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Exercise 9A

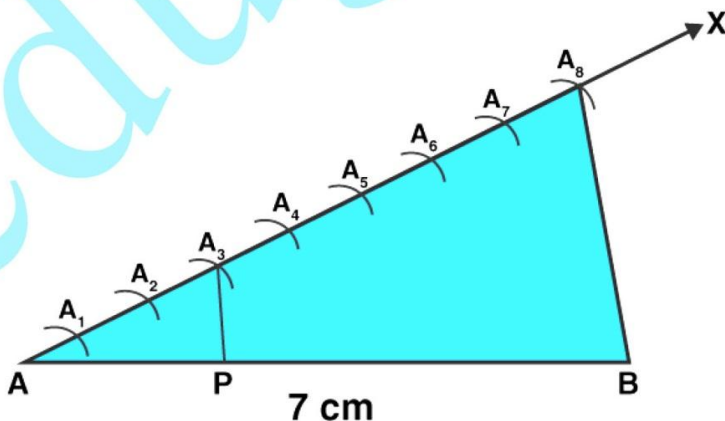
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Question 1: Draw a line segment AB of length 7 cm. Using ruler and compasses, find a point P on AB such that $AP/AB = 3/5$.

Solution:

Steps of Construction:

1. Draw a line segment $AB = 7\text{ cm}$.
2. Draw a line from A making an acute angle with line segment AB.
3. Taking A as center draw an arc cutting at A_1 on the line. And with the same radius consider A_1 as a center and draw another arc cutting line at A_2 . Repeat the same procedure and divide the line AX from A into 8 equal parts: $AA_1, A_1A_2, A_2A_3, A_3A_4, A_4A_5, A_5A_6, A_6A_7$ and A_7A_8 .
4. Join A_8 and B by drawing a line.
5. Draw a parallel line to A_8B from A_3 which divides line segment AB at point P.
6. P is the required point such that $AP/AB = 3/5$.



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Question 2:

(i) Draw a line segment of length 8 cm and divide it internally in the ratio 4:5.

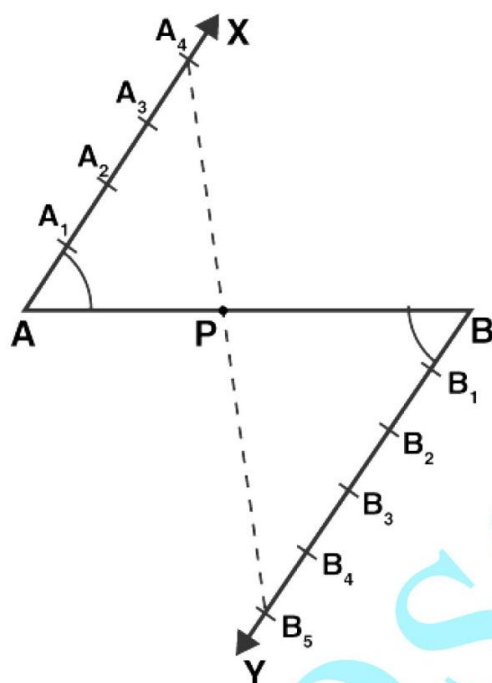
Solution:

Steps of construction:

1. Draw a line segment $AB = 8$ cm.
2. Draw a ray AX making an acute angle at A with AB .
3. Draw another ray BY parallel to AX making an acute angle. Make sure angle must be same as considered in step 2.
4. Taking A as center draw an arc cutting at A_1 on the line.
Taking same radius consider A_1 as a center and draw another arc cutting line at A_2 .
Repeat the same procedure and divide the line AX into 4 points A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4 .
In such a way, $AA_1 = A_1A_2 = A_2A_3 = A_3A_4$
5. Similar to step 4,
Taking B as center draw an arc cutting at B_1 on the line.
Taking same radius (set in step 4) consider B_1 as a center and draw another arc cutting line at B_2 .
Repeat the same procedure and divide the line BY into 5 points in such a way that $BB_1 = B_1B_2 = B_2B_3 = B_3B_4 = B_4B_5$
6. Join A_4B_5
7. Line A_4B_5 intersect AB at a point P .

Therefore, P is the point dividing the line segment AB internally in the ratio of 4 : 5.

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(ii) Draw a line segment of length 7.6 cm and divide it in the ratio 5 : 8. Measure the two parts.

Solution:

Steps of construction:

1. Draw a line segment $AB = 7.6$ cm.
2. Draw a ray AX making an acute angle at A with AB .
3. Draw another ray BY parallel to AX making an acute angle. Make sure angle must be same as considered in step 2.
4. Taking A as center draw an arc cutting at A_1 on the line.
Taking same radius consider A_1 as a center and draw another arc cutting line at A_2 .
Repeat the same procedure and divide the line AX into 5 points A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4 and A_5
In such a way, $AA_1 = A_1A_2 = A_2A_3 = A_3A_4 = A_4A_5$
5. Similar to step 4,
Taking B as center draw an arc cutting at B_1 on the line.
Taking same radius (set in step 4) consider B_1 as a center and draw another arc cutting line at B_2 .

