

Practice PSAT/SAT Questions

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1.) Kathy is a repair technician for a phone company. Each week, she receives a batch of phones that need repair. The number of phones that she has left to fix at the end of the day can be estimated with the equation $P = 108 - 23d$, where P is the number of phones left and d is the number of days she has worked that week. What is the meaning of the value of 108 in this equation?

- A) Kathy will complete the repairs within 108 days.
- ☒ B) Kathy starts each week with 108 phones to fix.
- C) Kathy repairs phones at a rate of 108 per hour.
- D) Kathy repairs phones at a rate of 108 per day.

2.) On Saturday afternoon, Armand sent m text messages each hour for 5 hours, and Tyrone sent p text messages each hour for 4 hours. Which of the following represents the total number of messages sent by Armand and Tyrone on Saturday afternoon?

- A) $9mp$
- B) $20mp$
- ☒ C) $5m + 4p$
- D) $4m + 5p$

m p sum

$$5m + 4p$$

3.) If $\frac{x-1}{3} = k$, and $k = 3$, what is the value of x ?

- A) 2
- B) 4
- C) 9
- ☒ D) 10

substitution

$$3 \cdot \frac{x-1}{3} = 3 \cdot 3 \quad \frac{x-1}{1} = 9 \quad |x = 10|$$

4.) If $\frac{a}{b} = 2$, what is the value of $\frac{4b}{a}$?

- A) 0
- B) 1
- ☒ C) 2
- D) 4

$$\frac{b}{a} = \frac{1}{2} \quad 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2$$

5.) $g(x) = ax^2 + 24$

For the function g defined above, a is a constant and $g(4) = 8$. What is the value of $g(-4)$?

- ☒ A) 8
- B) 0
- C) -1
- D) -8

$$8 = a(4)^2 + 24 \quad \text{yep to get } a$$

$$-16 = 16a$$

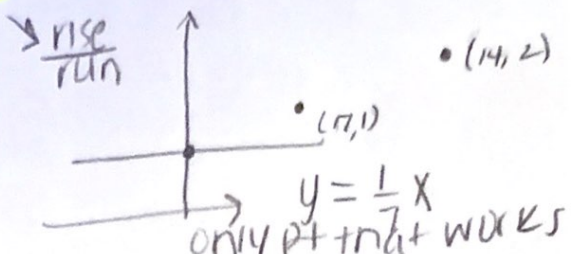
$$a = -1$$

$$g(-4) = -1(-4)^2 + 24$$

$$= -16 + 24 = 8$$

6.) A line in the xy -plane passes through the origin and has a slope of $\frac{1}{7}$. Which of the following points lies on the line?

- A) (0, 7)
- B) (1, 7)
- C) (7, 7)
- ☒ D) (14, 2)



7.) If $a = 5\sqrt{2}$ and $2a = \sqrt{2x}$, what is the value of x ?

$$2(5\sqrt{2}) = \sqrt{2x} \quad 10\sqrt{2} = \sqrt{2x}$$

$$(10\sqrt{2})^2 = (\sqrt{2x})^2 \quad 100 \cdot 2 = \frac{2x}{2}$$

$$200 = x \quad \boxed{x = 100}$$

8.) If $y = kx$, where k is a constant, and $y = 24$ when $x = 6$, what is the value of y when $x = 5$?

- A) 6
- B) 15
- ☒ C) 20
- D) 23

$$24 = k(6)$$

$$k = 4$$

$$y = 4(5) = 20$$

9.) If $16 + 4x$ is 10 more than 14, what is the value of $8x$?

- A) 2
- B) 6
- ☒ C) 16
- D) 80

$$16 + 4x = 24$$

$$4x = 8$$

$$x = 2$$

$$8(2) = 16$$

10.) For what value of n is $|n - 1| + 1$ equal to 0?

- A) 0
- B) 1
- C) 2
- ☒ D) There is no such value of n .

$$|n - 1| + 1 = 0$$

$$|n - 1| = -1$$

11.) Which of the following numbers is NOT a solution of the inequality $3x - 5 \geq 4x - 3$?

- ☒ A) -1
- B) -2
- C) -3
- D) -5

$$-5 \geq x - 3$$

$$-2 \geq x$$

$$x \leq -2$$

Not a solution?

12.) When 4 times the number x is added to 12, the result is 8.
What number results when 2 times x is added to 7?

A) -1

B) 5

C) 8

D) 9

$$4x + 12 = 8$$

$$4x = -4$$

$$x = -1$$

$$2x + 7$$

$$2(-1) + 7$$

$$-2 + 7 = 5$$

13.) If $x = \frac{2}{3}y$ and $y = 18$, what is the value of $2x - 3$?

A) 21

B) 15

C) 12

D) 10

$$x = \frac{2}{3}(18)$$

$$x = 12$$

$$2(12) - 3$$

$$24 - 3 = 21$$