, A_6, A_7, A_8$  such that  $AA_1 = A_1A_2 = A_2A_3 = A_3A_4 = A_4A_5 = A_5A_6 = A_6A_7 = A_7A_8$
4. Join  $A_8B$
5. From  $A_3$ , draw  $A_3C \parallel A_8B$  meeting AB at C. [by making an angle equal to  $\angle BA_8A$  at  $A_3$ ]

Then, C is the point on AB which divides it in the ratio 3 : 5,

Thus,  $AC : CB = 3 : 5$



**Justification**

Let  $AA_1 = A_1A_2 = A_2A_3 = A_3A_4 = \dots = A_7A_8 = x$   
In  $\triangle ABA_8$ , we have

$$A_3C \parallel A_8B$$

$$\therefore \frac{AC}{CB} = \frac{AA_3}{A_3A_8} = \frac{3x}{5x} = \frac{3}{5}$$

Hence,  $AC : CB = 3 : 5$

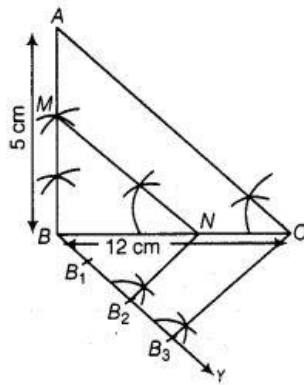
**Question 2:**

Draw a right  $\triangle ABC$  in which  $BC = 12$  cm,  $AB = 5$  cm and  $\angle B = 90^\circ$ . Construct a triangle similar to it and of scale factor  $\frac{1}{5}$ . Is the new triangle also a right triangle?

**Solution:**

**Steps of construction**

1. Draw a line segment BC = 12 cm,
2. From C draw a line AB = 5 cm which makes right angle at B.



3. Join AC,  $\Delta ABC$  is the given right triangle.
4. From B draw an acute  $\angle CBY$  downwards.
5. On ray  $BY$ , mark three points  $B_1, B_2$  and  $B_3$ , such that  $BB_1 = B_1B_2 = B_2B_3$ .
6. Join  $B_3C$ .
7. From point  $B_2$  draw  $B_2N \parallel B_3C$  intersect  $BC$  at  $N$ .
8. From point  $N$  draw  $NM \parallel CA$  intersect  $BA$  at  $M$ .  $\Delta MBN$  is the required triangle.  
 $\Delta MBN$  is also a right angled triangle at  $B$ .

### Question 3:

Draw a  $\Delta ABC$  in which  $BC = 6$  cm,  $CA = 5$  cm and  $AB = 4$  cm. Construct a triangle similar to it and of scale factor  $\frac{5}{3}$

**Solution:**

#### Steps of construction

1. Draw a line segment  $BC = 6$  cm.
2. Taking  $B$  and  $C$  as centres, draw two arcs of radii 4 cm and 5 cm intersecting each other at  $A$ .
3. Join  $BA$  and  $CA$ .  $\Delta ABC$  is the required triangle.
4. From  $B$ , draw any ray  $BX$  downwards making an acute angle.
5. Mark five points  $B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4$  and  $B_5$  on  $BX$ , such that  $BB_1 = B_1B_2 = B_2B_3 = B_3B_4 = B_4B_5$ .
6. Join  $B_3C$  and from  $B_5$  draw  $B_5M \parallel B_3C$  intersecting the extended line segment  $BC$  at  $M$ .
7. From point  $M$  draw  $MN \parallel CA$  intersecting the extended line segment  $BA$  at  $N$ .  
 Then,  $\Delta NBM$  is the required triangle whose sides are equal to  $\frac{5}{3}$  of the corresponding sides of the  $\Delta ABC$ .  
 Hence,  $\Delta NBM$  is the required triangle.

### Question 4:

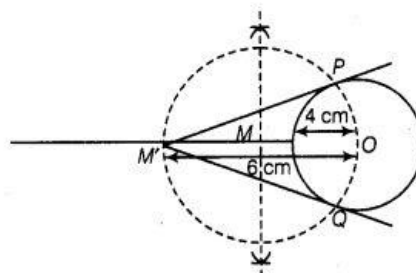
Construct a tangent to a circle of radius 4 cm from a point which is at a distance of 6 cm from its centre.