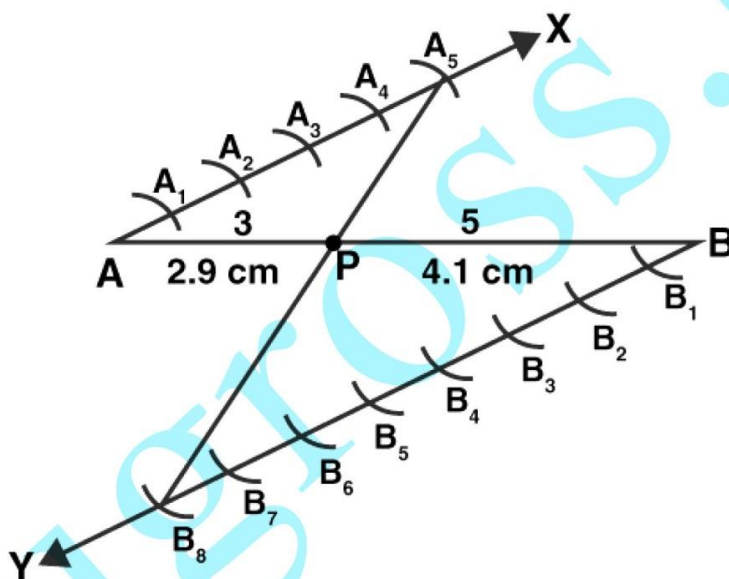
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Repeat the same procedure and divide the line BY into 8 points in such a way that $BB_1 = B_1B_2 = B_2B_3 = B_3B_4 = B_4B_5 = B_5B_6 = B_6B_7 = B_7B_8$

6. Join A_5B_8

7. Line A_5B_8 intersect AB at a point P in the ratio 5:8

8. Measurement: $PB = 4.7$ cm and $AP = 2.9$ cm



Question 3: Construct a ΔPQR , in which $PQ = 6$ cm, $QR = 7$ cm and $PR = 8$ cm. Then, construct another triangle whose sides are $\frac{4}{5}$ times the corresponding sides of ΔPQR .

Solution:

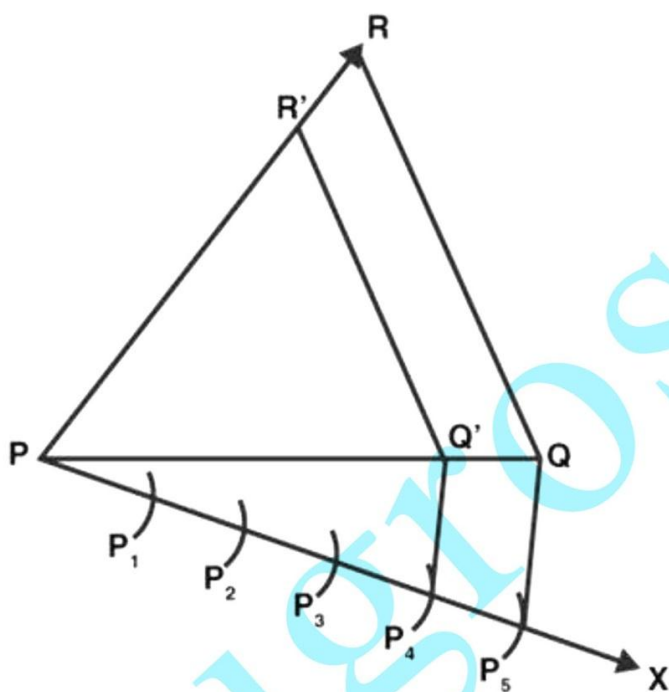
Steps of construction:

1. Draw a line segment $PQ = 6$ cm.
2. Draw an arc, using P as a center and radius = 8 cm
3. Draw another arc, using Q as a center and radius = 7 cm
4. Now, join PR and QR to get ΔPQR
5. Draw a ray PX by making an acute angle, angle QPX
6. Divide PX into 4 equal parts

P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_5 such that $PP_1 = P_1P_2 = P_2P_3 = P_3P_4 = P_4P_5$

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7. Join $P5Q$
8. Draw a line $P4Q'$ which is parallel to $P5Q$
9. Similar to step 8, draw a line $Q'R'$ which is parallel to QR



Therefore, $\triangle PQ'R'$ is the required triangle.

Question 4: Construct a triangle with sides 5 cm, 6 cm and 7 cm and then another triangle whose sides are $\frac{7}{5}$ of the corresponding sides of first triangle.

Solution:

Steps of construction:

1. Draw a line segment $BC = 5$ cm.
2. Draw an arc, using B as a center and radius = 6 cm
3. Draw another arc, using C as a center and radius = 7 cm
4. Now, join AC and AB to get $\triangle ABC$
5. Draw a ray BX by making an acute angle, angle CBX
- 6.

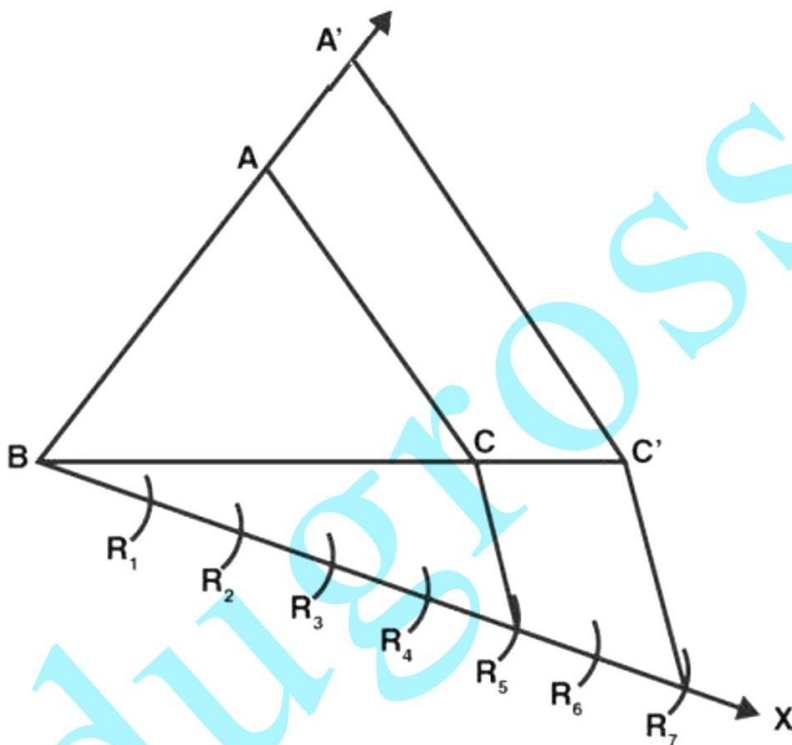
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Along BX , mark off 7 points $R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5, R_6, R_7$ such that $BR_1 = R_1R_2 = R_2R_3 = R_3R_4 = \dots = R_6R_7$

