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MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGE 2013–2014

Entries must be the unaided efforts of individual pupils.

Solutions must include explanations and answers without explanation will be given no credit.

Do not feel that you must hand in answers to all the questions.

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Primary Division: Problems I

- P1.1.** A sculpture consists of three large cubes stacked one on top of another without overhanging. The largest cube has edge 3 metres and its base is on the ground. The next cube has edge 2 metres and the top cube has edge 1 metre.
The exposed surface is to be painted blue. Each tin of paint will cover ten square metres. How many tins of paint will be needed?
- P1.2.** Louise's house has a staircase with EIGHT steps. She can go down either one step or two steps at a time. For example, she could go down
1, 2, 2, 1, 2
In how many different ways can she go down the staircase taking 1 step or 2 steps each time?
- P1.3.** A corner deli stocks 4 kinds of bread, 5 kinds of meat and 3 kinds of cheese. It sells three types of sandwiches, each made from one kind of bread with either one kind of meat or one kind of cheese or a slice of meat and a slice of cheese as filling.
How many different sandwiches are on sale?

END OF PROBLEM SET I