**Solution:**

Given, a point  $M'$  is at a distance of 6 cm from the centre of a circle of radius 4 cm.

#### Steps of construction

1. Draw a circle of radius 4 cm. Let centre of this circle is  $O$ .
2. Join  $OM'$  and bisect it. Let  $M$  be mid-point of  $OM'$ .
3. Taking  $M$  as centre and  $MO$  as radius draw a circle to intersect circle  $(O, 4)$  at two points,  $P$  and  $Q$ .
4. Join  $PM'$  and  $QM'$ .  $PM'$  and  $QM'$  are the required tangents from  $M'$  to circle  $C(O, 4)$ .



**Question 1:**

Two line segments AB and AC include an angle of  $60^\circ$ , where  $AB = 5$  cm and  $AC = 7$  cm. Locate points P and Q on AB and AC, respectively such that  $AP = \frac{3}{4}AB$  and  $AQ = \frac{1}{4}AC$ . Join P and Q and measure the length PQ.

**Solution:**

Given that,  $AB = 5$  cm and  $AC = 7$  cm

Also,  $AP = \frac{3}{4}AB$  and  $AQ = \frac{1}{4}AC$  ... (i)

From Eq. (i),  $AP = \frac{3}{4} \cdot AB = \frac{3}{4} \times 5 = \frac{15}{4}$  cm

Then,  $PB = AB - AP = 5 - \frac{15}{4} = \frac{20 - 15}{4} = \frac{5}{4}$  cm [∵ P is any point on the AB]

∴  $AP : PB = \frac{15}{4} : \frac{5}{4} \Rightarrow AP : PB = 3 : 1$

i.e., scale factor of line segment AB is  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Again from Eq. (i),  $AQ = \frac{1}{4}AC = \frac{1}{4} \times 7 = \frac{7}{4}$  cm

Then,  $QC = AC - AQ = 7 - \frac{7}{4}$   
 $= \frac{28 - 7}{4} = \frac{21}{4}$  cm

[∵ Q is any point on the AC]

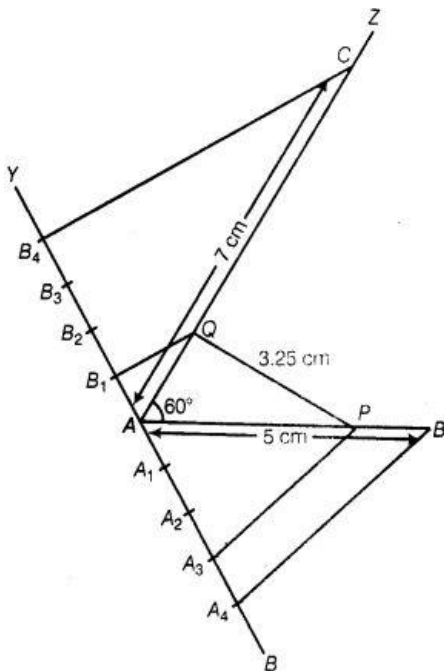
∴  $AQ : QC = \frac{7}{4} : \frac{21}{4} = 1 : 3$

⇒  $AQ : QC = 1 : 3$

i.e., scale factor of line segment AQ is  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

**Steps of construction**

1. Draw a line segment  $AB = 5$  cm.
2. Now draw a ray AZ making an acute  $\angle BAZ = 60^\circ$ .
3. With A as centre and radius equal to 7 cm draw an arc cutting the line AZ at C.
4. Draw a ray AX, making an acute  $\angle BAX$
5. Along AX, mark  $1+3 = 4$  points  $A_1, A_2, A_3$ , and  $A_4$  Such that  $AA_1 = A_1A_2 = A_2A_3 = A_3A_4$
6. Join  $A_4B$
7. From  $A_3$  draw  $A_3P \parallel A_4B$  meeting AB at P [by making an angle equal to  $\angle AA_4B$ ]  
 Then, P is the point on AB which divides it in the ratio 3:1.  
 So,  $AP : PB = 3 : 1$
8. Draw a ray AY, making an acute  $\angle CAY$



9. Along AY, mark  $3+1 = 4$  points  $B_1, B_2, B_3$  and  $B_4$ .  
Such that  $AB_1 = B_1B_2 = B_2B_3 = B_3B_4$
10. Join  $B_4C$
11. From  $B_1$  draw  $B_1Q \parallel B_4C$  meeting  $AC$  at  $Q$ . [by making an angle equal to  $\angle AB_4C$ ]  
Then,  $Q$  is the point on  $AC$  which divides it in the ratio  $1 : 3$ .  
So  $AQ:QC = 1:3$
12. Finally, join  $PQ$  and its measurement is  $3.25$  cm.

