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SOLUTIONS LEAFLET

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1. D \[(999 - 99 + 9) ÷ 9 = (900 + 9) ÷ 9 = 909 ÷ 9 = 101.\]

2. B There are 24 hours in one day, so \(\frac{1}{12}\) of a day is 2 hours. Therefore the number of minutes in \(\frac{1}{12}\) of a day is \(2 \times 60 = 120\).

3. C The seats between us are T18 to T38 inclusive, that is, all the seats before seat 39 except for seats 1 to 17. So the number of seats is \(38 - 17 = 21\).

4. E \[987654321 \times 9 = 888888889.\]

5. A The smallest 4-digit number is 1000 and the largest 3-digit number is 999. They differ by 1.

6. A Let the width of each strip be 1. Then the square has side 5 and perimeter 20. The grey strips contribute 4 to the perimeter, so the fraction of the perimeter which is grey is \(\frac{4}{20} = \frac{1}{5}\).


8. A Prime numbers have exactly two distinct factors, so 1 is not a prime number as it has exactly one factor. Of the others, 12, 1234 and 123456 are all even numbers, so are not prime as the only even prime is 2. Also, \(123 = 3 \times 41\) and \(12345\) is clearly a multiple of 5, so neither of these is prime. Therefore none of the numbers in the list is prime.

9. E The area of a triangle = \(\frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height}\). If we let the length of the sides of each square in the grid be 1, then the area of triangle \(PQR\) is \(\frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times 2 = 3\). The area of triangle \(XYZ\) is \(\frac{1}{2} \times 6 \times 3 = 9\). So the required fraction is \(\frac{3}{9} = \frac{1}{3}\).

10. D The angles at a point sum to \(360^\circ\), so the largest angle in the triangle which includes the angle marked \(x^\circ\) is equal to \((360 - 90 - 90 - 60)^\circ = 120^\circ\). This triangle is isosceles as the sides of the three squares in the figure are equal to the sides of the equilateral triangle. So the triangle has angles \(120^\circ, x^\circ\) and \(x^\circ\). Therefore \(x = \frac{1}{2}(180 - 120) = 30\).

11. D The third term of the sequence equals \(1 + 2 = 3\). Now consider the fourth term: it is the sum of the first three terms. However, as the first two terms sum to the third term, the sum of the first three terms is twice the third term, i.e. \(2 \times 3 = 6\). So the fourth term is twice the third term. Similar reasoning applies to each subsequent term, i.e. each term after the third term is equal to twice the term which precedes it. Therefore the sequence is 1, 2, 3, 6, 12, 24, 48, 96, …

12. B As \(7Q2ST - P3R96 = 22222\), it follows that \(7Q2ST = P3R96 + 22222\). Looking at the units column: \(2 + 6 = T\), so \(T = 8\). Looking at the tens column, as \(2 + 9 = 11\), we deduce that \(S = 1\) and that \(1\) is carried to the hundreds column. Looking at the hundreds column: the carry of \(1 + 2 + R\) must equal 12 since the sum has 2 in the hundreds column. So \(R = 9\) and there is a carry of 1 to the thousands column. Looking at this column: the carry of \(1 + 2 + 3 = Q\), so \(Q = 6\). Finally, since there is no carry to the next column, \(2 + P = 7\), so \(P = 5\). Therefore the calculation is \(76218 - 53996 = 22222\) and \(P + Q + R + S + T = 5 + 6 + 9 + 1 + 8 = 29\).
13. A The diagram shows part of the given diagram after a rotation so that the diagonal shown is horizontal. The perpendicular height of triangle $P$ is shown and it can be seen that this is also the perpendicular height of triangle $Q$. The diagonals of a rectangle bisect each other, so triangles $P$ and $Q$ have bases of equal length and the same perpendicular height. Therefore their areas are equal.

14. D One million millimetres is $(1000000 \div 1000) \text{ m} = 1000 \text{ m} = 1 \text{ km}$.

15. E Consider, for example, the bottom left-hand corner of the envelope (see Figure 1). The two flaps overlap, so that the sum of the angles marked $x$ and $y$ is greater than $90^\circ$.

So when the flaps are unfolded, as in Figure 2, the angle marked $z$ is less than $180^\circ$.

Therefore the correct answer is E.

