

PLACEMENT TESTING

Information and sample test questions

About placement testing

CGTC uses the next-generation ACCUPLACER[®] placement test, which measures your knowledge in math, reading, and writing. The placement test:

- Does not determine if you can attend CGTC
- Is not pass or fail; it helps us place you in the college classes that meet your skill level

Some programs do not require placement testing. The Admissions Office can tell you if your program requires placement testing.

How to prepare/study

We strongly encourage you to study for the placement test. You cannot pass or fail, but you must make minimum scores in each section to avoid having to take learning support classes. You may take the test up to two times.

- accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students: Practice questions and study app
- Ibguides.centralgatech.edu/accuplacer: Includes a link to practice tests from Learning Express (click Learning Express, then type next-generation accuplacer in the Find Resources box.)
- www.centralgatech.edu/success: Workshops to help to deal with text anxiety and more

Taking the test

The test is not timed, and students usually take an average of two to three hours to finish.

What to Bring on Test Day

- ☑ Valid photo ID such as a driver's license or student ID
- ☑ Testing Center Entrance Pass from Admissions Office
- What NOT to Bring on Test Day
 - ☑ Personal belongings
 - Cell phone and other electronic devices
 - ☑ Dictionary
 - ☑ Calculator (we will give you one for certain problems)
 - Scrap paper and pencils (we will give you this)

Where to take the test

You can take the placement test at the Testing Center on any campus:

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- Macon: (478) 757-2508 | Room J-141
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Test Sections and Minimum Scores (To avoid taking learning support classes)

Associate Degree Programs

- Reading: 236
- Writing: 249
- Arithmetic: 229
- Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics: 245
- Advanced Algebra and Functions: 249 | 275^{*}

*Advanced Algebra and Functions is only required if you plan to take MATH 1113 and/or MATH 1131. Minimum scores: 249 for MATH 1113 | 275 for MATH 1131

Diploma Programs

- Reading: 224
- Writing: 236
- Arithmetic: 229

Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics is only required for diploma programs if you plan to take MATH 1013. Minimum score: 233

Technical Certificate Programs

- Standard
- Entry Level Workforce+ Reading: 218
- Reading: 224 • Writing: 236

• Arithmetic: 229

- Writing: 222
 - Arithmetic: 223

+ Placement testing only required for entry level workforce certificates if your high school GPA is less than 2.0

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ACCUPLACER Arithmetic Sample Questions

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- Whole number operations
- Fraction operations
- Decimal operations
- Percent
- Number comparisons and equivalents

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Sample Questions

Choose the best answer. If necessary, use the paper you were given.

1. Which of the following fractions is equal to 0.06?

A.
$$\frac{1}{6}$$

B.
$$\frac{1}{60}$$

C.
$$\frac{6}{10}$$

D.
$$\frac{6}{100}$$

- 2. A club has 36 members. If each member donates 12 items for an auction, how many items will there be in the auction?
 - A. 48
 - B. 108
 - C. 422
 - D. 432
- 3. What is the value of $\frac{4}{10} + \frac{3}{100}$?

A.
$$\frac{43}{100}$$

B.
$$\frac{43}{110}$$

C.
$$\frac{7}{10}$$

D.
$$\frac{7}{110}$$

- 4. A conference planner has put together 280 binders for attendees and another 31 binders for presenters. How many total binders did the planner put together for attendees and presenters?
 - A. 211
 - B. 249
 - C. 311
 - D. 590
- 5. A store stocked 150 cans of popcorn for a weekend sale. That weekend, 72 of the cans sold. What percent of the cans of popcorn stocked were sold that weekend?
 - A. 2%
 - B. 5%
 - C. 48%
 - D. 72%

6. $\frac{8}{3}$, 2.28, $\frac{10}{12}$, 0.199

What number in the list above has the greatest value?

