



APSMO  
WEDNESDAY 3 MAY 2023

MATHS GAMES  
SENIOR  
1

*Suggested Time: 30 Minutes*

- 1A.** At an ice-cream stall, there are five flavours of ice-cream: chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, pistachio and banana.  
You can choose to have your ice-cream in either a cup or a cone.  
You can have fudge, nuts, or nothing on top.  
The stall only sells ice-creams with 1 scoop, and no more than 1 topping.  
How many different combinations of ice-cream does the stall sell?

Hint: How many different combinations of ice-cream does the stall sell, that have no toppings?

- 1B.** Buses have 6 wheels.  
Semi-trailers have 18 wheels.  
At the truck and bus service station, there were 7 vehicles and a total of 78 wheels.  
How many buses were there at the service station?

Hint: How many wheels would there be, if all 7 vehicles were buses?

- 1C.** Olga has been asked to work for 25 days in a row.  
She gets paid more for working on weekends, either Saturday or Sunday, so she wants to include as many of those days as possible.  
On what days of the week could Olga start working, in order to maximise the number of weekend days she works?

Hint: How might you set out Olga's options in an organised way?

- 1D.**  $3^1 = 3$ .       $3^2 = \underbrace{3 \times 3}_{2 \text{ times}} = 9$ .       $3^3 = \underbrace{3 \times 3 \times 3}_{3 \text{ times}} = 27$ .

Suppose we multiplied out  $3^{100} = \underbrace{3 \times 3 \times 3 \times \dots \times 3}_{100 \text{ times}}$ .

What would the ones digit of the product be?

Hint: What is the ones digit of  $3^1$ ?  $3^2$ ?  $3^3$ ?  $3^4$ ? Look for a pattern.

- 1E.** Lamingtons come in boxes of 6, and boxes of 15.  
In how many different ways can you buy exactly 96 lamingtons?

Hint: Is it possible to buy exactly 96 lamingtons if you buy just boxes of 15?

*Write your answers in the boxes on the back.*



*Keep your answers hidden by folding backwards on this line.*



APSMO  
WEDNESDAY 3 MAY 2023

MATHS GAMES  
SENIOR  
1

1A.

Student Name:

1B.

1C.

1D.

1E.

*Fold here. Keep your answers hidden.*



# APSMO

WEDNESDAY 3 MAY 2023

## MATHS GAMES SENIOR 1

### Solutions and Answers

(Items in parentheses are not required)

1A: 30

1B: 4

1C: Thu, Fri, Sat

1D: 1

1E: 4

1A. The question is, How many different combinations of ice-cream does the stall sell in total?

#### Strategy 1: Build a Table

The stall has 5 flavours of ice-cream: chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, pistachio, and banana.

Chocolate	Vanilla	Strawberry	Pistachio	Banana

You can have your ice-cream in either a cup or a cone.

So far, there are  $2 \times 5 = 10$  different combinations.

We now need to consider the toppings that we might put on each of these 10 different combinations of ice-cream.

Cup					
Cone					

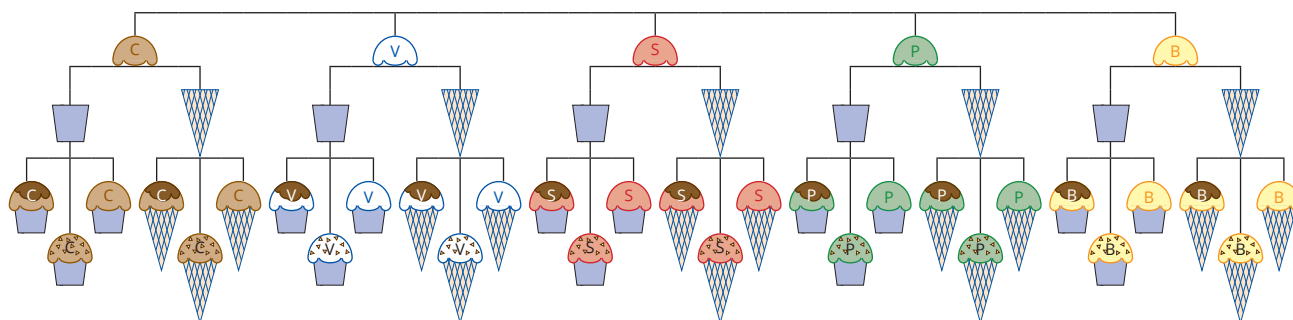
Each ice-cream can have one of 3 choices of topping: fudge, nuts, or nothing (no topping).

