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## Exercise 18.1

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Question 1: Find the lateral surface area and total surface area of a cuboid of length 80 cm , breadth 40 cm and height 20 cm .

## Solution:

Given, Dimensions of a cuboid:
Length $(\mathrm{I})=80 \mathrm{~cm}$
Breadth (b) $=40 \mathrm{~cm}$
Height (h) $=20 \mathrm{~cm}$
We know that, Total Surface Area $=2[l b+b h+h l]$
By substituting the values, we get
$=2[(80)(40)+(40)(20)+(20)(80)]$
$=2[3200+800+1600]$
$=2[5600]$
= 11200

Therefore, Total Surface Area $=11200 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$

Now,
Lateral Surface Area $=2[I+b] h$
$=2[80+40] 20$
= 40[120]
$=4800$

Thus, Lateral Surface Area is $4800 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$.

Question 2: Find the lateral surface area and total surface area of a cube of edge 10 cm .

## Solution:

Side of a Cube $=10 \mathrm{~cm}$ (Given)

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Formula for Cube Lateral Surface Area $=4$ side $^{2}$
Cube Lateral Surface Area $=4(10 \times 10)$
$=400 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$
Total Surface Area $=6$ Side $^{2}$
$=6\left(10^{2}\right)$
$=600 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$
Question 3: Find the ratio of the total surface area and lateral surface area of a cube.

## Solution:

Total Surface Area of the Cube (TSA) $=6$ Side $^{2}$
Lateral surface area of the Cube (LSA) $=4$ Side $^{2}$
Now,
Ratio of TSA and LSA $=\left(6\right.$ Side $\left.^{2}\right) /\left(4\right.$ Side $\left.^{2}\right)=3 / 2$ or $3: 2$.
Question 4: Mary wants to decorate her Christmas tree. She wants to place the tree on a wooden block covered with colored paper with a picture of Santa Claus on it. She must know the exact quantity of paper to buy for this purpose. If the box has length, breadth, and height as $80 \mathrm{~cm}, 40 \mathrm{~cm}$ and $\mathbf{2 0} \mathrm{cm}$ respectively. How many square sheets of paper of side 40 cm would she require?

## Solution:

The dimensions of the wooden block are:
Length $(I)=80 \mathrm{~cm}$
Breadth (b) $=40 \mathrm{~cm}$
Height (h) $=20 \mathrm{~cm}$
Surface Area of the wooden box $=2[\mathrm{lb}+\mathrm{bh}+\mathrm{hl}]$
$=2[(80 \times 40)+(40 \times 20)+(20 \times 80)]$
$=2[5600]$
= 11200
Surface Area of the wooden box is $11200 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$

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The Area of each sheet of the paper $=40 \times 40 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}=1600 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$
Now,
The total number of sheets required = (Surface area of the box )/(Area of one sheet of paper)
$=11200 / 1600$
$=7$

Therefore, Marry would require 7 sheets.

Question 5: The length, breadth, and height of a room are $5 \mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{~m}$ and 3 m respectively. Find the cost of white washing the walls of the room and the ceiling at the rate of Rs $7.50 \mathbf{m}^{2}$.

## Solution:

Formula: Total Area to be washed $=l b+2(l+b) h$
Where, $\mathrm{I}=$ length, $\mathrm{b}=$ breadth and $\mathrm{h}=$ height.

From given:
Length $=\mathrm{I}=5 \mathrm{~m}$
Breadth $=\mathrm{b}=4 \mathrm{~m}$

Height $=\mathrm{h}=3 \mathrm{~m}$
Total area to be white washed $=(5 \times 4)+2(5+4) 3$
(using (1))
$=74$
Total area to be white washed is $74 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$
Now, cost of white washing $1 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ is Rs. 7.50 (Given)
Therefore, the cost of white washing $74 \mathrm{~m}^{2}=(74 \times 7.50)$
= Rs. 555

Question 6: Three equal cubes are placed adjacently in a row. Find the ratio of a total surface area of the new cuboid to that of the sum of the surface areas of the three cubes.

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## Solution:

Let breadth of the cuboid = a
Then, length of the new cuboid = 3a and
Height of the new cuboid $=a$

Now,
Total surface area of the new cuboid $(T S A)=2(\mid b+b h+h l)$
$=2(3 a x a+a x a+a \times 3 a)$
$=14 a^{2}$

Again,
Total Surface area of three cubes $=3 \times\left(6\right.$ side $\left.^{2}\right)$
$=3 \times 6 a^{2}$
$=18 a^{2}$

Therefore, ratio of a total surface area of the new cuboid to that of the sum of the surface areas of the three cubes $=14 a^{2} / 18 a^{2}=7 / 9$ or 7:9

Therefore, required ratio is 7:9. Answer.
Question 7: A 4 cm cube is cut into 1 cm cubes. Calculate the total surface area of all the small cubes.

