

Question ID 5c1751d6

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x	10	15	20	25
$f(x)$	82	137	192	247

The table shows four values of x and their corresponding values of $f(x)$. There is a linear relationship between x and $f(x)$ that is defined by the equation $f(x) = mx - 28$, where m is a constant. What is the value of m ?

ID: 5c1751d6 Answer

Correct Answer: 11

Rationale

The correct answer is 11. It's given that fx is defined by the equation $f(x) = mx - 28$, where m is a constant. It's also given in the table that when $x = 10$, $fx = 82$. Substituting 10 for x and 82 for fx in the equation $fx = mx - 28$ yields, $82 = m10 - 28$. Adding 28 to both sides of this equation yields $110 = 10m$. Dividing both sides of this equation by 10 yields $11 = m$. Therefore, the value of m is 11.

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Question ID 4452450d

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$$f(x) = 45x + 600$$

The function f gives the monthly fee $f(x)$, in dollars, a facility charges to keep x crates in storage. What is the monthly fee, in dollars, the facility charges to keep **50** crates in storage?

ID: 4452450d Answer

Correct Answer: 2850

Rationale

The correct answer is 2,850. It's given that the function $f(x) = 45x + 600$ gives the monthly fee, in dollars, a facility charges to keep x crates in storage. Substituting 50 for x in this function yields $f(50) = 45(50) + 600$, or $f(50) = 2,850$. Therefore, the monthly fee, in dollars, the facility charges to keep 50 crates in storage is 2,850.

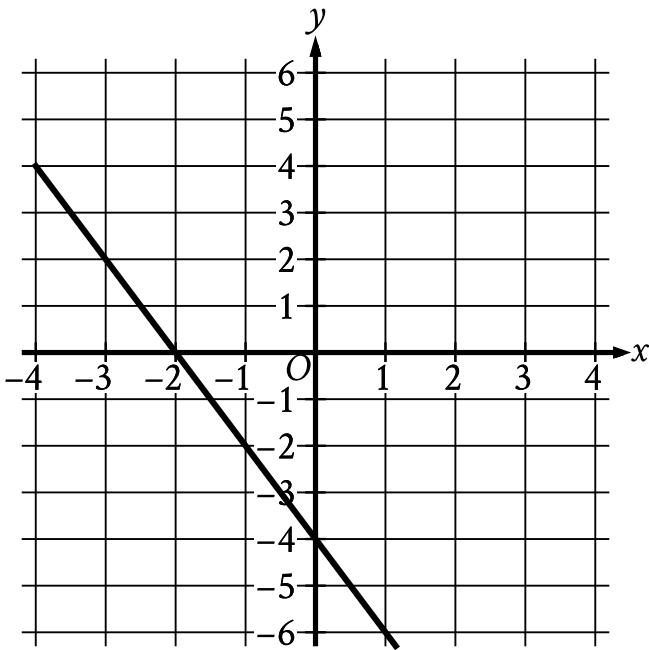
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Question ID e35e5a7e

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The graph of $y = f(x) - 11$ is shown.



Which equation defines the linear function f ?

- A. $f(x) = -13x - 11$
- B. $f(x) = -2x + 7$
- C. $f(x) = -13x + 7$
- D. $f(x) = -2x - 11$

ID: e35e5a7e Answer

Correct Answer: B

Rationale

Choice B is correct. The graph of a line in the xy -plane can be represented by the equation $y = mx + b$, where m is the slope of the line and b is the y -intercept. The slope of a line that passes through the points x_1, y_1 and x_2, y_2 can be calculated using the formula $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$. The line shown passes through the points $(-1, -2)$ and $(0, -4)$. Substituting $(-1, -2)$ and $(0, -4)$ for x_1, y_1 and x_2, y_2 , respectively, in the formula $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$ yields $m = \frac{-4 - (-2)}{0 - (-1)}$, which is equivalent to $m = \frac{-2}{1}$, or $m = -2$. Since the line shown passes through the point $(0, -4)$, it follows that $b = -4$. Substituting -2 for m and -4 for b in the equation $y = mx + b$ yields $y = -2x - 4$. It's given that the graph shown is the graph of $y = f(x) - 11$. Substituting $-2x - 4$ for y in the equation

$y = fx - 11$ yields $-2x - 4 = fx - 11$. Adding 11 to both sides of this equation yields $-2x + 7 = fx$. Therefore, the equation $fx = -2x + 7$ defines the linear function f .

Choice A is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice C is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice D is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

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If $f(x) = x + 7$ and $g(x) = 7x$, what is the value of $4f(2) - g(2)$?

- A. -5
- B. 1
- C. 22
- D. 28

ID: 8c6982c3 Answer

Correct Answer: C

Rationale

Choice C is correct. The value of $f(2)$ can be found by substituting 2 for x in the given equation $fx = x + 7$, which yields $f2 = 2 + 7$, or $f2 = 9$. The value of $g2$ can be found by substituting 2 for x in the given equation $gx = 7x$, which yields $g2 = 72$, or $g2 = 14$. The value of the expression $4f2 - g2$ can be found by substituting the corresponding values into the expression, which gives $4(9) - 14$. This expression is equivalent to $36 - 14$, or 22.

