

**S 1.6 Algebraic Expressions**

1. Translate the sentence into an algebraic expression.

- (a) six more than double a number
- (b) the sum of three consecutive odd integers (if the smallest one is  $n$ )
- (c) the average of five consecutive positive integers (if the smallest one is  $n$ )
- (d) A number is two less than one half of the another number.

2. Simplify the expression.

- (a)  $2(3x - 5) - 6(4 + x)$
- (b)  $6(5x + 4) - 3(2 - x)$
- (c)  $(8x^2 - 19x + 18) - (3x^2 - 8x + 30)$
- (d)  $-6(2ab - a^2) - [-4(5ab + 6a^2)]$

3. Write as an algebraic expression.

- (a) five more than the absolute value of a number
- (b) the absolute value of the sum of two numbers
- (c) the sum of the absolute value of two numbers
- (d) The absolute value of the sum of two numbers is less than the square of their sum.

4. (a) The operation  $b * a$  is defined as follows:  $b * a = \frac{2a - b}{b - 3a}$ . Evaluate  $3 * 5$ .

(b) The operation  $\boxed{x}$  indicates that one should subtract 2 from  $x$  and then multiply the result by 2.

The operation  $\langle x \rangle$  indicates that one should multiply  $x$  by 2 and then subtract 2 from the product.

Find the value of  $\boxed{x} - \langle x \rangle$ .

5. (a) Evaluate the following expression if the value of  $x$  is 5,  $y$  is  $-1.25$ ,  $z = -2.5$ , and  $w = -\frac{1}{2}$ .

$$-[-x + y - (z - w)]$$

(b) Simplify. Then evaluate the expression  $(-x^2 + 5 + 4x) + (5x - 4 + 2x^2)$  when  $x = -2$ .

6. Suppose  $n^*$  means  $\frac{1}{n}$ , the reciprocal of  $n$ . For example,  $5^* = \frac{1}{5}$ . How many of the following statements are true?

- i)  $3^* + 6^* = 9^*$       ii)  $6^* - 4^* = 2^*$       iii)  $2^* \cdot 6^* = 12^*$       iv)  $10^* \div 2^* = 5^*$

### Homework

1. (a) Express  $\frac{a}{2} + \frac{6a-5}{3}$  as a single fraction.      (b) Express  $\frac{5y+3}{12} - \frac{4-2y}{9}$  as a single fraction.

2. (a) If the operation  $x \odot y$  is defined as  $2y - x^2$ , evaluate  $(-2 \odot 3) \odot (-3)$ .

(b) If  $a * b = \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^b + \left(\frac{1}{b}\right)^a$ , find  $2 * 3$ .

3. Simplify.

(a)  $4(2-3a) - \frac{1}{2}(4+24a)$       (b)  $\frac{24x}{21} + \frac{35x}{49} - \frac{x}{2}$

4. Simplify. Then evaluate the expression  $2x^2 - 5x + x^2 + 4x - 3x^2 - 2$  when  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ .

5. Given a 2-digit number, a new 3-digit number is made from it by putting the digit 1 after it. The new number is then

- A. the old number plus one
- B. ten times the old number, plus one
- C. one hundred plus the old number
- D. one hundred times the old number, plus one