

Jim quickly hopped into his car and took off for work, late again, as usual. Glancing at the clock on his dashboard, he took a deep breath, followed by a big sigh. "I can't believe it's 7:46 already!" Jim had fourteen minutes to get to work, and although he despised driving on the toll roads, he decided not to gamble on hitting all the green lights. He quickly turned to take the ramp to the 408, while simultaneously checking the time, and whispering under his breath, "Okay, it's 7:52 and I have ten miles to go". In just two more exits Jim would practically be in the parking lot of the large office building where he had been an accountant for over 20 years.

Interestingly enough, Jim had a reputation for being the first to arrive at the office each morning, but since he turned 50, just a few months ago, he can't seem to get out of bed in the morning. Night after night he tosses and turns, unable to get to sleep, that is, until it's time to get up. After his last physical, his doctor warned him about taking better care of his body. As usual, the doctor's words went in one ear and out the other. Even after gaining 22 pounds, Jim still refuses to exercise or change his diet.

Jim's stress levels continued to rise, as his eyes shot back and forth between the clock and the speedometer. "Shoot, it's already 7:56?" Jim let out another sigh, and mumbled under his breath, "I've been going exactly 60 miles per hour since I, along with everyone else in the city, got on this crazy toll road!"

Use the information given above to answer the following questions:

1. What time did Jim leave for work that morning? _____
2. What time did Jim get on the toll road? _____
3. Once Jim was on the toll road, how many miles did he have to drive before arriving to the parking lot where his office building was located? _____
4. When Jim noticed it was 7:56, how much time passed since he'd left home? _____
5. Without looking, what toll road did Jim take? _____ How old was Jim? _____
6. Jim had to pay a \$1.75 toll when he got on the expressway, and yet another .75 toll only two miles into his commute, then another \$2.00 toll, which was located on the off ramp. What was the total amount Jim paid in tolls that morning? _____
7. Jim is often late for work, so he's going to take the toll road Monday through Friday. What will this cost him each week? _____
8. In the story, Jim was stressed after noticing it was already 7:56. Considering the difference between the time he had gotten on the toll road and the current time, how many miles had he driven, given the speed at which he was traveling? _____

*Considering the information you've been given, what might be the root of Jim's sleeping issues? _____