## Solution:

Edge of the cube $=4 \mathrm{~cm}$ (Given)
Volume of the cube $=$ Side $^{3}=4^{3}=64$
Volume of the cube is $64 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$

Again,
Edge of the cube $=1 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$
So, Total number of small cubes $=64 \mathrm{~cm}^{3} / 1 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}=64$
And, total surface area of all the cubes $=64 \times 6 \times 1=384 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$

Question 8: The length of a hall is 18 m and the width 12 m . The sum of the areas of the floor and the flat roof is equal to the sum of the areas of the four walls. Find the height of the hall.

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## Solution:

Dimensions of the hall are:
Length $=18 \mathrm{~m}$
Width $=12 \mathrm{~m}$

From statement:
Area of the floor and the flat roof = Sum of the areas of four walls ...
Using respective formulas and given values, we have
Area of the floor and the flat roof $=2 \mathrm{lb}=2 \times 18 \times 12=432 \mathrm{sq} / \mathrm{ft}$
Sum of the areas of four walls $=(2 \times 18 h+2 \times 12 h) s q / f t$
Using equation (2) and (3) in (1), we get
$432=2 \times 18 h+2 \times 12 h$
$18 h+12 h=216$
or $\mathrm{h}=7.2$

Therefore, height of the hall is 7.2 m .
Question 9: Hameed has built a cubical water tank with lid for his house, with each other edge 1.5 m long. He gets the outer surface of the tank excluding the base, covered with square tiles of side $\mathbf{2 5}$ cm . Find how much he would spend for the tiles if the cost of tiles is Rs 360 per dozen.

## Solution:

Edge of the cubical tank $=1.5 \mathrm{~m}$ or 150 cm
Surface area of the cubical tank ( 5 faces) $=5 \times$ Area of one Face
$=5 \times(150 \times 150) \mathrm{cm}^{2}$
Find area of each square tile:
Side of tile $=25 \mathrm{~cm}$ (given)
Area of one tile $=25 \times 25 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$
Now,
Number of tiles required = (Surface Area of Tank ) / (Area of each Tile)

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$=(5 \times 150 \times 150) / 25 \times 25$
$=180$
Find cost of tiles:
Cost of 1 dozen tiles, i.e., cost of 12 tiles $=$ Rs. 360
Therefore, cost of one tile $=$ Rs. $360 / 12=$ Rs. 30
So, the cost of 180 tiles $=180 \times 30=$ Rs. 5400
Question 10: Each edge of a cube is increased by $50 \%$. Find the percentage increase in the surface area of the cube.

## Solution:

Let ' $a$ ' be the edge of a cube.
Surface area of the cube having edge ' $a$ ' $=6 a^{2}$
As given, a new edge after increasing existing edge by $50 \%$, we get

The new edge $=a+50 a / 100$
$=3 a / 2$
Surface area of the cube having edge ' $3 \mathrm{a} / 2^{\prime}=6 \times(3 a / 2)^{2}=(27 / 2) a^{2}$
Subtract equation (1) from (2) to find the increase in the Surface Area:
Increase in the Surface Area $=(27 / 2) a^{2}-6 a^{2}$
$=(15 / 2) a^{2}$
Now,
Percentage increase in the surface area $=\left((15 / 2) a^{2} / 6 a^{2}\right) \times 100$
$=15 / 12 \times 100$
= $125 \%$

Therefore, percentage increase in the surface area of a cube is 125 .

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## Exercise 18.2

Question 1: A cuboidal water tank is 6 m long, 5 m wide and 4.5 m deep. How many liters of water can it hold?
Solution:
Dimensions of a cuboidal water tank:
Length $=1=6 \mathrm{~m}$
Breadth $=\mathrm{b}=5 \mathrm{~m}$
Height $=h=4.5 \mathrm{~m}$

We know, Volume of the cuboidal water tank = lbh
By substituting the values, we get
Volume $=6 \times 5 \times 4.5$
= 135
Therefore, Volume of the cuboidal water tank is $135 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$

Convert into liters:
We know; $1 \mathrm{~m}^{3}=1000$ liters
So, $135 \mathrm{~m}^{3}=(135 \times 1000)$ liters
$=135000$ liters

Hence, the tank can hold 1,35,000 liters of water.
Question 2: A cuboidal vessel is 10 m long and 8 m wide. How high must it be made to hold $\mathbf{3 8 0}$ cubic meters of a liquid?