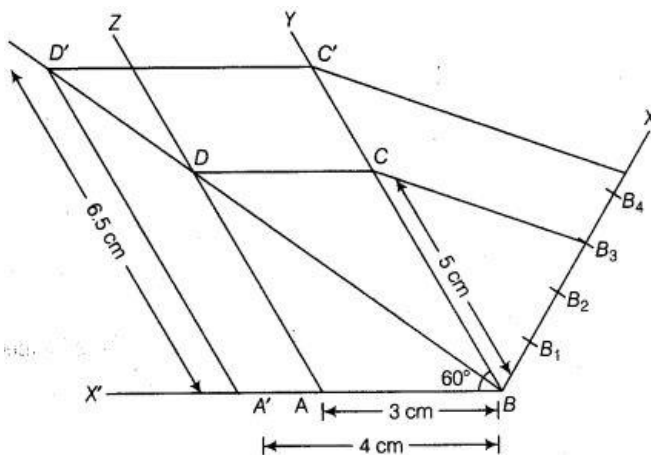
### Question 2:

Draw a parallelogram  $ABCD$  in which  $BC = 5$  cm,  $AB = 3$  cm and  $\angle ABC = 60^\circ$ , divide it into triangles  $BCD$  and  $ABD$  by the diagonal  $BD$ . Construct the triangles  $BD'C'$  similar to  $\triangle BDC$  with Scale factor  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Draw the line segment  $D'A'$  parallel to  $DA$ , where  $A'$  lies on extended side  $BA$ . Is  $A'BC'D'$  a parallelogram?

### Solution:

#### Steps of construction

1. Draw a line segment  $AB = 3$  cm.
2. Now, draw a ray  $BY$  making an acute  $\angle ABY = 60^\circ$ .
3. With  $B$  as centre and radius equal to  $5$  cm draw an arc cut the point  $C$  on
4. Again draw a ray  $AZ$  making an acute  $\angle ZAX' = 60^\circ$ . [ $\because BY \parallel AZ, \therefore \angle YBX' = \angle ZAX' = 60^\circ$ ]
5. With  $A$  as centre and radius equal to  $5$  cm draw an arc cut the point  $D$  on  $AZ$ .



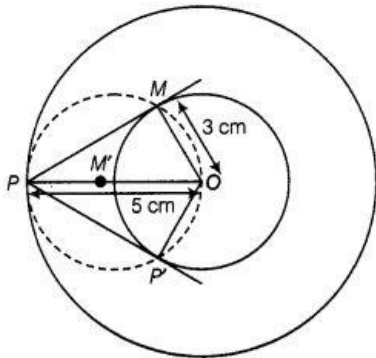
6. Now, join CD and finally make a parallelogram ABCD
7. Join BD, which is a diagonal of parallelogram ABCD
8. From B draw any ray BX downwards making an acute  $\angle CBX$ .
9. Locate 4 points  $B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4$  on BX, such that  $BB_1 = B_1B_2 = B_2B_3 = B_3B_4$ ,
10. Join  $B_4C$  and from  $B_3C$  draw a line  $B_4C' \parallel B_3C$  intersecting the extended line segment BC at  $C'$ .
11. From point  $C'$  draw  $C'D' \parallel CD$  intersecting the extended line segment BD at  $D'$ . Then,  $\triangle AD'BC'$  is the required triangle whose sides are  $\frac{4}{3}$  of the corresponding sides of  $\triangle DBC$
12. Now draw a line segment  $D'A'$  parallel to DA, where  $A'$  lies on extended side BA i.e ray  $BX'$ .
13. Finally, we observe that  $A'BCD'$  is a parallelogram in which  $A'D' = 6.5$  cm,  $A'B = 4$  cm and  $\angle A'BD' = 60^\circ$  divide it into triangles  $BCD'$  and  $A'BD'$  by the diagonal BD.

