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CHAPTER TEST: HERON'S FORMULA
Mathematics | Class IX (2026/HERON/09/NCERT/001)

Section A: Multiple Choice Questions

- (b) $\frac{3a}{2}$
Perimeter = $a + a + a = 3a$. Semi-perimeter $s = \frac{\text{Perimeter}}{2} = \frac{3a}{2}$.
- (a) **864 cm²**
Let sides be $3x, 4x, 5x$. $3x + 4x + 5x = 144 \implies 12x = 144 \implies x = 12$.
Sides are 36, 48, 60. Since $36^2 + 48^2 = 60^2$, it is a right triangle.
Area = $\frac{1}{2} \times 36 \times 48 = 18 \times 48 = 864 \text{ cm}^2$.
- (a) **$\sqrt{15} \text{ cm}^2$**
 $a = 4, b = 4, c = 2$. $s = \frac{4+4+2}{2} = 5$.
Area = $\sqrt{5(5-4)(5-4)(5-2)} = \sqrt{5 \times 1 \times 1 \times 3} = \sqrt{15} \text{ cm}^2$.
- (b) **24 cm**
 $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}a^2 = 16\sqrt{3} \implies a^2 = 64 \implies a = 8$.
Perimeter = $3a = 3 \times 8 = 24 \text{ cm}$.
- (c) **Semi-perimeter**

Section B: Short Answer Questions

- $a = 18, b = 10, P = 42$. Third side $c = 42 - (18 + 10) = 14 \text{ cm}$.
 $s = 21$. Area = $\sqrt{21(21-18)(21-10)(21-14)} = \sqrt{21 \times 3 \times 11 \times 7} = 21\sqrt{11} \text{ cm}^2$.
- No.** In a triangle, the sum of any two sides must be greater than the third side. Here, $12 + 12 = 24$, which is less than 30. Thus, the triangle cannot be formed.
- Let equal sides be x . $\frac{1}{2}x^2 = 8 \implies x^2 = 16 \implies x = 4$.
Hypotenuse = $\sqrt{4^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{32} = 4\sqrt{2} \text{ cm}$.
- $13x + 12x + 5x = 450 \implies 30x = 450 \implies x = 15$.
Sides: 195, 180, 75. These are Pythagorean triplets ($75^2 + 180^2 = 195^2$).
Area = $\frac{1}{2} \times 75 \times 180 = 75 \times 90 = 6750 \text{ m}^2$.

Section C: Long Answer Questions

- In $\triangle BCD$, $\angle C = 90^\circ$. By Pythagoras: $BD = \sqrt{12^2 + 5^2} = 13 \text{ m}$.
Area($\triangle BCD$) = $\frac{1}{2} \times 12 \times 5 = 30 \text{ m}^2$.
For $\triangle ABD$: $a = 9, b = 8, c = 13$. $s = \frac{9+8+13}{2} = 15$.
Area($\triangle ABD$) = $\sqrt{15(15-9)(15-8)(15-13)} = \sqrt{15 \times 6 \times 7 \times 2} = 6\sqrt{35} \approx 35.5 \text{ m}^2$.
Total Area $\approx 30 + 35.5 = 65.5 \text{ m}^2$.
- $s = \frac{120+80+50}{2} = 125 \text{ m}$.
Area = $\sqrt{125(125-120)(125-80)(125-50)} = \sqrt{125 \times 5 \times 45 \times 75} = 375\sqrt{15} \text{ m}^2$.
Perimeter for fencing = $(250 - 3) = 247 \text{ m}$.
Cost = $247 \times 20 = \text{Rs } 4940$.

12. Side of rhombus = $80/4 = 20$ m. Diagonal = 24 m.
The diagonal divides the rhombus into two congruent triangles with sides 20, 20, 24.
 $s = 32$. Area of one $\triangle = \sqrt{32(12)(12)(8)} = 12 \times 16 = 192 \text{ m}^2$.
Total Area = $2 \times 192 = 384 \text{ m}^2$.
13. For one tile ($a = 9, b = 28, c = 35$): $s = 36$.
Area = $\sqrt{36(36 - 9)(36 - 28)(36 - 35)} = \sqrt{36 \times 27 \times 8 \times 1} = 36\sqrt{6} \text{ cm}^2$.
Total Area for 16 tiles = $16 \times 36\sqrt{6} = 576\sqrt{6} \approx 1411 \text{ cm}^2$.
Cost = $1411 \times 0.50 = \text{Rs } 705.50$.

Section D: NCERT Highlights

1. Sides of the triangle
2. 4 (Area \propto side²)
3. Triangles
4. Height (or Altitude)