



AVERAGES

Task 1 – For each of the following questions, work out the mean, median, mode and range of:

- 1) 4, 6, 8, 10, 12

Mean = 8

Median = 8

Mode = none

Range = 8

- 2) 3, 7, 7, 9, 11

Mean = 7.4

Median = 7

Mode = 7

Range = 8

- 3) 5, 9, 12, 15, 20

Mean = 12.2

Median = 12

Mode = none

Range = 15

- 4) 2, 4, 6, 8, 8

Mean = 5.6

Median = 6

Mode = 8

Range = 6

- 5) 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35

Mean = 22.5

Median = 22.5

Mode = none

Range = 25

- 6) 7, 12, 12, 18, 21, 21, 21

Mean = 16

Median = 18

Mode = 21

Range = 14

- 7) 1, 4, 4, 4, 9, 11, 15

Mean = 6.86 (2 dp)

Median = 4

Mode = 4

Range = 14

- 8) 5, 7, 8, 12, 15, 18, 20, 22

Mean = 13.375

Median = 13.5

Mode = none

Range = 17

- 9) 3, 6, 6, 9, 12, 15, 15, 18, 21

Mean = 11.67 (2 dp)

Median = 12

Mode = 6 and 15

Range = 18

- 10) 14, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 22, 25, 25, 30

Mean = 19.8

Median = 18.5

Mode = 14 and 25

Range = 16

Task 2

- 11) The mean of 5 numbers is 12. Four of the numbers are 10, 8, 15, and 13. Find the missing number.

$$\frac{10 + 8 + 15 + 13 + x}{5} = 12$$

$$\frac{x + 46}{5} = 12$$

$$x + 46 = 60$$

Missing number = 14

- 12) The mean of 8 numbers is 6. Seven of the numbers are 5, 8, 7, 4, 3, 9, and 6. Find the missing number.

$$\frac{5 + 8 + 7 + 4 + 3 + 9 + 6 + x}{8} = 6$$

$$\frac{x + 42}{8} = 6$$

$$x + 42 = 48$$

Missing number = 6

- 13) The mean weight of 6 boxes is 20 kg. If 5 of the boxes weigh 18 kg, 22 kg, 19 kg, 25 kg, and 15 kg, find the weight of the last box.

$$\frac{18 + 22 + 19 + 25 + 15 + x}{6} = 20$$

$$\frac{x + 99}{6} = 20$$

$$x + 99 = 120$$

Missing weight = 21 kg

- 14) The mean score of 10 students is 72. The total score of 9 students is 650. Find the score of the 10th student.

$$\frac{650 + x}{10} = 72$$

$$650 + x = 720$$

Score = 70

- 15) The mean of 6 numbers is 15. If one number is removed, the mean of the remaining 5 numbers becomes 14. Find the number that was removed.

$$\frac{\text{Total}}{6} = 15$$

$$\text{Total} = 90$$

$$\frac{90 - x}{5} = 14$$

$$90 - x = 70$$

Number removed = 20

- 16) The mean of 5 numbers is 18. If another number is added, the new mean becomes 17. Find the number that was added.

$$\frac{\text{Total}}{5} = 18$$

$$\text{Total} = 90$$

$$\frac{x + 90}{6} = 17$$

$$x + 90 = 102$$

Number added = 12

- 17) The mean of a group of 4, year 7 pupils is 15. The mean of a group of 6, year 8 pupils is 18. What is the mean of the combined group?

$$\frac{\text{Total}}{4} = 15$$

$$\text{Total} = 60$$

$$\frac{\text{Total}}{6} = 18$$

$$\text{Total} = 108$$

$$\text{Mean} = \frac{108 + 60}{10} = 16.8$$

- 18) The mean of 12 test scores is 65. The mean of 8 of those scores is 70. Find the mean of the remaining 4 scores.

$$\frac{\text{Total}}{12} = 65$$

$$\text{Total} = 780$$

$$\frac{\text{Total}}{8} = 70$$

$$\text{Total} = 560$$

$$780 - 560 = 220$$

$$\text{Mean} = \frac{220}{4} = 55$$

Challenge

19) The mean of 5 numbers in ascending order is 6.2. The numbers satisfy the following:

- The first number is even.
- The mode is 3.
- The range is 15.

Find a possible set of numbers.

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2, 3, 3, 6, 17

20) Two classes take a maths test. Class A has 15 students with a mean score of 68. Class B has 25 students with a mean score of 74. One student joins Class A, and the combined mean of the classes is now 72. What did the new student score?

Class A:

$$\frac{\text{Total}}{15} = 68$$

$$\text{Total} = 1020$$

Class B:

$$\frac{\text{Total}}{25} = 74$$

$$\text{Total} = 1850$$

Combined mean:

$$\frac{1020 + 1850 + x}{15 + 25 + 1} = 72$$

$$\frac{2870 + x}{41} = 72$$

$$2870 + x = 2952$$

$$x = 82$$

New score = 82