

Arithmétique

ANSWER: BARBER

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In the puzzle, two pictures of iconic locations in Paris are paired with a basic arithmetic symbol. (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, power) Equating each image with its Paris [Arrondissement Number](#) satisfies the equation that is already given a result.

$$[3] \times [4] = 12 \text{ (L)}$$

$$[3] ^ [2] = 9 \text{ (I)}$$

$$[16] - [5] = 11 \text{ (K)}$$

$$[1] + [4] = \text{(E)}$$

$$[6] \times [1] = 6 \text{ (F)}$$

$$[14] - [5] = 9 \text{ (I)}$$

$$[5] + [2] = 7 \text{ (G)}$$

$$[1] ^ [1] = 1 \text{ (A)}$$

$$[20] - [2] = 18 \text{ (R)}$$

$$[19] - [4] = 15 \text{ (O)}$$

$$[13] + [2] = 15 \text{ (O)}$$

$$[17] - [11] = 6 \text{ (F)}$$

$$[10] + [8] = 18 \text{ (R)}$$

$$[3] \times [5] = 15 \text{ (O)}$$

$$[9] + [10] = 19 \text{ (S)}$$

$$[12] + [7] = 19 \text{ (S)}$$

$$[18] \div [2] = 9 \text{ (I)}$$

$$[15] - [1] = 14 \text{ (N)}$$

$$[4] + [5] = 9 \text{ (I)}$$

Finding the results for all of the other equations and converting the results from NUMBER -> LETTER gives the clue phrase; “LIKE FIGARO OF ROSSINI”, referencing the character and famous aria from Rossini’s *The Barber of Seville*. Being both the title of the opera and Figaro’s occupation, the answer is **BARBER**.