rectangular carpet has an area 60 sq m. its diagonal n longer side together equals 5 times the shorter side. find the length of the carpet



1) Let's write the formula defining area of rectangle:

S=ab (1)

2) Consider the triangle ABC: Use Pythagorean Theorem:

 $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$ (2)

3) According to the task:

a+c=5b ---> c=5b-a

4) Use formula from step 2:

 $(5b - a)^{2} = a^{2} + b^{2}$ $25b^{2} + a^{2} - 10ab - a^{2} - b^{2} = 0$ $24b^{2} - 10ab = 0$

5) Use formula from step1:

S=ab--->60=ab--->a=60/b (4) $24b^2 - 600 = 0$ $24b^2 = 600$ $b^2 = 25$ b = 5 (shorter side) Use(formula (4)): a=60/5=12 (longer side)

Answer: shorter side B equals to 5, longer side A equals to 12.