- A. $\frac{8}{3}$
- B. 2.28
- C. $\frac{10}{12}$
- D. 0.199
- 7. If Manuel deposits 25% of \$130 into a savings account, what is the amount of his deposit?
 - A. \$5.20
 - B. \$25.00
 - C. \$32.50
 - D. \$97.50
- 8. What is 1,582 + 761?
 - A. 1,119
 - B. 1,243
 - C. 1,343
 - D. 2,343
- 9. Xiaoming is making cookies. Each batch of cookies uses 3 eggs. If Xiaoming has 20 eggs, and assuming he has enough of the other ingredients to make the cookies, what is the greatest number of batches that he can make?
 - A. 3
 - B. 6
 - C. 7
 - D. 17
- 10. What is the value of 3.85 + 0.004 + 0.117?
 - A. 3.9611
 - B. 3.961
 - C. 3.971
 - D. 5.06
- 11. Which of the following is equivalent to $\frac{8}{25}$?
 - A. 0.02
 - B. 0.32
 - C. 0.825
 - D. 3.125
- 12. What is the remainder when 599 is divided by 9?
 - A. 0
 - B. 5
 - C. 6
 - D. 9

- 13. A machine is currently set to a feed rate of 5.921 inches per minute (IPM). The machinist changes this setting to 6.088 IPM. By how much did the machinist increase the feed rate?
 - A. 0.167 IPM
 - B. 1.167 IPM
 - C. 1.833 IPM
 - D. 1.967 IPM
- 14. 0.075, 0.75%, $\frac{3}{4}$

Which of the following correctly orders the values above from least to greatest?

- A. 0.75%, 0.075, $\frac{3}{4}$ B. 0.75%, $\frac{3}{4}$, 0.075 C. $\frac{3}{4}$, 0.75%, 0.075 D. 0.075, 0.75%, $\frac{3}{4}$
- 15. What is the value of 2.84×3.9 ?
 - A. 3.408
 - B. 11.076
 - C. 34.08
 - D. 110.76

16. What is 0.8637 rounded to the nearest hundredth?

- A. 0.86
- B. 0.863
- C. 0.864
- D. 0.87
- 17. 60% of what number is equal to 30?
 - A. 0.5
 - B. 2
 - C. 18
 - D. 50
- 18. If $\frac{4}{3} \div \frac{1}{6} = p$, then the value of *p* is between which of the following pairs of numbers?
 - A. 3 and 4
 - B. 5 and 6
 - C. 6 and 7
 - D. 7 and 9

19. Which of the following inequalities is true?

A.
$$\frac{3}{4} < \frac{5}{7}$$

B. $\frac{2}{3} > \frac{5}{6}$
C. $\frac{5}{8} > \frac{6}{10}$
D. $\frac{4}{5} < \frac{2}{9}$

20. Carole works at a bookstore and a restaurant. In a

28-day period, Carole worked $\frac{1}{4}$ of the days at the bookstore and did not work $\frac{1}{14}$ of the days. On the

remaining days Carole worked at the restaurant. How many days did Carole work at the restaurant during the 28-day period?

- A. 25
- B. 19
- C. 10 D. 9

Answer Key

- **1.** D
- **2.** D
- **3.** A
- **4**. C
- 5. C
- **6.** A
- **7.** C
- **8.** D
- **9.** B
- **10.** C
- **11.** B
- **12.** B
- **13.** A
- **14.** A
- **15.** B
- **16.** A
- **17.** D
- **18.** D
- **19.** C
- **20.** B