The stall sells  $3 \times 2 \times 5 = 30$  different combinations of ice-cream.

Fudge										
Nuts										
No topping										

#### Strategy 2: Draw a Diagram

By drawing a tree diagram, we can see that there are  $5 \times 2 \times 3 = 30$  different combinations of ice-cream.



**Follow-Up:** If customers can buy two scoops, how many different combinations of two-scoop ice-cream does the stall sell? [ 90 ]



# APSMO

WEDNESDAY 3 MAY 2023

## MATHS GAMES SENIOR 1

**1B.** The question is, How many buses were there at the service station?

### Strategy 1: Build a Table, and Find a Pattern

A bus has 6 wheels, and a semi-trailer has 18 wheels.

We can build a table that shows how many wheels there would be, with different combinations of 7 vehicles.

Notice that, when we exchange a bus for a semi-trailer, we **increase the number of wheels by 12**.

Exchanging a semi-trailer for a bus **decreases the number of wheels by 12**.

Why does this happen?

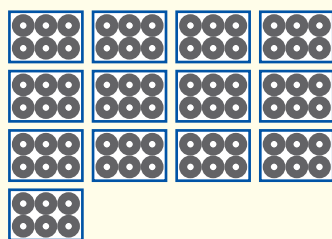
Buses (6 wheels)	Semi-trailers (18 wheels)	Total wheels
7	0	$7 \times 6 + 0 \times 18 = 42 + 0 = 42$
6	1	$6 \times 6 + 1 \times 18 = 36 + 18 = 54$
5	2	$5 \times 6 + 2 \times 18 = 30 + 36 = 66$
4	3	$4 \times 6 + 3 \times 18 = 24 + 54 = 78$
3	4	$3 \times 6 + 4 \times 18 = 18 + 72 = 90$
2	5	$2 \times 6 + 5 \times 18 = 12 + 90 = 102$
1	6	$1 \times 6 + 6 \times 18 = 6 + 108 = 114$
0	7	$0 \times 6 + 7 \times 18 = 0 + 126 = 126$

There are 78 wheels in total if there are 4 buses and 3 semi-trailers.

### Strategy 2: Draw a Diagram, and Find a Pattern

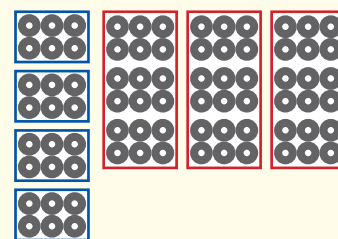
Suppose every one of the 78 wheels was on a bus.

If so, there would be  $78 \div 6 = 13$  buses.



By grouping 3 sets of 6 wheels, we can create **one semi-trailer**.

We can keep doing this until we have exactly 7 vehicles.



When there are 4 buses and 3 semi-trailers, there are 78 wheels in total.

### Strategy 3: Use Simultaneous Equations

Let there be  $x$  buses with 6 wheels each, and  $y$  semi-trailers with 18 wheels each.

