



APPLIED MATHEMATICS · CHAPTER 1

Numbers, Quantification and Numerical Applications

A 1-page guide for parents · 90-second read.

EXPECTED MARKS

6 marks

TIME TO MASTER

Strong hrs

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70330 05444**WHAT THIS CHAPTER IS, IN PLAIN ENGLISH**

This is the opening chapter of your child's Class 12 Applied Mathematics book. Applied Maths is the practical, real-world version of mathematics designed for Commerce and Humanities streams. This chapter covers the kind of problems people actually solve at work — mixing two grades of a product to hit a target price, calculating how long a tank takes to fill if a pipe is leaking, figuring out what day of the week a date will fall on, and solving the inequalities a business owner faces when budgeting. The mathematics is mostly arithmetic, but the problems require careful translation from words into numbers.

5 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD

- What is the difference between 'downstream' and 'upstream' speed in a boats-streams problem?
- If a shopkeeper mixes two types of tea at different prices, how do you find the ratio of the mixture?
- Why must you flip the inequality sign when you multiply or divide by a negative number?
- If pipe A fills a tank in 4 hours and there is a leak that empties it in 12 hours, how long does the tank take to fill?
- What is meant by 'x is congruent to a modulo n'?

WEAK-SPOT INDICATORS

- If your child cannot state the four headline formulas (allegation, boat-stream, pipe-rate, inequality-flip) from memory, the chapter foundation is missing.
- If they confuse 'downstream' (with the current) and 'upstream' (against the current), they will lose 2-3 marks on the boat-stream question every paper.
- If they multiply both sides of an inequality by a negative number without flipping the sign, every inequality question goes wrong.

WHEN TO WORRY — AND WHAT TO DO

If, after attempting one PYQ from each of the five topics, your child gets fewer than three correct, schedule one focused revision session of 60-90 minutes. The chapter rewards practice, not abstract reasoning — half an hour of drill usually fixes most gaps.

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