Rationales

- 1. Choice D is correct. The number 0.06 is the same as six-hundredths, which when written as a fraction is $\frac{6}{100}$. Choice A is incorrect because $\frac{1}{6}$ is equivalent to one-sixth, or 0.16 $\overline{6}$. Choice B is incorrect because $\frac{1}{60}$ is equivalent to one-sixtieth, or 0.016 $\overline{6}$. Choice C is incorrect because $\frac{6}{10}$ is equivalent to six-tenths, or 0.6.
- 2. Choice D is correct. To find the total number of items, multiply the total number of members by the number of items each member will donate. This is represented by $36 \times 12 = 432$. Choice A is incorrect because this results from adding instead of multiplying. Choice B is incorrect because a multiplication error was made. This results from not using a placeholder zero or writing the numbers starting in the tens place when multiplying the second digit. Choice C is incorrect because a multiplication error was made. This results from not using a placeholder zero or writing the numbers starting in the tens place when multiplying the second digit. Choice C is incorrect because a multiplication error was made. This results from making an error when carrying from the ones digit to the tens digit.
- **3. Choice A is correct.** The expression $\frac{4}{10} + \frac{3}{100}$ can be rewritten as $\frac{40}{100} + \frac{3}{100}$, which is equal to $\frac{43}{100}$. Choice B is incorrect because it results from combining the numerators to create a two-digit number and adding the denominators. Choice C is incorrect because it results from adding the numerators and using the denominator of the first number in the sum. Choice D is incorrect because it results from adding the numerators and denominators and denominators and denominators and denominators.
- 4. Choice C is correct. The total number of binders the planner put together for attendees and presenters is 280 + 31 = 311. Adding the ones place (0 + 1) results in the digit 1, adding the tens place (8 + 3) results in the number 11, which should be recorded as a 1 in the tens place and a 1 carried to the hundreds place, then adding the hundreds place (2 + 1) results in the digit 3. Choice A is incorrect. This answer results from not carrying a 1 to the hundreds place after adding the tens place. Choice B is incorrect. This answer is the result of subtracting the presenter binders from the attendee binders. However, the total number of binders will be found through addition, not subtraction. Choice D is incorrect. This answer results from incorrectly adding the numbers.
- 5. Choice C is correct. Divide the number of cans sold by the number of cans stocked and multiply by 100 to find the percent: $72 \div 150 \times 100 = 48\%$. Choice A is incorrect. This is the approximate result of dividing 150 by 72. Choice B is incorrect. This is the approximate result of dividing 72 by 15. Choice D is incorrect. This is the number of cans sold represented as a percent.
- 6. Choice A is correct. The fraction $\frac{8}{3}$ is greater than 1 because the numerator is larger than the denominator. This makes it greater than choice C or choice D, which are both less than 1. The fraction $\frac{8}{3}$ can be converted to a mixed number $\left(2\frac{2}{3}\right)$ or decimal (approximately 2.66) by dividing 8 by 3. This makes it easier to compare choice A to the other choices. Choices B, C, and D are incorrect because $\frac{8}{3}$ (or approximately 2.66) is greater than 2.28, $\frac{10}{12}$, and 0.199.

- 7. Choice C is correct. To find 25% of \$130.00, multiply \$130.00 by 0.25, which is \$32.50. Choice A is incorrect because \$5.20 is 4% of \$130, which results from dividing \$130.00 by 25. Choice B is incorrect because \$25.00 is approximately 19% of \$130, which may be the result of misunderstanding 25% to be \$25. Choice D is incorrect because \$97.50 is 75% of \$130, which is not the amount that will go into the savings account.
- 8. Choice D is correct. 1,582 + 761 = 2,343. Choices A, B, and C are incorrect. Choice A results from adding and carrying from left to right instead of right to left. Choice B is incorrect because no numbers are carried to the next place value. Choice C is incorrect because the 1 from the hundreds place is not carried to the thousands place.
- **9.** Choice B is correct. If Xiaoming has 20 eggs, and each batch of cookies uses 3 eggs, the number of batches can be found by dividing 20 by 3. This does not divide evenly, so the number should be rounded down to 6 because Xiaoming does not have enough eggs to make 7 batches $(7 \times 3 = 21)$. Choice A is incorrect because 3 batches would use only 9 eggs $(3 \times 3 \text{ eggs})$. This means that Xiaoming would have 11 eggs left, which is enough to make more batches. Choice C is incorrect because 7 batches would use 21 eggs $(3 \times 7 = 21)$, but Xiaoming has only 20 eggs. Choice D is incorrect because 17 batches would use 51 eggs $(17 \times 3 = 51)$, but Xiaoming has only 20 eggs.
- **10.** Choice C is correct. Using the standard algorithm, the sum of the thousandths places (7 + 4) is 11, so a 1 should be recorded in the thousandths place and a 1 carried to the hundredths place. The sum of the hundredths places (5 + 0 + 1 + 1) is 7, the sum of the tenths places is 9, and the sum of the ones places is 3. This results in 3.971. Choice A is incorrect. This results from adding from left to right and recording an 11 as the result of adding the thousandths places. Choice B is incorrect. This results from not carrying the 1 from the thousandths place to the hundredths place. Choice D is incorrect. This is the sum of 3.85, 0.04, and 1.17.
- 11. Choice B is correct. The fraction $\frac{8}{25}$ can be written as $\frac{32}{100}$, which can be interpreted

as thirty-two hundredths, or 0.32. Choice A is incorrect. This may be the result of dividing the numerator by 4 instead of multiplying when converting to a common denominator of 100. Choice C is incorrect. This may be the result of trying to form a number using the numerator and the denominator of the fraction. Choice D is incorrect. This is the result of 25 divided by 8.

