

# Subtraction: 5-Digit Column Method

1

$$\begin{array}{r} 38291 \\ -18636 \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Place the numbers one on top of the other, lining up the thousands, hundreds, tens and ones. Subtract the ones (the answer to  $1 - 6$  is negative).

2

$$\begin{array}{r} 382\overset{8}{0}\overset{1}{1} \\ -18636 \\ \hline 55 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Exchange 10 from the 90 to make 11 ones. Subtract the ones:  $11 - 6 = 5$ . Subtract the tens:  $80 - 30 = 50$ .

3

$$\begin{array}{r} 3\overset{7}{8}\overset{1}{2}\overset{8}{0}\overset{1}{1} \\ -18636 \\ \hline 655 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Subtract the hundreds (the answer to  $200 - 600$  is negative). Exchange 1000 from the 8000 to make 1200. Subtract the hundreds:  $1200 - 600 = 600$ .

4

$$\begin{array}{r} 3\overset{2}{8}\overset{17}{8}\overset{1}{2}\overset{8}{0}\overset{1}{1} \\ -18636 \\ \hline 9655 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Subtract the thousands (the answer to  $7000 - 8000$  is negative). Exchange 10 000 from the 30 000 to make 17 000. Subtract the thousands:  $17\ 000 - 8000 = 9000$ .

5

$$\begin{array}{r} 3\overset{2}{8}\overset{17}{8}\overset{1}{2}\overset{8}{0}\overset{1}{1} \\ -18636 \\ \hline 19655 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Subtract the ten thousands:  $20\ 000 - 10\ 000 = 10\ 000$ .

6

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Check your answer.