Choice A is incorrect. This is the value of $f2 - g2$, not $4f2 - g2$.

Choice B is incorrect and may result from calculating $4f2$ as $4(2) + 7$, rather than $4(2 + 7)$.

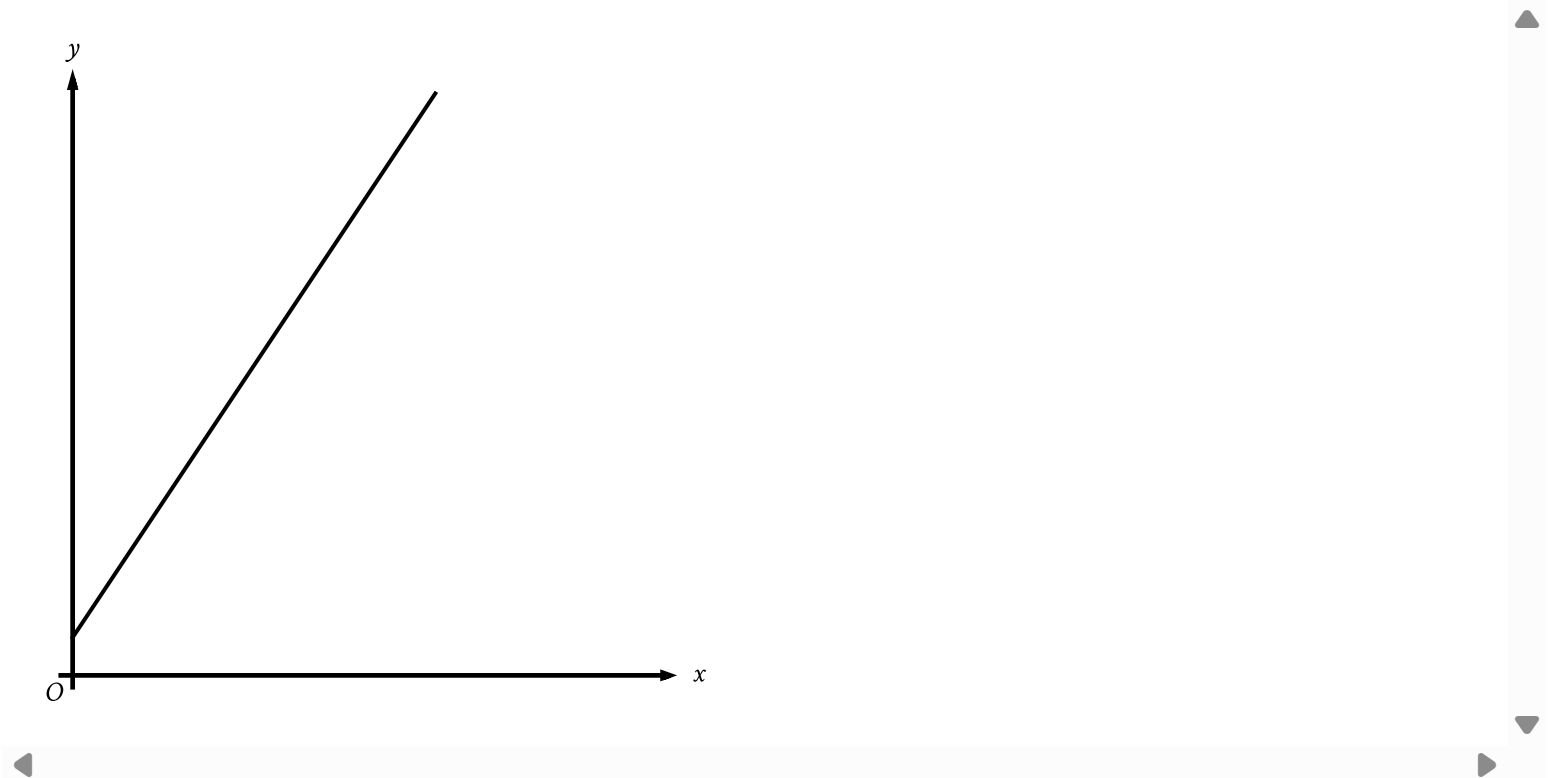
Choice D is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

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The graph represents the total charge, in dollars, by an electrician for x hours of work. The electrician charges a onetime fee plus an hourly rate. What is the best interpretation of the slope of the graph?