- **12. Choice B is correct.** The result when 599 is divided by 9 is 66 with a remainder of 5. Multiplying $9 \times 66 = 594$ and 599 594 = 5, which is the remainder. Choice A is incorrect. This may be the result of thinking that 9 divides evenly into 599. Choice C is incorrect. This may be the result of determining that 9 goes into 599 sixty-six times and misinterpreting the meaning of this number. Choice D is incorrect because this is the divisor, not the remainder.
- **13. Choice A is correct.** The amount by which the feed rate increases is the difference between the second feed rate and the first feed rate. This is represented by 6.088 5.921 = 0.167. Choices B, C, and D are incorrect and may be the result of errors when subtracting the two numbers given.

14. Choice A is correct. To best compare the numbers, they should be put in the same format. The percent 0.75% can be converted to a decimal by dividing 0.75 by 100,

which gives 0.0075. The fraction $\frac{3}{4}$ can be converted to a decimal by dividing 3 by 4, which gives 0.75. Placing these numbers in order from least to greatest yields 0.0075, 0.075, and 0.75. Choices B, C, and D are incorrect because none of them order the numbers from least to greatest. Choice B is incorrect because $\frac{3}{4}$ is greater than 0.075. Choice C is incorrect because $\frac{3}{4}$ is the greatest value, not the least. Choice D is incorrect because 0.75% is less than 0.075.

- **15. Choice B is correct.** Using the standard algorithm to multiply the tenths place of 3.9 by 2.84 results in 2.556 and then multiplying the ones place of 3.9 by 2.84 results in 8.520, since each product must have three places to the right of the decimal. The sum of these two numbers is 2.556 + 8.520 = 11.076. Choice A is incorrect. This results from not using a placeholder zero when multiplying the ones place. Choice C is incorrect. This results from not using a placeholder zero when multiplying the ones place and incorrectly placing the decimal point in the resulting number. Choice D is incorrect. This results from placing the decimal point to match the number of decimal places in 2.84.
- **16. Choice A is correct.** The second digit to the right of the decimal point is in the hundredths place and the third number to the right of the decimal point is in the thousandths place. The number in the hundredths place increases by 1 when the number in the thousandths place is 5 or greater. The number in the hundredths place remains the same if the number in the thousandths place is less than 5. Since the number in the thousandths place is less than 5, the number 0.8637 should be rounded down to 0.860. Choice B is incorrect. The number 0.863 is 0.8637 truncated to the thousandths place instead of rounded to the nearest hundredth. Choice C is incorrect. The number 0.864 is 0.8637 rounded to the nearest thousandths place instead of rounded to the nearest thousandths place is 0.87 is 0.8637 rounded up to the nearest hundredth, but since the number in the thousandths place is less than 5, the number should be rounded down.
- **17. Choice D is correct.** Dividing 30 by 60%, which is equivalent to 0.60, gives 50. So 60% of 50 is 30. Choices A and B are incorrect because 60% was not converted into a decimal, and in choice B the division was done in the wrong order. Choice C is incorrect because 30 was multiplied by 0.60 instead of divided.
- **18. Choice D is correct.** The expression $\frac{4}{3} \div \frac{1}{6} = \frac{4}{3} \times 6 = \frac{24}{3} = 8$. The number 8 is between 7 and 9. Choices A, B, and C are incorrect. The quotient of the two given fractions is not between any of these pairs of numbers.

- **19. Choice C is correct.** The fraction $\frac{5}{8}$ is greater than $\frac{6}{10}$. When using a common denominator, this statement is equivalent to $\frac{25}{40} > \frac{24}{40}$. When two fractions have common denominators, the fraction with the larger numerator is the larger number. Choice A is incorrect because $\frac{3}{4}$ is not less than $\frac{5}{7}$. Shown written with a common denominator, the comparison $\frac{21}{28} < \frac{20}{28}$ is not true. Choice B is incorrect because $\frac{2}{3}$ is not greater than $\frac{5}{6}$. Shown written with a common denominator, the comparison $\frac{4}{6} > \frac{5}{6}$ is not true. Choice D is incorrect because $\frac{4}{5}$ is not less than $\frac{2}{9}$. Shown written with a common denominator, the comparison $\frac{4}{6} > \frac{5}{6}$ is not true. Choice D is incorrect because $\frac{4}{5}$ is not less than $\frac{2}{9}$. Shown written with a common denominator, the comparison $\frac{36}{45} < \frac{10}{45}$ is not true.
- **20. Choice B is correct.** Carole worked $\frac{1}{4}$ of the 28 days at the bookstore, so she worked 7 days at the bookstore $(28 \times \frac{1}{4})$. She did not work on $\frac{1}{14}$ of the days, which equals 2 days $(28 \times \frac{1}{14})$. Subtracting these amounts from 28 gives the number of days she worked at the restaurant (28 7 2 = 19). Choice A is incorrect and may be the result of erroneously adding $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{14}$ and finding $\frac{2}{18}$ as the days not worked at the restaurant. $28 (28 \times \frac{2}{18}) = 25$. Choice C is incorrect and may be the result of adding the denominators of the fractions (14 + 4) and using this as the number of days Carole did not work at the restaurant. 28 18 = 10. Choice D is incorrect because it is the total number of days Carole worked at the bookstore and the days she did not work.

