

The system $a \ominus b$ is defined as: $a \ominus b = 10 - (a + b)$. Find:

- 1) $1 \ominus 2$
- 2) $2 \ominus 1$
- 3) $(5 \ominus 4) \ominus 3$
- 4) $5 \ominus (4 \ominus 3)$

Based on your responses above:

- 5) Is \ominus commutative?
- 6) Is \ominus associative?

7. Let $\underline{g} = 3(g - 1)$; if g is even;

Let $\underline{g} = 3g - 1$; if g is odd.

The product $\underline{4} \times \underline{1} =$

- (A) 0
- (B) 9
- (C) 18
- (D) 27
- (E) 45

8. Let $B \underline{\vartheta} C = (B - 2C)$. For what value of x does $12 \underline{\vartheta} x = 4 \underline{\vartheta} 6$?

9. Let the operation \blacktriangle be defined by the equation $a \blacktriangle b = ab - (a + b)$. If $4 \blacktriangle b = 1$, what is the value of b ?

10. If $a \phi b = a^2 + b$, find $7 \phi 8$.

- (A) 15
- (B) 30
- (C) 57
- (D) 71