7. Join R_5C

8. Draw a line R_7C' which is parallel to R_5C

9. Similar to step 8, draw a line $C'A'$ which is parallel to CA



Therefore, $\triangle A'BC'$ is the required triangle.

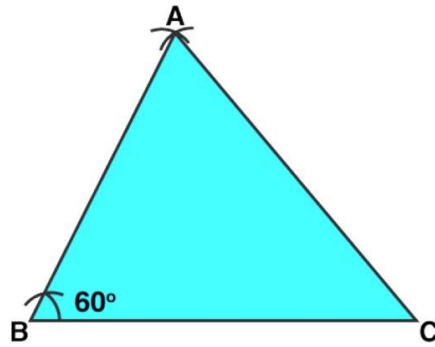
Question 5: Construct a $\triangle ABC$, with $BC = 7$ cm, $\angle B = 60^\circ$ and $AB = 6$ cm. Construct another triangle whose sides are times the corresponding sides of $\triangle ABC$.

Solution:

Steps of Construction:

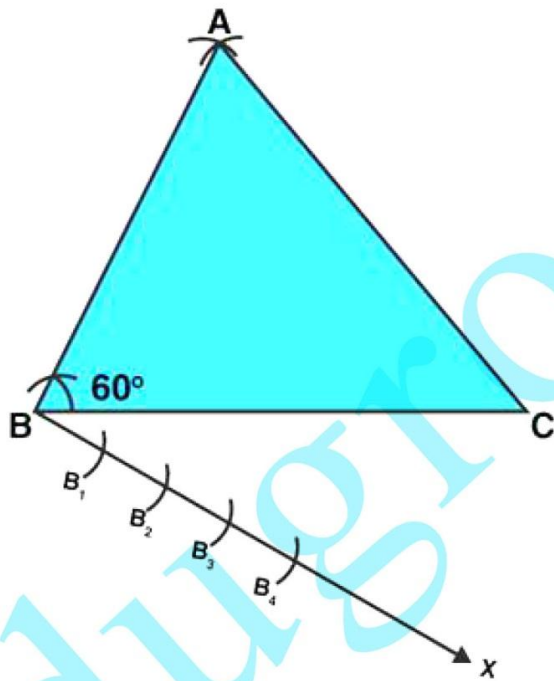
1. Draw a triangle ABC with $BC = 7$ cm, $\angle B = 60^\circ$ and $AB = 6$ cm.

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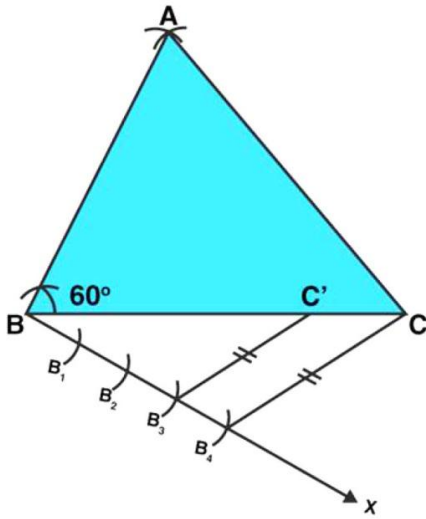
2. Draw a ray BX making an acute angle with the line BC .

3. Divide BX into 4 equal arcs starting from B till B_4 . As shown in the below image.

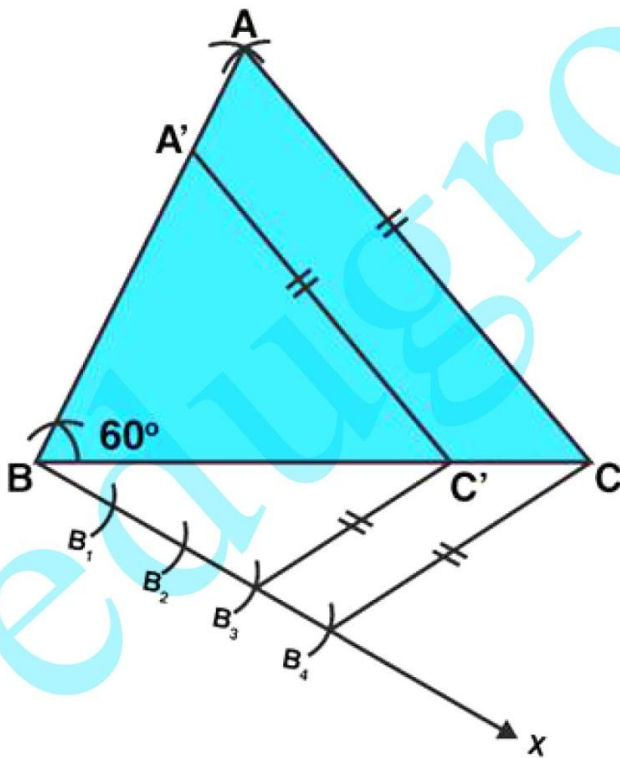


4. Join B_4C . Also draw a line from B_3 parallel to B_4C passing BC at C' .

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5. Draw another line from C' parallel to CA passing AB at A' .



