

Summation Problems:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1. \quad & \sum_{i=4}^{20} (4i - 1) \\
 &= \sum_{i=4}^{20} 4i - \sum_{i=4}^{20} 1 \\
 &= 4 \cdot \sum_{i=4}^{20} i - \sum_{i=4}^{20} 1 \\
 &= 4 \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^{20} i - \sum_{i=1}^3 i \right) - \sum_{i=4}^{20} 1 \\
 &= 4 \cdot \left(\frac{20(20+1)}{2} - \frac{3(3+1)}{2} \right) - 1 \cdot (20 - 4 + 1) \quad (\text{Ans})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 2. \quad & \sum_{j=12}^{17} (-1)^j \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^{17} (-1)^j - \sum_{j=0}^{11} (-1)^j \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{17+1} - 1}{(-1) - 1} - \frac{(-1)^{11+1} - 1}{(-1) - 1} \quad \left[\text{Or you can directly use the alternate formula and get, } \frac{(-1)^{17+1} - (-1)^{12}}{(-1) - 1} \right] \\
 & \quad (\text{Ans})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3. \quad & \sum_{j=1}^{100} j^2 \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^{100} j^2 - \sum_{j=1}^4 j^2 \\
 &= \frac{100(100+1)(2 \cdot 100+1)}{6} - \frac{4(4+1)(2 \cdot 4+1)}{6} \quad (\text{Ans})
 \end{aligned}$$