



Answer **all** the questions.

### INVESTIGATION      CHANGING THE ORDER OF OPERATIONS

This investigation is about the results of two calculations when you change the order of operations.

Each calculation uses three integers,  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ .

Calculation 1

Add  $y$  and  $z$ .  
Multiply the answer by  $x$ .

Calculation 2

Multiply  $y$  and  $z$ .  
Add the answer to  $x$ .

#### Example

$$x = 3, \quad y = 5, \quad z = 7.$$

#### Calculation 1

$$y + z = 5 + 7 = 12$$

$$12 \times x = 12 \times 3 = 36$$

$$\text{Result} = 36$$

#### Calculation 2

$$y \times z = 5 \times 7 = 35$$

$$35 + x = 35 + 3 = 38$$

$$\text{Result} = 38$$

**1** In this question  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 4$ ,  $z = 6$ .

Complete calculation 1 and calculation 2.

#### Calculation 1

$$y + z = 4 + 6 = \dots\dots\dots$$

$$\dots\dots\dots \times x = \dots\dots\dots \times 2 = \dots\dots\dots$$

$$\text{Result} = \dots\dots\dots$$

#### Calculation 2

$$y \times z = 4 \times 6 = \dots\dots\dots$$

$$\dots\dots\dots + x = \dots\dots\dots + 2 = \dots\dots\dots$$

$$\text{Result} = \dots\dots\dots$$

[4]

2 (a) Work out the results of calculation 1 and calculation 2 when  $x = 3$ ,  $y = 4$ ,  $z = 9$ .

Result of calculation 1: .....

Result of calculation 2: ..... [2]

(b) What do you notice about your results in **part (a)**?

..... [1]

3 In this question  $x$  and  $z$  do not change in each part.

(a) In this part  $x = 2$  and  $z = 4$ .

Complete the table.

			Calculation 1		Calculation 2	
$x$	$y$	$z$	$y+z$	$\times x = \text{result}$	$y \times z$	$+ x = \text{result}$
2	1	4	5		4	
2	2	4		12		10
2	3	4				

[3]

(b) In this part  $x = 3$  and  $z = 6$ .  
 $y$  increases by 1 each time.

Continue the table until the two results are the same.  
You may not need all the rows.

$x$	$y$	$z$	$y+z$	$\times x = \text{result}$	$y \times z$	$+ x = \text{result}$
3	1	6	7	21	6	9
3	2	6	8	24	12	15
3	3	6				

[3]

(c) In this part  $x = 4$  and  $z = 8$ .

Find the value of  $y$  that makes the results of calculation 1 and calculation 2 the same.  
Use this table to help you.

			Calculation 1		Calculation 2	
$x$	$y$	$z$	$y+z$	$\times x = \text{result}$	$y \times z$	$+x = \text{result}$

$y = \dots\dots\dots$  [3]

4 The results of calculation 1 and calculation 2 are the same.

(a) Complete the table.

Use your answers to **Question 3** and any patterns you notice to help you.

$x$	$y$	$z$
2		4
3		6
4		8
5		
6		
	17	

[3]

(b) Find expressions in terms of  $x$  for  $y$  and for  $z$ .

$y =$  .....

$z =$  ..... [2]

5 In this question  $x = 1$  and  $y = 1$ .

(a) Write down expressions for calculation 1 and for calculation 2 in terms of  $z$ .  
Show that these results are the same.

[2]

(b) What do your results in **part (a)** tell you about the value of  $z$ ?

..... [1]

6 In this question  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  are consecutive. For example 15, 16 and 17.

(a) Complete the table.

$x$	$y$	$z$
15	16	17
12		
		20

[1]

(b) Write  $y$  and  $z$  in terms of  $x$ .

$$y = \dots\dots\dots$$

$$z = \dots\dots\dots [1]$$

(c) Show that the result of calculation 1 is  $2x^2 + 3x$ .

[2]

(d) Find the result of calculation 2 in terms of  $x$ .  
Give your answer in its simplest form.

..... [3]

(e) The results of calculation 1 and calculation 2 are the same.

Show that  $x^2 = x + 2$ .

[1]

**Question 6(f) is printed on the next page.**

- (f) The results of calculation 1 and calculation 2 are the same.  
 $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  are consecutive.  
 $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  are all between  $-5$  and  $5$ .

Find two sets of values for  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ .

..... [4]

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