Thus, $\triangle A'BC'$ is required triangle.

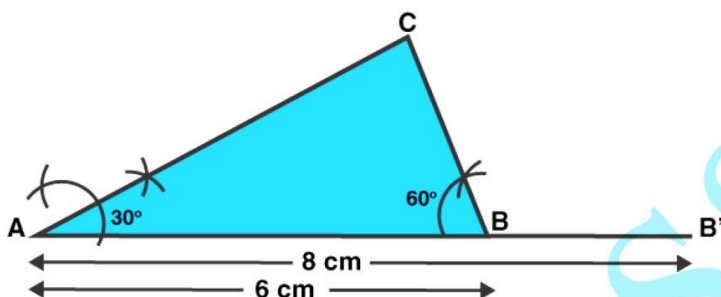
Question 6: Construct a $\triangle ABC$ in which $AB = 6$ cm, $\angle A = 30^\circ$ and $\angle B = 60^\circ$. Construct another $\triangle AB'C'$ similar to $\triangle ABC$ with base $AB' = 8$ cm.

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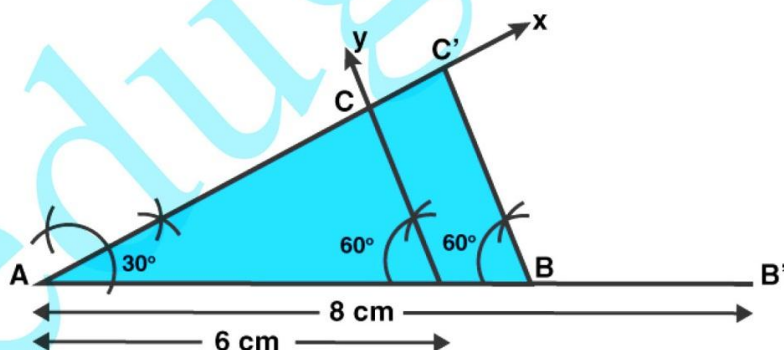
Solution:

Construct a $\triangle ABC$ in which $AB = 6$ cm, $\angle A = 30^\circ$ and $\angle B = 60^\circ$. Construct another $\triangle AB'C'$ similar to $\triangle ABC$ with base $AB' = 8$ cm.

1. Draw a line segment $AB = 6$ cm and extend it to B' such that $AB' = 8$ cm.
2. Make an angle of 30° from A and angle of 60° from B . The point where these extended rays meet is C .



3. Draw an angle of 60° from B' (Similar triangles)
4. Extend line AC along C such that ray passing through point B' Cut AX at C' .
5. $AB'C'$ is the required triangle.



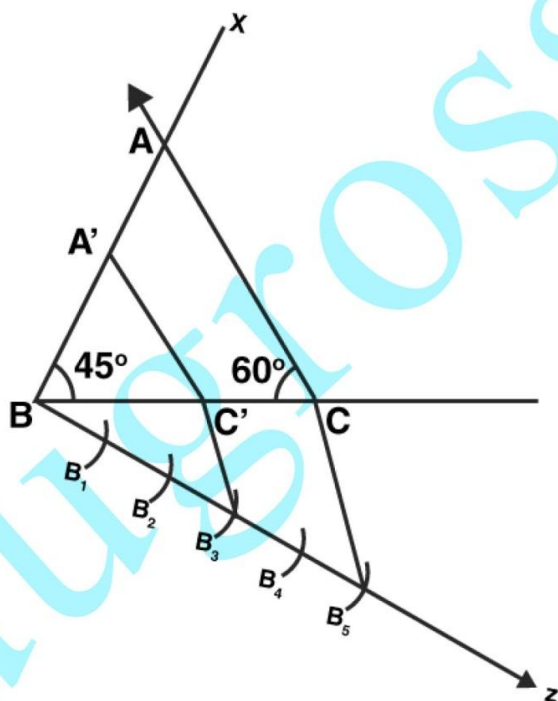
Question 7: Construct a $\triangle ABC$ in which $BC = 8$ cm, $\angle B = 45^\circ$ and $\angle C = 60^\circ$. Construct another triangle similar to $\triangle ABC$ such that its sides are $\frac{3}{5}$ of the corresponding sides of $\triangle ABC$.

Solution:

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Steps of Construction:

1. Draw a line segment $BC = 8$ cm.
2. Construct a triangle ABC based on given instructions.
3. Draw an arc below BC , by making an acute angle, angle CBZ
4. Divide BZ into 5 equal parts.
such that $BB_1 = B_1B_2 = B_2B_3 = B_3B_4 = B_4B_5$
5. Join B_5C
6. Draw a line B_3C' which is parallel to B_5C and join $C'A'$ which is parallel to CA .



Therefore, $\triangle A'BC'$ is the required triangle.

Question 8: To construct a triangle similar to $\triangle ABC$ in which $BC = 4.5$ cm, $\angle B = 45^\circ$ and $\angle C = 60^\circ$, using a scale factor of $3/7$, BC will be divided in the ratio.

- (a) $3 : 4$ (b) $4 : 7$ (c) $3 : 10$ (d) $3 : 7$

Solution:

BC will be divided in the ratio $3 : 4$. Option (a) is correct.

