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Number of Factors, Factorial



Number of a factor

Factors of a number are defined as numbers or algebraic expressions that divide a given number/expression evenly. We can also say, factors are the numbers which are multiplied to get another number. For example, 1, 3 and 9 are the factors of 9, because $1 \times 9 = 9$ and $3 \times 3 = 9$. Here, the concepts of factors are explained which will help to understand how to find the factors and know the **prime factors** of some common digits. Here we will discuss finding factors, formulas to find the number of factors, product and sum of factors.



Question: 01



Find the number of factors of

- A. 20
- B. 9
- C. 4
- D. 12

Answer: A



Explanation:

Step 1: Get prime factors of a number say 240

$$240 = 2^4 * 3^1 * 5^1$$

Step 2: Number of factors of a number.

$$\text{Number of factors} = (4+1) * (1+1) * (1+1) = 5*2*2 = 20$$

Thus the powers of the numbers are increased by one and multiplied.



Question: 02



Find the number of factors of 40 ?

- A. 17
- B. 18
- C. 7
- D. 8

Answer: D



Explanation:

Step 1: Get prime factors of a number say 40

$$40 = 2^3 * 5^1$$

Step 2: Number of factors of a number.

$$\text{Number of factors} = (3+1) * (1+1) = 4*2 = 8$$

Thus the powers of the numbers are increased by one and multiplied



Question: 03



Find the number of factors of 620 ?

- A. 11
- B. 12
- C. 13
- D. 14

Answer: B



Explanation:

Step 1: Get prime factors of a number say 620

$$620 = 2^2 * 5^1 * 31^1$$

Step 2: Number of factors of a number.

$$\text{Number of factors} = (2+1) * (1+1) * (1+1) = 3*2*2 = 12$$

Thus the powers of the numbers are increased by one and multiplied



Question: 04



Find the sum of factors of 240 ?

- A. 450
- B. 744
- C. 480
- D. 800

Answer:B



Explanation:

Calculate the sum of factors of a number:

Step 1: Get prime factors of a number say 240

$$240 = 2^4 * 3^1 * 5^1$$

Step 2: Sum of factors formula is

$$240 = (2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + 2^3 + 2^4) * (3^0 + 3^1) * (5^0 + 5^1)$$

Step: $31 * 4 * 6 = 744$



Question: 05

Find the sum of factors of 124 ?

- A. 217
- B. 224
- C. 192
- D. 204

Answer: B



Explanation:

Calculate the sum of factors of a number:

Step 1: Get prime factors of a number say 124

$$124 = 2^2 * 31^1$$

Step 2: Sum of factors formula is

$$240 = (2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2) * (31^0 + 31^1)$$

Step 3: $7 * 32 = 224$



Question: 06



Find the number of even factors of 240?

- A. 20
- B. 16
- C. 4
- D. 8

Answer: A



Explanation:

Step 1: Get prime factors of a number say 240

$$240 = 2^4 * 3^1 * 5^1$$

Step 2: Number of Even factors formula is

$$240 = (4 + 1) * (1 + 1) * (1 + 1) = 5 * 2 * 2 = 20$$

Thus the powers of the numbers are increased by one and multiplied except 2.



Question: 07



Find the Sum of even factors of 240?

- A. 120
- B. 720
- C. 480
- D. 240

Answer: B



Explanation: 07

Step 1: Get prime factors of a number say 240

$$240 = 2^4 * 3^1 * 5^1$$

Step 2: Sum of Even factors formula is

$$240 = (2^1 + 2^2 + 2^3 + 2^4) * (3^0 + 3^1) * (5^0 + 5^1)$$

Step: $30 * 4 * 6 = 720$



Question: 08



Find the number of odd factors of 240?

