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### QUESTION 1

If 40 is divided by 0.08, the result is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 5000
- B. 500
- C. 50
- D. 5

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

40 divided by 0.08 = 500

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### QUESTION 2

If a car traveled 200 miles at an average rate of speed of  $r$  miles per hour, the time it took for the trip could be written as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A.  $200/r$
- B.  $r/200$
- C.  $200r$
- D.  $r/60$

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

The basic formula for travel is "distance equals rate multiplied by time," or  $D = rt$ .

The car traveled 200 miles ( $D$ ); therefore  $200 = rt$ .

To solve for time, divide both sides of the equation by  $r$ . (You are undoing the multiplication.)

$$200/r = rt/r$$

$$200/r = t \text{ (time it took for trip)}$$

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### QUESTION 3

If  $x = 12$ , what is the value of  $p$  in this equation?  $p = x^2/6 - 4$

- A. 24

B. 22

C. 28

D. 20

Correct Answer: D

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#### QUESTION 4

What is another way to write 43?

A. 36

B. 48

C. 56

D. 64

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:  $4 \times 4 \times 4 = 64$ .

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#### QUESTION 5

$x^3 \times x^4 =$  \_\_\_\_\_.

A.  $x^{12}$

B.  $2x^7$

C.  $2x^{12}$

D.  $x^7$

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

If two powers have the same base, they can be multiplied by keeping the base and adding the powers together.

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#### QUESTION 6

The average of 80, 46, 32, and 22 is \_\_\_\_\_.

A. 48

B. 42

C. 36

D. 45

Correct Answer: D

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#### QUESTION 7

If  $(8)x^2 = 128$ , then  $x$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

A. either a positive or negative number

B. a negative number

C. a prime number

D. a positive number

Correct Answer: A

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#### QUESTION 8

A square box has 6-inch sides.

What's its volume?

A. 18 cubic inches

B. 216 cubic inches

C. 12 cubic inches

D. 36 cubic inches

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

Volume equals length x width x height ( $V = lwh$ ):  $6 \times 6 \times 6 = 216$  cubic inches.

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#### QUESTION 9

What's the sum of the integers from 1 to 300?

A. 38,243

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B. 45,150

C. 49,923

D. 52,024

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

The formula to find the sum of a finite arithmetic sequence is  $S = n/2(a+b)$ , where  $n$  is the number of terms,  $a$  is the first term in the sequence, and  $b$  is the last term in the sequence.

In this case there are 300 terms ( $n$ ), and the first term is 1 and the final term is 300.

$$S = n/2(a + b)$$

$$S = 300/2(1 + 300)$$

$$S = 150(301)$$

$$S = 45,150$$

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#### QUESTION 10

If  $y = 6$ , then  $2y \times y =$  \_\_\_\_\_.

A. 12

B. 72

C. 18

D. 242

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

Substitute 6 for  $y$  the equation:  $2(6) \times 6 = 12 \times 6 = 72$ .

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#### QUESTION 11

A cylinder has a diameter of 12 inches and a height of 10 inches. What's its approximate volume?

A. 4,521 cubic inches

B. 120 cubic inches

C. 1,130 cubic inches

D. 1,440 cubic inches

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

For cylinders, Volume =  $\pi r^2(h)$ . Since the radius is half the diameter, the problem can be calculated this

way:  $V = \pi(6^2)10$ .  $V = \pi(36)10$ .

If  $\pi$  is approximately 3.14, then  $3.14 \times 36 \times 10 = 1,130$  cubic inches.

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### QUESTION 12

Solve for x:

$$3x + 2 = -13$$

A.  $x = 13$

B.  $x = -41/3$

C.  $x = 8$

D.  $x = -5$

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Step 1: Subtract 2 from each side of the equation in order to eliminate -2 from the left side. (You are undoing the addition.)  $3x + 2 - 2 = -13 - 2$   $3x = -15$  Step 2: Now divide each side by 3 to find x. (You are undoing the multiplication.)  $3x/3 = -15/3$   $x = -5$

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### QUESTION 13

If  $x = 6$ ,  $y = -2$ , and  $z = 3$ , what is the value of the following expression?  $(xz + xy)/z^2$

A.  $2/3$

B.  $12/3$

C. 2

D. 6

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

Calculate the numerator and denominator separately and then perform the division.

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### QUESTION 14

What is the value of the expression  $x^2 - 5xy + 2y$  if  $x = 3$  and  $y = -2$ ?

- A. -25
- B. -27
- C. 32
- D. 35

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Substitute 3 for x and -2 for y in the expression  $2 - 5xy + 2y(3)^2 - 5(3)(-2) + 2(-2)9 - 15(-2) - 49 + 30 - 4$

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#### QUESTION 15

Solve for x:  $5x + 7 = 6(x - 2) - 4(2x - 3)$

- A. 1
- B. -1
- C. 2
- D. -2

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:  $5x + 7 = 6(x - 2) - 4(2x - 3)$   
 $5x + 7 = 6x - 12 - 8x + 12$   
 $5x + 7 = -2x$   
 $7x + 7 = 0$   
 $7x = -7$   
 $x = -1$

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