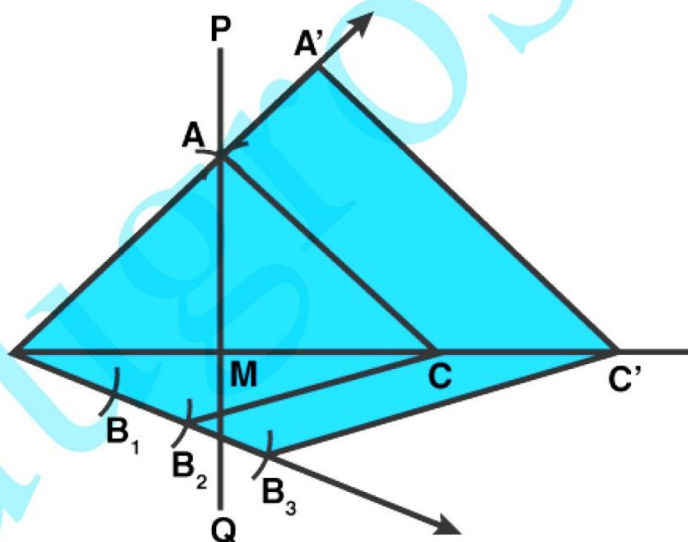
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Question 9: Construct an isosceles triangle whose base is 8 cm and altitude 4 cm and then another triangle whose sides are $1\frac{1}{2}$ (or $\frac{3}{2}$) times the corresponding sides of the isosceles triangle.

Solution:

Steps of Construction:

1. Draw a line segment $BC = 8$ cm.
2. Draw a perpendicular bisector PQ of BC dividing BC at point M .
3. From QP cut off a distance $MA = 4$ cm
4. Join AC and AB
5. Draw an arc below BC , by making an acute angle, angle CBX
6. Along BX , mark off 3 points B_1, B_2, B_3 such that $BB_1 = B_1B_2 = B_2B_3$.
7. Join B_2C
8. Join B_3C' which is parallel to B_2C and Join $A'C'$ which is parallel to AC



Thus, $\triangle A'BC'$ is required triangle.

Question 10: Draw a right triangle in which sides (other than hypotenuse) are of lengths 4 cm and 3 cm. Then, construct another triangle whose sides are $\frac{5}{3}$ times the corresponding sides of the given triangle.

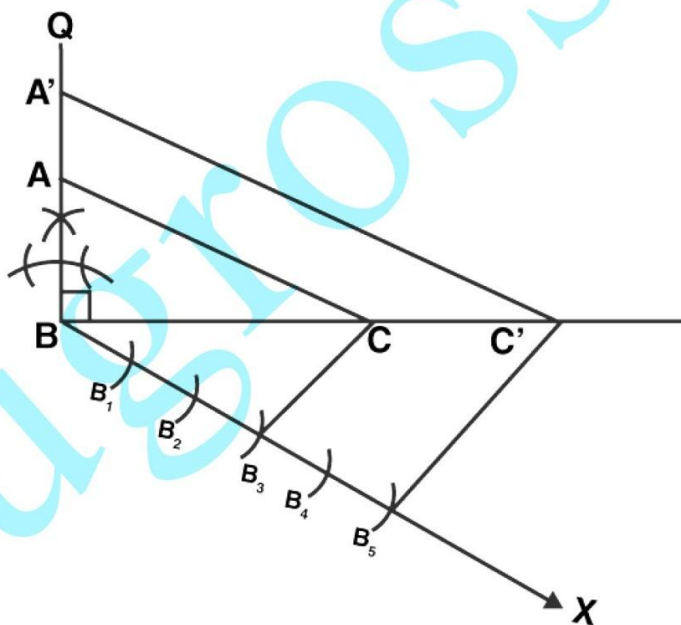
Solution:

Steps to construction:

1. Draw a line segment $BC = 4$ cm.

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2. Construct, angle B = 90 degrees
3. Cut BA at the radius of 3 cm from BQ
4. Join AC (we have right triangle ABC)
5. Draw a ray BX and make an acute angle below BC, i.e. angle CBX
6.
Along BX, mark off 5 points B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4, B_5
such that $BB_1 = B_1B_2 = \dots = B_4B_5$
7. Join B_3C
8. Join B_5C' which is parallel to B_3C and $C'A'$ which is parallel to AC .



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Exercise 9B

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Question 1: Draw a circle of radius 3 cm. From a point P, 7 cm away from the centre of the circle, draw two tangents to the circle. Also, measure the lengths of the tangents.

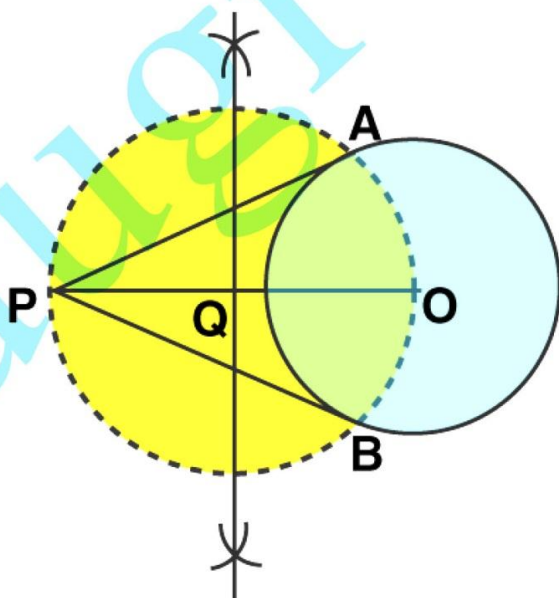
Solution:

Steps of Construction:

1. Draw a circle of radius 3 cm from center O.
2. Set a point P which is 7 cm far from point O. Join OP.
3. Draw a perpendicular bisector of OP which cuts OP at point Q.
4. Now, considering Q as a center and equal radius ($OQ = PQ$). Draw a circle.
5. Both circles intersect at points A and B.
6. Join PA and PB.

