

# 16. [Order of Operations]

**Skill 16.1** Using 'order of operations' mixing only  $\times$  and/or  $\div$ , or  $+$  and/or  $-$

MM4.2 1 2 2 3 3 4 4  
MM5.1 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4

## Order of operations rules

Multiply ( $\times$ ) and/or divide ( $\div$ ) in order from left to right.  
Add ( $+$ ) and/or subtract ( $-$ ) in order from left to right.

**Q.**  $21 \div 3 \times 4 =$

**A.**  $21 \div 3 \times 4 =$  *work from left to right*  
 $= 7 \times 4$  *divide first*  
 $= 28$

**a)**  $9 + 13 - 7 =$  *add first*  
 $= 22 - 7 = \boxed{15}$

**b)**  $9 - 5 + 3 =$   
 $= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**c)**  $6 - 3 + 8 =$   
 $= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**d)**  $3 + 6 - 5 =$   
 $= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**e)**  $3 \times 6 \div 9 =$   
 $= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**f)**  $3 \times 3 \times 2 =$   
 $= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**g)**  $16 + 7 - 3 =$   
 $= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**h)**  $32 \div 8 \div 2 =$   
 $= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**i)**  $36 \div 9 \times 5 =$   
 $= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**j)**  $2 \times 9 \div 3 =$   
 $= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**k)**  $2 \times 3 \times 4 =$   
 $= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**l)**  $27 \div 3 \div 3 =$   
 $= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**m)**  $19 - 5 + 2 =$   
 $= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**n)**  $13 - 8 + 6 =$   
 $= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**o)**  $30 \div 6 \times 7 =$   
 $= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**p)**  $4 \times 6 \div 2 =$   
 $= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**q)**  $2 \times 5 \times 7 =$   
 $= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**r)**  $72 \div 12 \times 3 =$   
 $= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

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Multiply ( $\times$ ) and/or divide ( $\div$ ) in order from left to right.  
Add ( $+$ ) and/or subtract ( $-$ ) in order from left to right.

**Q.**  $3 + 24 \div 4 \times 2 =$

**A.**  $3 + 24 \div 4 \times 2 =$  *work from left to right*  
 $= 3 + 6 \times 2$  *divide first*  
 $= 3 + 12$   
 $= 15$

**a)**  $2 + 3 \times 5 =$  *multiply first*

$= 15 + 2 = \boxed{17}$

**b)**  $6 + 9 \div 3 =$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**c)**  $4 \times 3 - 7 =$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**d)**  $2 + 7 \times 4 =$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**e)**  $14 - 12 \div 2 =$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**f)**  $2 \times 5 + 8 =$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**g)**  $18 \div 6 - 3 =$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**h)**  $9 + 8 \div 4 =$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**i)**  $36 - 6 \times 5 =$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**j)**  $14 + 21 \div 7 =$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**k)**  $5 + 4 \times 9 =$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**l)**  $17 - 12 \div 3 =$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**m)**  $6 + 15 \div 3 \times 2 =$

$= 6 + 5 \times 2$  *divide first*  
 $= 6 + 10 = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**n)**  $9 \times 5 - 4 \times 6 =$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**o)**  $19 + 16 - 4 \times 7 =$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**p)**  $21 \div 3 - 15 \div 5 =$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**q)**  $28 + 9 - 7 \times 3 =$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**r)**  $4 \times 8 - 18 \div 2 =$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**s)**  $5 + 48 \div 8 \times 3 =$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**t)**  $10 \times 2 - 44 \div 11 =$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**u)**  $22 - 3 \times 6 + 9 =$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

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Multiply ( $\times$ ) and/or divide ( $\div$ ) in order from left to right.  
Add ( $+$ ) and/or subtract ( $-$ ) in order from left to right.