16. E If A is true then B is true which cannot be so since we are told only one statement is true. Hence A is false which is what E says. So E is the one true statement. [For completeness, we note that C and D must be false because we are told that exactly one statement is true; and B is false because A is false.]

17. C Whichever route is chosen, it must include section $BD$.

We will divide the route into two sections. The first will include stations $A, B, C$ and will finish at $D$. The second will start at $D$ and include stations $E, F, G$.

Clearly the first section cannot be traversed without visiting at least one station more than once and the route $A – B – C – B – D$ visits only B more than once so it is an optimal solution. Also, traversing the second section involves visiting $D$ more than once as two branches lead from it. If $D – E – D$ is part of the route then two stations are visited more than once. However, if $D – G – D$ is part of the route then only $F$ is visited more than once. So to traverse the second section, it is necessary to visit at least two stations (one of which is $D$) more than once. Therefore, the complete route must involve visiting at least 3 stations more than once. An example of an optimum route is $A – B – C – B – D – F – G – F – D – E$. The stations visited twice are $B, D$, and $F$.

18. E The units digit of any power of 5 is 5 so the units digit of $1 + 5^6$ is 6. Therefore the units digits of the calculations in the 5 options are 2, 1, 0, 9, 8 in that order. So the only calculation which could be correct is E. Checking this gives $1 + 5^6 – 8 = 1 + 15625 – 8 = 15626 – 8 = 15618$.

19. C Since Jack won 4 games, Jill lost 4 games for which she was awarded 4 points. So the number of games she won is $(10 – 4) \div 2 = 3$. Therefore, they played 7 games in total.
20. B Let the smallest number of chocolates required be \( n \). Then \( q + n > p - n \), that is \( 2n > p - q \). Therefore \( n > \frac{1}{2}(p - q) \). Since \( p > q \) and \( p \) and \( q \) are both odd, \( \frac{1}{2}(p - q) \) is a positive integer. So the smallest possible value of \( n \) is \( \frac{1}{2}(p - q) + 1 = \frac{1}{2}(p - q + 2) \).

21. D Both the top and bottom layers of 9 cubes can be seen to contain 5 cubes with at least one face printed grey. The bottom layer could contain more than 5. In the middle layer, two cubes with grey faces are visible and there could be more. Therefore at least 12 cubes must have at least one face painted grey, which means that the largest number of cubes which Pablo can leave with no faces painted grey is 27 − 12 = 15.

22. C In order to increase the result of the calculation (the quotient) by 100, the number to be divided (the dividend) must be increased by \( 100 \times 18 \), that is 1800. So the new dividend needs to be 952 473 + 1800, that is 954 273. So the two digits which need to be swapped are 2 and 4.

23. D Note first that the sum of the first 9 positive integers is 45. Therefore, when the four numbers in each of the three lines are added together the total is 45 plus the sum of the numbers in the three corner circles, each of which contributes to the sum of two lines of circles. So if the number in the top circle is \( x \), the total of all 3 lines is \( 45 + 2 + 5 + x = 52 + x \). As all three lines of circles must have the same total, \( 52 + x \) must be a multiple of 3. The possible values of \( x \) are 2, 5 and 8 but 2 and 5 have already been assigned. So \( x = 8 \) and the sum of each line is 60 ÷ 3 = 20. The diagram shows one way of completing the task.

24. C Note that rectangles \( B, C, E \) and \( G \) are all congruent. Two of these are shaded grey and two are hatched, so the difference between the area of the hatched region and the area shaded grey is the difference between the area of square \( D \) of side 1 and the sum of the areas of triangles \( A, F \) and \( H \). These are all isosceles right-angled triangles with hypotenuse 1 and the lower diagram shows how a square of side 1 may be divided into 4 such triangles. So the required difference in area is \( 1 - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \).

25. A If the die is rolled around a single vertex it covers, in turn, 6 small triangles making up a regular hexagon. It uses three different faces, repeated twice. An example is shown on the right. However, if it is rolled out from that hexagon in any direction, that will use the fourth face. The face that ends up covering each small triangle in the grid is always the same, regardless of the path taken to reach that triangle. Using these facts, it is easy to complete the diagram as shown. So, whichever route through the grid is taken, the ‘1’ is face down when it reaches the shaded triangle.