Therefore, AP and BP are the required tangents.

Measurements: $AP = BP = 6.1$ cm



Question 2: Draw two tangents to a circle of radius 3.5 cm from a point P at a distance of 6.2 cm from its centre.

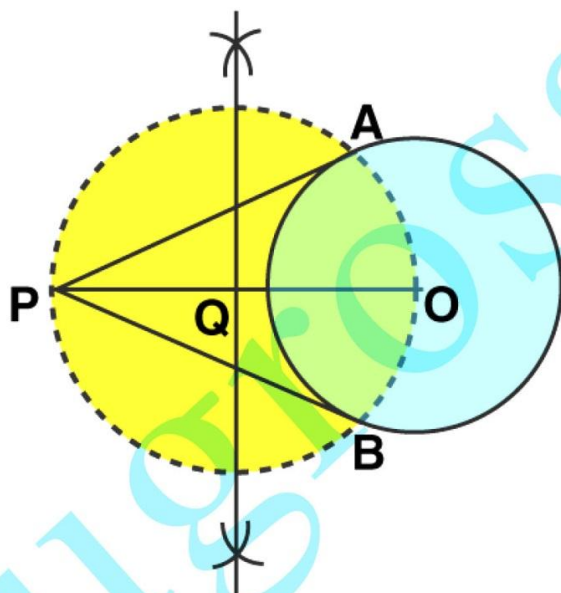
Solution:

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Steps of Construction:

1. Draw a circle of radius 3.5 cm from center point O.
2. Set a point P which is located at distance 6.2 cm from point O. Join OP.
3. Draw a perpendicular bisector of OP which cuts OP at point Q.
4. Now, considering Q as a center and equal radius ($OQ = PQ$). Draw a circle.
5. Both circles intersect at points A and B.
6. Join PA and PB.

Therefore, AP and BP are the required tangents.



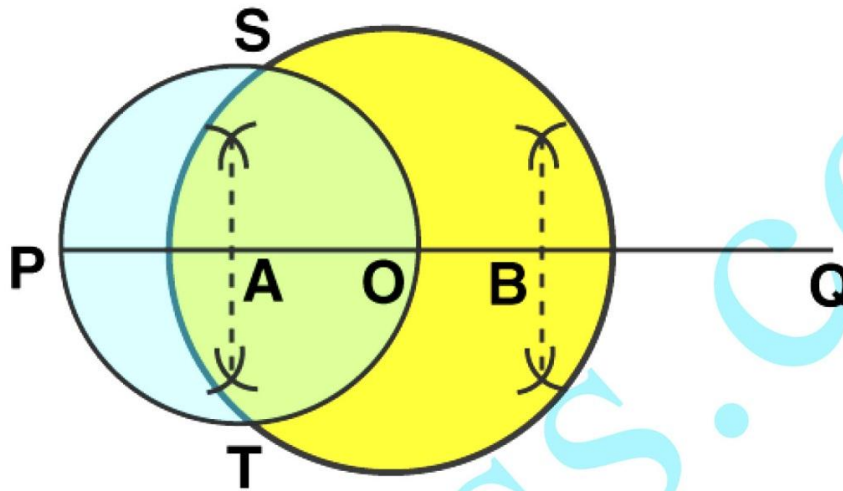
Question 3: Draw a circle of radius 3 cm. Take two point P and Q on one of its diameters extended on both sides, each at a distance of 7 cm on opposite sides of its centre. Draw tangents to the circle from each of these two points P and Q.

Solution:

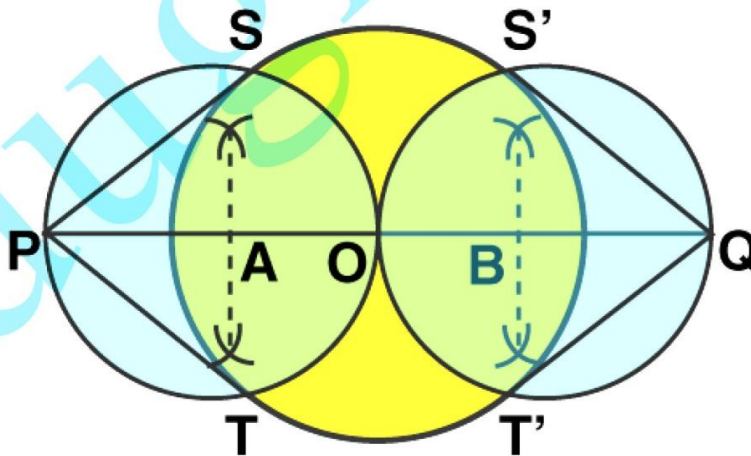
Steps of Construction:

1. Draw a circle of radius 3 cm from a center point O.
2. Extend diameter of the circle from both the sides. Mark point P and Q such that $OP = OQ = 7\text{cm}$.
3. Draw a perpendicular bisector of OP which divide OP at point A.
4. Draw perpendicular bisector of OQ which divide OQ at B.
5. Draw a circle taking point A as a center and radius (OA or AP).
6. Both the circles intersect each other at S and T.

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7. Join PS and PT. Both are tangents from point P.
8. Draw a circle by taking B as center and radius (OB or QB).
9. Both the circles intersect each other at S' and T' .
10. Join QS' and ST' . Both are tangents from point Q.