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- Rational numbers
- Ratio and proportional relationships
- Exponents
- Algebraic expressions
- Linear equations
- Linear applications
- Probability and sets
- Descriptive statistics
- Geometry concepts

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Choose the best answer. If necessary, use the paper you were given.

- 1. Which of the following expressions is 5 times as much as the sum of *r* and *s*?
 - A. $5 \times r + s$
 - B. 5 + r + s
 - C. $r + s \times 5$
 - D. $(r+s) \times 5$
- 2. What is the solution to the equation
 - $\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{2}(x+1) \frac{1}{4} = 5?$ A. $\frac{5}{2}$ B. $\frac{13}{8}$ C. $\frac{15}{8}$ D. $\frac{17}{8}$
 - D. $\frac{17}{8}$
- 3. What is the number of grams in 500 kilograms? (1 kilogram = 1,000 grams)
 - A. 0.5
 - B. 5,000
 - C. 50,000
 - D. 500,000

4.



Robert sells four different flavors of jam at an annual farmers market. The graph above shows the number of jars of each type of jam he sold at the market during the first two years. Which flavor of jam had the greatest increase in number of jars sold from Year 1 to Year 2?

- A. Blueberry
- B. Grape
- C. Peach
- D. Strawberry

5. In the *xy*-plane, a line crosses the *y*-axis at the point (0, 3) and passes through the point (4, 5). Which of the following is an equation of the line?

A.
$$y = \frac{1}{2}x + 3$$

B. $y = 2x + 3$
C. $y = \frac{1}{2}x - 4$
D. $y = 2x - 4$

- 6. The amount of money M, in dollars, Paul earns can be represented by the equation M = 12.5h + 11, where h is the number of hours Paul works. Which of the following is the best interpretation of the number 11 in the equation?
 - A. The amount of money, in dollars, Paul earns each hour
 - B. The total amount of money, in dollars, Paul earns after working for h hours
 - C. The total amount of money, in dollars, Paul earns after working for one hour
 - D. The amount of money, in dollars, Paul earns in addition to an hourly wage

Country	Approximate population (millions)
France	65.9
Germany	80.8
Italy	60.8
Spain	46.5
United Kingdom	64.3

The table gives the population of the 5 largest countries in the European Union in the year 2014. Which of the following is closest to the mean population of these countries?

A. 80.8 million

7.

- B. 64.3 million
- C. 63.7 million
- D. 60.8 million

8. Which of the following fractions is equivalent to $\frac{-6 - (-9)}{2}$?

A.
$$-\frac{3}{8}$$

B. $\frac{3}{8}$
C. $-\frac{15}{8}$

D.
$$\frac{15}{8}$$

- 9. Water runs from a pump at a rate of 1.5 gallons per minute. At this rate, how long would it take to fill a tub with a 150-gallon capacity?
 - A. 10 minutes
 - B. 100 minutes
 - C. 225 minutes
 - D. 2,250 minutes
- 10. The volume of a right rectangular prism is found by multiplying the length of the base by the width of the base by the height of the prism. A right rectangular prism has a volume of 30 cubic inches. If the height of the prism is 6 inches, what is the area of the base of the prism?
 - A. 5 square inches
 - B. 24 square inches
 - C. 36 square inches
 - D. 180 square inches
- 11. Jacoby followed a recipe that requires 2 cups of water for every 3 cups of flour. If he used 8 cups of flour, how many cups of water did he use?
 - A. $2\frac{2}{3}$
 - B. 4

C.
$$5\frac{1}{3}$$

- D. 12
- 12. 4(x+5) + 4x + 8

Which of the following is equivalent to the expression above?