**Q.**  $14 + (18 - 9) + 7 =$

**A.**  $14 + (18 - 9) + 7 =$  *simplify inside the brackets*  
 $= 14 + 9 + 7$  *work from left to right*  
 $= 23 + 7$   
 $= 30$

**a)**  $16 + 7 - (11 + 9) =$

$= 16 + 7 - 20$

$= 23 - 20 = \boxed{3}$

**b)**  $5 + 4 - (3 - 1) =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**c)**  $9 - (3 + 4) + 6 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**d)**  $6 - (9 - 5) + 6 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**e)**  $16 - 1 - (2 + 8) =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**f)**  $8 + 15 - (3 + 4) =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**g)**  $12 - (4 + 7) + 6 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**h)**  $13 - (11 - 4) - 2 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**i)**  $7 + 6 - (8 - 4) =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**j)**  $14 + 9 - (4 + 7) =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**k)**  $15 - (7 - 2) + 8 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**l)**  $6 + 9 - (3 + 5) =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**m)**  $4 + (13 - 8) + 6 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**n)**  $18 - (10 - 4) - 3 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**o)**  $17 - (6 + 7) + 4 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**p)**  $19 - (3 + 9) - 7 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**q)**  $9 + 16 - (8 + 3) =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**r)**  $14 - (16 - 9) + 3 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

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First evaluate inside the brackets.  
Then multiply ( $\times$ ) and/or divide ( $\div$ ) in order from left to right.  
Finally add ( $+$ ) and/or subtract ( $-$ ) in order from left to right.

**Q.**  $12 + 4 \times (3 + 9) =$

**A.**  $12 + 4 \times (3 + 9) =$  *simplify inside the brackets*  
 $= 12 + 4 \times 12$  *then multiply*  
 $= 12 + 48$   
 $= 60$

**a)**  $4 \times (3 + 7) =$  *brackets first*  
 $= 4 \times 10 =$

**b)**  $3 \times (5 - 2) =$   
 $=$    $=$

**c)**  $8 \div (1 + 3) =$   
 $=$    $=$

**d)**  $18 \div (6 - 3) =$   
 $=$    $=$

**e)**  $(23 - 3) \div 5 =$   
 $=$    $=$

**f)**  $(42 - 6) \div 9 =$   
 $=$    $=$

**g)**  $(12 - 7) \times 4 =$   
 $=$    $=$

**h)**  $6 \times (8 - 3) =$   
 $=$    $=$

**i)**  $5 \times (3 + 8) =$   
 $=$    $=$

**j)**  $14 \div (2 + 5) =$   
 $=$    $=$

**k)**  $28 \div (7 - 3) =$   
 $=$    $=$

**l)**  $9 \times (5 + 7) =$   
 $=$    $=$

**m)**  $9 \div (1 + 2) \times 4 =$   
 $=$    $=$

**n)**  $7 \times 8 - (8 - 2) =$   
 $=$    $=$

**o)**  $12 - 8 \div (2 + 2) =$   
 $=$    $=$

**p)**  $7 + 32 \div (8 - 4) =$   
 $=$    $=$

**q)**  $5 + 4 \times (6 + 2) =$   
 $=$    $=$

**r)**  $6 + (11 - 4) \times 3 =$   
 $=$    $=$

**s)**  $11 - (19 - 3 \times 5) =$   
 $=$    $=$

**t)**  $(6 - 3) \times (9 - 4) =$   
 $=$    $=$

**u)**  $(7 + 2 \times 8) - 15 =$   
 $=$    $=$

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First evaluate inside the brackets.

Secondly evaluate the powers.

Then multiply ( $\times$ ) and/or divide ( $\div$ ) in order from left to right.Finally add ( $+$ ) and/or subtract ( $-$ ) in order from left to right.

**Q.**  $24 - 4^2 \div 8 =$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{A. } 24 - 4^2 \div 8 &= && \text{evaluate the power} \\ &= 24 - 16 \div 8 && \text{then divide} \\ &= 24 - 2 && \text{work from left to right} \\ &= 22 \end{aligned}$$

**a)**  $8 + 9^2 \times 2 =$

$= 8 + 81 \times 2$

$= 8 + 162 = \boxed{170}$

**b)**  $9 - 2^2 \times 2 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**c)**  $7 + 2^2 \times 5 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**d)**  $3 + (9 - 5)^2 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**e)**  $9 + 5^2 \times 2 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**f)**  $2 \times (15 - 3)^2 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**g)**  $(18 - 10)^2 \div 4 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**h)**  $(12 - 7)^2 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**i)**  $(8 - 1)^2 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**j)**  $16 - 2^2 + 3 \times 1 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**k)**  $27 - 18 \div 3^2 - 2 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**l)**  $10^2 - (5 - 2) \times 8 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**m)**  $(6 - 1 \times 2)^2 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**n)**  $21 \div 3 + (9 - 5)^2 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**o)**  $24 \div 8 + 2^2 - 4 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**p)**  $2 \times 6 + 4 \times 5^2 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**q)**  $32 - (9 + 7) \div 2^2 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**r)**  $(15 - 9 \div 3)^2 =$