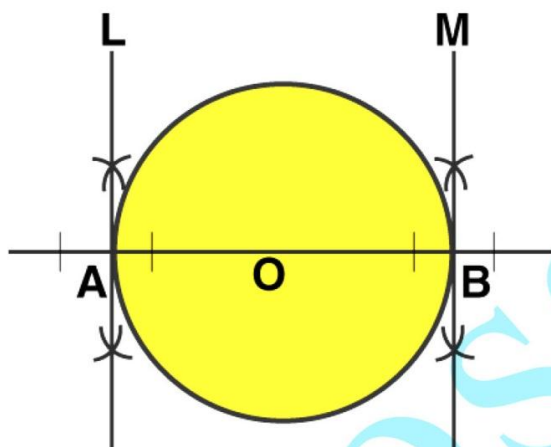
Question 4: Draw a circle with centre O and radius 4 cm. Draw any diameter AB of this circle. Construct tangents to the circle at each of the two end points of the diameter AB.

Solution:

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Steps of construction:

- 1) Draw a circle with centre O and radius 4 cm.
 - 2) Draw any diameter AB.
 - 3) Draw line $L \perp OA$ such that $\angle OAL = 90^\circ$
 - 4) Draw line $M \perp OB$ such that $\angle OBM = 90^\circ$
- Thus, LA and LB are the required tangents.



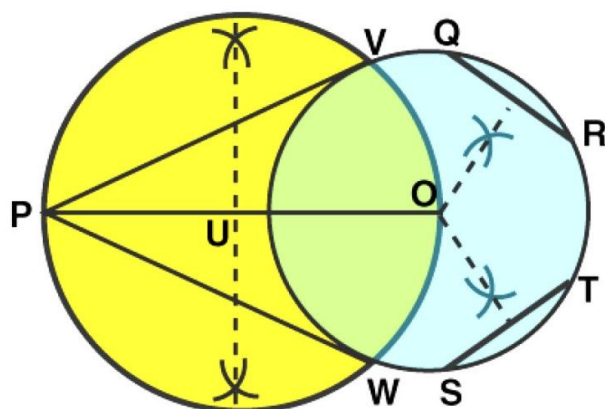
Question 5: Draw a circle with the help of a bangle. Take any point P outside the circle. Construct the pair of tangents from the point P to the circle.

Solution:

Steps of Construction:

1. Draw a circle with the help of a bangle.
2. Draw a point P outside the circle and draw two chords ST and QR.
3. Draw a perpendicular bisector from ST and QR.
4. Join PO.
5. Draw a circle taking U as a center and radius OU (let's say U is the midpoint of OP)
6. Both the circles are intersecting at W and V. Join PW and PV.

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Therefore, PW and PV are required tangents.

Question 6: Draw a line segment AB of length 8 cm. Taking A as centre, draw a circle of radius 4 cm and taking B as centre, draw another circle of radius 3 cm. Construct tangents to each circle from the centre of the other circle.

Solution:

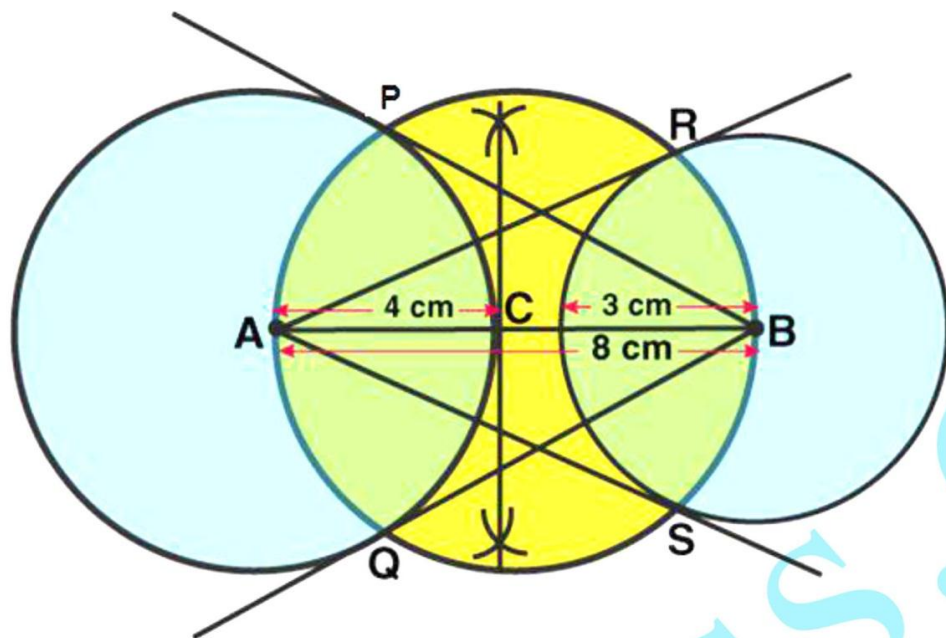
Steps of Construction:

1. Draw a line segment $AB = 8$ cm
2. Draw a perpendicular bisector of AB which intersect at point C.
3. Draw a circle, with centre C and radius CA.
4. Draw two circles: with center A having radius 4 cm and with center B having radius 3 cm.

Both circles intersect previous circle at the points P, Q, R and S.

5. Join AR, BP, AS and BQ

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Thus, AS, AR, BP and BQ are the required tangents.