### Question 3:

Draw two concentric circles of radii 3 cm and 5 cm. Taking a point on outer circle construct the pair of tangents to the other. Measure the length of a tangent and verify it by actual calculation.

### Solution:

Given, two concentric circles of radii 3 cm and 5 cm with centre O. We have to draw pair of tangents from point P on outer circle to the other.



### Steps of construction

1. Draw two concentric circles with centre O and radii 3 cm and 5 cm.
2. Taking any point P on outer circle. Join OP.
3. Bisect OP, let  $M'$  be the mid-point of .  
Taking  $M'$  as centre and  $OM'$  as radius draw a circle dotted which cuts the inner circle at M and  $P'$ .
4. Join P M and  $PP'$ . Thus, PM and  $PP'$  are the required tangents.
5. On measuring PM and  $PP'$ , we find that  $PM = PP' = 4$  cm.

### Actual calculation

In right angle  $\triangle OMP$ ,

$$\angle PMO = 90^\circ$$

$$\therefore PM^2 = OP^2 - OM^2$$

[by Pythagoras theorem i.e. (hypotenuse)<sup>2</sup> = (base)<sup>2</sup> + (perpendicular)<sup>2</sup>]

$$\Rightarrow PM^2 = (5)^2 - (3)^2 = 25 - 9 = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow PM = 4 \text{ cm}$$

Hence, the length of both tangents is 4 cm.

### Question 4:

Draw an isosceles triangle ABC in which  $AB = AC = 6$  cm and  $BC = 5$  cm. Construct a triangle PQR similar to  $\triangle ABC$  in which  $PQ = 8$  cm. Also justify the construction.

### Solution:

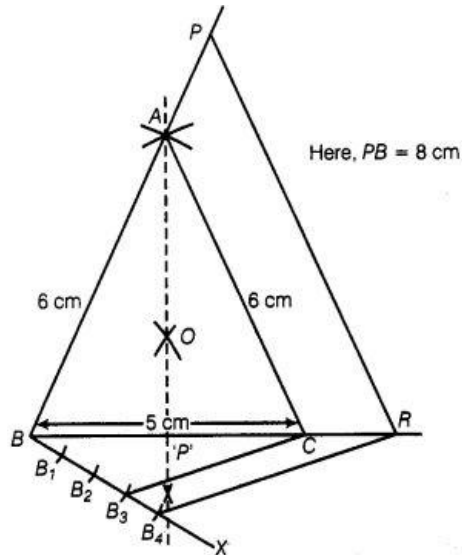
Let  $\triangle PQR$  and  $\triangle ABC$  are similar triangles, then its scale factor between the corresponding



sides is  $\frac{PQ}{AB} = \frac{8}{6} = \frac{4}{3}$

### Steps of construction

1. Draw a line segment  $BC = 5$  cm.
2. Construct  $OQ$  the perpendicular bisector of line segment  $BC$  meeting  $BC$  at  $P'$ .
3. Taking  $B$  and  $C$  as centres draw two arcs of equal radius  $6$  cm intersecting each other at  $A$
4. Join  $BA$  and  $CA$ . So,  $\Delta ABC$  is the required isosceles triangle.



5. From  $B$ , draw any ray  $BX$  making an acute  $\angle CBX$
6. Locate four points  $B_1, B_2, B_3$  and  $B_4$  on  $BX$  such that  $BB_1 = B_1B_2 = B_2B_3 = B_3B_4$
7. Join  $B_3C$  and from  $B_4$  draw a line  $B_4R \parallel B_3C$  intersecting the extended line segment  $BC$  at  $R$ .
8. From point  $R$ , draw  $RP \parallel CA$  meeting  $BA$  produced at  $P$   
Then,  $\Delta PBR$  is the required triangle.

### Justification

$\therefore B_4R \parallel B_3C$  (by construction)

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{BC}{CR} &= \frac{3}{1} \\ \text{Now, } \frac{BR}{BC} &= \frac{BC + CR}{BC} \\ &= 1 + \frac{CR}{BC} = 1 + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{4}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Also,  $RP \parallel CA$   
 $\therefore \Delta ABC \sim \Delta PBR$

and  $\frac{PB}{AB} = \frac{RP}{CA} = \frac{BR}{BC} = \frac{4}{3}$

Hence, the new triangle is similar to the given triangle whose sides are  $\frac{4}{3}$  times of the corresponding sides of the isosceles  $\Delta ABC$ .

