Mathematica Centrum

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THALES PREPARATORY TEST 2014
DETAILED SOLUTIONS

1. The number of vertices (8) plus the number of edges (12) of a cube is equal to 20.

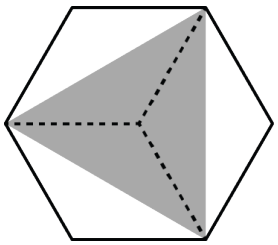
2. Only 24 (6 x 4) is a multiple of 4.

3. Three quarters = 75¢. Ten dimes = 100¢. The difference which is 25¢ is equal to 5 quarters.

4. The number which is seven more than thirteen is (13 + 7) 20.

5. The missing number in the equation: 10 x 2 ÷ 4 = ? ÷ 4 is (20 ÷ 4 = 5 and 5 is = 20 ÷ 4) 20.

6. The number of sides of a rectangle (4) multiplied by the number of faces of a cube (6) is equal to 24.



7. The third letter before the 10th letter of the alphabet is G.

8. Three times a number minus 3 is equal to 21.
The number is (21 + 3 ÷ 3) 8.

9. The fraction of the regular hexagon which is shaded is 1/2.

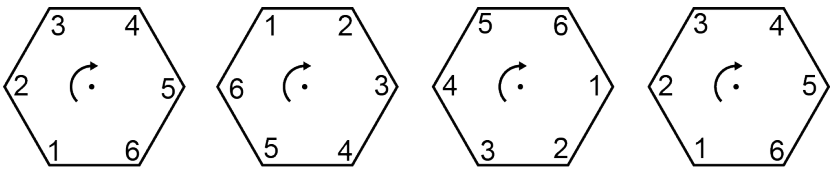
10. The value of n in the equation: 2 x n = n + 3 is 3.

$$\frac{78A}{B} = 1C7$$

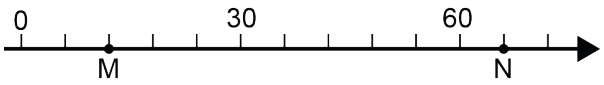
11. Mathew talked for 130 seconds. He talked for (120 + 10 seconds) or 2 minutes + 10 seconds or 2 min 10 s.

12. By trial and error and a bit of logic, we can find easily that A = 8, B = 4, and C = 9.
The sum of A + B + C that will yield the right result is (8 + 4 + 9) 21.

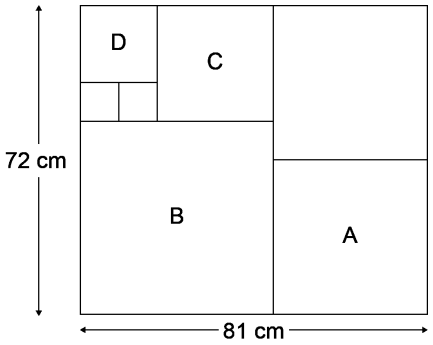
13. If you compare angle 1 of the first figure to angle 1 of the second figure in the diagram, you will notice that it has turned over 2 out of 6 sides. The rotation is thus 2/6 of a turn.



14. There are 5 intervals between the 0 and the 30 on this line and consequently each interval is equal to 6 units. Considering that there are 9 intervals between points M and N, the length of segment MN is therefore (9 x 6) 54.



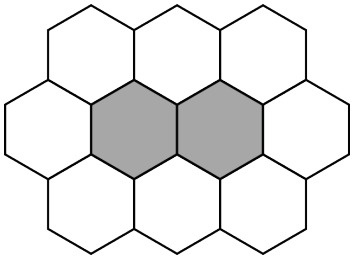
15. The length of the side of tile A is (72 ÷ 2) 36 cm and that of B is (81 - 36) 45 cm. The side of C is 27 cm and (72 - 45) that of D is (45 -27) 18 cm. The length of the side of the smallest tile is therefore (18 ÷ 2) 9 cm.



16. The number of hexagons that must be drawn to completely surround the 2 shaded hexagons is 8.

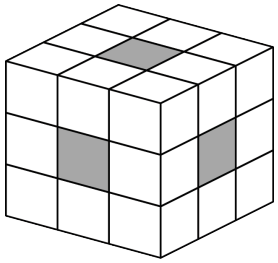
17. The number of even numbers between 10 and 40 is equal to 14.

18. If the fourth day of a month is a Monday, the 25th day of this month is also a Monday. The 28th day of this month is a Thursday (minimum number of days in a month), the 29th would be a Friday, the 30th would be a Saturday and the 31st, a Sunday (maximum number of days in a month). The last day of this month cannot be a Wednesday, nor a Tuesday, nor a Monday.



19. The natural numbers between 10 and 60 which have at least one digit that is a ‘’3’’ are 13, 23, 30, 31, …39, 43 and 53. In all, there are 14 natural numbers between 10 and 60 that have at least one digit which is a 3.

20. The 3 small cubes with the exterior face that is shaded have only one face that is covered with paint. Since a cube has 6 faces, there are 6 small cubes that have only one face that is covered with paint.



21. Number 49 could be one of them because 49 is a multiple of 7 (49 = 7 x 7) and when divided by by 2 or by 3 (49 ÷ 2 = 24 R1 and 49 ÷ 3 = 16 R1), it gives a remainder of 1.