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SOLUTIONS: AREAS OF PARALLELOGRAMS AND TRIANGLES (HOTS)

Mathematics | Class IX | (2026/AREA-HOTS/09/001)

Section A: Multiple Choice Questions

- Answer: (b) 1 : 2**
A triangle is half the area of a parallelogram if they share the same base and parallels.
- Answer: (b) Equal area**
A median of a triangle bisects its area.
- Answer: (c) 30 cm²**
 $Area(\triangle ABC) = 2 \times Area(\triangle ABD) = 2 \times 15 = 30$.
- Answer: (b) Equal in area**
This is a fundamental theorem of Euclidean geometry.
- Answer: (b) 24 cm²**
Both are parallelograms on the same base and parallels.
- Answer: (b) 40 cm²**
 $Area(ABCD) = 2 \times Area(\triangle ABE) = 2 \times 20 = 40$.
- Answer: (a) Parallel to the base line**
Equal areas and bases imply equal altitudes; hence the vertices must lie on a line parallel to the base.
- Answer: (c) $\frac{1}{4}Area(ABC)$**
Joining the mid-points of a triangle divides it into 4 triangles of equal area.

Section B: Short Answer Questions

- $Area(\triangle PQS) = \frac{1}{2}Area(PQRS) = 20 \text{ cm}^2$.
 $\triangle PSA$ and $\triangle PQS$ share the same altitude from P to the diagonal QS . However, $Area(\triangle PQS) = Area(\triangle PSQ)$. By diagonal property, $Area(\triangle PSQ) = Area(\triangle RSQ)$.
Actually, for point A on diagonal QS , $Area(\triangle PSA) = Area(\triangle RQA)$. Since $Area(\triangle PSQ) = 20$, and A is on QS , $Area(\triangle PSA)$ depends on the position of A . *Note: If A is the midpoint of QS , area is 10 cm^2 .*
- Let $ABCD$ be a parallelogram. Diagonal AC forms $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle ADC$.
They have $AB = CD$, $BC = DA$ and AC common. By SSS, $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle ADC$.
Congruent triangles have equal areas.
- $Area(\triangle ABD) = \frac{1}{2}Area(\triangle ABC)$ (Median AD).
In $\triangle ABD$, BE is the median (as E is mid-point of AD).
 $Area(\triangle BED) = \frac{1}{2}Area(\triangle ABD) = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}Area(\triangle ABC)) = \frac{1}{4}Area(\triangle ABC)$.
- A triangle is divided into 6 triangles of equal area by its three medians.
 $Area(\triangle AGB) = 2 \times (\frac{1}{6}Area) = \frac{1}{3}Area(\triangle ABC)$.
Since each of the three triangles equals $\frac{1}{3}$ total area, they are all equal.

Section C: Short Answer Questions

- $\triangle DBC$ and $\triangle EBC$ are on the same base BC and have equal areas.
By the converse of the area theorem, they must lie between the same parallels.
Therefore, $DE \parallel BC$.
- $Area(\triangle APB) = \frac{1}{2}Area(ABCD)$ is incorrect (that's for base AB).
 $Area(\triangle APB) = \frac{1}{2}Area(ABCD)$ if P is on CD .
Sum of areas: $Area(\triangle APB) + Area(\triangle AQD) = \frac{1}{2}Area(ABCD) + \frac{1}{2}Area(ABCD)$ is false.
Correct relation: Each triangle is half the parallelogram if its base is a side and vertex is on the opposite side.
- $\triangle ADX$ and $\triangle ACX$ are on same base AX and between $AX \parallel DC$. No.
Correct approach: $Area(\triangle ACX) = Area(\triangle ACY)$ (Same base AC , $AC \parallel XY$).
 $Area(\triangle ADX) = Area(\triangle ACX)$? No.
Using $AB \parallel DC$: $Area(\triangle ADC) = Area(\triangle BDC)$.

Section D: Long Answer / HOTS Questions

- (i) $PQRS$ and $ABRS$ have same base SR and parallels $SR \parallel PB$.
 $\implies Area(PQRS) = Area(ABRS)$.

(ii) In $\triangle AXS$ and $\parallel^{gm} ABRS$, same base AS and parallels $AS \parallel BR$.
 $\implies Area(\triangle AXS) = \frac{1}{2}Area(ABRS)$.
Since $Area(ABRS) = Area(PQRS)$, $Area(\triangle AXS) = \frac{1}{2}Area(PQRS)$.
- (i) In $\triangle DOC$ and $\triangle AOB$: Let h_1, h_2 be altitudes from D, B to AC .
Since $OB = OD$, altitudes $h_1 = h_2$. With $AB = CD$, we prove $\triangle DOC \cong \triangle AOB$ (SAS).
 $\implies Area(\triangle DOC) = Area(\triangle AOB)$.

(ii) Add $Area(\triangle BOC)$ to both sides:
 $Area(\triangle DOC) + Area(\triangle BOC) = Area(\triangle AOB) + Area(\triangle BOC) \implies Area(\triangle DCB) = Area(\triangle ACB)$.

(iii) Since $\triangle DCB$ and $\triangle ACB$ have same base BC and equal area, $AD \parallel BC$. Combined with $AB = CD$, it is a parallelogram.
- Join CD . AD is median $\implies Area(\triangle BCD) = \frac{1}{2}Area(\triangle ABC)$.
 $\triangle PDQ$ and $\triangle PDC$ are on base PD with $PD \parallel CQ$.
 $\implies Area(\triangle PDQ) = Area(\triangle PDC)$.
 $Area(\triangle BPQ) = Area(\triangle BPD) + Area(\triangle PDQ) = Area(\triangle BPD) + Area(\triangle PDC) = Area(\triangle BCD)$.
Thus, $Area(\triangle BPQ) = \frac{1}{2}Area(\triangle ABC)$.