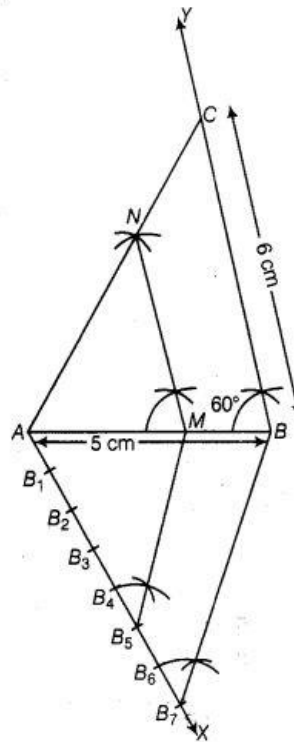
### Question 5:

Draw a  $\Delta ABC$  in which  $AB = 5$  cm,  $BC = 6$  cm and  $\angle ABC = 60^\circ$ . Construct a triangle similar to  $ABC$  with scale factor  $\frac{5}{7}$ . Justify the construction.

### Solution:

### Steps of construction

1. Draw a line segment  $AB = 5$  cm.
  2. From point  $B$ , draw  $\angle ABY = 60^\circ$  on which take  $BC = 6$  cm.
  3. Join  $AC$ ,  $\triangle ABC$  is the required triangle.
  4. From  $A$ , draw any ray  $AX$  downwards making an acute angle.
  5. Mark 7 points  $B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4, B_5, B_6$  and  $B_7$  on  $AX$ , such that  $AB_1 = B_1B_2 = B_2B_3 = B_3B_4 = B_4B_5 = B_5B_6 = B_6B_7$ .
  6. Join  $B_7B$  and from  $B_5$  draw  $B_5M \parallel B_7B$  intersecting  $AB$  at  $M$ .
  7. From point  $M$  draw  $MN \parallel BC$  intersecting  $AC$  at  $N$ .
- Then,  $\triangle AMN$  is the required triangle whose sides are equal to  $\frac{5}{7}$  of the corresponding sides of the  $\triangle ABC$ .



### Justification

Here,  $B_5M \parallel B_7B$  (by construction)

$$\therefore \frac{AM}{MB} = \frac{5}{2}$$

Now,

$$\frac{AM}{AB} = \frac{AM}{AM + MB}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{MB}{AM} = 1 + \frac{2}{5} = \frac{7}{5}$$

Also,

$$MN \parallel BC$$

$\therefore \triangle AMN \sim \triangle ABC$

Therefore,

$$\frac{AM}{AB} = \frac{AN}{AC} = \frac{NM}{BC} = \frac{5}{7}$$

### Question 6:

Draw a circle of radius 4 cm. Construct a pair of tangents to it, the angle between which is  $60^\circ$ . Also justify the construction. Measure the distance between the centre of the circle and the point of intersection of tangents.

### Solution:

In order to draw the pair of tangents, we follow the following steps

### Steps of construction

1. Take a point  $O$  on the plane of the paper and draw a circle of radius  $OA = 4$  cm.
2. Produce  $OA$  to  $B$  such that  $OA = AB = 4$  cm.
3. Taking  $A$  as the centre draw a circle of radius  $AO = AB = 4$  cm.  
Suppose it cuts the circle drawn in step 1 at  $P$  and  $Q$ .
4. Join  $BP$  and  $BQ$  to get desired tangents.

**Justification** In  $\triangle OAP$ , we have

$$OA = OP = 4 \text{ cm}$$

( $\because$  Radius)

$$AP = 4 \text{ cm}$$

( $\because$  Radius of circle with centre A)

Also,

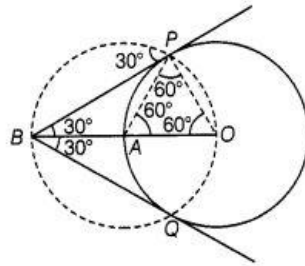
$\therefore \triangle OAP$  is equilateral

$\Rightarrow$

$$\angle PAO = 60^\circ$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\angle BAP = 120^\circ$$



