Using Brackets in Calculations

Insert one pair of brackets, if required, into each of these calculations to make the answer correct.

(a)
$$2 + 3 \times 4 = 14$$

(b)
$$5 + 2 \times 7 = 49$$

(c)
$$6 \times 3 - 1 = 12$$

(d)
$$9-2 \times 4 = 1$$

(e)
$$6+3-2+1=6$$

(f)
$$21 \div 3 + 4 = 11$$

Insert one or more pairs of brackets, if required, into each of these calculations to make the answer correct.

(a)
$$30 - 12 \times 2 + 15 = 51$$

(b)
$$6+9 \div 3+2=3$$

(c)
$$5 + 2^2 - 9 \times 1 = 40$$

(d)
$$30 \div 6 + 4 \times 3 = 17$$

(e)
$$4 \times 2 - 3 + 5 \times 6 = -40$$

Insert one or more pairs of brackets, if required, into each of these calculations to make the answer correct.

(a)
$$3 + 5 \times 2^2 = 103$$

(b)
$$11 - 3^2 \div 4 + 4 = 8$$

(c)
$$2 \times -6^2 - 2 + 5 = 65$$

(d)
$$-4 + 8 \times 3^2 - 5 + 1 = 17$$

(e)
$$10 \div 2 - 3^3 \times 4 - 1 = 24$$

By inserting up to two pairs of brackets into the calculation shown, make as many different answers as possible.

$$20 - 3 + 5^2 - 4 \div 2$$

(a)
$$2 + 3 \times 4 = 14$$

(b)
$$(5+2) \times 7 = 49$$

(c)
$$6 \times (3-1) = 12$$

(d)
$$9 - 2 \times 4 = 1$$

(e)
$$6+3-(2+1)=6$$

(f)
$$21 \div 3 + 4 = 11$$

(a)
$$(30-12) \times 2 + 15 = 51$$

(b)
$$(6+9)\div(3+2)=3$$

(c)
$$(5+2)^2-9\times 1=40$$

(d)
$$30 \div 6 + 4 \times 3 = 17$$

(e)
$$4 \times 2 - (3 + 5) \times 6 = -40$$

(a)
$$3 + (5 \times 2)^2 = 103$$

(b)
$$(11-3)^2 \div (4+4) = 8$$

(c)
$$2 \times (-6)^2 - (2+5) = 65$$

(d)
$$(-4+8) \times (3^2-5) + 1 = 17$$

(e)
$$(10 \div 2 - 3)^3 \times (4 - 1) = 24$$

e.g.
$$20 - (3+5)^2 - 4 \div 2 = -46$$

 $(20-3+5^2-4) \div 2 = 19$
 $20-3+(5^2-4) \div 2 = 27.5$