

Subtraction up to 20

Mathematics · Class 1 · Topic-wise Practice Worksheet

TIME 30 minutes	QUESTIONS 15	TOTAL MARKS 18	MAX. SCORE ___ / 18
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INSTRUCTIONS

- There are **15 questions**. Answer all of them.
- Each question has four choices — (A), (B), (C) and (D). Only **one** is correct.
- Questions 1–12 carry **1 mark** each. Questions 13–15 carry **2 marks** each.
- There is no negative marking. Look at every picture carefully.

Section A — Taking Away

Q1–Q8 · 1 mark each

1. $9 - 4 = \underline{\quad}$

- (A) 4 (B) 5
(C) 6 (D) 13

2. Some apples have been crossed out. How many are left?



Fig. 2.1 — Three apples have been crossed out

- (A) 3 (B) 4
(C) 5 (D) 6

3. $15 - 5 = \underline{\quad}$

- (A) 5 (B) 10
(C) 11 (D) 20

4. $7 - 0 = \underline{\quad}$

- (A) 0 (B) 1
(C) 6 (D) 7

5. $6 - 6 = \underline{\quad}$

- (A) 0 (B) 1
(C) 6 (D) 12

6. What must go in the box? $12 - \square = 8$

- (A) 2 (B) 3
(C) 4 (D) 20

7. Which subtraction gives the **same** answer as $10 - 3$?

(A) $9 - 2$

(B) $8 - 3$

(C) $10 - 4$

(D) $7 - 3$

8. $20 - 10 = \underline{\quad}$

(A) 0

(B) 10

(C) 20

(D) 30

Section B — Subtraction Around Us

Q9–Q12 · 1 mark each

9. Riya had 14 balloons. 6 of them burst. How many balloons are left?

(A) 6

(B) 7

(C) 8

(D) 20

10. There are 11 ducks in a pond. 4 ducks fly away. How many ducks are still in the pond?

(A) 5

(B) 6

(C) 7

(D) 15

11. Arun has 13 toffees and Bina has 5 toffees. How many **more** toffees does Arun have?

(A) 7

(B) 8

(C) 9

(D) 18

12. Which number sentence goes with $9 + 4 = 13$?

(A) $4 - 9 = 13$

(B) $13 + 4 = 9$

(C) $9 - 4 = 13$

(D) $13 - 4 = 9$

Achievers Section

Q13–Q15 · 2 marks each

13. A shop had 18 cakes. It sold 7 cakes in the morning and 4 cakes in the evening. How many cakes are left?

(A) 6

(B) 7

(C) 11

(D) 15

14. I am a number. When you take 5 away from me you get 9. What number am I?

(A) 4

(B) 13

(C) 14

(D) 15

15. Which of these has the **smallest** answer?

(A) $15 - 9$

(B) $12 - 5$

(C) $11 - 3$

(D) $14 - 6$

Answer Key

1	B	2	C	3	B	4	D	5	A
6	C	7	A	8	B	9	C	10	C
11	B	12	D	13	B	14	C	15	A

Solutions

1. Answer: (B) 5

Start at 9 and count back 4: 8, 7, 6, **5**.

2. Answer: (C) 5

There were 8 apples and 3 are crossed out.

$8 - 3 = 5$ apples are left.

3. Answer: (B) 10

Taking away 5 ones from 15 leaves 1 ten, which is **10**.

4. Answer: (D) 7

Taking away nothing changes nothing, so $7 - 0 = 7$.

5. Answer: (A) 0

When we take away the whole amount nothing is left, so $6 - 6 = 0$.

6. Answer: (C) 4

We need the number that takes 12 down to 8. Counting back: 11, 10, 9, 8 — that is **4** steps. So $12 - 4 = 8$.

7. Answer: (A) $9 - 2$

$10 - 3 = 7$. Now check the choices: **$9 - 2 = 7$** ✓, $8 - 3 = 5$, $10 - 4 = 6$, $7 - 3 = 4$.

8. Answer: (B) 10

20 is 2 tens. Taking away 1 ten leaves 1 ten, which is **10**.

9. Answer: (C) 8

Balloons burst, so we take them away.

$14 - 6 = 8$ balloons.

10. Answer: (C) 7

$11 - 4 = 7$ ducks.

11. Answer: (B) 8

'How many more' means we find the difference by subtracting.

$13 - 5 = 8$ toffees more.

12. Answer: (D) $13 - 4 = 9$

Addition and subtraction are opposites. If $9 + 4 = 13$, then taking 4 away from 13 must bring us back to 9: **$13 - 4 = 9$** .

13. Answer: (B) 7

Take away both amounts, one after the other.

$18 - 7 = 11$, then $11 - 4 = 7$ cakes left.

14. Answer: (C) 14

To undo a subtraction we add back.

$9 + 5 = 14$.

Check: $14 - 5 = 9$. ✓

15. Answer: (A) $15 - 9$

Work out each one: $12 - 5 = 7$, **$15 - 9 = 6$** , $11 - 3 = 8$, $14 - 6 = 8$. The smallest answer is 6.