commonerrors
in Mathematics


## COMMON ERRORS IN MATHEMATICS

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## 1. Numbers

| SI. No. | INCORRECT | CORRECT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Number name for 525 is Five hundreds twenty-five. | Number name for 525 is Five hundred twenty-five. |
| 2. | Number name for 634 is Six hundred thirty four. | Number name for 634 is Six hundred thirty-four. |
| 3. | Face value of ' 4 ' in 540 is 40. | Face value of ' 4 ' in 540 is 4. |
| 4. | Place value of ' 7 ' in 871 is 71. | Place value of ' 7 ' in 871 is 70 or 7 tens. |
| 5. | Numbers in ascending order: $9,5,3,2,1$ | Numbers in ascending order: $1,2,3,5,9$ |
| 6. | Numbers in descending order: $2,4,6,7,8$ | Numbers in descending order: $8,7,6,4,2$ |
| 7. | The smallest 3-digit number using the digits $0,2,1$ is 012 . | The smallest 3-digit number using the digits $0,2,1$ is 102 . |
| 8. | The largest 3-digit number using the digits $8,9,0$ is 908 . | The largest 3-digit number using the digits $8,9,0$ is 980 . |


| 9. | 109 is an even number. | 109 is an odd number. |
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| 10. | 310 is an odd number. | 310 is an even number. |
| 11. | If 55 is greater than 43, then we <br> write: $55<43$. | If 55 is greater than 43, then we <br> write: $55>43$. |
| 12. | If 89 is less than 111, then we write: <br> $89>111$. | If 89 is less than 111, then we write: <br> $89<111$. |

## 2. Fundamental Operations

| SI. No. | INCORRECT | CORRECT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | $1+5=15$ | $1+5=6$ |
| 2. | $101+27=271$ | $101+27=128$ |
| 3. | 1 more than 199 is 198. | 1 more than 199 is 200. |
| 4. | $24-1=14$ | $24-1=23$ |
| 5. | 1 taken away from 49 is 50. | 1 taken away from 49 is 48. |
| 6. | $2 \times 9=29$ | $2 \times 9=18$ |
| 7. | $1 \times 8=9$ | $1 \times 8=8$ |
| 8. | 2 times $4=6$ | 2 times $4=8$ |
| 9. | $2 \times 0=2$ | $2 \times 0=0$ |
| 10. | $5 \div 1=1$ | $5 \div 1=5$ |
| 11. | $9 \div 9=9$ | $9 \div 9=1$ |
| 12. | $0 \div 9=9$ | $0 \div 9=0$ |

## 3. Fractions

| Sl. No. | INCORRECT | CORRECT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | 5 parts out of 6 parts $=\frac{6}{5}$ | 5 parts out of 6 parts $=\frac{5}{6}$ |
| 2. | In fraction $\frac{3}{4}$, Numerator $=4$ | In fraction $\frac{3}{4}$, Numerator $=3$ |
| 3. | In fraction $\frac{7}{9}$, Denominator $=7$ | In fraction $\frac{7}{9}$, Denominator $=9$ |

## 4. Shapes

| Sl. No. | INCORRECT | CORRECT |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | A line has 2 end points. | A line segment has 2 end points. |
| 2. | A ray has no end point. | A ray has 1 end point. |
| 3. | A line has both length and breadth. | A line has only length but no <br> breadth. |
| 4. | Any two sides of a rectangle are <br> equal. | The two opposite sides of a <br> rectangle are equal. |
| 5. | A circle has 1 side. | A circle has no sides. |
| A circle has 1 corner. | A circle has no corners. |  |
| 6. | A sphere has 0 faces. | A cylinder has 2 vertices. |

## 5. Measurements

| Sl. No. | INCORRECT | CORRECT |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Centimetre is the standard unit <br> of length. | Metre is the standard unit of length. |
| 2. | Gram is the standard unit of <br> weight. | Kilogram is the standard unit of <br> weight. |
| 3. | Millilitre is the standard unit of <br> capacity. | Litre is the standard unit of <br> capacity. |
| 4. | $1 \mathrm{~kg}=100 \mathrm{~g}$ | $1 \mathrm{~kg}=1000 \mathrm{~g}$ |
| 5. | $1 \mathrm{~m}=1000 \mathrm{~cm}$ | $1 \mathrm{~m}=100 \mathrm{~cm}$ |
| 6. | $1 l=100 \mathrm{ml}$ | $1 l=1000 \mathrm{ml}$ |

## 6. Time

| Sl. No. | INCORRECT | CORRECT |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Longer hand of the clock is the <br> hour hand. | Longer hand of the clock is the <br> minute hand. |
| 2. | Shorter hand of the clock is the <br> minute hand. | Shorter hand of the clock is the <br> hour hand. |
| 3. | $6: 45=$ Quarter past 7 | 6:45 = Quarter to 7 |
| 4. | $5: 15=$ Quarter to 5 | 5:15 = Quarter past 5 |
| 5. | When the short hand is at 9 and the <br> long hand is at 3, the time is 3:45. | When the short hand is at 9 and the <br> long hand is at 3, the time is 9:15. |
| 6. | Thursday comes before Wednesday. | Tuesday comes before Wednesday. |
| 7. | May has 30 days. | May has 31 days. |
| 8. | October comes before September. | August comes before September. |
| 9. | February always has 28 days. | February has 28 days in an ordinary <br> year and 29 days in a leap year. |

## 7. Money

| Sl. No. | INCORRECT | CORRECT |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | 1 rupees | 1 rupee |
| 2. | 50 paisa | 50 paise |
| 3. | 50 rupee | 50 rupees |
| 4. | A 500 rupees note | A 500-rupee note |

