

Solutions for JUNE '23 LOGIC Challenges

1. If the third term of an arithmetic sequence is 15 and the eighth term is 40, what is the 20th term?

Solution: $15/3 = 5$, $40/8 = 5$; therefore, $20 * 5 = 100$

2. The average age of 4 children is 15 years. If the ages of their parents are added, the average age is 25. What is the age of the father if he is 4 years older than his wife?

Solution:

The average of the ages of the 4 children is 15, and the sum of their ages is $4 * 15 = 60$.

With the two parent's ages added, the average is now 25, the sum of their ages is now $6 * 25 = 150$.

So, the sum of the ages of the parents must be $150 - 60 = 90$. If the parent's ages were the same age or $90/2 = 45$. But since they are not, the father is stated as 4 years older than his wife or **47** while his wife would be 43.

3. Find the numerical equivalent for the following alphametic expressions to satisfy the equations below:

a) $XYZ + XZY = ZYX$, Solution: **$459 + 495 = 954$**

b) $EAT + THAT = APPLE$, Solution: **$419 + 9619 = 10038$**