



Math Olympiad and Problem Solving Programs
E120 - Honors Algebra Problem Solving
Problem Set 22.2 - Mixtures

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1. $\boxed{48 \text{ g}}$

2. Organize the given information into a table that looks like the one below:

Alloy	Ounces	%Aluminum	Pure Aluminum
1	x	35	$0.35x$
2	$30 - x$	65	$0.65(30 - x)$
1 + 2	30	55	$0.55(30)$

The total amount of pure aluminum from the first two solutions should be equal to the amount of pure aluminum in the final solution, giving us the following equation:

$$0.35x + 0.65(30 - x) = 0.55(30)$$

$$0.35x + 19.5 - 0.65x = 16.5$$

$$19.5 - 0.3x = 16.5$$

$$3 = 0.3x$$

$$x = 10$$

This means that we need $\boxed{10 \text{ oz of } 35\% \text{ and } 20 \text{ oz of } 65\%}$.

3. The second cyclist will overtake the first when the distances they've travelled are equal. We will use this fact to construct an equation.

The first cyclist travels for 2 hours at a rate of 30 miles per hour before the second cyclist leaves. This means that by that time the second cyclist begins, the first cyclist has already travelled $2 \cdot 30 = 60$ miles. Now if we let t be time travelled, in hours, then we get the following equation:

$$35t = 30t + 60$$

$$5t = 60$$

$$t = \boxed{12}$$

4. $\boxed{3.75 \text{ quarts}}$

5. $\boxed{22 \text{ and } 40}$

6. $\boxed{4 \text{ h}}$

7. $\boxed{150 \text{ lbs at } \$2.10, 150 \text{ lbs at } \$1.90}$

8. $\boxed{36, 44 \text{ knots/hr}}$



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9. What we're basically asking is how much of a mixture of 40% antifreeze should be mixed with a mixture of 100% antifreeze in order to make 20 quarts of 50% antifreeze. We will need to organize the information into a table as is done below:

Mixture	Quarts	% Antifreeze	Pure Antifreeze
1	x	100	x
2	$20 - x$	40	$0.4(20 - x)$
1 + 2	20	50	$0.5(20)$

The total amount of pure antifreeze in the first and second mixtures should equal the amount of pure antifreeze in the final mixture, giving us the following equation:

$$x + 0.4(20 - x) = 0.5(20)$$

$$x + 8 - 0.4x = 10$$

$$0.6x = 2$$

$$x = \boxed{3\frac{1}{3}}$$

10. 800 pounds milk and 200 pounds cream