In  $\triangle BAP$ , we have

$$BA = AP \text{ and } \angle BAP = 120^\circ$$

$\therefore$

$$\angle ABP = \angle APB = 30^\circ$$

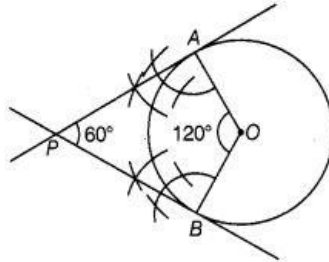
$\Rightarrow$

$$\angle PBQ = 60^\circ$$

**Alternate Method**

**Steps of construction**

1. Take a point  $O$  on the plane of the paper and draw a circle with centre  $O$  and radius  $OA = 4 \text{ cm}$ .
2. At  $O$  construct radii  $OA$  and  $OB$  such that  $\angle AOB$  equal  $120^\circ$  i.e., supplement of the angle between the tangents.
3. Draw perpendiculars to  $OA$  and  $OB$  at  $A$  and  $B$ , respectively. Suppose these perpendiculars intersect at  $P$ . Then,  $PA$  and  $PB$  are required tangents.



**Justification**

In quadrilateral  $OAPB$ , we have

$$\angle OAP = \angle OBP = 90^\circ$$

$$\angle AOB = 120^\circ$$

and

$$\therefore \angle OAP + \angle OBP + \angle AOB + \angle APB = 360^\circ$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$90^\circ + 90^\circ + 120^\circ + \angle APB = 360^\circ$$

$\therefore$

$$\angle APB = 360^\circ - (90^\circ + 90^\circ + 120^\circ)$$

$$= 360^\circ - 300^\circ = 60^\circ$$

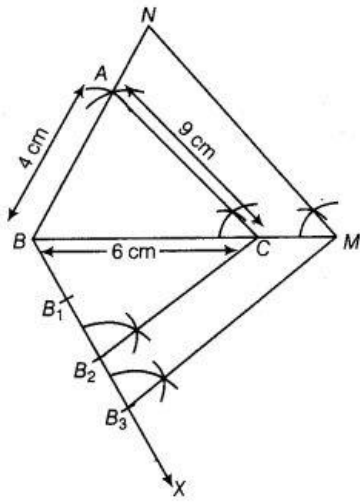
### Question 7:

Draw a  $\triangle ABC$  in which  $AB = 4 \text{ cm}$ ,  $BC = 6 \text{ cm}$  and  $AC = 9 \text{ cm}$ . Construct a triangle similar to  $\triangle ABC$  with scale factor  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Justify the construction. Are the two triangles congruent? Note that, all the three angles and two sides of the two triangles are equal.

**Solution:**

**Steps of construction**

1. Draw a line segment  $BC = 6 \text{ cm}$ .
2. Taking  $B$  and  $C$  as centres, draw two arcs of radii  $4 \text{ cm}$  and  $9 \text{ cm}$  intersecting each other at  $A$ .
3. Join  $BA$  and  $CA$ ,  $\triangle ABC$  is the required triangle.
4. From  $B$ , draw any ray  $BX$  downwards making an acute angle.
5. Mark three points  $B_1, B_2, B_3$  on  $BX$ , such that  $BB_1 = B_1B_2 = B_2B_3$ .



1. Join  $B_2C$  and from  $B_3$  draw  $B_3M \parallel B_2C$  intersecting the extended line segment  $BC$  at
  2. From point  $M$ , draw  $MN \parallel CA$  intersecting the extended line segment  $BA$  to  $N$ .
- Then,  $\triangle NBM$  is the required triangle whose sides are equals to of the corresponding sides of the  $\triangle ABC$

The two triangles are not congruent because, if two triangles are congruent, then they have same shape and same size. Here, all the three angles are same but three sides are not same one side is different.

**Justification**

Here,

$\therefore$

Now,

Also,

$\therefore$

Therefore,

$$B_3M \parallel B_2C$$

$$\frac{BC}{CM} = \frac{2}{1}$$

$$\frac{BM}{BC} = \frac{BC + CM}{BC}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{CM}{BC} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$MN \parallel CA$$

$$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle NBM$$

$$\frac{NB}{AB} = \frac{NM}{AC} = \frac{BM}{BC} = \frac{3}{2}$$