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*The duration of the entire practice:  $x$  hours*

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{10}{60} &= \frac{100}{60} \\ \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{1}{6} &= \frac{5}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{6} &= \frac{5}{3} - \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{2}{3}x &= \frac{9}{6} \\ \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(\frac{2}{3}x\right) &= \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{9}{6}\right) \\ x &= \frac{27}{12} = 2\frac{1}{4}\end{aligned}$$

*The entire practice is a length of  $2\frac{1}{4}$  hours, or 2.25 hours.*

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$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{3}x + 10 + 5 &= 35\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{3}x + 15 &= 35\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{3}x + 15 - 15 &= 35\frac{1}{2} - 15 \\ \frac{1}{3}x + 0 &= 20\frac{1}{2} \\ 3\left(\frac{1}{3}x\right) &= 3\left(20\frac{1}{2}\right) \\ x &= 61\frac{1}{2} \\ 61\frac{1}{2} - 35\frac{1}{2} &= 26\end{aligned}$$

*It takes Nancy 26 minutes to drive to work*

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