



Sheet 17 F Order of operations

When a calculation has a mixture of signs, we always do any \times and \div parts *before* going from left to right.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad & 40 \div 5 \times 2 \\ & = 8 \times 2 \\ & = 16 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad & 9 + 8 - 7 \\ & = 17 - 7 \\ & = 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad & 5 + 2 \times 3 \\ & = 5 + 6 \\ & = 11 \end{aligned}$$

\times before $+$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(d)} \quad & 10 - 8 \div 2 \\ & = 10 - 4 \\ & = 6 \end{aligned}$$

\div before $-$

Part A

Work out the following.

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| 1. $5 + 3 \times 2$ | 2. $4 - 1 \times 3$ | 3. $27 - 4 \times 3$ |
| 4. $2 + 2 \times 5$ | 5. $9 + 2 \times 6$ | 6. $13 - 11 \times 1$ |
| 7. $7 \times 2 + 3$ | 8. $9 \times 4 - 12$ | 9. $2 \times 8 - 7$ |
| 10. $4 \times 7 + 2$ | 11. $13 \times 2 + 4$ | 12. $8 \times 5 - 15$ |
| 13. $6 + 10 \div 5$ | 14. $7 - 16 \div 8$ | 15. $8 - 14 \div 7$ |
| 16. $21 \div 3 + 5 \times 4$ | 17. $10 \div 2 + 1 \times 3$ | 18. $15 \div 5 + 18 \div 6$ |
| 19. $5 \times 5 - 6 \times 4$ | 20. $2 \times 12 - 4 \div 2$ | |

Using brackets

If a calculation contains brackets, the contents of these must be worked out first *before* going from left to right.

Part B

In Questions 1 to 20 remember to work out the brackets first.

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| 1. $3 + (6 \times 8)$ | 2. $(3 \times 8) + 6$ | 3. $(8 \div 4) + 9$ |
| 4. $3 \times (9 \div 3)$ | 5. $(5 \times 9) - 15$ | 6. $10 + (10 \times 8)$ |
| 7. $(16 - 7) \times 6$ | 8. $48 \div (14 - 2)$ | 9. $160 \div (4 \times 4)$ |
| 10. $8 + (9 \times 8)$ | 11. $67 - (24 \div 3)$ | 12. $(11 \times 8) + 9$ |
| 13. $(6 \times 6) + (7 \times 7)$ | 14. $(12 \div 3) \times (18 \div 6)$ | 15. $(5 \times 12) - (3 \times 9)$ |
| 16. $(20 - 12) \times (17 - 9)$ | 17. $100 - (99 \div 3)$ | 18. $1001 + (5 \times 3)$ |
| 19. $(3 \times 4 \times 5) - (72 \div 9)$ | 20. $(2 \times 5 \times 3) \div (11 - 5)$ | |