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1.	Harry Potter was born on 31 July 1980. How many years ago was that?						
	A 10	B 20	C 30	D 40	E 50		
2.	Which of the A 1 foot	e following i B 2 ki	s closest t m	o the length C 3 mm	n of my little D 4 m	finger? E 5 cm	
3.	Boastful Gra in 3 minutes A imposs D likely	indad says t . How likely ible B E	hat he can / is this? unlikely very likely	walk 10 m C po	iles ssible		
4.	Chay Pup fo The result is When it is u triangular p A 2	lds a regular the folded t nfolded and ieces will the B 3	r hexagon riangular cut along ere be? C 4	along each shape shov all of the fo D 5	of its diagona vn on the rig olds, how ma E 6	als. ht. any	
5.	The Simpson and return h How many n A 11	ns go on the nome at mid nights are th B 12	ir family s day on 2 S ey away f	summer hol September. From home? C 13	iday at midd D 14	lay on 22 August E 15	
6.	Spike the he Sundays, wh How many s A 50	dgehog eats nen she eats slugs does sl B 58	8 slugs ea 10 slugs. ne eat in c C 60	ach day exc one week? D 66	ept on E 70		
7.	My baby sis How many A 3	ter is 1000 d years old wi B 4	ays old to ll she be o	day. n her next l C 5	oirthday? D 10	E 12	

8. On each face of a Rubik's Cube the 9 small squares are the same colour, and a different colour is used for each face. One face has 9 white squares.



How many squares on the surface of the cube are not white?

A 18 B 27 C 36 D 45 E 54

9. Postie Patricia delivers letters to all of the **odd**-numbered houses in a street.

If she starts at number 1 and finishes at number 29, how many houses has she visited?

A 14 B 15 C 16 D 17 E 18

10. The diagram shows a pentagon with a square placed edge to edge with it. George places another square on each of the other four edges of the pentagon.

How many outside edges does the combined shape now have?

A 13 B 14 C 15 D 16 E 17





11. Linus has drawn this pattern on graph paper.

When he continues the same pattern, which of the points A, B, C, D or E will his line go through?

А	В	С	D	Ε

12. How many of the numbers in the box below are factors of 2020?

	2	3	4	5	6		
A 2	B 3	С	4		D 5	E 6	

A 9 cm

B 18 cm

13. Last week my maths teacher said that today she would be wearing a new scarf. Kiran thought it would be red and plain, Lila suggested blue and stripy, while Manul was sure it would be red and flowery. Each of them was correct in stating **either** the colour **or** the pattern of the scarf.



Which of the following describes my teacher's scarf?

A blue and flowery	B plain blue	C red and flowery
D plain red	E red and stripy	

14.	I am about to start my day. In which order should I carry out the following instructions?							
	D = dry yourself G $T = take a shower W$	G = get out of bed W = wake up	$\mathbf{P} = $ put on clothes					
	A WDGPT D WGTDP	B PDTWG E PTDGW	C GDT					
15.	• Marge Rine has a cube of butter with sides of 4 cm. She spreads all the butter evenly on her piece of toast which is 8 cm by 10 cm. [Then she adds the jam.]							
	How thick is the butter on the toast?							
	A 2mm B	4mm C 8mm	D 1 cm	E4cm				
16.	The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) planted 12000 trees at Dovestone Reservoir in the Peak District in 32 days, with the help of 15 volunteers.							
	If all the voluteers worked on their own at the same speed, how many trees on average did each volunteer plant each day?							
	A 12 B	16 C 20	D 25	E 32				
17.	A rectangular piece of paper is folded in half to form a square.							
	The area of the square is 36 cm^2 .							
	What is the perimeter of the original rectangle?							

C 36 cm

D 72 cm

E 144 cm

 18. The diagram shows four overlapping flower shapes. The areas of the shapes are 4 cm², 9 cm², 16 cm² and 25 cm². What is the total shaded area in cm²? A 13 B 14 C 15 D 16 E 17 19. In 2010 about 120 million <i>digital still cameras</i> were sold worldwide. By 2018 this number had decreased by 85%. About how many million digital still cameras were sold in 2018? A 18 B 28 C 38 D 48 E 58 20. Murben knows that, in some order, the symbols □, K, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
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Which of these Cnujian symbols represents the number 5? $A \bowtie B \bowtie C \bigsqcup D \bowtie E \bowtie$	
 think of a number by 3 subtract 4 multiply by 5 add 6 answer 21. Marcia thinks of a positive whole number, and puts it into the number machine above. What is the largest two-digit number that she could obtain as an answer? 	
 22. The numbers 1 to 9 are each placed in one of the squares in the diagram. The three numbers in each of the two vertical rectangles add up to 9 and 16 respectively, and the five numbers in the horizontal rectangle add up to 25. What is the total of the numbers in the seven shaded squares? 	

23. Oranges cost 26p each and lemons cost 30p each. Gordon spent exactly £5 on a mixture of oranges and lemons.

How many oranges and lemons altogether did he buy?

24. The diagram shows a square and a triangle. The triangle is formed by a corner and the midpoints of two sides of the square. The area of the triangle is 150 cm².



What is the perimeter of the square in centimetres?

25. Alun wrote each of the numbers from 1 to 160 on cards and arranged them in 10 rows of 16 cards each.



Bree picked up the cards and arranged them in 16 columns of 10 cards each.

As shown, the cards with the numbers 1 and 160 were in the same place as before. Two other cards were also in the same place as in Alun's arrangement.

What is the smaller of the numbers on these two cards?