- A. 5
- B. 4
- C. 3
- D. 2

Answer:B

Explanation: 08

Step 1: Get prime factors of a number say 240

$$240 = 2^4 * 3^1 * 5^1$$

Step 2: Number of odd factors formula is

$$240 = (2^0) * (3^1) * (5^1) = 1 * (1+1) * (1+1) = 1 * 2 * 2 = 4$$

Thus the powers of the numbers are increased by one and multiplied except 2.



Question: 09



Find the Sum of odd factors of 240?

- A. 24
- B. 124
- C. 90
- D. 150

Answer: A



Explanation:

Step 1: Get prime factors of a number say 240

$$240 = 2^4 * 3^1 * 5^1$$

Step 2: Sum of Odd factors formula is

$$240 = (2^0) * (3^0 + 3^1) * (5^0 + 5^1)$$

Step: $1 * 4 * 6 = 24$



Question: 10



Find the number of zeros in a $127!$?

- A. 25
- B. 5
- C. 1
- D. 31

Answer: D



Explanation:

Find zeros in $127! = [127 / 5] + [127 / 5^2] + [127 / 5^3] + [127 / 5^4] \dots$

$$= 25 + 5 + 1 + 0 = 31$$

Remember that we ignore decimal values so after 3rd equation remaining terms are all 0's



Question: 11

Find the number of zeros in a $50!$?

- A. 24
- B. 15
- C. 12
- D. 30

Answer: C



Explanation: 11

Find zeros in $50! = [50 / 5] + [50 / 5^2] + [50 / 5^3] + [50 / 5^4] \dots$

$$= 10 + 2 + 0 = 12$$

Remember that we ignore decimal values so after 2nd equation remaining terms are all 0's



Question: 12

Find the highest power of 3 in 100 !

- A. 47
- B. 48
- C. 49
- D. 50

Answer: B

Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned}100! &= [100/3] + [100/9] + [100/27] + [100/81] + [100/243] + \dots \\ &= 33 + 11 + 3 + 1 \\ &= 48\end{aligned}$$



Question: 13



Find the highest power of 5 in 100 !

- A. 20
- B. 24
- C. 28
- D. 32

Answer: B



Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned}100! &= [100/5] + [100/25] + [100/125] + [100/5^4] + [100/5^5] + \dots \\ &= 20 + 4 + 0 \\ &= 24\end{aligned}$$



Question: 14

Find the highest power of 15 in $127!$?

- A. 30
- B. 60
- C. 61
- D. 31

Answer: D

Explanation:

Step 1: Select a number and use the formula

Find highest power of 15 in 127! but 15 is composite so prime factors are $3 * 5$.

Step 2: Find highest power of each prime factor.

Find highest power of 3 in 127! = $[127 / 3] + [127 / 3^2] + [127 / 3^3] + [127 / 3^4] + [127 / 3^5] + \dots$

$$= 42 + 14 + 4$$

$$+ 1 = 61$$

Find highest power of 5 in 127! = $[127 / 5] + [127 / 5^2] + [127 / 5^3] + [127 / 5^4] \dots$

$$= 25 + 5 + 1$$

$$+ 0 = 31$$

Choose the lesser of both values and that is the answer = 31



Question: 15



Find the highest power of 12 in $100!$?

- A. 48
- B. 96
- C. 24
- D. 12

Answer: A



Explanation:

$$12 = 2^2 \times 3$$

Find the highest power of 2^2 and 3 in 100!

First, find out the highest power of 2.

$$100/2 = 50; 50/2 = 25; 25/2 = 12; 12/2 = 6; 6/2 = 3; 3/2 = 1$$

$$\text{Highest power of 2} = 50 + 25 + 12 + 6 + 3 + 1 = 97$$

So highest power of $2^2 = 97/2 = 48$ (out of 97 2's only 48 can make 2^2)

Now for the highest power of 3,

$$100/3 = 33; 33/3 = 11; 11/3 = 3; 3/3 = 1$$

So, highest power of 3 = 48

Also, Highest power of 12 = 48



THANK YOU

