

CHAPTER-3 | Number Play

QUIZ-01

1. What does a child say when both neighbours standing beside them are taller?

- A. 0 B. 1
C. 2 D. 3 (C)

Explanation: A child says '2' when both children standing next to them are taller.

2. Which of the following is a palindromic number?

- A. 1241 B. 53035
C. 1523 D. 2562 (B)

Explanation: A palindromic number reads the same forward and backward, like 53035.

3. In a supercell grid, a number becomes a supercell when it is:

- A. Smaller than its adjacent numbers
B. Greater than all its adjacent numbers
C. Equal to its neighbours
D. At the corner of the table (B)

Explanation: A supercell is a number greater than all of its adjacent neighbours.

4. The Kaprekar constant is always reached from any 4-digit number (with at least two different digits) using the rule:

- A. $A + B$ B. $B - A$
C. $A \times B$ D. $A - B$ (D)

Explanation: The rule involves subtracting the smallest number formed by the digits from the largest, repeatedly until 6174 is reached.

5. What is the digit sum of 176?

- A. 12 B. 14
C. 15 D. 13 (B)

Explanation: Digit sum = $1 + 7 + 6 = 14$.

6. How many 1-digit numbers are there?

- A. 10 B. 9
C. 8 D. 11 (B)

Explanation: The 1-digit numbers range from 1 to 9, totaling 9 numbers.

7. Which number pattern always leads to 1 using the Collatz Conjecture rule?

- A. Odd \rightarrow add 1 B. Even \rightarrow divide by 2
C. Odd $\rightarrow \times 3$ and add 1; Even \rightarrow divide by 2
D. Even $\rightarrow \times 2$ and subtract 1 (C)

Explanation: The Collatz rule is: if even, divide by 2; if odd, multiply by 3 and add 1.

8. Which of the following cannot be a supercell?

- A. Largest number in the table
B. Smallest number in the table
C. Number greater than all neighbours
D. Centre cell with greater value (B)

Explanation: The smallest number in a table cannot be a supercell because it won't be greater than any neighbours.

9. What is a winning strategy in the Game of 21?

- A. Say even numbers only
B. Always say '21' first
C. Say a number that makes your opponent land on 17
D. Reach 21 by planning steps ahead (D)

Explanation: By choosing numbers wisely, you can force the opponent into positions where you can reach 21 first.

10. What is the first palindromic time after 10:01?

- A. 10 : 10 B. 10 : 11
C. 10 : 20 D. 10 : 02 (A)

Explanation: 10 : 10 is the next time after 10:01 that reads the same forward and backward.