

Nimbia numbers (15)

The seven numerals 13, 15, 19, 25, 60, 79, and 94 are written below in Nimbia, arranged in an arbitrary order.

- a. tuni mbe da
- b. gume bi ni da
- c. tuni mbe bo'o
- d. tuni mbe ugu
- e. gume bo'o ni gwom
- f. gume biyar
- g. gume shide ni bo'o

Furthermore, below are seven equalities.

- h. $gwom + shide = tuni\ mbe\ furu$
- i. $da + furu = biyar$
- j. $gume\ ugu - gwom = biyar \times ugu + kwada$
- k. $wo = tuni \times tuni$
- l. $tager = bi \times bo'o - shide$
- m. $wo\ bi\ ni\ ugu - wo\ mbe\ tuni = gume\ kwada\ ni\ ugu$
- n. $gwom - da = tawan$

Task 1: Match the Nimbia numbers a-g with the stated numerals.

Task 2: Write the following Nimbia numbers in numerals:

- i) kwada
- ii) wo bo'o ni da
- iii) wo mbe gume bo'o ni furu
- iv) gume ugu ni tawan

Task 3: Write the following numerals in Nimbia:

- v) 21
- vi) 103
- vii) 737
- viii) 1514

Nimbia is a dialect of the Gwandara language, spoken by about 30,000 people in northern Nigeria. ' is a consonant.

Anthony Bracey

Nimbia numbers: Answers and explanation (15)

Task 1:

13 a

15 d

19 c

25 b

60 f

79 g

94 e

Max mark 3:

3 for 7 correct matches

2 for 6/5 correct matches

1 for 4/3 correct matches

0.5 for 2 correct matches

0 for 1/0 correct matches

Task 2: Write the following Nimbia numbers in numerals:

i) kwada **11**

ii) wo bo'o ni da **1009** ($144 \times 7 + 1$)

iii) wo mbe gume bo'o ni furu **232** ($144 + 12 \times 7 + 4$)

iv) gume ugu ni tawan **45** ($12 \times 3 + 9$)

One mark per correct numeral. Must be fully correct to gain any credit (bracketed sums not required)

Max mark 4

Task 3: Write the following numerals in Nimbia:

v) 21 **tuni mbe tawan** ($12 + 9$)

vi) 103 **gume tager ni bo'o** ($12 \times 8 + 7$)

vii) 737 **wo biyar ni tuni mbe biyar** ($144 \times 5 + 12 + 5$)

viii) 1514 **wo gwom ni gume shide ni bi** ($144 \times 10 + 12 \times 6 + 2$)

Two marks for fully each correct Nimbia number (bracketed sums again not required)

One mark for a single mistake

No mark for two or more mistakes

Max mark 8

Explanation:

α {1 da; 2 bi; 3 ugu; 4 furu; 5 biyar; 6 shide; 7 bo'o; 8 tager; 9 tawan; 10 gwom; 11 kwada
 β {12 tuni; 144 wo

$\beta + X, + \Rightarrow$ mbe

$\beta \alpha + X, + \Rightarrow$ ni

$\beta \alpha = \beta \times \alpha$ (NB tuni \Rightarrow gume)

$\beta_1 \dots + \beta_2 \dots, \beta_1 > \beta_2$

NB:

h. $\text{gwom} + \text{shide} = \text{tuni mbe furu}$

$$10 + 6 = 12 + 4$$

i. $\text{da} + \text{furu} = \text{biyar}$

$$1 + 4 = 5$$

j. $\text{gume ugu} - \text{gwom} = \text{biyar} \times \text{ugu} + \text{kwada}$

$$12 \times 3 - 10 = 5 \times 3 + 11$$

k. $\text{wo} = \text{tuni} \times \text{tuni}$

$$144 = 12 \times 12$$

l. $\text{tager} = \text{bi} \times \text{bo'o} - \text{shide}$

$$8 = 2 \times 7 - 6$$

m. $\text{wo bi ni ugu} - \text{wo mbe tuni} = \text{gume kwada ni ugu}$

$$144 \times 2 + 3 - (144 + 12) = 12 \times 11 + 3$$

n. $\text{gwom} - \text{da} = \text{tawan}$

$$10 - 1 = 9$$