

### Question 34506

The average speed is given by  $v_{average} = \frac{S}{t}$ , where S is the distance covered, and t is the time needed to cover this distance.

Sally travels three different distances at different speeds. Each of the distance is  $l = v \cdot t$ , where  $v$  is the speed on particular part of the road and  $t$  is the time she moved with that speed. Hence, total distance is  $S = v_1 t_1 + v_2 t_2 + v_3 t_3 = \frac{28}{60} h \cdot 79 \frac{km}{h} + \frac{49}{60} h \cdot 31 \frac{km}{h} + \frac{49}{60} h \cdot 70 \frac{km}{h} = 119.35 km$ . Total time of the trip is  $t_1 + t_2 + t_3 + T = \frac{28+49+49}{60} + \frac{10}{60} \approx 2.267 h$  (Three time intervals needed to cover three corresponding distances plus 10 minutes for eating lunch and buying gas).

Thus, average speed is  $v_{average} = \frac{119.35 km}{2.267 h} \approx 52.65 \frac{km}{h}$ .