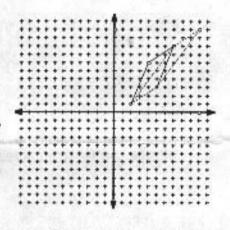
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13. Slope
$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \frac{k-1}{3}$$
 and slope $\overrightarrow{CB} = \frac{-3}{5}$. The lines are perpendicular so $\frac{k-1}{3} = \frac{5}{3} \rightarrow k = 6$

14. There are actually three ways to make a parallelogram but only two put the fourth vertex in the first quadrant. Start at a vertex and move horizontally and vertically by the same numbers the opposite segment determines, this makes opposite sides || and ≡. See the figure.



15. There are 49 elements in A, all of which are included. The elements in B but not C are 3, 9, 15, ... except 30, 60, 90. Those are in A. The number of elements 3, 9, 15, ..., 99 is 17, making a total of 66 elements.

16.
$$(a + b)(a - b) = 143 = (143)(1) = (13)(11)$$
 Since $a > b > 0$, $a + b > a - b$.
Then $a + b = 143$ and $a - b = 1$ or $a + b = 13$ and $a - b = 11$. Solving the systems, $(a, b) = (72, 71)$ or $(12, 1)$

17. Let
$$S = 1\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + 2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \cdots$$
 and multiply by $\frac{1}{3}$ to get
$$\frac{1}{3}S = 1\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \cdots$$
 and when we subtract, we get
$$\frac{2}{3}S = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \cdots$$
, which is infinite geometric. So $\frac{2}{3}S = \frac{1}{2}$ and then $S = \frac{3}{4}$

18. We check the possibilities. Any thing with "and" can't work since p can be false or ~p can be false. ∨ ~ fails when p True, q False. The → fails when p false. The → fails when p False, q True. Only "or" works.