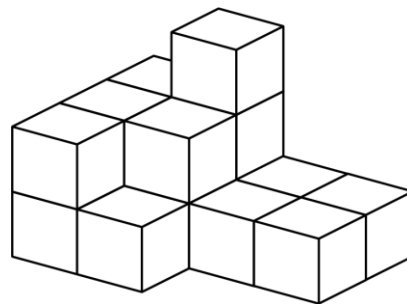
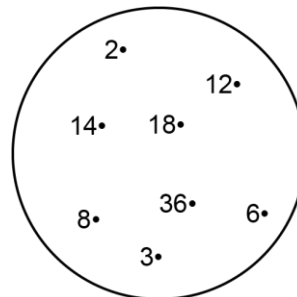
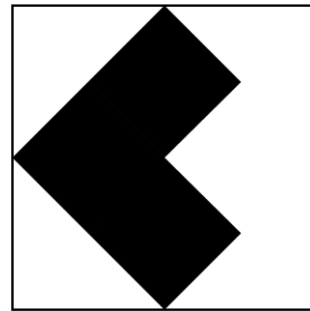


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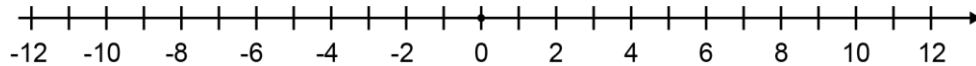
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## THALES PREPARATORY TEST 2020 DETAILED SOLUTIONS

1.  $734 - 530 = 204$ .
2. If 5 is subtracted from this number (16 - 5), the result is 11.
3. The fifth letter after the ninth letter of the alphabet is the letter (5 + 9 = 14<sup>th</sup> letter) n.
4. The sum of X + Y is (25 + 30) 55.
5.  $10 \times 5\text{¢} = 2 \times 25\text{¢} + 0$  dimes.
6. Draw the two diagonals of the large square. The large square can be divided in 16 small triangles, just like the ones (6) you see after having drawn the two diagonals. The shaded area represents (6/16) or 3/8 of the large square.
7. The elements 2, 3, 6, 8, 12, and 36 are divisors of 36.
8. One half of one half of 20 plus 3 is equal to ( $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times 20 + 3$ ) 8.
9. There are 16 blocks in the pile.
10. The number of faces of a cube (6) plus the number of vertices of a cone (1) plus the number of sides of an hexagon (6) is equal to 13.
11. The units digit of an odd number is odd. There are only two 3-digit natural numbers that can be formed using the digits 2, 7, and 8. These numbers are 287 and 827.
12. A round pizza is cut through its centre. There are 2 pieces of pizza after one cut. There are 4 pieces of pizza after 2 cuts. There are 6 pieces after 3 cuts. Sixteen (16) pieces of pizza (8 x 2) can be eaten, if it is cut 8 times.
13. 10 cm = 1 dm.



14. The final temperature after 9 days was  $(9 - (2 \times 6) + (3 \times 3))$  or  $(9 - 12 + 9 = 18 - 12)$  6 degrees.



15. How many odd natural numbers are there between 1 and 4? There is only one (3). How many are there between 1 and 6? There are two (3 and 5) How many are there between 1 and 12? There are  $((12 - 1) - 1) \div 2$  five odd natural numbers between 1 and 12 (3, 5, 7, 9, and 11) There are  $((150 - 99) - 1) \div 2$  25 odd natural numbers between 99 and 150.

16. The heart beats twice every second. In 1 minute or 60 seconds, it beats  $(60 \times 2)$  120 times.

17. When a natural number is divided by 3, the remainder is odd. This number could not be 5 because when 5 is divided by 3, the remainder is even  $(5 \div 3 = 1R2)$ . When all the other numbers are divided by 3, the remainder is odd (1).

18. The  $\sqrt{25} = 5$ .

19. With 2 oranges, you can prepare 120 ml of juice. Each orange gives 60 ml of juice. You need  $(720 \div 60$  or  $72 \div 6)$  12 oranges to prepare 720 ml of juice.

20. The points (2, 4) and (6, 4) are on the same vertical straight line.

