## NCERT

## SOLUTIONS

## CLASS - 7TH


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## Exercise 7.1

Q1 Complete the following statements:
(a) Two line segments are congruent if $\qquad$ .
(b) Among two congruent angles, one has a measure of $70^{\circ}$; the measure of the other angle is
$\qquad$ .
(c) When we write $\angle \mathrm{A}=\angle \mathrm{B}$, we actually mean $\qquad$ .

Answer. (a) They have the same length
(b) $70^{\circ}$
(c) $m \angle A=m \angle B$

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Q2 Give any two real-life examples for congruent shapes.

Answer. (i) Sheets of same letter pad
(ii) Biscuits in the same packet

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Q 3 If $\triangle \mathrm{ABC} \cong \triangle \mathrm{FED}$ under the correspondence $\mathrm{ABC} \leftrightarrow \mathrm{FED}$, write all the corresponding congruent parts of the triangles.

Answer. If these triangles are congruent, then the corresponding angles and sides will be equal to each other.

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\begin{aligned}
& \angle A \leftrightarrow \angle F \\
& \angle B \leftrightarrow \angle E \\
& \angle C \leftrightarrow \angle D \\
& \overline{B C} \leftrightarrow \overline{F E} \\
& \overline{B C} \leftrightarrow \overline{E D} \\
& \overline{C A} \leftrightarrow \overline{D F}
\end{aligned}
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Q4 If $\triangle \mathrm{DEF} \cong \triangle \mathrm{BCA}$, write the part(s) of $\triangle \mathrm{BCA}$ that correspond to
(i) $\angle E$
(ii) $\overline{\mathrm{EF}}$
(iii) $\angle \mathrm{F}$ (iv) $\overline{\mathrm{DF}}$

Answer. (i) $\angle \mathrm{C}$
(ii) $\overline{\mathrm{CA}}$
(iii) $\angle A$
(iv) $\overline{\mathrm{BA}}$

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## Exercise 7.2

Q1 Which congruence criterion do you use in the following?
(a) Given: $\mathrm{AC}=\mathrm{DF}$
$\mathrm{AB}=\mathrm{DE}$
$\mathrm{BC}=\mathrm{EF}$ So, $\triangle \mathrm{ABC} \cong \triangle \mathrm{DEF}$

(b) Given: $\mathrm{ZX}=\mathrm{RP}$

RQ = ZY
$\angle P R Q=\angle X Z Y$
So, $\triangle \mathrm{PQR} \cong \triangle \mathrm{XYZ}$

(c) Given: $\angle \mathrm{MLN}=\angle \mathrm{FGH}$
$\angle \mathrm{NML}=\angle \mathrm{GFH}$
ML = FG
So, $\Delta \mathrm{LMN} \cong \Delta \mathrm{GFH}$

(d) Given: $\mathrm{EB}=\mathrm{DB}$
$\mathrm{AE}=\mathrm{BC}$
$\angle \mathrm{A}=\angle \mathrm{C}=90^{\circ}$
So, $\triangle \mathrm{ABE} \cong \triangle \mathrm{CDB}$


Answer. (a) SSS, as the sides of /ABC are equal to the sides of /DEF.
(b) SAS, as two sides and the angle included between these sides of /PQR are equal to two
sides and the angle included between these sides of /XYZ.
(c) ASA, as two angles and the side included between these angles of /LMN are equal to two angles and the side included between these angles of /GFH.
(d) RHS, as in the given two right-angled triangles, one side and the hypotenuse are respectively equal.

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Q2 You want to show that $\triangle A R T \cong \triangle P E N$,
(a) If you have to use SSS criterion, then you need to show
(i) $\mathrm{AR}=$ (ii) $\mathrm{RT}=$ (iii) $\mathrm{AT}=$
(b) If it is given that $\angle T=\angle N$ and you are to use SAS criterion, you need to have
(i) $\mathrm{RT}=$ and (ii) $\mathrm{PN}=$
(c) If it is given that AT = PN and you are to use ASA criterion, you need to have
(i) ? (ii) ?