- A. 4(2x + 7)
- B. 8(x+4)
- C. 5x + 17
- D. 8*x* + 13

- 13. It took Khalid 90 minutes to complete 40 tasks. Which of the following is an equivalent rate?
 - A. 10 tasks in 0.9 minutes
 - B. 10 tasks in 2.25 minutes
 - C. 10 tasks in 9 minutes
 - D. 10 tasks in 22.5 minutes

1	1	
1	4	

	Plans to vote "yes" on issue Q	Plans to vote "no" on issue Q	Total
Plans to vote "yes" on issue P	8	12	20
Plans to vote "no" on issue P	14	16	30
Total	22	28	50

The table above shows a survey of 50 registered voters in a city. Each voter was asked whether they planned to vote "yes" or "no" on two different issues. If a voter who plans to vote "yes" on issue P is randomly selected, what is the probability that voter also plans to vote "yes" on issue Q?

- A. 0.16
- B. 0.36
- C. 0.40
- D. 0.67
- 15. Which of the following values is equivalent to 5^{-3} ?
 - A. $\frac{1}{15}$
 - B. $\frac{1}{125}$
 - C. -15
 - D. -125
- 16. Which of the following expressions is equivalent to $(x^3 \cdot x^2)^5$?
 - A. x^{10}
 - B. x^{15}
 - C. x²⁵
 - D. x^{30}

- 17. The elevation at the summit of Mount Whitney is 4,418 meters above sea level. Climbers begin at a trailhead that has an elevation of 2,550 meters above sea level. What is the change in elevation, to the nearest foot, between the trailhead and the summit? (1 foot = 0.3048 meters)
 - A. 569 feet
 - B. 5,604 feet
 - C. 6,129 feet
 - D. 14,495 feet
- 18. 3x 2y = 15x = 3

The two lines given by the equations above intersect in the *xy*-plane. What is the value of the *y*-coordinate of the point of intersection?

- A. -7
- B. -3
- C. 3 D. 7
- 19. $L = \{0, 20, 40, 80, 100\}$ $M = \{5, 10, 15, 20, 25\}$

 $N = \{10, 20, 30, 40, 50\}$

Sets *L*, *M*, and *N* are shown above. Which of the following sets represents $L \cup (M \cap N)$ (the union of *L* with the intersection of sets *M* and *N*)?

- A. {0, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80, 100}
- B. {0, 10, 20, 40, 80, 100}
- C. {20, 40}
- D. {20}



Triangle *PQR* lies in the *xy*-plane, and the coordinates of vertex *Q* are (2, -3). Triangle *PQR* is rotated 180° clockwise about the origin and then reflected across the *y*-axis to produce triangle *P'Q'R'*, where vertex *Q'* corresponds to vertex *Q* of triangle *PQR*. What are the coordinates of *Q'*?

- A. (-3, -2) B. (3, -2)
- C. (-2, 3)
- D. (2,3)

Answer Key

- **1.** D
- **2.** C
- 3. D
- **4**. A
- **5.** A
- **6.** D
- **7.** C
- **8.** B
- **9.** B
- **10.** A
- **11.** C
- **12.** A
- **13.** D
- **14.** C
- **15.** B
- **16.** C
- **17.** C
- **18.** B
- **19.** B
- **20.** D

Rationales

1. Choice D is correct. The order of operations was used properly to write the expression. The sum of *r* and *s* in parentheses is found first, then multiplication is used to find the number that is 5 times the sum of *r* and *s*. Choice A is incorrect because this is the sum of *s* and 5 times as much as *r*. Choice B is incorrect because this is the sum of 5, *r*, and *s*. Choice C is incorrect because this is the sum of *r* and *s*.

2. Choice C is correct. The equation $\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{2}(x+1) - \frac{1}{4} = 5$ can be rewritten as

 $\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{4} = 5$, which simplifies to $2x = 5 + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{2} = \frac{15}{4}$.

Therefore, $x = \frac{15}{4} \div 2 = \frac{15}{8}$. Choice A is incorrect because if x were equal to $\frac{5}{2}$,

then $\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{2}(x+1) - \frac{1}{4}$ would equal $\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) + \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{5}{2}+1\right) - \frac{1}{4}$, which is equal to $\frac{25}{4}$,

not 5. Choice B is incorrect because if x were equal to $\frac{13}{8}$, then $\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{2}(x+1) - \frac{1}{4}$

would equal $\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{13}{8}\right) + \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{13}{8} + 1\right) - \frac{1}{4}$, which is equal to $\frac{9}{2}$, not 5. Choice D is

incorrect because if x were equal to $\frac{17}{8}$, then $\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{2}(x+1) - \frac{1}{4}$ would equal

 $\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{17}{8}\right) + \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{17}{8} + 1\right) - \frac{1}{4}$, which is equal to $\frac{11}{2}$, not 5.

