Homework 9 Solutions

Problems

1. Describe the numbers which are divisible by both 9 and 12.

The multiples of 9 are 9, 18, 27, 36, 45, 54... and the first one of these to be divisible by 12 as well is 36. Hence 36 is the least common multiple of 9 and 12. So numbers which are both divisible by 9 and 12 are just the numbers that are divisible by 36.

2. Determine the least common multiple of 12 and 16.

The multiples of 12 are 12, 24, 36, 48, 60 and when we hit 48 we have reached a number that's also divisible by 16. Hence the least common multiple of 12 and 16 is 48.

3. Describe the numbers which are divisible by 5, 6 and 9 (that is, the numbers which are divisible by all three of these).

The multiples of 9 are 9, 18, 27, 36, 45, 54, 63, 72, 81, 90... and 90 is the first such to be also divisible by 5 and 6. So the numbers that are divisible by 5, 6 and 9 are just the multiples of 90.