## Solution:

Dimensions of a cuboidal vessel:
Length $=\mathrm{I}=10 \mathrm{~m}$
Breadth $=\mathrm{b}=8 \mathrm{~m}$
Volume of the vessel $=380 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$ (given)
Let ' $h$ ' be the height of the cuboidal vessel.
We know, Volume of cuboidal vessel = Ibh

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$\mathrm{lbh}=380 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$
or $10 \times 8 \times h=380$
or $h=(380) /(10 \times 8)$
or $\mathrm{h}=4.75$

Therefore, height of the vessel should be 4.75 m .
Question 3: Find the cost of digging a cuboidal pit 8 m long, 6 m broad and $\mathbf{3 \mathrm { m }}$ deep at the rate of Rs 30 per $\mathrm{m}^{3}$.

## Solution:

Dimensions of a cuboidal pit:
Length $=1=8 \mathrm{~m}$
Breadth $=\mathrm{b}=6 \mathrm{~m}$
Depth or height $=\mathrm{h}=3 \mathrm{~m}$

We know, Volume of the Cuboidal pit $=\mathrm{lbh}$
$=8 \times 6 \times 3$
$=144$

Volume of the Cuboidal pit is $144 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$
Now, find the cost:
Cost of digging $1 \mathrm{~m}^{3}=$ Rs. 30 (Given)
Cost of digging $144 \mathrm{~m}^{3}=144 \times 30=$ Rs. 4320
Question 4: If V is the volume of a cuboid of dimensions $a, b, c$ and $S$ is its surface area, then prove that

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\frac{1}{V}=\frac{2}{S}\left(\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c}\right)
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## Solution:

Dimensions of a cube are:
Length $=\mathrm{I}=\mathrm{a}$

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Breadth = b = b

Height $=\mathrm{h}=\mathrm{c}$
We know, Volume of the cube $(\mathrm{V})=\mathrm{lbh}$
$=a \times b \times c$

Or V = abc
Again,
Surface area of the cube $(S)=2(\mathrm{lb}+\mathrm{bh}+\mathrm{hl})$
or $S=2(a b+b c+c a)$
Now,

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { L.H.S. }=\frac{2}{S}\left(\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c}\right) \\
& =\frac{2}{S}\left(\frac{a b+b c+c a}{a b c}\right) \\
& =\frac{2}{2(a b+b c+c a)}\left(\frac{a b+b c+c a}{a b c}\right)
\end{aligned}
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Using equation (2)

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\begin{aligned}
& =\frac{1}{a b c} \\
& =\frac{1}{V} \quad[\text { Using equtaion (1)] } \\
& =\text { R.H.S. }
\end{aligned}
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Hence Proved.

Question 5: The areas of three adjacent faces of a cuboid are $x, y$ and $z$. If the volume is $V$, Prove that $V^{2}=x y z$.

## Solution:

Let $\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}$ and c be the length, breadth, and height of the cuboid.

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Then, $x=a b, y=b c$ and $z=c a$
[Since areas of three adjacent faces of a cuboid are $x, y$ and $z$ (Given)]
And $x y z=a b \times b c \times c a=(a b c)^{2}$ $\qquad$

We know, Volume of a cuboid ( $V$ ) $=a b c$
From equation (1) and (2), we have
$V^{2}=x y z$
Hence proved.
Question 6: If the areas of three adjacent face of a cuboid are $8 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}, 18 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$ and $25 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$. Find the volume of the cuboid.

## Solution:

Let $\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}, \mathrm{z}$ denote the areas of three adjacent faces of a cuboid, then,
$x=1 \times b=8 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$
$y=b \times h=18 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$
$z=\mid x h=25 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$

Where $\mathrm{I}=$ length of a cuboid, $\mathrm{b}=$ breadth of a cuboid and $\mathrm{h}=$ height of a cuboid
$x y z=8 \times 18 \times 25=3600$
Volume of cuboid $(\mathrm{V})=\mathrm{Ibh}$

From above results, we can write,
$\mathrm{xyz}=\mathrm{lb} \times \mathrm{bh} \times \mathrm{lh}=(\mathrm{lbh})^{2}=\mathrm{V}^{2}$.
Form equation (1) and (2), We get
$V^{2}=3600$
or $V=60$
Thus, Volume of the cuboid is $60 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$

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Question 7: The breadth of a room is twice its height, one half of its length and the volume of the room is $512 \mathrm{cu} . \mathrm{dm}$. Find its dimensions.

