

# Symbols and Notations

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The questions can be based on

### Blood Relations

### Mathematical Operations (or Operator based questions)

#### 1. Blood Relations

$P \times Q$  means P is the mother of Q

$P + Q$  means P is the father of Q

$P - Q$  means P is the son of Q

Which of the following means A is the Grandson of D ?

- (1)  $A \times C + D$
- (2)  $A + B + D$
- (3)  $D + B + A$
- (4)  $A - B - D$

Explanation:

$A \times C + D$  means A is the mother of C and C is the father of D Grandchild of A

$A + B + D$  means A is the father of B and B is the father of D. Hence D is the Grandchild of A

$D + B + A$  means D is the father of B and B is the father of A. Here A is the Grand child of D, but we don't know whether he is the Grandson or Granddaughter of D

$A - B - D$  means A is the son of B and B is the son of D. Hence, A is the Grandson of D

#### 2. Mathematical Operations

IF '+' stands for '-', '-' stands for 'x', 'x' stands for '÷' and '÷' stands for '+' then what is the value of  $56 \times 7 \div 13 - 11 + 15 - 8 \div 2 - 7$ ?

- (1) 30
- (2) 45
- (3) 60
- (4) 90

Explanation:

Changing the symbols as given in the problem the above expression is

$$56 \div 7 + 13 \times 11 - 15 \times 8 + 2 \times 7$$

Solving the BODMAS rule, we get  $8 + 143 - 120 + 14 = 165 - 120 = 45$

## Exercise Questions

**Direction:** Study the following sequence carefully and answer the questions given below:

1. If '-' stands for 'x', 'x' stands for '+', '+' stands for '÷' and '÷' stands for '-', then what is the value of  $9 \div 18 \times 15 + 3 - 6 \times 12$  ?

(a)24 (b)30 (c)33 (d)42 (e)58

2. If  $a \$ b = a^2 b^2 - ab$ , then  $3 \$ 8 =$

(a)600 (b)552 (c)576 (d)625 (e)676

3. If  $p \emptyset q = p^2 + q^2 - p - q$  and  $p \Delta q = pq - p - q$ , then  $(6 \emptyset 5) \Delta 5 =$

(a)200 (b)175 (c)195 (d)179 (e)225

4. If  $4 \odot 5 = 189$  and  $10 \odot 8 = 1512$ , then  $6 \odot 9 =$

(a)945 (b)1148 (c)983 (d)764 (e)932

5. If ' $\Delta$ ' means 'is less than', ' $\$$ ' means 'is greater than' and ' $\text{£}$ ' means 'is equal to' and given that  $a\Delta b$ ,  $c\text{£}d$  and  $c\$b$ , then which of the following is true ?

(a)  $d\Delta a$  (b)  $b\$d$  (c)  $a\text{£}c$  (d)  $a\Delta b\Delta c$  (e)  $a\Delta c$

6. If ' $\times$ ' means 'added to', ' $\div$ ' means 'multiplied by', ' $+$ ' means 'subtracted from' and ' $-$ ' means 'divided by', then simplify  $24+36-12\times 8\div 4=$  ?

(a) 36 (b) 53 (c) 5 (d) 20 (e) None of these

7. If A means ' $-$ ', B means ' $\div$ ', C means ' $+$ ', and D means ' $\times$ ', then  $15B3C24A12D2=$ ?

(a) 2 (b)  $5/9$  (c)  $-23^4/9$  (d) 34 (e) 5

8. If ' $W$ ' means ' $\div$ ', ' $X$ ' means ' $+$ ', ' $Y$ ' means ' $-$ ' and ' $Z$ ' means ' $\times$ ' then  $28Z3Y4\times 12W6=$ ?

(a) 27 (b) 82 (c) 39 (d) 53 (e) 11

9. If ' $+$ ' means ' $\div$ ', ' $\div$ ' means ' $\times$ ', ' $\times$ ' means ' $-$ ' and ' $-$ ' means ' $+$ ', then  $10+2\div 5-3\div 4+2-1=$ ?

(a) 32 (b) 50 (c) 45 (d) 120 (e) 150

10. If  $5@6=61$  and  $8@10=164$ , then  $7@9=$ ?

(a) 125 (b) 63 (c) 130 (d) 32 (e) 95

### Answer & Explanations

1. Ans (c) 33. The given expression  $9\div 18\times 15+3-6\times 12$ . By converting the symbols according to the given definitions, we get  $9-18+15\div 3\times 6+12$  solving this by BODMAS rule, we get the value as 33.

2. Ans (b)552. Given  $a\$b = a^2b^2 - ab - ab \rightarrow 3\$8 = 3^2 \times 8^2 - 3 \times 8 = 9 \times 64 - 24 = 576 - 24 = 552$

3. Ans (c)195.  $6\emptyset 5 = 6^2 + 5^2 - 6 - 5 = 36 + 25 - 6 - 5 = 50$  ( $6\emptyset 5 \Delta 5 = 50 \Delta 5 = 50 \times 5 - 50 - 5 = 195$ )

4. Ans (a)945.  $4^3 + 5^3 = 64 + 125 = 189 \Rightarrow 4\textcircled{5}$ ,  $10^3 + 8^3 = 1000 + 512 = 1512 \Rightarrow 10\textcircled{8}$

Similarly,  $6\textcircled{9} = 6^3 + 9^3 = 216 + 729 = 945$

5. Ans (a) $a\Delta b\Delta c$ .  $a\Delta b$  means  $a < b$ ,  $c\$d$  means  $c > b$ ,  $b < c$ ,  $c\&d$  means  $c = d$  therefore,  $a < b < c = d$ . So  $a\Delta b\Delta c$  is true  $\Rightarrow a < b < c \rightarrow$  is true

6. Ans (b)53.  $24 - 36 \div 12 + 8 \times 4 = 24 - 3 + 32 = 53$ .

7. Ans (e)5.  $15 \div 3 + 24 - 12 \times 2$ ,  $5 + 24 - 24 = 5$

8. Ans (b)82.  $28 \times 3 - 4 + 12 \div 6$ ,  $84 - 4 + 2$  or  $84 + 2 - 4 = 86 - 4 = 82$

9. Ans (a)32.  $10 \div 2 \times 5 + 3 \times 4 \div 2 + 1$ ,  $5 \times 5 + 3 \times 4 \div 2 + 1$ ,  $5 \times 5 + 3 \times 2 + 1$ ,  $25 + 6 + 1 = 32$

10. Ans (c)130.  $5 \times 5 + 6 \times 6 = 25 + 36 = 61$ ,  $8 \times 8 + 10 \times 10 = 64 + 100 = 164$  so,  $7 \times 7 + 9 \times 9 = 49 + 81 = 130$