3. Choice D is correct. To convert from kilograms to grams, multiply $500 \text{ kg} \times \frac{1,000 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ kg}}$,

which results in 500,000 grams. Choice A is incorrect because 0.5 is the number of kilograms in 500 grams. Choice B is incorrect because 5,000 grams is equal to 5 kilograms, not 500 kilograms. Choice C is incorrect because 50,000 grams is equal to 50 kilograms, not 500 kilograms.

- **4. Choice A is correct.** The graph shows that he sold 10 jars of blueberry jam the first year and 18 the second year, for an increase of 8 jars. This is the largest increase of any of the flavors. Choice B is incorrect. This is the jam he sold the most of, but it is not the largest increase. Choice C is incorrect. He sold more peach jam the second year, but his sales increased by only 4, which is less than the increase for blueberry. Choice D is incorrect. He sold less strawberry jam the second year, not more.
- **5.** Choice A is correct. An equation in the form y = ax + b has a slope of a and a y-intercept of b. The line described has a y-intercept of 3 because it crosses the y-axis at y = 3 and has a slope of $\frac{1}{2}$ because the value of y increases by 1 for every x increase of 2. Therefore, an equation of the line is $y = \frac{1}{2}x + 3$. Choice B is incorrect. The line described does not have a slope of 2. Choice C is incorrect. The line described does not have a y-intercept of -4. Choice D is incorrect. The line described does not have a slope of 2 or a y-intercept of -4.
- 6. Choice D is correct. Paul earns \$12.50 per hour, so the number of hours, h, is multiplied by 12.5. Paul earns \$11 in addition to how much he works per hour, which is why it is added to the product 12.5h and is independent of how many hours Paul works. Choice A is incorrect because it is what 12.5 represents in the equation. Choice B is incorrect because it is what M stands for in the equation. Choice C is incorrect because substituting 1 into the equation gives 12.5 + 11 = 23.5.

7. Choice C is correct. To find the mean, find the total population of all 5 countries and divide by the total number of countries: 65.9 + 80.8 + 60.8 + 46.5 + 64.3 = 318.3and $318.3 \div 5 = 63.66$, which rounds to 63.7. The values in the table are given in millions, so the mean population is about 63.7 million. Choice A is incorrect. It is the maximum of the values given. Choice B is incorrect. It is the median population. Choice D is incorrect. It is the middle value in the table.

8. Choice B is correct. The fraction $\frac{-6-(-9)}{8} = \frac{-6+9}{8}$, which is equivalent to $\frac{3}{8}$.

Choices A, C, and D are incorrect because they use incorrect order of operations and/ or do not take into account that subtracting -9 is the same as adding 9.

- 9. Choice B is correct. The time it would take to fill the tub can be found by dividing the number of gallons the tub can hold by the rate the water runs from the pump. This is represented by 150 gallons ÷ 1.5 gallons per minute = 100. Choice A is incorrect and may be the result of dividing 150 by 15. Choice C is incorrect and may be the result of multiplying 150 by 1.5. Choice D is incorrect and may be the result of multiplying 150 by 15.
- **10. Choice A is correct.** Volume of a right rectangular prism is equal to the area of the base times the height. Since the height is known, divide the volume by height to find the area of the base. This is represented by $30 \div 6 = 5$. Choice B is incorrect because this is the result of subtracting 6 from 30 instead of dividing. Choice C is incorrect because this is the result of adding 6 to 30 instead of dividing. Choice D is incorrect because this is the result of multiplying 6 and 30 instead of dividing.

11. Choice C is correct. The ratio of water to flour is $\frac{2}{3}$. Since there were 8 cups of flour used, the expression $8 \times \frac{2}{3}$ can be used to determine the amount of water used, which is $5\frac{1}{3}$. Choice A is incorrect because this is the number of 3-cup "units" of flour that Jacoby used: $8 \div 3 = 2\frac{2}{3}$. Choice B is incorrect because this would be the amount of water necessary if 6 cups of flour were used, not 8. Choice D is incorrect because this results from using a ratio of 2 cups of flour to 3 cups of water.

