
7. DIVISIBILITY RULES

TEACHING TASK

JEE MAINS LEVEL QUESTIONS

Multiple Choice Type:

1. 23A57 is divisible by 3, then what is the least value of A
A) 2 B) 1 C) 3 D) 0

Key: B

Solution:

Sum of digits = $2 + 3 + A + 5 + 7 = 17 + A$.

For divisibility by 3, $17 + A$ must be divisible by 3.

Least $A = 1$ (since $17 + 1 = 18$, divisible by 3).

2. If $35x7y1$ is divisible by '9' then least sum of $x + y$
A) 2 B) 3 C) 4 D) None of these

Key: A

Solution:

Sum of digits = $3 + 5 + x + 7 + y + 1 = 16 + x + y$.

For divisibility by 9, $16 + x + y$ must be divisible by 9.

Least sum: $16 + 2 = 18$ (divisible by 9) $\therefore x + y = 2$.

3. $476a$ is divisible by 4 then the value of a
A) 4 B) 8 C) 5 D) 7

Key: A

Solution:

For divisibility by 4, last two digits ($6a$) must be divisible by 4.

Possible: 60, 64, 68 $\Rightarrow a = 0, 4, 8$.

From options: $a = 4$ or 8 .

4. If $57a68$ is divisible by 4, then value of a
A) any single digit number B) 2
C) 6 D) All

Key: D

Solution:

Last two digits = $a6$. For divisibility by 4, $a6$ must be divisible by 4.

Possible: 16, 36, 56, 76, 96 $\therefore a = 1, 3, 5, 7, 9$.

So, a can be any odd digit.

(since all single-digit odd numbers work)

5. If $3A57$ is divisible by 3 and $4578B$ is divisible by 9, then the least sum of $A+B$
A) 2 B) 0 C) 4 D) none of these

Key: D

Solution:

For $3A57$: Sum = $3 + A + 5 + 7 = 15 + A \Rightarrow$ divisible by 3 $\Rightarrow A = 0, 3, 6, 9$.

For $4578B$: Sum = $4+5+7+8+B = 24 + B \Rightarrow$ divisible by 9 $\therefore B = 3$ (since $24+3=27$).

Least $A = 0 \Rightarrow A+B = 0+3 = 3$. But 3 not in options \Rightarrow Options: 2, 0, 4, none.

Actually, $A=0$ gives sum=3, not in options. Next $A=3$ gives $3+3=6$, not in options. So

none.

JEE ADVANCED LEVEL QUESTIONS

Multiple Correct type:

1. Which of the following numbers is divisible by '3'

- A) 12345 B) 453 C) 3690 D) 1235

Key: A, B, C

Solution:

Sum of digits:

12345: $1+2+3+4+5=15$ (divisible by 3)

453: $4+5+3=12$ (divisible)

3690: $3+6+9+0=18$ (divisible)

1235: $1+2+3+5=11$ (not divisible)

Statement Type:

A) Both Statements are True.

B) Both Statements are False.

C) Statement - I is True, Statement - II is False.

D) Statement - I is False, Statement - II is True.

2. **Statement I** : The number abcdefghijkl is divisible by 4 if $K=1$, $l=6$

Statement -II : A number is divisible by 4 if the number formed by last two digits is divisible by 4

Key: A

Solution:

But Statement I is poorly worded. Likely it means if last two digits are 16, it is divisible by 4. So both true?

However, "K-1" might be a typo. Assume it means second last digit is 1 and last is 6. Then both statements true.

Comprehension Type :

A Number is divisible by '2' if the units digit of the number is divisible by 2. a number is divisible by 3 and 9 if the sum of the digits of the number is divisible by 3 and 9 respectively.

3. Which of the following number is divisible by '9'

- A) 200409 B) 124678 C) 32197 D) 320418

Key: D

Solution:

Sum of digits:

200409: $2+0+0+4+0+9=15$ (not divisible by 9)

124678: $1+2+4+6+7+8=28$ (not)

32197: $3+2+1+9+7=22$ (not)

320418: $3+2+0+4+1+8=18$ (divisible by 9)

4. The number which is divisible by both 2 and 3 is

- A) 120360 B) 12031 C) 20709 D) 5632

Key: A

120360: even (divisible by 2), sum= $1+2+0+3+6+0=12$ (divisible by 3) \Rightarrow yes.

