

**RD SHARMA**

**Solutions**

**Class 7 Maths**

**Chapter 15**

**Ex 15.4**

**Q1. In each of the following, there are three positive numbers. State if these numbers could possibly be the lengths of the sides of a triangle:**

**(i) 5, 7, 9**

**(ii) 2, 10, 15**

**(iii) 3, 4, 5**

**(iv) 2, 5, 7**

**(v) 5, 8, 20**

(i) Yes, these numbers can be the lengths of the sides of a triangle because the sum of any two sides of a triangle is always greater than the third side. Here,  $5+7>9$ ,  $5+9>7$ ,  $9+7>5$

(ii) No, these numbers cannot be the lengths of the sides of a triangle because the sum of any two sides of a triangle is always greater than the third side, which is not true in this case.

(iii) Yes, these numbers can be the lengths of the sides of a triangle because the sum of any two sides of triangle is always greater than the third side. Here,  $3+4 >5$ ,  $3+5 > 4$ ,  $4+5 > 3$

(iv) No, these numbers cannot be the lengths of the sides of a triangle because the sum of any two sides of a triangle is always greater than the third side, which is not true in this case. Here,  $2 + 5 = 7$

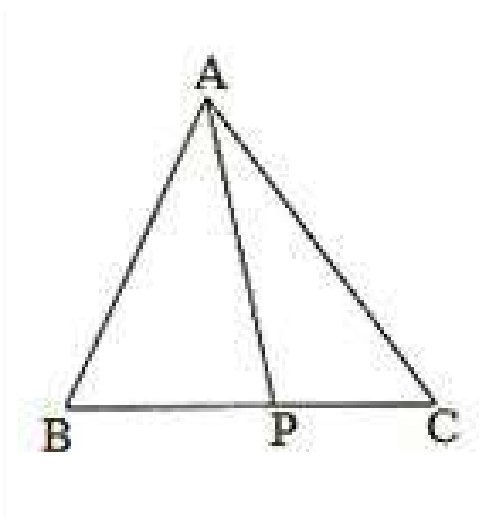
(v) No, these numbers cannot be the lengths of the sides of a triangle because the sum of any two sides of a triangle is always greater than the third side, which is not true in this case. Here,  $5 + 8 < 20$

**Q2. In Fig, P is the point on the side BC. Complete each of the following statements using symbol '=' '>' or '<' so as to make it true:**

**(i) AP... AB+ BP**

**(ii) AP... AC + PC**

**(iii) AP...  $\frac{1}{2}(AB + AC + BC)$**



- (i) In triangle APB,  $AP < AB + BP$  because the sum of any two sides of a triangle is greater than the third side.
- (ii) In triangle APC,  $AP < AC + PC$  because the sum of any two sides of a triangle is greater than the third side.
- (iii)  $AP < \frac{1}{2}(AB + AC + BC)$  In triangles ABP and ACP, we can see that:

$AP < AB + BP$ ...(i) (Because the sum of any two sides of a triangle is greater than the third side)

$AP < AC + PC$ ...(ii) (Because the sum of any two sides of a triangle is greater than the third side)

On adding (i) and (ii), we have:

$$AP + AP < AB + BP + AC + PC$$

$$2AP < AB + AC + BC \quad (BC = BP + PC)$$

$$AP < \frac{1}{2}(AB + AC + BC)$$

**Q3. P is a point in the interior of  $\triangle ABC$  as shown in Fig. State which of the following statements are true (T) or false (F):**

**(i)  $AP + PB < AB$**

**(ii)  $AP + PC > AC$**

**(iii)  $BP + PC = BC$**

(i) False

We know that the sum of any two sides of a triangle is greater than the third side: it is not true for the given triangle.

(ii) True

We know that the sum of any two sides of a triangle is greater than the third side: it is true for the given triangle.

(iii) False

We know that the sum of any two sides of a triangle is greater than the third side: it is not true for the given triangle.

**Q4. O is a point in the exterior of  $\triangle ABC$ . What symbol '>', '<' or '=' will you see to complete the statement  $OA + OB \dots AB$ ? Write two other similar statements and show that**

$$OA + OB + OC > \frac{1}{2}(AB + BC + CA)$$

Because the sum of any two sides of a triangle is always greater than the third side, in triangle OAB, we have:

$$OA + OB > AB \text{ ---(i)}$$

$$OB + OC > BC \text{ ---(ii)}$$

$$OA + OC > CA \text{ ---(iii)}$$

On adding equations (i), (ii) and (iii) we get :

$$OA+OB+OB+OC+OA+OC > AB+BC+CA$$

$$2(OA+OB+OC) > AB+BC+CA$$

$$OA+OB+OC > \frac{AB+BC+CA}{2}$$

**Q5. In  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $\angle B = 30^\circ$ ,  $\angle C = 50^\circ$ . Name the smallest and the largest sides of the triangle.**

Because the smallest side is always opposite to the smallest angle, which in this case is  $30^\circ$ , it is AC. Also, because the largest side is always opposite to the largest angle, which in this case is  $100^\circ$ , it is BC.