## Solution:

Let, $\mathrm{I}, \mathrm{b}$ and h are the length, breadth and height of the room.
As per given statement,
$\mathrm{b}=2 \mathrm{~h}$ and $\mathrm{b}=\mathrm{l} / 2$
$=>1 / 2=2 h$
or $I=4 h$
Now, we have $\mathrm{I}=4 \mathrm{~h}$ and $\mathrm{b}=2 \mathrm{~h}$

We know, Volume of the room = Ibh
Volume of the room $=512 \mathrm{dm}^{3}$ (given)
So, $4 h \times 2 h \times h=512$
or $h^{3}=64$
or $h=4$
Therefore, Length of the room $(I)=4 \mathrm{~h}=4 \times 4=16 \mathrm{dm}$
Breadth of the room $(b)=2 \mathrm{~h}=2 \times 4=8 \mathrm{dm}$

And Height of the room $(\mathrm{h})=4 \mathrm{dm}$.
Question 8: A river 3 m deep and 40 m wide is flowing at the rate of $\mathbf{2} \mathbf{~ k m}$ per hour. How much water will fall into the sea in a minute?

## Solution:

Water flow of a river $=2 \mathrm{~km}$ per hour $=(2000 / 60) \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{min}$ or $(100 / 3) \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{min}$
[we know: $1 \mathrm{~km}=1000 \mathrm{~m}$ and 1 hour $=60 \mathrm{mins}$ ]
Depth of the river $(h)=3 m$

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Width of the river $(b)=40 \mathrm{~m}$
Volume of the water flowing in $1 \mathrm{~min}=100 / 3 \times 40 \times 3=4000 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$
Or $4000 \mathrm{~m}^{3}=4000000$ litres

Therefore, in 1 minute 4000000 litres of water will fall in the sea.

Question 9: Water in a canal $\mathbf{3 0} \mathbf{d m}$ wide and 12 dm deep, is flowing with a velocity of 100 km every hour. What much area will it irrigate in $\mathbf{3 0}$ minutes if $\mathbf{8 ~ c m}$ of standing water is desired?

## Solution:

Water in the canal forms a cuboid of Width (b) and Height (h).
$\mathrm{b}=30 \mathrm{dm}=3 \mathrm{~m}$ and $\mathrm{h}=12 \mathrm{dm}=1.2 \mathrm{~m}$

Here, Cuboid length = distance travelled in 30 min with a speed of 100 km per hour.
Therefore, Length of the cuboid $(I)=100 \times 30 / 60=50000$ metres
Volume of water used for irrigation $=\mathrm{lbh}=50000 \times 3 \times 1.2 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$

Water accumulated in the field forms a cuboid of base area equal to the area of the field and height = 8/100 metres (Given)

Therefore, Area of field $\times 8 / 100=50000 \times 3 \times 1.2$
Area of field $=(50000 \times 3 \times 1.2) \times 100 / 8$
$=2250000$

Thus, area of field is $2250000 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$.
Question 10: Three metal cubes with edges $6 \mathrm{~cm}, 8 \mathrm{~cm}, 10 \mathrm{~cm}$ respectively are melted together and formed into a single cube. Find the volume, surface area and diagonal of the new cube.

## Solution:

Let us consider, ' $x$ ' be the length of each edge of the new cube.

Volume of cube $=x^{3}$

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$\Rightarrow x^{3}=\left(6^{3}+8^{3}+10^{3}\right) \mathrm{cm}^{3}$
or $\mathrm{x}^{3}=1728$
or $\mathrm{x}=12$

Volume of the new cube $=x^{3}=1728 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$
Surface area of the new cube $=6(\text { side })^{2}=6(12)^{2}=864 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$
And, diagonal of the newly formed cube $=\sqrt{ } 3 \mathrm{a}=12 \mathrm{~V} 3 \mathrm{~cm}$
Question 11: Two cubes, each of volume $512 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ are joined end to end. Find the surface area of the resulting cuboid.

## Solution:

Let ' $a$ ' be the side of a cube.
Volume of the cube $=512 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ (Given)
We know volume cube $=(\text { side })^{3}$
$\Rightarrow a^{\wedge} 3=512$
or $\mathrm{a}=8$

Each side of a cube is 8 cm .

