COMBINED OPERATIONS

Combining mathematical operations could lead to confusion unless there are clear rules about the order in which they are done.

Example $5 + 3 \times 2$

This could be
$$5 + 3 \times 2 = 8 \times 2$$
 or $5 + 3 \times 2 = 5 + 6$
= 16 = 11

For this reason mathematical operations must be done in this order.

1. Deal with brackets

2. Divide and multiply

3. Add and subtract

Examples

$$18 + 4 \times (7 + 5)$$

$$18 + 4 \times 12$$

$$18 + 48$$

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$$(10+6) \div 2+3$$

 $16 \div 2 + 3$

8 + 3

11

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Work out. Show your working.

Remember: ÷/× before +/-

$$03 + 2 \times 4$$

$$97 - 8 \times 9 + 11$$

$$00 30 \div 6 + 4 \times 5$$

$$1 + 16 \div 2 + 15$$

$$10 \times 2 + 4 \times 3$$

$$14 8 + 2 \times 6 - 13$$

$$15 - 3 \times 4 - 3$$

B

Work out. Show your working.

Remember: Brackets first.

$$(55-4)\times(5+5)$$

$$255 - 4 \times 5 + 5$$

$$4 20 + 12 \div 4 - 1$$

$$6 \times (6-2) + 9$$

$$6 \times 6 - (2 + 9)$$

$$(24 + 48) \div 8 + 4$$

$$9 42 - (6 + 9) \div 3$$

$$10 (16 - 8) \times (10 - 6)$$

$$10 + 20 + 30 \times 40$$

$$16 + 4 \times (3 + 8)$$

15
$$200 - (5 + 7) \times 7$$

C

Work out. Show your working.

$$(2+7) \times 4 - 10 \div 2$$

2
$$12 \div 2 + (4-2) \times 6$$

$$(40-10) \div 5 + 1 \times 12$$

4
$$16 \times 2 - (8 \times 8) \div 4$$

$$6 \times (3+5) - 18 \div 3$$

6
$$(25 + 75) \div 5 - 4 \times 5$$

72 ÷
$$(12 - 3) + 6 \times 7$$

8
$$(10-7) \times 9 + 12 \div 2$$

Copy and complete by putting in any missing brackets.

9
$$10 \times 2 + 6 = 80$$

$$10 - 10 \div 2 = 3$$

$$11 - 5 \times 7 + 2 = 54$$

$$9+6 \div 3-1=12$$

$$14 17 - 2 \times 6 + 4 = 150$$

$$169 + 15 - 9 \times 3 = 27$$