There are 7 vehicles in total.

$$x + y = 7 \quad (1)$$

There are 78 wheels in total.

$$6x + 18y = 78 \quad (2)$$

#### Method 1: Substitution

From (1):  $y = 7 - x$  (3)

Subst (3) into (2):  $6x + 18(7 - x) = 78$

$$6x + 126 - 18x = 78$$

$$-12x = 78 - 126$$

$$= -48$$

$$x = 4$$

#### Method 2: Elimination

From (1):  $6x + 6y = 42$  (3)

Subtract (3) from (2):  $12y = 78 - 42$

$$= 36$$

$$y = 3 \quad (4)$$

Subst (4) into (1):  $x + 3 = 7$

$$x = 4$$

Since  $x = 4$ , there were 4 buses at the service station.

**Follow-Up:** How many buses are there, if there are 10 vehicles and 168 wheels? [ 1 ]



# APSMO

WEDNESDAY 3 MAY 2023

## MATHS GAMES SENIOR 1

- 1C. The question is, What days of the week should Olga choose from, for her first working day?

### Strategy 1: Build a Table

Olga wants to work as many Saturdays and Sundays as possible.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

If Olga's first day is a Sunday, then, 25 days later, she will have worked 7 weekend days.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25			

If Olga's first day is a Monday, then she will only work 6 weekend days.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25		

If Olga's first day is a Saturday, she will have two straight weekend days at the **beginning** of her 25 consecutive days.

If so, Olga will work 8 weekend days.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25				

Starting on Thursday will result in two straight weekend days at the **end** of Olga's 25 consecutive days.

In this case, Olga will also work 8 weekend days.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25						

Starting on Friday will also result in Olga working 8 weekend days.

Olga should choose **Thursday, Friday or Saturday** for her first day.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25					

### Strategy 2: Find a Pattern, and Reason Logically

Since the days of the week cycle every 7 days, there must be exactly 2 weekend days in the first 7 days.

There will be another two weekend days in the next 7 days,

and another two in the 7 days from the 15th day to the 21st.

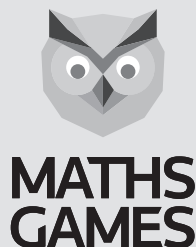
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

To maximise her weekend days, Olga should try to arrange to have 2 weekend days in the last 4 days.

This can be achieved by starting on a:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Saturday,	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T
Friday,	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M
or Thursday.	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S

**Follow-Up:** Suppose Olga has to work 30 days. On which days should she start working, to maximise her weekend days? [Saturday only]



# APSMO

WEDNESDAY 3 MAY 2023

## MATHS GAMES SENIOR 1

**1D.** The question is, What would the ones digit of the product  $3^{100} = \underbrace{3 \times 3 \times 3 \times \dots \times 3}_{100 \text{ times}}$  be?

**Strategy:** Find a Pattern, and Build a Table

We can begin by considering simpler problems.

A pattern begins to emerge after listing a few of the products.

The ones digit of the product repeats for every 4th value:  
3, 9, 7, 1, then the cycle begins again at 3.

		Power of 3	Ones digit of product
$3^1 =$	$3 = 3$	1	3
$3^2 =$	$3 \times 3 = 9$	2	9
$3^3 =$	$3 \times 3 \times 3 = 27$	3	7
$3^4 =$	$3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 81$	4	1
$3^5 =$	$3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 243$	5	3
$3^6 =$	$3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 729$	6	9
$3^7 =$	$3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 2187$	7	7
$3^8 =$	$3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 6561$	8	1
$3^9 =$	$3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 19683$	9	3
$3^{10} =$	$3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 59049$	10	9

We note that, since we are only interested in the ones digit, there is no need to multiply out the entire value of the product in each case.

**Option 1: Written Algorithm**

$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 9 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 27 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 27 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 81 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 81 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 243 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 243 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 729 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 729 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 2187 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 2187 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 6561 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 6561 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 19683 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 19683 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 59049 \end{array}$
--	---	--	---	--	---	--	---	--

To find the ones digit of the next product, we only need to multiply the ones digit of the previous result, by 3.