12031: odd (not by 2)

20709: odd (not by 2)

5632: even, but $\text{sum}=5+6+3+2=16$ (not by 3)

5. The number which is divisible by 3 but not by '9' is

A) 1080

B) 46782

C) 112233

D) 356850

Key: C

Solution:

Check sums:

1080: $\text{sum}=9$ (divisible by 9)

46782: $\text{sum}=4+6+7+8+2=27$ (divisible by 9)

112233: $\text{sum}=1+1+2+2+3+3=12$ (divisible by 3, not by 9)

356850: $\text{sum}=3+5+6+8+5+0=27$ (divisible by 9)

Integer Type :

6. If abc is a number divisible by '8' then the least value of abc =

Key: 104

Solution:

Least 3-digit number divisible by 8 is 104.

Matrix Matching Type :

7. **Column-I**

a) 428

b) 540

c) 135

d) 27

Column-II

p) Divisible by 5

q) Divisible by 3

r) Divisible by 10

s) Divisible by 2

Key:

a \rightarrow s

b \rightarrow p,q,r,s

c \rightarrow p,q

d \rightarrow q

LEARNERS TASK

CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING QUESTIONS (CUQ's)

Multiple Choice Type :

1. which of the following is divisible by '9'

A) 204009

B) 246817

C) 31297

D) 340218

Key: D

Solution:

Sum of digits:

204009: $2+0+4+0+0+9=15$ (not)

246817: $2+4+6+8+1+7=28$ (not)

31297: $3+1+2+9+7=22$ (not)

340218: $3+4+0+2+1+8=18$ (divisible by 9)

2. 78,436 is divisible by

A) 2

B) 3

C) 5

D) 7

Key: A

Solution:

Even \rightarrow divisible by 2.

3. If a number is divisible '9' then it is divisible by

- A) 2 B) 3 C) 9 D) 2 and 3

Key: B

Solution:

Since $9=3 \times 3$, it must be divisible by 3.

4. Which of the following number is divisible by '11'

- A) 3116365 B) 901351 C) 8790322 D) 8790321

Key: B

Solution:

Use alternating sum:

3116365: $(3+1+3+5) - (1+6+6) = 12 - 13 = -1$ (not multiple of 11)

901351: $(9+1+5) - (0+3+1) = 15 - 4 = 11$ (divisible)

8790322: $(8+9+3+2) - (7+0+2) = 22 - 9 = 13$ (not)

8790321: $(8+9+3+1) - (7+0+2) = 21 - 9 = 12$ (not)

5. Which of the following number is divisible by '7'

- A) 508157 B) 508158 C) 508159 D) 508260

Key: B

Solution

Check:

$508159 \div 7 = 72594.142?$ Actually, $508159/7 = 72594.142?$ But $508158/7 = 72594$, exactly?

$508158 \div 7 = 72594$. So divisible.

JEE MAINS LEVEL QUESTIONS

Multiple Choice Type :

1. abcdef is divisible by 11 then which of the following is correct

- A) $a+b+c = d+c+f$ B) $a+c+e = b+d+f$
C) $(a+c+e) - (b+d+f) = 11$ D) 1 and 3

Key: D) 1 and 3 (B and C)

Solution:

Rule: $(a+c+e) - (b+d+f)$ should be 0 or multiple of 11.

So B and C are correct.

2. In a given number last digit (units digit) is represented by y and the remaining part is denoted by x, and if the number is divisible by '7', then

- A) $y = 2x$ B) $x = 2y$ C) $x = y$ D) $y = \frac{3}{x}$

Key: B

Standard rule: Subtract twice the last digit from the rest. If result divisible by 7, then number is.

So if number = $10x + y$, then $x - 2y$ should be divisible by 7.

So $x = 2y \pmod{7}$, but not exactly. Actually, it is $x - 2y$ is divisible by 7.

But option B says $x=2y$, which is not always true.

However, the closest is B) $x=2y$? Not exactly.

Actually, the rule is: if $(x - 2y)$ is divisible by 7, then number is. So no direct equality.

But among options, B is the intended answer.

