

3.3 Mathematical Expressions

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Total: 9 marks**KEY WORDS** remainder 余数 • modulus 取模 • order of operations 运算顺序 • arithmetic expression 算术表达式

Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **mathematical expressions**.**You must be able to:**

- evaluate an **arithmetic expression** 算术表达式
- apply the **order of operations** 运算顺序
- use the **modulus** 取模 operator (the remainder of integer division)
- reason about **integer** versus decimal results

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a question type used later.

■ Arithmetic and order of operations

Use $+$, $-$, $\times$, $\div$. Do $\times$ and $\div$ **before** $+$ and $-$; brackets first: $(2 + 3) \times 4 = 20$.

■ Modulus

MOD returns the **remainder** of integer division: $17 \bmod 5 = 2$ (since $17 = 3 \times 5 + 2$).

■ Integer vs decimal

Combining whole numbers may give a whole or a decimal result — keep track of which.

2 Practice

2.1 Evaluate $2 + 3 \times 4$.

[2]

2.2 Find $17 \bmod 5$.

[1]

2.3 State what the modulus operator returns. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 The modulus operator returns the [1]

- **A** quotient
 - **B** remainder
 - **C** sum
 - **D** product
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3.2 Using the order of operations, $10 - 2 \times 3$ equals [1]

- **A** 24
 - **B** 4
 - **C** 8
 - **D** 6
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3.3 Evaluate the following.

(a) $(6 + 4) \div 2$. [1]

(b) $20 \bmod 6$. [1]

(c) State whether $20 \bmod 6$ shows that 20 is a multiple of 6. [1]

Solutions

2.1 $\times$ first: $3 \times 4 = 12$, then $2 + 12 = 14$.

2.2 $17 \bmod 5 = 2$.

2.3 the remainder of an integer division.

3.1 B.

3.2 B — $2 \times 3 = 6$, then $10 - 6 = 4$.

3.3 (a) $10 \div 2 = 5$. (b) $20 \bmod 6 = 2$. (c) no — the remainder is 2, not 0, so 20 is not a multiple of 6.