- A. The electrician’s hourly rate
- B. The electrician’s onetime fee
- C. The maximum amount that the electrician charges
- D. The total amount that the electrician charges

ID: c3c9b8bc Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is correct. It’s given that the electrician charges a onetime fee plus an hourly rate. It's also given that the graph represents the total charge, in dollars, for x hours of work. This graph shows a linear relationship in the xy -plane. Thus, the total charge y , in dollars, for x hours of work can be represented as $y = mx + b$, where m is the slope and $0, b$ is the y -intercept of the graph of the equation in the xy -plane. Since the given graph represents the total charge, in dollars, by an electrician for x hours of work, it follows that its slope is m , or the electrician’s hourly rate.

Choice B is incorrect. The electrician's onetime fee is represented by the y -coordinate of the y -intercept, not the slope, of the graph.

Choice C is incorrect and may result from conceptual errors.

Choice D is incorrect and may result from conceptual errors.

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In the linear function f , $f(0) = 8$ and $f(1) = 12$. Which equation defines f ?

- A. $f(x) = 12x + 8$
- B. $f(x) = 4x$
- C. $f(x) = 4x + 12$
- D. $f(x) = 4x + 8$

ID: e34403e6 Answer

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is correct. Since f is a linear function, it can be defined by an equation of the form $fx = ax + b$, where a and b are constants. It's given that $f0 = 8$. Substituting 0 for x and 8 for fx in the equation $fx = ax + b$ yields $8 = a0 + b$, or $8 = b$. Substituting 8 for b in the equation $fx = ax + b$ yields $fx = ax + 8$. It's given that $f1 = 12$. Substituting 1 for x and 12 for fx in the equation $fx = ax + 8$ yields $12 = a1 + 8$, or $12 = a + 8$. Subtracting 8 from both sides of this equation yields $a = 4$. Substituting 4 for a in the equation $fx = ax + 8$ yields $fx = 4x + 8$. Therefore, an equation that defines f is $fx = 4x + 8$.

Choice A is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice B is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice C is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

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Question ID 1cdd69a4

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The function f is defined by $f(x) = -9x + 9$. What is the y -coordinate of the y -intercept of the graph of $y = f(x)$ in the xy -plane?

ID: 1cdd69a4 Answer

Correct Answer: 9

Rationale

The correct answer is 9. The y -intercept of the graph of $y = f(x)$ in the xy -plane is the point where the graph of $y = f(x)$ crosses the y -axis, which occurs at $x = 0$. It's given that the function f is defined by $f(x) = -9x + 9$. Substituting 0 for x and y for $f(x)$ in this equation yields $y = -9(0) + 9$, or $y = 9$. It follows that $y = 9$ when $x = 0$ and that the y -intercept of the graph of $y = f(x)$ in the xy -plane is $(0, 9)$. Therefore, the y -coordinate of the y -intercept of the graph of $y = f(x)$ in the xy -plane is 9.

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Question ID 5363dc9a

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Brian saves $\frac{2}{5}$ of the **\$215** he earns each week from his job. If Brian continues to save at this rate, how much money, in dollars, will Brian save in **9** weeks?

ID: 5363dc9a Answer

Correct Answer: 774

Rationale

The correct answer is 774. It's given that Brian saves $\frac{2}{5}$ of the \$ 215 he earns each week from his job. Therefore, Brian saves $\frac{2}{5}$ \$ 215, or \$ 86, per week. If Brian continues to save at this rate of \$ 86 per week for 9 weeks, then he will save a total of 986, or 774, dollars.

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Question ID 51459b74

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ID: 51459b74

Number of cars	Maximum number of passengers and crew
3	174
5	284
10	559

The table shows the linear relationship between the number of cars, c , on a commuter train and the maximum number of passengers and crew, p , that the train can carry. Which equation represents the linear relationship between c and p ?

- A. $55c - p = -9$
- B. $55c - p = 9$
- C. $55p - c = -9$
- D. $55p - c = 9$

ID: 51459b74 Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is correct. It's given that there is a linear relationship between the number of cars, c , on a commuter train and the maximum number of passengers and crew, p , that the train can carry. It follows that this relationship can be represented by an equation of the form $p = mc + b$, where m is the rate of change of p in this relationship and b is a constant. The rate of change of p in this relationship can be calculated by dividing the difference in any two values of p by the difference in the corresponding values of c . Using two pairs of values given in the table, the rate of change of p in this relationship is $\frac{284 - 174}{5 - 3}$, or 55. Substituting 55 for m in the equation $p = mc + b$ yields $p = 55c + b$. The value of b can be found by substituting any value of c and its corresponding value of p for c and p , respectively, in this equation. Substituting 10 for c and 559 for p yields $559 = 55(10) + b$, or $559 = 550 + b$. Subtracting 550 from both sides of this equation yields $9 = b$. Substituting 9 for b in the equation $p = 55c + b$ yields $p = 55c + 9$. Subtracting 9 from both sides of this equation yields $p - 9 = 55c$. Subtracting p from both sides of this equation yields $-9 = 55c - p$, or $55c - p = -9$.