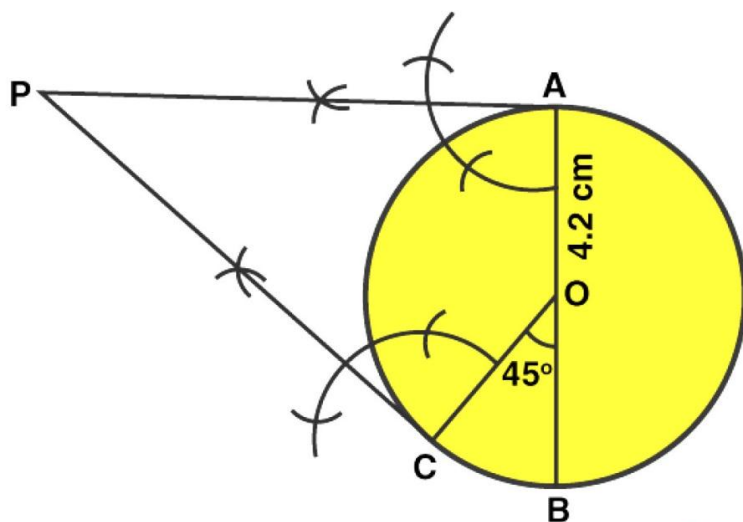
Question 7: Draw a circle of radius 4.2 cm. Draw a pair of tangents to this circle inclined to each other at an angle of 45° .

Solution:

Steps of construction :

- 1) Draw a circle with radius 4.2 cm and centre O
- 2) Draw diameter AB
- 3) With OB as base, draw $\angle BOC = 45^\circ$
- 4) At C, draw a line perpendicular to OC.
- 5) At A, draw a line perpendicular to OA.

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Both the lines intersect each other at point P. So PC and PA are tangents.

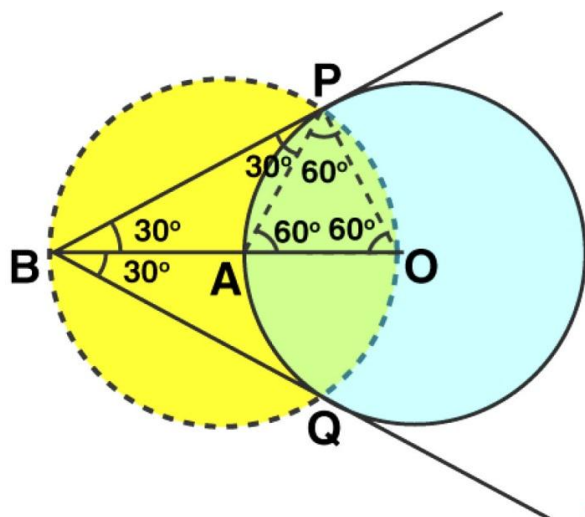
Question 8: Write the steps of construction for drawing a pair of tangents to a circle of radius 3 cm, which are inclined to each other at an angle of 60° .

Solution:

Steps of construction :

- 1) Draw a circle by taking O as a centre and $OA = 3$ cm (radius)
- 2) Extend OA to B s.t. $OA = AB = 3$ cm
- 3) Taking A as the centre draw a circle of radius $AO = AB = 3$ cm
Suppose it cuts the circle drawn in step 1 at P and Q.
- 4) Join BP and BQ to get the desired tangents.

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Question 9: Draw a circle of radius 3 cm. Draw a tangent to the circle making an angle of 30° with a line passing through the centre.

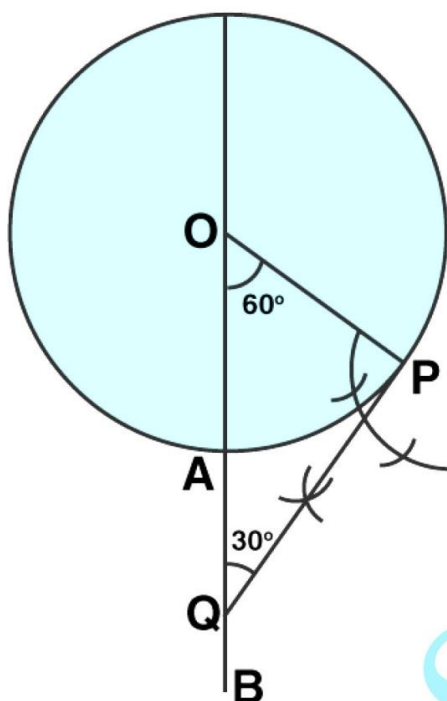
Solution:

Steps of construction:

- 1) Draw a circle with radius 3 cm and centre O
- 2) Draw a radius OA of this circle and produce it to B.
- 3) Construct an $\angle AOP = 60^\circ$ (complement of 30°)
- 4) Draw perpendicular to OP at P which intersects OA produced at Q.

Thus, PQ is the desired tangent such that $\angle OQP = 30^\circ$

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Question 10: Construct a tangent to a circle of radius 4 cm from a point on the concentric circle of radius 6 cm and measure its length. Also, verify the measurement by actual calculation.

Solution:

Steps of Construction:

1. Draw two circles with radius $OA = 4$ cm and radius $OB = 6$ cm. Centre point is O.
2. Draw a circle of radius $BC = OC$. Say, C be the midpoint of OB.
3. Both the circles intersect at P and Q.
4. Join BQ and BP which are the required tangents.

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Measurement:

$$BP = BQ = 4.5 \text{ cm}$$

Verification:

In triangle BOP, $OP = 4 \text{ cm}$ and $OB = 6 \text{ cm}$

Using Pythagoras theorem, we have

$$OB^2 = BP^2 + OP^2$$

$$BP = \sqrt{20} = 4.5 \text{ cm}$$

Similarly $BQ = 4.5 \text{ cm}$ (approx.)

Verified lengths of both the tangents.