**Option 2: Area Model**

To evaluate  $81 \times 3$ :

$$\begin{array}{r} 80 + 1 \\ 3 \times 240 + 3 \end{array}$$

To evaluate  $243 \times 3$ :

$$\begin{array}{r} 240 + 3 \\ 3 \times 720 + 9 \end{array}$$

Only the ones digit of each multiplicand is required, to find the ones digit of the product.

Alternatively, we can recognise that the ones digit of  $3^4 = 81$  is 1.

**Option 3: Multiplying by 81**

Multiplying any number by  $3^4 = 81$  will have no effect on the ones digit of that number.

	720	+	9
80	$80 \times 720$	+	$80 \times 9$
+ 1	$1 \times 720$	+	$1 \times 9$

We can see that the ones digit of the product repeats for every 4th power of 3.

Power of 3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Ones digit of product	3	9	7	1	3	9	7	1	3	9	7	1	3	9	7	1	3	9	7	1

Powers that are multiples of 4 all have 1 as the ones digit.

$100 = 25 \times 4$ , so 100 is also a multiple of 4.

Since we can see why the pattern works, we can conclude that  $3^{100}$  has a ones digit of 1.

**Follow-Up:** What is the ones digit of  $9^{999}$ ? [ 9 ]



# APSMO

WEDNESDAY 3 MAY 2023

## MATHS GAMES SENIOR 1

**1E.** The question is, In how many different ways can you buy exactly 96 lamingtons?

### Strategy 1: Build a Table

Suppose we just buy boxes that each contain 15 lamingtons.

The quantities of lamingtons we might have are:



15



30



45



60



75



90



105, etc.

To end up with exactly 96 lamingtons, we could have:

No. of boxes of 15 lamingtons	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
No. of lamingtons in boxes of 15	0	15	30	45	60	75	90
Remaining lamingtons, bought in boxes of 6	96	81	66	51	36	21	6
No. of boxes of 6 lamingtons	16		11		6		1

There are some quantities of "remaining lamingtons", that are not multiples of 6.

For example, 21 is not a multiple of 6, and so we cannot buy exactly 21 lamingtons in boxes of 6.

There are 4 ways to buy exactly 96 lamingtons.

### Strategy 2: Find the Lowest Common Multiple of 15 and 6, and Build a Table

From Strategy 1, we can see that 15, 30, 45, 60, 75 and 90 are all multiples of 15.

Multiples of 6 include:



6



12



18



24



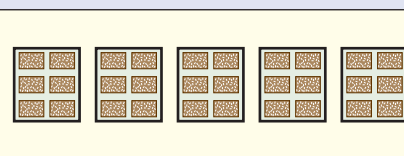
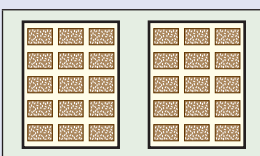
30



36, etc.

The lowest common multiple of 15 and 6 is 30.

There are 2 different ways to buy 30 lamingtons.



To buy 96 lamingtons, we can buy 3 lots of 30, and then another 6.

We can now list the 4 different ways to buy exactly 96 lamingtons.

	30	30	30	6
Method 1	5 boxes of 6	5 boxes of 6	5 boxes of 6	1 × 6
Method 2	2 boxes of 15	5 boxes of 6	5 boxes of 6	1 × 6
Method 3	2 boxes of 15	2 boxes of 15	5 boxes of 6	1 × 6
Method 4	2 boxes of 15	2 boxes of 15	2 boxes of 15	1 × 6

### Strategy 3: Construct an Algebraic Equation

Let there be  $x$  boxes of 15, and  $y$  boxes of 6 lamingtons.

All together, there are 96 lamingtons.  $15x + 6y = 96$

Subtract  $15x$  from both sides.  $6y = 96 - 15x$

Divide both sides by 6.  $y = 16 - \frac{5}{2}x$

For this to work,  $x$  must be even, and  $y$  must be non-negative.

$x$	0	2	4	6
$y$	16	11	6	1

There are 4 possible solutions.

**Follow-Up:** In how many ways can you buy exactly 150 lamingtons? [ 6 ]