Choice B is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice C is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice D is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

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Scientists collected fallen acorns that each housed a colony of the ant species *P. ohioensis* and analyzed each colony's structure. For any of these colonies, if the colony has x worker ants, the equation $y = 0.67x + 2.6$, where $20 \leq x \leq 110$, gives the predicted number of larvae, y , in the colony. If one of these colonies has 58 worker ants, which of the following is closest to the predicted number of larvae in the colony?

- A. 41
- B. 61
- C. 83
- D. 190

ID: dfb6b432 Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is correct. It's given that the equation $y = 0.67x + 2.6$, where $20 \leq x \leq 110$, gives the predicted number of larvae, y , in a colony of ants if the colony has x worker ants. If one of these colonies has 58 worker ants, the predicted number of larvae in that colony can be found by substituting 58 for x in the given equation. Substituting 58 for x in the given equation yields $y = 0.67(58) + 2.6$, or $y = 41.46$. Of the given choices, 41 is closest to the predicted number of larvae in the colony.

Choice B is incorrect. This is closest to the predicted number of larvae in a colony with 87 worker ants.

Choice C is incorrect. This is closest to the number of worker ants for which the predicted number of larvae in a colony is 58.

Choice D is incorrect. This is closest to the predicted number of larvae in a colony with 280 worker ants.

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Question ID 8e53811f

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$$w(t) = 300 - 4t$$

The function w models the volume of liquid, in milliliters, in a container t seconds after it begins draining from a hole at the bottom. According to the model, what is the predicted volume, in milliliters, draining from the container each second?

- A. 300
- B. 296
- C. 75
- D. 4

ID: 8e53811f Answer

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is correct. It’s given that the function w models the volume of liquid, in milliliters, in a container t seconds after it begins draining from a hole at the bottom. The given function $w(t) = 300 - 4t$ can be rewritten as $w(t) = -4t + 300$. Thus, for each increase of t by 1, the value of $w(t)$ decreases by 4 (1), or 4. Therefore, the predicted volume, in milliliters, draining from the container each second is 4 milliliters.

Choice A is incorrect. This is the amount of liquid, in milliliters, in the container before the liquid begins draining.

Choice B is incorrect and may result from conceptual errors.

Choice C is incorrect and may result from conceptual errors.

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Question ID 9b6c20fe

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ID: 9b6c20fe

The function f is defined by $f(x) = 7x - 84$. What is the x-intercept of the graph of $y = f(x)$ in the xy-plane?

- A. $(-12, 0)$
- B. $(-7, 0)$
- C. $(7, 0)$
- D. $(12, 0)$

ID: 9b6c20fe Answer

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is correct. The given function f is a linear function. Therefore, the graph of $y = fx$ in the xy-plane has one x-intercept at the point $k, 0$, where k is a constant. Substituting 0 for fx and k for x in the given function yields $0 = 7k - 84$. Adding 84 to both sides of this equation yields $84 = 7k$. Dividing both sides of this equation by 7 yields $12 = k$. Therefore, the x-intercept of the graph of $y = fx$ in the xy-plane is $12, 0$.

Choice A is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice B is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice C is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

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Question ID c319a5eb

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In the xy -plane, the graph of the linear function f contains the points $(0, 2)$ and $(8, 34)$. Which equation defines f , where $y = f(x)$?

- A. $f(x) = 2x + 42$
- B. $f(x) = 32x + 36$
- C. $f(x) = 4x + 2$
- D. $f(x) = 8x + 2$

ID: c319a5eb Answer

Correct Answer: C

Rationale

Choice C is correct. In the xy -plane, the graph of a linear function can be written in the form $fx = mx + b$, where m represents the slope and $0, b$ represents the y -intercept of the graph of $y = fx$. It's given that the graph of the linear function f , where $y = fx$, in the xy -plane contains the point $0, 2$. Thus, $b = 2$. The slope of the graph of a line containing any two points x_1, y_1 and x_2, y_2 can be found using the slope formula, $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$. Since it's given that the graph of the linear function f contains the points $0, 2$ and $8, 34$, it follows that the slope of the graph of the line containing these points is $m = \frac{34 - 2}{8 - 0}$, or $m = 4$. Substituting 4 for m and 2 for b in $fx = mx + b$ yields $fx = 4x + 2$.

Choice A is incorrect. This function represents a graph with a slope of 2 and a y -intercept of $0, 42$.

Choice B is incorrect. This function represents a graph with a slope of 32 and a y -intercept of $0, 36$.

Choice D is incorrect. This function represents a graph with a slope of 8 and a y -intercept of $0, 2$.

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Question ID 387e1ecb

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For the linear function h , the graph of $y = h(x)$ in the xy -plane passes through the points $(7, 21)$ and $(9, 25)$. Which equation defines h ?

