Factors, Multiples, Primes
(number properties)

A collection of 9-1 Maths GCSE Sample and Specimen questions from AQA, OCR, Pearson-Edexcel and WJEC Eduqas.

1. Write down the 20th odd number.
   \[3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39\] [1]

2. Write down all the factors of 20
   \[1, 20, 2, 10, 4, 5\] [2]

3. Write down the value of the 3 in the number 4376
   \[\text{three hundred}\] [1]

4. Here is a list of numbers
   \[4, 7, 9, 25, 27, 31, 64 = 4 \times 4 \times 4\]
   From the numbers in the list, write down a cube number.
   \[64\] [1]

5. Show that 77 is not a square number.
   \[8^2 = 64 \neq 77, \quad 9^2 = 81\] Cannot square a whole number to get it [2]

6. Here is a list of numbers.
   \[32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40\]
   From this list, write down
   (i) a multiple of 7,\[35\] [1]
(ii) a square number,

(iii) a prime number.

7. Write down a prime number between 14 and 22.

8. Write down a factor of 15.

9. Find three different numbers that are each
   • a prime number
   • two less than a square number.

10. Here are six numbers.

    From these numbers, find a number that is
    (a) a multiple of two and a multiple of three,

        in 6x table

    (b) a factor of 30 and a factor of 40.

11. Here is a list of five numbers.

    From the list,
    (i) write down the prime number,

    (ii) write down the square number.
12. Write down three different multiples of 4 that add up to 40

\[4, 8, 28\]  \[\text{[2]}\]

13. Adam says,

“When you multiply an even number by an odd number the answer is always an odd number.”

(a) Write down an example to show Adam is wrong.

\[4 \times 3 = 12\]  \[\text{[1]}\]

Betty says,

“When you multiply two prime numbers together the answer is always an odd number.”

(b) Betty is wrong. Explain why.

\[\text{it will be an odd number when multiplying 2 odd primes. However, if 2 is one of the primes you will get an even answer.}\]  \[\text{[2]}\]

14. Jan writes down

one multiple of 9

and two different factors of 40

Jan adds together her three numbers.

Her answer is greater than 20 but less than 30

Find three numbers that Jan could have written down.

\[9 + 8 + 4, 9 + 8 + 5, 9 + 10 + 8\]

\[18 + 2 + 1, 18 + 2 + 4, 18 + 2 + 5, 18 + 2 + 8\]  \[\text{[3]}\]

15. Here are some properties of numbers.

A Even

B Odd

C Prime

D Square

E Two-digit

\[18 + 1 + 4, 18 + 1 + 5, 18 + 4 + 5, 18 + 1 + 8, 18 + 1 + 1\]
(a) Which two properties does the number 4 have?

Circle the correct letters.

A  B  C  D  E  [1]

(b) Can one number have all of the properties?

Tick a box.

Yes  No  Cannot tell  [1]

Give a reason for your answer.

Cannot be prime and square.

Square numbers have at least 3 factors.

(c) Write down a number with three of the properties.

State which properties it has.

Number  23  Properties  B  C  E  [2]

16. Write down an even number that is a multiple of 7

...........................................  [1]

17. Write down three different factors of 18 that add together to give a prime number.

9  1  3  [2]

18. Which of these numbers is one more than a multiple of 5?

Circle your answer.

15  19  26  30  [1]

19. Which of these numbers has exactly three factors?

Circle your answer.

3  4  5  6  [1]
20. Lucy says,

"3 is odd and 2 is even, so when you add a multiple of 3 to a multiple of 2 the answer is always odd."

Is she correct?

Write down a calculation to support your answer.

No 6 + 4 = 10 — even

21. Which of these is a cube number?

Circle your answer.

3 9 27 100

22. When \( x^2 = 16 \) the only value that \( x \) can be is 4

Is this true or false?

Tick a box.

True ☐ False ☑

Reason: \(-4 \times -4 = 16\)

23. Liam says,

"If you divide any multiple of 10 by 2 the answer always ends in 5"

Is he correct?

Write down a calculation to support your answer.

No \( 20 \div 2 = 10 \)

24. Write down all the factors of 18

1, 18, 2, 9, 3, 6

25. I am thinking of a prime number.

Its digits add up to a square number.

Write down a prime number that I could be thinking of.

13, 27

\[ 1 + 3 = 4 = 2^2 \]
26. From the numbers

\[
27 \quad 13 \quad 9 \quad 10 \quad 48 \quad 8
\]

write down

\[\text{a multiple of 5,}\]

\[\text{a prime number,}\]

\[\text{the value of } 3^3,\]

\[\sqrt{64} .\]

27. (a) Write the number 7 500 000 in words.

\[\text{Seven million, five hundred thousand}\]

(b) What is the value of the 9 in the number 239 815.

\[\text{nine thousand}\]

(c) Using all the digits 6 7 3 8 write down the smallest odd number.

\[\text{smallest } 3 6 8 7 \leftarrow \text{still odd}\]

28. Is the following statement true or false?

'Every whole number that ends in a 3 is a prime number'.

You must give a full explanation for your decision.

\[\text{False. } 33 \text{ is not prime, it is in the } 3\text{s and } 1\text{s}\]

29. Circle the numbers that are multiples of both 3 and 4.

\[
\begin{array}{cccccccc}
10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 \\
16 & 17 & 18 & 19 & 20 \\
21 & 22 & 23 & 24 \\
\end{array}
\]

23 x table

30. Bernard says: "When you halve a whole number that ends in 8, you always get a number that ends in 4”

(a) Write down an example to show that Bernard is wrong.

\[18 \div 2 = 9\]
Alice says: "Because 7 and 17 are both prime numbers, all whole numbers that end in 7 are prime numbers."

(b) Is Alice correct?

You must give a reason with your answer.

No, 24 is not prime. It is in 3s and 8s.

31. Here is a list of six numbers.

1   3   6   9   12   24

Which number in the list is not a factor of 24?

4

32. Here is a list of numbers.

1   2   5   6   12

From the list, write down

(i) a multiple of 4

12

(ii) a prime number

2 or 5

33. Here are two numbers.

29   37

Nadia says both of these numbers can be written as the sum of two square numbers.

Is Nadia correct?

You must show how you get your answer.

29 = 4 + 25

37 = 1 + 36

Yes.

34. Circle the number that is not a multiple of 6

24   76   108   144

[1]
35. a) The sum of two square numbers is 180. What are the two square numbers?

\[ 1 + 1 + 9 \times 9 + 1 + 7 \times 16 + 1 + 6 + x \]

\[ 2 + 1 + 8 \times 16 + 1 + 6 + x \]

\[ 25 + 15 + 36 \text{ and } 144 \]

b) Kim says, “The sum of any two different square numbers is always even.” Is she correct?

Write down a calculation to support your answer.

\[ 4 + 9 = 13 \text{ Incorrect} \]

36. y is a whole number.

Circle the words that describe 5y

always odd \hspace{1cm} always even \hspace{1cm} could be odd or even

37. \[ \text{odd} \times \text{odd} = \text{odd} \]
\[ \text{odd} \times \text{even} = \text{even} \]
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