1. Gary’s alarm and Ian’s alarm both bleep at 7:50 am.
   Then Gary’s alarm bleeps every 6 minutes and Ian’s alarm bleeps every 4 minutes.
   What is the next time both alarms bleep together?
   
   \[ 8:02\text{ am} \] [4]

2. Diaries are sold in boxes of 12
   Pencils are sold in boxes of 10
   Rulers are sold in boxes of 6
   A teacher wants to buy the same number of diaries, pencils and rulers.
   Work out the smallest number of boxes of each item he could buy.

   | Diaries: 12, 24, 36, 48, 60 |
   | Pencils: 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 |
   | Rulers: 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42, 48, 54, 60 |

   5 boxes of diaries
   6 boxes of pencils
   10 boxes of rulers

   [3]

3. A piano competition takes place every 3 years. A violin competition takes place every 4 years.


   a) In which of these years did the violin competition take place? Circle your answer.

b) When is the next year after 2009 that both competitions will take place?

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\begin{align*}
\text{Piano: } & 3, 6, 9, 12 \quad \text{12 years later} \\
\text{Violin: } & 4, 8, 12 \\
\frac{2009 + 12}{2021} & = 2021
\end{align*}
\]

\[\text{[1]}\]

c) In any leap year, the number made by the last two digits is divisible by 4

For example, 1996 and 2004 were leap years because 96 and 04 are divisible by 4. Give a reason why the violin competition will never take place in a leap year.

\[\text{[1]}\]

2009 had a violin competition. 09 is not divisible by 4. It then goes up in 4s but this means it will continue to be 1 more than a multiple of 4.
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