- A. $h(x) = \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{7}{2}$
- B. $h(x) = 2x + 7$
- C. $h(x) = 7x + 21$
- D. $h(x) = 9x + 25$

ID: 387e1ecb Answer

Correct Answer: B

Rationale

Choice B is correct. It's given that the graph of the linear function h , where $y = hx$, passes through the points $7, 21$ and $9, 25$ in the xy -plane. An equation defining h can be written in the form $y = mx + b$, where $y = hx$, m represents the slope of the graph in the xy -plane, and b represents the y -coordinate of the y -intercept of the graph. The slope can be found using any two points, x_1, y_1 and x_2, y_2 , and the formula $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$. Substituting $7, 21$ and $9, 25$ for x_1, y_1 and x_2, y_2 , respectively, in the slope formula yields $m = \frac{25 - 21}{9 - 7}$, which is equivalent to $m = \frac{4}{2}$, or $m = 2$. Substituting 2 for m and $7, 21$ for x, y in the equation $y = mx + b$ yields $21 = 27 + b$, or $21 = 14 + b$. Subtracting 14 from each side of this equation yields $7 = b$. Substituting 2 for m and 7 for b in the equation $y = mx + b$ yields $y = 2x + 7$. Since $y = hx$, it follows that the equation that defines h is $hx = 2x + 7$.

Choice A is incorrect. For this function, the graph of $y = hx$ in the xy -plane would pass through $7, 0$, not $7, 21$, and $9, 1$, not $9, 25$.

Choice C is incorrect. For this function, the graph of $y = hx$ in the xy -plane would pass through $7, 70$, not $7, 21$, and $9, 84$, not $9, 25$.

Choice D is incorrect. For this function, the graph of $y = hx$ in the xy -plane would pass through $7, 88$, not $7, 21$, and $9, 106$, not $9, 25$.

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$$h(x) = x + b$$

For the linear function h , b is a constant and $h(0) = 45$. What is the value of b ?

ID: 4abc1fa3 Answer

Correct Answer: 45

Rationale

The correct answer is 45. It's given that $h(0) = 45$. Therefore, for the given function h , when $x = 0$, $h(x) = 45$. Substituting 0 for x and 45 for $h(x)$ in the given function, $h(x) = x + b$, yields $45 = 0 + b$, or $45 = b$. Therefore, the value of b is 45.

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Question ID ab87d548

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ID: ab87d548

The function f is defined by $f(x) = 4x + k(x - 1)$, where k is a constant, and $f(5) = 32$. What is the value of $f(10)$?

ID: ab87d548 Answer

Correct Answer: 67

Rationale

The correct answer is 67. It's given that $f5 = 32$. Therefore, for the given function f , when $x = 5$, $fx = 32$. Substituting 5 for x and 32 for fx in the given function $fx = 4x + kx - 1$ yields $32 = 45 + k5 - 1$, or $32 = 20 + 4k$. Subtracting 20 from each side of this equation yields $12 = 4k$. Dividing each side of this equation by 4 yields $k = 3$. Substituting 3 for k in the given function $fx = 4x + kx - 1$ yields $fx = 4x + 3x - 1$, which is equivalent to $fx = 4x + 3x - 3$, or $fx = 7x - 3$. Substituting 10 for x into this equation yields $f10 = 710 - 3$, or $f10 = 67$. Therefore, the value of $f10$ is 67.

Question Difficulty: Medium

Question ID 200192c0

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ID: 200192c0

For the linear function g , the graph of $y = g(x)$ in the xy -plane has a slope of 2 and passes through the point $(1, 14)$. Which equation defines g ?

- A. $g(x) = 2x$
- B. $g(x) = 2x + 2$
- C. $g(x) = 2x + 12$
- D. $g(x) = 2x + 14$

ID: 200192c0 Answer

Correct Answer: C

Rationale

Choice C is correct. An equation defining a linear function can be written in the form $gx = mx + b$, where m is the slope and $0, b$ is the y -intercept of the graph of $y = gx$ in the xy -plane. It's given that the graph of $y = gx$ has a slope of 2 . Therefore, $m = 2$. It's also given that the graph of $y = gx$ passes through the point $1, 14$. It follows that when $x = 1, gx = 14$. Substituting 1 for $x, 14$ for gx , and 2 for m in the equation $gx = mx + b$ yields $14 = 2(1) + b$, or $14 = 2 + b$. Subtracting 2 from each side of this equation yields $12 = b$. Therefore, $b = 12$. Substituting 2 for m and 12 for b in the equation $gx = mx + b$ yields $gx = 2x + 12$. Therefore, the equation that defines g is $gx = 2x + 12$.

Choice A is incorrect. For this function, the graph of $y = gx$ in the xy -plane passes through the point $1, 2$, not $1, 14$.

Choice B is incorrect. For this function, the graph of $y = gx$ in the xy -plane passes through the point $1, 4$, not $1, 14$.

Choice D is incorrect. For this function, the graph of $y = gx$ in the xy -plane passes through the point $1, 16$, not $1, 14$.

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Question ID c8de424b

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ID: c8de424b

A model predicts that a certain animal weighed **241** pounds when it was born and that the animal gained **3** pounds per day in its first year of life. This model is defined by an equation in the form $f(x) = a + bx$, where $f(x)$ is the predicted weight, in pounds, of the animal x days after it was born, and a and b are constants. What is the value of a ?

