

**CBSE Class –VIII Mathematics**  
**NCERT Solutions**  
**CHAPTER - 16**  
**Playing with Numbers (Ex. 16.1)**

Find the values of the letters in each of the following and give reasons for the steps involved.

1. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \quad A \\ + \quad 2 \quad 5 \\ \hline B \quad 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**Ans.** On putting  $A = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7$  and so on and we get,  $7 + 5 = 12$  in which ones place is 2.

$\therefore A = 7$

And putting 2 and carry over 1, we get

$B = 6$

Hence  $A = 7$  and  $B = 6$

2. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \quad A \\ + \quad 9 \quad 8 \\ \hline C \quad B \quad 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**Ans.** On putting  $A = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7$  and so on and we get,  $8 + 5 = 13$  in which ones place is 3.

$\therefore A = 5$

And putting 3 and carry over 1, we get

$B = 4$  and  $C = 1$

Hence  $A = 5$ ,  $B = 4$  and  $C = 1$

3.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1 \ A \\
 \times \ A \\
 \hline
 9 \ A \\
 \hline
 \end{array}$$

**Ans.** On putting  $A = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7$  and so on and we get,  $A \times A = 6 \times 6 = 36$  in which ones place is 6.

$\therefore A = 6$

Hence  $A = 6$

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4.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 A \ B \\
 + \ 3 \ 7 \\
 \hline
 6 \ A \\
 \hline
 \end{array}$$

**Ans.** Here, we observe that  $B = 5$

so that  $7 + 5 = 12$ .

Putting 2 at ones place and carry over 1 and  $A = 2$ , we get

$2 + 3 + 1 = 6$

Hence  $A = 2$  and  $B = 5$

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5.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 A \ B \\
 \times \ 3 \\
 \hline
 C \ A \ B \\
 \hline
 \end{array}$$

**Ans.** Here on putting  $B = 0$ ,

we get  $0 \times 3 = 0$ .

And  $A = 5$ , then  $5 \times 3 = 15$

$\Rightarrow A = 5$  and  $C = 1$

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Hence  $A = 5$ ,  $B = 0$  and  $C = 1$

6. 
$$\begin{array}{r} A \ B \\ \times \ 5 \\ \hline C \ A \ B \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**Ans.** On putting  $B = 0$ , we get 0, and  $A = 5$ , then  $5 \times 5 = 25$

$$\Rightarrow A = 5, C = 2$$

Hence  $A = 5$ ,  $B = 0$  and  $C = 2$

7. 
$$\begin{array}{r} A \ B \\ \times \ 6 \\ \hline B \ B \ B \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**Ans.** Here product of  $B$  and 6 must be same as ones place digit as  $B$ .

$$6 \times 1 = 6, 6 \times 2 = 12, 6 \times 3 = 18,$$

$$6 \times 4 = 24$$

On putting  $B = 4$ , we get the ones digit 4 and remaining two  $B$ 's value should be 44.

$$\therefore \text{For } 6 \times 7 = 42 \text{ and carry over } 2 = 44$$

Hence  $A = 7$  and  $B = 4$

8. 
$$\begin{array}{r} A \ 1 \\ + \ 1 \ B \\ \hline B \ 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**Ans.** On putting  $B = 9$ , we get  $9 + 1 = 10$

Putting 0 at ones place and carry over 1, we get

For  $A = 7 \Rightarrow 7 + 1 + 1 = 9$

Hence  $A = 7$  and  $B = 9$

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9.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2 \ A \ B \\
 + \ A \ B \ 1 \\
 \hline
 B \ 1 \ 8 \\
 \hline
 \end{array}$$

**Ans.** On putting  $B = 7$ ,

$$\Rightarrow 7 + 1 = 8$$

Now  $A = 4$ , then  $4 + 7 = 11$

Putting 1 at tens place and carry over 1, we get

$$2 + 4 + 1 = 7$$

Hence  $A = 4$  and  $B = 7$

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10.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1 \ 2 \ A \\
 + \ 6 \ A \ B \\
 \hline
 A \ 0 \ 9 \\
 \hline
 \end{array}$$

**Ans.** Putting  $A = 8$  and  $B = 1$ , we get

$$8 + 1 = 9$$

Now again we add  $2 + 8 = 10$

Tens place digit is '0' and carry over 1.

$$\text{Now } 1 + 6 + 1 = 8 = A$$

Hence  $A = 8$  and  $B = 1$