

# Ratio and Proportion

## CAT Questions

**Example 1:** The average marks of Ravi in 10 papers are 80. If the lowest and highest scores in the exam are not considered, then the average is 81. If the highest score is 92, what is Ravi's lowest score?

1. 60
2. 55
3. 62
4. Cannot be determined

**Answer:** Correct answer is 60

**Solution:**

Total marks =  $80 \times 10 = 800$

Total marks without lowest and highest marks =  $81 \times 8 = 648$

So, the summation between lowest and highest marks =  $800 - 648 = 152$

Now the highest mark is 92, so, the lowest marks will be:  $152 - 92 = 60$

**Example 2:** One bacterium split into eight bacteria of the next generation. But due to environmental condition, only 50% survives, and the remaining 50% dies after producing the next generation. If the 7th generation number is 4096 million, then find the number for the first generation.

1. 2 million
2. 4 million
3. 1 million
4. 8 million

**Answer:** The correct answer is 1 million

**Solution:**

Suppose the initial number of bacteria =  $x$

So, in the 2nd generation, the number of bacteria =  $8x/2 = 4x$

In the 3rd generation the number of bacteria =  $16x$

4th generation =  $64x$

5th generation =  $256x$

6th generation =  $1024x$

7th generation =  $4096x$

Hence, the value of  $x = 1$  million