Now,
Dimensions of the new cuboid formed are:
Length $(I)=8+8=16 \mathrm{~cm}$,
Breadth (b) $=8 \mathrm{~cm}$ and
Height (h) $=8 \mathrm{~cm}$
Surface area $=2(\mid b+b h+h l)$
$=2(16 \times 8+8 \times 8+16 \times 8)$
$=640 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$

Therefore, Surface area of a cube is $640 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$.

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Question 12: Half cubic meter of gold-sheet is extended by hammering so as to cover an area of 1 hectare. Find the thickness of the gold-sheet.

## Solution:

Volume of gold-sheet $=1 / 2 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$ or $0.5 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$ (Given)
Area of the gold-sheet $=1$ hectare i.e. $10000 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$
Thickness of gold sheet $=($ Volume of solid $) /($ Area of gold sheet $)$
$=0.5 \mathrm{~m}^{3} / 10000 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$
$=\mathrm{m} / 20000$
Or Thickness of gold sheet $=1 / 200 \mathrm{~cm}$
[1 m = 100 cm ]

Therefore, thickness of the silver sheet is $1 / 200 \mathrm{~cm}$.
Question 13: A metal cube of edge 12 cm is melted and formed into three smaller cubes. If the edges of the two smaller cubes are 6 cm and 8 cm , find the edge of the third smaller cube.

## Solution:

From the given statement, we have

Volume of the large cube $=v 1+v 2+v 3$
Let the edge of the third cube be ' $x$ ' cm
$12^{3}=6^{3}+8^{3}+x^{3}$
[Using formula, Volume of cube $=(\text { side })^{3}$ ]
$1728=216+512+x^{3}$
or $1000=x^{3}$
or $x=10$
Therefore, length of the third side is 10 cm .

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## Exercise VSAQs

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Question 1: If two cubes each of side 6 cm are joined face to face, then find the volume of the resulting cuboid.
Solution:
Side of two equal cubes $=6 \mathrm{~cm}$ (Given)
When we join, two cubes face to face formed a cuboid.

Dimensions of a cuboid are:
Length $=6 \mathrm{~cm}+6 \mathrm{~cm}=12 \mathrm{~cm}$
Breadth $=6 \mathrm{~cm}$
Height $=6 \mathrm{~cm}$
Therefore, volume of cuboid $=\mathrm{lbh}=12 \times 6 \times 6=432 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$
Question 2: Three cubes of metal whose edges are in the ratio 3:4:5 are melted down into a single cube whose diagonal is $12 \sqrt{ } 3 \mathrm{~cm}$. Find the edges of three cubes.

## Solution:

Given:
Ratio of edge of 3 cubes $=3: 4: 5$
Let edges are $=3 x, 4 x$ and $5 x$
Diagonal of new cube formed $=12 \sqrt{ } 3 \mathrm{~cm}$ (given)
Volume of new cube $=$ Volume of figure obtained after combining three cubes $=(3 x)^{3}+(4 x)^{3}+(5 x)^{3}$
$=216 x^{3}$
New diagonal of a cube $=\sqrt{ } 3 \mathrm{a}=12 \mathrm{~V} 3$
or $\mathrm{a}=12$
So, side of new cube is 12 cm .
Volume of cube with side $12 \mathrm{~cm}=(12)^{\wedge} 3 \ldots(2)$
From equation (1) and (2), we have
$(12)^{\wedge} 3=216 x^{3}$

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\chi^{3}=\frac{216}{12 \times 12 \times 12}=8
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$x=\sqrt[3]{8}=2$
Therefore, measure of edges are :
$3 \mathrm{x}=3 \times 2=6 \mathrm{~cm}$
$4 \mathrm{x}=4 \times 2=8 \mathrm{~cm}$
$5 \mathrm{x}=5 \times 2=10 \mathrm{~cm}$
Question 3: If the perimeter of each face of a cube is 32 cm , find its lateral surface area. Note that four faces which meet the base of a cube are called its lateral faces.

## Solution:

Perimeter of each face of a cube $=32 \mathrm{~cm}$ (given)
Let 'a' be the edge of a cube.

We know, Perimeter of each face of a cube $=4 a$
$\Rightarrow 4 a=32$
or $\mathrm{a}=8$

Side of a cube is 8 cm .

Now,
Lateral surface area of cube $=4 \mathrm{a}^{2}=4 \times 8^{2}=256 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$.