ID: c8de424b Answer

Correct Answer: 241

Rationale

The correct answer is 241. For a certain animal, it's given that a model predicts the animal weighed 241 pounds when it was born and gained 3 pounds per day in its first year of life. It's also given that this model is defined by an equation in the form $fx = a + bx$, where fx is the predicted weight, in pounds, of the animal x days after it was born, and a and b are constants. It follows that a represents the predicted weight, in pounds, of the animal when it was born and b represents the predicted rate of weight gain, in pounds per day, in its first year of life. Thus, the value of a is 241.

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Question ID da1ebb54

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ID: da1ebb54

The function f is defined by $f(x) = \frac{x+15}{5}$, and $f(a) = 10$, where a is a constant. What is the value of a ?

- A. 5
- B. 10
- C. 35
- D. 65

ID: da1ebb54 Answer

Correct Answer: C

Rationale

Choice C is correct. It's given that $fx = \frac{x+15}{5}$ and $fa = 10$, where a is a constant. Therefore, for the given function f , when $x = a$, $fx = 10$. Substituting a for x and 10 for fx in the given function f yields $10 = \frac{a+15}{5}$. Multiplying both sides of this equation by 5 yields $50 = a + 15$. Subtracting 15 from both sides of this equation yields $35 = a$. Therefore, the value of a is 35.

Choice A is incorrect. This is the value of a if $fa = 4$.

Choice B is incorrect. This is the value of a if $fa = 5$.

Choice D is incorrect. This is the value of a if $fa = 16$.

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Question ID 04857055

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ID: 04857055

A linear model estimates the population of a city from **1991** to **2015**. The model estimates the population was **57** thousand in **1991**, **224** thousand in **2011**, and x thousand in **2015**. To the nearest whole number, what is the value of x ?

ID: 04857055 Answer

Correct Answer: 257

Rationale

The correct answer is 257. It's given that a linear model estimates the population of a city from 1991 to 2015. Since the population can be estimated using a linear model, it follows that there is a constant rate of change for the model. It's also given that the model estimates the population was 57 thousand in 1991, 224 thousand in 2011, and x thousand in 2015. The change in the population between 2011 and 1991 is $224 - 57$, or 167, thousand. The change in the number of years between 2011 and 1991 is $2011 - 1991$, or 20, years. Dividing 167 by 20 gives $167 / 20$, or 8.35, thousand per year. Thus, the change in population per year from 1991 to 2015 estimated by the model is 8.35 thousand. The change in the number of years between 2015 and 2011 is $2015 - 2011$, or 4, years. Multiplying the change in population per year by the change in number of years yields the increase in population from 2011 to 2015 estimated by the model: 8.35×4 , or 33.4, thousand. Adding the change in population from 2011 to 2015 estimated by the model to the estimated population in 2011 yields the estimated population in 2015. Thus, the estimated population in 2015 is $33.4 + 224$, or 257.4, thousand. Therefore to the nearest whole number, the value of x is 257.

Question Difficulty: Medium

Question ID 9760e424

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ID: 9760e424

The relationship between two variables, x and y , is linear. For every increase in the value of x by 1, the value of y increases by 8. When the value of x is 2, the value of y is 18. Which equation represents this relationship?

- A. $y = 2x + 18$
- B. $y = 2x + 8$
- C. $y = 8x + 2$
- D. $y = 3x + 26$

ID: 9760e424 Answer

Correct Answer: C

Rationale

Choice C is correct. It's given that the relationship between x and y is linear. An equation representing a linear relationship can be written in the form $y = mx + b$, where m is the slope and b is the y -coordinate of the y -intercept of the graph of the relationship in the xy -plane. It's given that for every increase in the value of x by 1, the value of y increases by 8. The slope of a line can be expressed as the change in y over the change in x . Thus, the slope, m , of the line representing this relationship can be expressed as $\frac{8}{1}$, or 8. Substituting 8 for m in the equation $y = mx + b$ yields $y = 8x + b$. It's also given that when the value of x is 2, the value of y is 18. Substituting 2 for x and 18 for y in the equation $y = 8x + b$ yields $18 = 8(2) + b$, or $18 = 16 + b$. Subtracting 16 from each side of this equation yields $2 = b$. Substituting 2 for b in the equation $y = 8x + b$ yields $y = 8x + 2$. Therefore, the equation $y = 8x + 2$ represents this relationship.

Choice A is incorrect. This equation represents a relationship where for every increase in the value of x by 1, the value of y increases by 2, not 8, and when the value of x is 2, the value of y is 22, not 18.

Choice B is incorrect. This equation represents a relationship where for every increase in the value of x by 1, the value of y increases by 2, not 8, and when the value of x is 2, the value of y is 12, not 18.

Choice D is incorrect. This equation represents a relationship where for every increase in the value of x by 1, the value of y increases by 3, not 8, and when the value of x is 2, the value of y is 32, not 18.