$=$

$= \dots = \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**Order of operations rules**

First evaluate inside the brackets.  
Secondly evaluate the powers.  
Then multiply (×) and/or divide (÷) in order from left to right.  
Finally add (+) and/or subtract (-) in order from left to right.

**Q.**  $8 + (-4)^3 \div (-2 - 2) =$

**A.**  $8 + (-4)^3 \div (-2 - 2) =$  *evaluate the bracket*  $-4 \times -4 \times -4 =$   
 $= 8 + (-4)^3 \div -4$  *evaluate the power*  $= 16 \times -4$   
 $= 8 + (-64) \div -4$  *evaluate the division*  $= -64$   
 $= 8 + 16$   
 $= 24$

**a)**  $-4 - 60 + 3^3 \times 2 =$

$= -4 - 60 + 27 \times 2$   
 $= -4 - 60 + 54$  *work from left to right*  
 $= -64 + 54 = \boxed{-10}$

**b)**  $(-3 - 2) \times (-2) - 4^2 =$

$=$   
 $=$   
 $= \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**c)**  $3^2 - (8 + 4) \div (-3) =$

$=$   
 $=$   
 $= \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**d)**  $(-3 - 2)^2 + 4 \times 1 =$

$=$   
 $=$   
 $= \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**e)**  $5 \times 2 + (-3 - 4)^2 =$

$=$   
 $=$   
 $= \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**f)**  $5^2 - (2 + 6) \times (-5) =$

$=$   
 $=$   
 $= \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**g)**  $(-2 - 8)^2 \times 14 \div 7 =$

$=$   
 $=$   
 $= \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**h)**  $10 + (-25) \div 5 - 2^3 =$

$=$   
 $=$   
 $= \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**i)**  $-3 \times 5 - 4^2 \times 2 =$

$=$   
 $=$   
 $= \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**j)**  $(-1)^3 - 2 \times 4 \div 2 =$

$= -1 - 2 \times 4 \div 2$   
 $=$   
 $= \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**k)**  $1 + (-1)^3 \div (5 - 6) =$

$=$   
 $=$   
 $= \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

**l)**  $15 + 30 \div 6 - 2^3 =$

$=$   
 $=$   
 $= \boxed{\phantom{00}}$

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**Q.**  $\sqrt{25} \times 2^3 - 7 =$

**A.**  $\sqrt{25} \times 2^3 - 7 =$  *evaluate the square root*  
 $= 5 \times 8 - 7$  *evaluate the power*  
 $= 40 - 7$   
 $= 33$

**a)**  $\sqrt{25 + 144} =$

$= \sqrt{169}$

$= \sqrt{13 \times 13} =$

**b)**  $\sqrt{16 + 9} =$

$=$   
 $=$

**c)**  $\sqrt{6^2 + 8^2} =$

$=$   
 $=$

**d)**  $\sqrt{64} \times 2 + 2^2 =$

$=$   
 $=$   
 $=$

**e)**  $\sqrt{25} + 16 \div 2^2 =$

$=$   
 $=$   
 $=$

**f)**  $\sqrt{81} \div 3^2 + 9 =$

$=$   
 $=$   
 $=$

**g)**  $2^3 \times \sqrt{36} - 20 =$

$=$   
 $=$   
 $=$

**h)**  $18 - 4^3 \div \sqrt{4} =$

$=$   
 $=$   
 $=$

**i)**  $\sqrt{25} \times 2^3 - 7 =$

$=$   
 $=$   
 $=$

**j)**  $50 - 3 \times \sqrt{100} + 2^3 =$

$=$   
 $=$   
 $=$

**k)**  $3 \times \sqrt{49} + 4 - 2^3 =$

$=$   
 $=$   
 $=$

**l)**  $13 + 5^2 \div \sqrt{25} =$

$=$   
 $=$   
 $=$