3. Number divisible by 4 but not by '8' in the following is...
A) 4664 B) 4464 C) 3940 D) 2848

Key: C

Solution:

Check last three digits:

4664: $664/8=83$ (divisible by 8)

4464: $464/8=58$ (divisible)

3940: $940/4=235$, but $940/8=117.5$ (not integer)

2848: $848/8=106$ (divisible)

4. Which of the following number is divisible by '11' if a single digit number is subtracted from the number?

A) 8449 B) 8490 C) 4875 D) 7028

Key: A

Solution:

Check alternating sum:

8449: $(8+4)-(4+9)=12-13=-1$, so subtract 1? But not single digit subtraction from number.

Actually, the question is unclear. Likely it means if we subtract a digit from the number (e.g., make it 8449-d), it becomes divisible by 11.

For 8449, alternating sum = -1, so to make it 0, we need to add 1, but we subtract. So subtract 1? Then 8448, alternating sum $(8+4)-(4+8)=12-12=0$. So yes.

Similarly, others may not work.

5. A number when divided by 6 leaves the remainder '3' when the square of the number is divided by '6', then remainder is

A) 0 B) 1 C) 2 D) 3

Key: D

Solution:

Let $n=6k+3$, then $n^2=36k^2+36k+9 = 9 \pmod{6} = 3 \pmod{6}$.

JEE ADVANCED LEVEL QUESTIONS

Multiple Correct Type:

1. A number which is divisible by 99 then it is divisible by
A) 9 B) 11 C) 9 and 11 D) 3

Key: A, B, C, D

Solution:

$99=9 \times 11$, so by 9 and 11. Also by 3.

2. A number which is divisible by 15 then it must be divisible by
A) 5 B) 11 C) 3 D) 13

Key: A, C

Solution:

$15=3 \times 5$, so by 3 and 5.

Statement Type:

- A) Both Statements are True.
B) Both Statements are False.
C) Statement - I is True, Statement - II is False.
D) Statement - I is False, Statement - II is True.

3. **Statement -I** : A number is divisible by '11' if and only if, the difference of the sum of the numbers obtained on adding the alternate digits is divisible by 11 or zero.

Statement -II : If $(a+c+e) - (b+d+f)$, then the number abcdef is divisible by '11'

Key: A

Solution:

Statement I: Correct rule.

Statement II: Should be $(a+c+e) - (b+d+f) = 0$ or ± 11 .

So both true.

Comprehension Type :

A number is divisible by '6', if it is divisible by both 2 and 3. A number is divisible by '8' if the number formed by last three digits is divisible by 8

4. The number 2358134 is divisible by
A) 6 B) 3 C) 2 D) 8

Key: C

Solution:

Even \Rightarrow divisible by 2.

Sum = $2+3+5+8+1+3+4=26$, not divisible by 3.

Last three digits 134, not divisible by 8.

5. Which of the following is divisible by '8'
A) 41384 B) 236124 C) 56018 D) 31562

Key: A

Solution:

Check last three digits:

41384: $384/8=48 \Rightarrow$ yes

236124: $124/8=15.5 \Rightarrow$ no

56018: $018=18/8$ not integer

31562: $562/8=70.25 \Rightarrow$ no

6. The number which is divisible by 2 but not by '6' is
A) 35610 B) 124672 C) 52183 D) 369276

Key: B

Not divisible by 3:

35610: even, sum = 15 divisible by 3 \Rightarrow by 6

124672: even, sum = $1+2+4+6+7+2=22$ not divisible by 3 \Rightarrow not by 6

52183: odd \Rightarrow not by 2

369276: even, sum = 33 divisible by 3 \Rightarrow by 6

Integer Type :

7. If the sum $(1m1+11m)$ is divisible by '2' then the least sum of l and m

Key: 2

Write numbers: $1m1 = 100l + 10m + 1$, $11m = 100l + 10 + m$.

Sum = $200l + 11m + 11$. For even, $11m+11$ must be even $\Rightarrow m$ odd.

Least l and m ? $l=1$, $m=1$ gives sum = $200+11+11=222$, divisible by 2.

So least sum $l+m=2$.

Matrix Matching Type :

8. If $a = 5$, $b = 7$, $c = 8$, $d = 9$, then

Column-I

- a) abc is divisible by
- b) bcd is divisible by
- c) cda is divisible by
- d) dab is divisible by

Column-II

- p) 3
- q) 5
- r) 6
- s) 2

Key:

- $a \rightarrow s$
- $b \rightarrow p$
- $c \rightarrow q$
- $d \rightarrow p$