Question Difficulty: Medium

Question ID 190aec4

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Math	Algebra	Linear functions	Medium

ID: 190aec4

$f(x) = 39$

For the given linear function f , which table gives three values of x and their corresponding values of $f(x)$?

A.

x	$f(x)$
0	0
1	0
2	0

B.

x	$f(x)$
0	39
1	39
2	39

C.

x	$f(x)$
0	0
1	39
2	78

D.

x	$f(x)$
0	39
1	0
2	−39

ID: 190aec4 Answer

Correct Answer: B

Rationale

Choice B is correct. For the given linear function f , fx must equal 39 for all values of x . Of the given choices, only choice B gives three values of x and their corresponding values of fx for the given linear function f .

Choice A is incorrect and may result from conceptual errors.

Choice C is incorrect and may result from conceptual errors.

Choice D is incorrect and may result from conceptual errors.

Question Difficulty: Medium

Question ID f4b59648

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Math	Algebra	Linear functions	Medium

ID: f4b59648

The function h is defined by $h(x) = 4x + 28$. The graph of $y = h(x)$ in the xy -plane has an x -intercept at $(a, 0)$ and a y -intercept at $(0, b)$, where a and b are constants. What is the value of $a + b$?

- A. 21
- B. 28
- C. 32
- D. 35

ID: f4b59648 Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is correct. The x -intercept of a graph in the xy -plane is the point on the graph where $y = 0$. It's given that function h is defined by $hx = 4x + 28$. Therefore, the equation representing the graph of $y = hx$ is $y = 4x + 28$. Substituting 0 for y in the equation $y = 4x + 28$ yields $0 = 4x + 28$. Subtracting 28 from both sides of this equation yields $-28 = 4x$. Dividing both sides of this equation by 4 yields $-7 = x$. Therefore, the x -intercept of the graph of $y = hx$ in the xy -plane is $-7, 0$. It's given that the x -intercept of the graph of $y = hx$ is $a, 0$. Therefore, $a = -7$. The y -intercept of a graph in the xy -plane is the point on the graph where $x = 0$. Substituting 0 for x in the equation $y = 4x + 28$ yields $y = 4(0) + 28$, or $y = 28$. Therefore, the y -intercept of the graph of $y = hx$ in the xy -plane is $0, 28$. It's given that the y -intercept of the graph of $y = hx$ is $0, b$. Therefore, $b = 28$. If $a = -7$ and $b = 28$, then the value of $a + b$ is $-7 + 28$, or 21.

Choice B is incorrect. This is the value of b , not $a + b$.

Choice C is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice D is incorrect. This is the value of $-a + b$, not $a + b$.

Question Difficulty: Medium

Question ID 8d9266b6

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Math	Algebra	Linear functions	Medium

ID: 8d9266b6

Distance (kilometers)	Average time (minutes)
0.32	8
0.56	14
0.68	17

The table gives the average time t , in minutes, it takes Carly to travel a certain distance d , in kilometers. Which equation could represent this linear relationship?

- A. $t = 4d$
- B. $t = \frac{1}{25}d$
- C. $t = 25d$
- D. $t = \frac{1}{4}d$

ID: 8d9266b6 Answer

Correct Answer: C

Rationale

Choice C is correct. The average time t , in minutes, it takes Carly to travel a certain distance d , in kilometers, is given in the table. This linear relationship can be represented by an equation in the form $t = ad + b$, where a and b are constants. The table shows that it takes Carly an average time of 8 minutes to travel 0.32 kilometers. Substituting 8 for t and 0.32 for d in the equation $t = ad + b$ yields $8 = 0.32a + b$. Subtracting $0.32a$ from both sides of this equation yields $8 - 0.32a = b$. The table also shows that it takes Carly an average time of 14 minutes to travel 0.56 kilometers. Substituting 14 for t and 0.56 for d in the equation $t = ad + b$ yields $14 = 0.56a + b$. Subtracting $0.56a$ from both sides of this equation yields $14 - 0.56a = b$. Substituting $8 - 0.32a$ for b in this equation yields $14 - 0.56a = 8 - 0.32a$. Subtracting 8 from both sides of this equation yields $6 - 0.56a = -0.32a$. Adding $0.56a$ to both sides of this equation yields $6 = 0.24a$. Dividing both sides of this equation by 0.24 yields $25 = a$. Substituting 25 for a in the equation $8 = 0.32a + b$ yields $8 = 0.32(25) + b$, or $8 = 8 + b$. Subtracting 8 from both sides of this equation yields $0 = b$. Substituting 25 for a and 0 for b in the equation $t = ad + b$ yields $t = 25d + 0$, or $t = 25d$.

Choice A is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice B is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice D is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Question Difficulty: Medium

Question ID 59f935b5

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Math	Algebra	Linear functions	Medium

ID: 59f935b5

The function f is defined by $f(x) = \frac{9}{7}x + \frac{8}{7}$. For what value of x does $f(x) = 5$?

