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Task 1

A practice page contains one bass clef staff and two tab staves: one with four lines and one with six lines. Count the total number of horizontal lines.

Task 2

You leave two gaps of 10 mm between three staves on a page. Each staff occupies 12 mm of height. Using hypothetical values, what vertical space do the staves and gaps use together?

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Task 3

A tab staff has six lines. The top line is tuned to the highest string and the bottom line to the lowest. If a fret number 3 is written on the second line from the top, which string does it refer to? Describe the string position without naming a specific tuning.

Task 4

You are checking a page with one bass clef staff, one four-line tab staff, one five-line tab staff, and one six-line tab staff. You count 19 lines. Is the count correct? Show the arithmetic.