- **12. Choice A is correct.** The expression 4(x + 5) + 4x + 8 can be expanded to 4x + 20 + 4x + 8, which is equivalent to 8x + 28. Since 4 can be factored from each term in this expression, it can be rewritten as 4(2x + 7). Choice B is incorrect because it expands to 8x + 32, which is not equivalent to 4(x + 5) + 4x + 8. Choice C is incorrect because it is equivalent to 4 + (x + 5) + 4x + 8 rather than 4(x + 5) + 4x + 8. Choice D is incorrect because the 4 was not distributed through the expression in parentheses properly.
- **13. Choice D is correct.** Ninety minutes to complete 40 tasks is an average rate of 2.25 minutes per task (90 minutes \div 40 tasks). Multiplying this rate by 10 gives the average number of tasks Khalid completed every 10 minutes ($2.25 \times 10 = 22.5$). Choice A is incorrect and is most likely the result of incorrectly dividing 10 by 90. Choice B is incorrect because it is the average number of minutes it took Khalid to complete one task. Choice C is incorrect because it is equivalent to 90 \div 10.
- 14. Choice C is correct. There are 8 voters who plan to vote "yes" on both issues. There are 20 voters who plan to vote "yes" on issue P. This is represented by 8 ÷ 20 = 0.4. Choice A is incorrect. This is the probability that a voter plans to vote "yes" on both issues. Choice B is incorrect. This is the probability that a voter plans to vote "yes" on P, given that he or she plans to vote "yes" on Q. Choice D is incorrect. This is the number of voters who plan to vote "yes" on both issues divided by the number of voters who plan to vote "yes" on Q.

15. Choice B is correct. The expression 5^{-3} can be rewritten as $\frac{1}{r^3}$, which is equal to

 $\frac{1}{5 \times 5 \times 5} = \frac{1}{125}$. Choices A, C, and D are incorrect because they are not equivalent to 5^{-3} . Choice A is the value of $\frac{1}{5 \times 3}$, choice C is the value of $5 \times (-3)$, and choice D is the value of $(-5)^3$.

- **16. Choice C is correct.** Using the rules of exponents, $(x^3 \cdot x^2)^5$ can be rewritten as $(x^{(3+2)})^5 = (x^5)^5 = x^{5\times 5} = x^{25}$. Choices A, B, and D are incorrect and may be the result of not following the proper rules of exponents.
- **17. Choice C is correct.** The difference between the elevations is 4,418 2,550 = 1,868 meters. Since each meter is 0.3048 of a foot, divide the change of elevation in meters by the conversion factor to find the number of feet $(1,868 \div 0.3048 \approx 6,129)$. Choice A is incorrect. This is the result of multiplying by the conversion factor instead of dividing. Choice B is incorrect. This is the result of multiplying 1,868 by 3 (perhaps figuring that there are 3 feet in a yard and a meter is similar to a yard). Choice D is incorrect. This is the elevation of the summit in feet.
- **18.** Choice B is correct. Substituting 3 for x in the first equation gives 3(3) 2y = 15. This simplifies to 9 - 2y = 15. Subtracting 9 from both sides of 9 - 2y = 15 gives -2y = 6. Finally, dividing both sides of -2y = 6 by -2 gives y = -3. Choice A is incorrect because 3(3) - 2(-7) does not equal 15. Choice C is incorrect because 3(3) - 2(3) does not equal 15. Choice D is incorrect because 3(3) - 2(7) does not equal 15.
- **19. Choice B is correct.** The intersection of sets M and N is all the numbers that appear in both of the sets, so $M \cap N = \{10, 20\}$. The union of this and L is all the numbers that are in this set or in set L, therefore $L \cup (M \cap N) = \{0, 10, 20, 40, 80, 100\}$. Choice A is incorrect. This is the union of all three sets given. Choice C is incorrect. This is $L \cap (M \cup N)$. Choice D is incorrect. This is the intersection of all three sets.
- **20. Choice D is correct.** When triangle PQR is rotated 180° clockwise about the origin (0, 0), point Q is translated from (2, -3) to (-2, 3) in the *xy*-plane. Then, after the triangle is reflected, or flipped, across the *y*-axis, point Q is translated from (-2, 3) to (2, 3). Choice A is incorrect because it represents the location of point Q' after only a reflection across the *y*-axis. Choice B is incorrect and may be the result of a misunderstanding of a rotation about the origin. Choice C is incorrect because it represents the location.