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$$(a-b)^2 = 9$$

$$a-b = 3$$

$$\frac{3}{a-b} = \frac{3}{3} = 1 \quad \text{😊}$$

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$$2a^2 - 2b^2 = 42$$

$$2(a^2 - b^2) = 42$$

$$a^2 - b^2 = 21$$

$$(a+b)(a-b) = 21$$

From (i) $a-b = 3$

$$\therefore 3(a+b) = 21$$

$$a+b = 7 \quad \text{😊}$$

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From (i) $a-b = 3$ — (1)

From (ii) $a+b = 7$ — (2)

$$\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2} \quad 2a = 10$$
$$a = 5$$

From (2) $5+b = 7$

$$b = 2$$

$$\therefore 4ab = (4)(5)(2)$$
$$= 40 \quad \text{😊}$$

Answer (iii) _____ [2]