

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

$$\begin{array}{r} 8\overset{8}{2}\overset{1}{9}1 \\ -18636 \\ \hline 55 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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

3

$$\begin{array}{r} \overset{7}{8}\overset{1}{2}\overset{8}{9}1 \\ -18636 \\ \hline 655 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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

4

$$\begin{array}{r} \overset{2}{8}\overset{17}{8}\overset{1}{2}\overset{8}{9}1 \\ -18636 \\ \hline 9655 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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

5

$$\begin{array}{r} \overset{2}{8}\overset{17}{8}\overset{1}{2}\overset{8}{9}1 \\ -18636 \\ \hline 19655 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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

6

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Check your answer.