

Five persons A, B, C, D and E are pulling a cart of mass 100 kg on a smooth surface and cart is moving with acceleration  $3 \text{ m/s}^2$  in east direction. When person 'A' stops pulling, it moving with accelerating  $1 \text{ m/s}^2$  in the west direction. When only person 'B' stops pulling, it moves with acceleration  $24 \text{ m/s}^2$  in the north direction. The magnitude of acceleration of the cart when only A and B pull the cart keeping their directions same as the old direction, is

**A**  $26 \text{ m/s}^2$

**B**  $3\sqrt{71} \text{ m/s}^2$

**C**  $25 \text{ m/s}^2$

**D**  $30 \text{ m/s}^2$

Given:

5 people are pulling cart, A, B, C, D & E.

Mass of cart,  $m = 100 \text{ kg}$

Acceleration of cart,  $a = 3 \text{ m/sec}^2$

Let total force be  $\vec{F}_t$

According to question

$$\vec{F}_t = 100 \text{ kg} \times 3 \hat{i} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

When A stops pulling, then,

$$\vec{F}_t - \vec{F}_A = 100 \text{ kg} \times \{1 \hat{i}\} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

When B stops pulling, then;

$$\vec{F}_t - \vec{F}_B = 100 \text{ kg} \times (24 \hat{j}) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Using eq<sup>n</sup> (2) and eq<sup>n</sup> (3)

$$\vec{F}_A + \vec{F}_B = 100 (7 \hat{i} - 24 \hat{j}) \text{ N}$$

Therefore, acceleration of the cart,  $\vec{a}$  is

$$\vec{a} = \frac{\vec{F}_A + \vec{F}_B}{m} = \frac{100 (7 \hat{i} - 24 \hat{j})}{100} \text{ m/sec}^2$$

$$\vec{a} = (7 \hat{i} - 24 \hat{j}) \text{ m/sec}^2$$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{(7)^2 + (24)^2} = \sqrt{49 + 576} = 25 \text{ m/sec}^2$$

Hence, acceleration's magnitude is  $25 \text{ m/sec}^2$

Correct Option (C.)