Answer. (a)
(i) $\mathrm{AR}=\mathrm{PE}$
(ii) $\mathrm{RT}=\mathrm{EN}$
(iii) $\mathrm{AT}=\mathrm{PN}$
(b) (i) $\mathrm{RT}=\mathrm{EN}$
(ii) $\mathrm{PN}=\mathrm{AT}$
(c) (i) $\angle \mathrm{ATR}=\angle \mathrm{PNE}$
(ii) $\angle$ RAT $=\angle E P N$

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Q3 You have to show that $\triangle \mathrm{AMP} \cong \triangle A M Q$. In the following proof, supply the missing reasons.


Answer. (i) Given
(ii) Given
(iii) Common
(iv) SAS, as the two sides and the angle included between these sides of /AMP are equal to two sides and the angle included between these sides of /AMQ.

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Q4 In $\triangle \mathrm{ABC}, \angle \mathrm{A}=30^{\circ}, \angle \mathrm{B}=40^{\circ}$ and $\angle \mathrm{C}=110^{\circ}$
In $\triangle P Q R, \angle P=30^{\circ}, \angle Q=40^{\circ}$ and $\angle \mathrm{R}=110^{\circ} /$
A student says that $\triangle A B C \cong \triangle P Q R$ by $A A A$ congruence criterion. Is he justified? Why or why not?

Answer. No. This property represents that these triangles have their respective angles of equal measure. However, this gives no information about their sides. The sides of these triangles have a ratio somewhat different than 1:1. Therefore, AAA property does not prove the two triangles congruent.

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Q5 In the figure, the two triangles are congruent. The corresponding parts are marked. We can write $\Delta$ RAT $\cong$ ?


Answer. It can be observed that,
$\angle \mathrm{RAT}=\angle \mathrm{WON}$
$\angle A R T=\angle O W N$
$\mathrm{AR}=\mathrm{OW}$
Therefore, /RAT /WON, by ASA criterion.
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Q6 Complete the congruence statement:


Answer. Given that, $\mathrm{BC}=\mathrm{BT}$
$\mathrm{TA}=\mathrm{CA}$
BA is common.
Therefore, /BCA /BTA
Similarly, PQ = RS
$T Q=Q S$
$P T=R Q$
Therefore, /QRS /TPQ
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Q7 In a squared sheet, draw two triangles of equal areas such that :
(i) the triangles are congruent.
(ii) the triangles are not congruent.

What can you say about their perimeters?

Answer. (i)


Here, /ABC and /PQR have the same area and are congruent to each other also. Also, the perimeter of both the triangles will be the same.
(ii)


Here, the two triangles have the same height and base. Thus, their areas are equal. However, these triangles are not congruent to each other. Also, the perimeter of both the triangles will not be the same.

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Q8 Draw a rough sketch of two triangles such that they have five pairs of congruent parts but still the triangles are not congruent.

Answer. In some special cases (which depend on the lengths of the sides and the size of the angle involved),
SSA is enough to show congruence. However, it is not always enough. Consider the following triangles :


Here side $A B$ is congruent to side $D E(S)$ side $A C$ is congruent to side $D F(S)$ angle $C$ is congruent to angle $F(A)$
But the triangles are not congruent, as we can see.
What happens is this : If we draw a vertical line through point A in the first triangle, we can sort of "flip" side AB around this line to get the second triangle. If we were to lay one triangle on top of the other and draw the vertical line, this how it would look.


Clearly, side DE is just side AB flipped around the line. So, we have not changed the length of the side, and the other side AC (or DF) is unchanged, as is angle C (or F). So, these two triangles that have the same SSA information, but they are not congruent.
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Q9 If $\triangle \mathrm{ABC}$ and $\triangle \mathrm{PQR}$ are to be congruent, name one additional pair of corresponding parts. What criterion did you use?


Answer. $\mathrm{BC}=\mathrm{QR}$
/ABC /PQR (ASA criterion)
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Q10 Explain, why $\triangle \mathrm{ABC} \cong \Delta \mathrm{FED}$.


Answer. Given that, $\angle \mathrm{ABC}=\angle \mathrm{FED}$ (1)
$\angle B A C=\angle E F D(2)$
The two angles of /ABC are equal to the two respective angles of /FED. Also, the sum of all interior angles of a triangle is $180^{\circ}$. Therefore, third angle of both triangles will also be equal in measure.
$\angle B C A=\angle E D F(3)$
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