# The Magic Number of Kaprekar

#### A. Choose the Correct Answer:

1. What is the result when we subtract the smallest 4-digit number (formed by rearranging digits) from the largest one using digits of a 4-digit number (with at least two different digits)?

a) 6174	b) 495
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c) 1234 d) 1111

#### 2. Which of the following is known as Kaprekar's Constant?

a) 9999	b) 6174
14224	1) 4000

- c) 1234 d) 1000
- 3. Who discovered the constant 6174?
  - a) Ramanujanb) Aryabhattac) D. R. Kaprekard) Pythagoras
- 4. The Kaprekar process always ends at 6174 for any 4-digit number (with at least two different digits) in how many steps (maximum)?
  - a) 1 b) 4 c) 7 d) 3
- 5. When 7641 is arranged in descending and ascending order and then subtracted, what is the result after one step?

a) 6174	b) 3087
c) 1234	d) 2187

#### **B.** Write the Missing Terms to Complete the Sentences:

- 1. The number \_\_\_\_\_\_ is called Kaprekar's Constant.
- 2. The process of forming the largest and smallest numbers using the same digits and subtracting them is called \_\_\_\_\_ process.
- The Kaprekar process is repeated until we reach the number \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. The Kaprekar number for 3–digit numbers is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. In the Kaprekar process, all digits of the number must not be \_\_\_\_\_.

#### C. Figure out the answers to these questions:

1. Rearrange the digits of 8531 in descending and ascending order and perform the Kaprekar operation. Repeat the process until you reach 6174. Show each step.

- 2. Choose a 4–digit number (all digits not the same) and perform the Kaprekar operation until you reach 6174. How many steps did it take?
- 3. Can we apply the Kaprekar process to numbers like 1111 or 2222? Explain with reasoning.
- 4. Using the number 4321, perform the Kaprekar process and list the results of each step until the magic number is reached.
- 5. Why does the Kaprekar process not work for numbers where all four digits are the same?
- 6. Create a flowchart showing the steps of the Kaprekar process for a 4-digit number.
- 7. Design a riddle or puzzle using the number 6174 as the solution. Try it out on a friend.
- 8. Find two different 4–digit numbers (with different digits) which both reach 6174 in exactly three steps.

## D. Mark each sentence with a True ( $\checkmark$ ) or False (X):

- 1. Kaprekar's constant is 6174.
- 2. The Kaprekar process can be applied to 4–digit numbers only.
- 3. All numbers eventually reach 6174 using Kaprekar's process.
- 4. The number 1111 is a valid number to use for the Kaprekar process.
- 5. Kaprekar was an Indian mathematician.

### E. Challenge yourself with these questions:

1. Find any 4-digit number that reaches 6174 in exactly four steps using the Kaprekar process.

- 2. Explain the difference between 3–digit and 4–digit Kaprekar constants.
- 3. Research and write a short paragraph on D. R. Kaprekar and his contributions to mathematics.
- 4. Create a game board or card activity that teaches the Kaprekar process to your classmates.
- 5. List 5 different numbers that reach 6174 in two steps. Show calculations for each.