ID: 59f935b5 Answer

Correct Answer: 3

Rationale

The correct answer is 3. Substituting 5 for fx in the given function yields $5 = \frac{9}{7}x + \frac{8}{7}$. Multiplying each side of this equation by 7 yields $75 = 7\frac{9}{7}x + \frac{8}{7}$, or $35 = 9x + 8$. Subtracting 8 from each side of this equation yields $27 = 9x$. Dividing each side of this equation by 9 yields $3 = x$. Therefore, $fx = 5$ when the value of x is 3.

Question Difficulty: Medium

Question ID 76846354

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Math	Algebra	Linear functions	Medium

ID: 76846354

$$g(m) = -0.05m + 12.1$$

The given function g models the number of gallons of gasoline that remains from a full gas tank in a car after driving m miles. According to the model, about how many gallons of gasoline are used to drive each mile?

- A. 0.05
- B. 12.1
- C. 20
- D. 242.0

ID: 76846354 Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is correct. It's given that the function g models the number of gallons that remain from a full gas tank in a car after driving m miles. In the given function $gm = - 0.05m + 12.1$, the coefficient of m is -0.05. This means that for every increase in the value of m by 1, the value of gm decreases by 0.05. It follows that for each mile driven, there is a decrease of 0.05 gallons of gasoline. Therefore, 0.05 gallons of gasoline are used to drive each mile.

Choice B is incorrect and represents the number of gallons of gasoline in a full gas tank.

Choice C is incorrect and may result from conceptual errors.

Choice D is incorrect and may result from conceptual errors.

Question Difficulty: Medium

Question ID 91fa7328

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Math	Algebra	Linear functions	Medium

ID: 91fa7328

A linear function f gives a company's profit, in dollars, for selling x items. The company's profit is \$220 when it sells 8 items, and its profit is \$320 when it sells 10 items. Which equation defines f ?

- A. $f(x) = 150x - 320$
- B. $f(x) = 32x$
- C. $f(x) = 50x - 10x$
- D. $f(x) = 50x - 180$

ID: 91fa7328 Answer

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is correct. It's given that the relationship between x and fx is linear. A linear function can be written in the form $fx = mx + b$, where m is the slope and b is the y -coordinate of the y -intercept of the graph of $y = fx$ in the xy -plane. Given two points on a line, x_1, y_1 and x_2, y_2 , the slope of the line can be found using the slope formula $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$. It's given that the company's profit is \$ 220 when it sells 8 items and the profit is \$ 320 when it sells 10 items. Since fx represents the company's profit, in dollars, for selling x items, the graph of $y = fx$ in the xy -plane passes through the points 8, 220 and 10, 320. Substituting 8, 220 and 10, 320 for x_1, y_1 and x_2, y_2 , respectively, in the slope formula yields $m = \frac{320 - 220}{10 - 8}$, which gives $m = \frac{100}{2}$, or $m = 50$. Substituting 50 for m , 8 for x , and 220 for fx in $fx = mx + b$ yields $220 = 50(8) + b$, or $220 = 400 + b$. Subtracting 400 from each side of this equation yields $-180 = b$. Substituting 50 for m and -180 for b in $fx = mx + b$ yields $fx = 50x - 180$. Therefore, the equation that defines f is $fx = 50x - 180$.

Choice A is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice B is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice C is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Question Difficulty: Medium

Question ID 0334ee02

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Math	Algebra	Linear functions	Medium

ID: 0334ee02

The table gives the number of hours, h , of labor and a plumber’s total charge $f(h)$, in dollars, for two different jobs.

h	$f(h)$
1	155
3	285

There is a linear relationship between h and $f(h)$. Which equation represents this relationship?

- A. $f(h) = 25h + 130$
- B. $f(h) = 130h + 25$
- C. $f(h) = 65h + 90$
- D. $f(h) = 90h + 65$

ID: 0334ee02 Answer

Correct Answer: C

Rationale

Choice C is correct. It's given that there is a linear relationship between a plumber's hours of labor, h , and the plumber's total charge fh , in dollars. It follows that the relationship can be represented by an equation of the form $fh = mh + b$, where m is the rate of change of the function f and b is a constant. The rate of change of f can be calculated by dividing the difference in two values of fh by the difference in the corresponding values of h . Based on the values given in the table, the rate of change of f is $\frac{285 - 155}{3 - 1}$, or 65. Substituting 65 for m in the equation $fh = mh + b$ yields $fh = 65h + b$. The value of b can be found by substituting any value of h and its corresponding value of fh for h and fh , respectively, in this equation. Substituting 1 for h and 155 for fh yields $155 = 65(1) + b$, or $155 = 65 + b$. Subtracting 65 from both sides of this equation yields $90 = b$. Substituting 90 for b in the equation $fh = 65h + b$ yields $f(h) = 65h + 90$.

Choice A is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice B is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

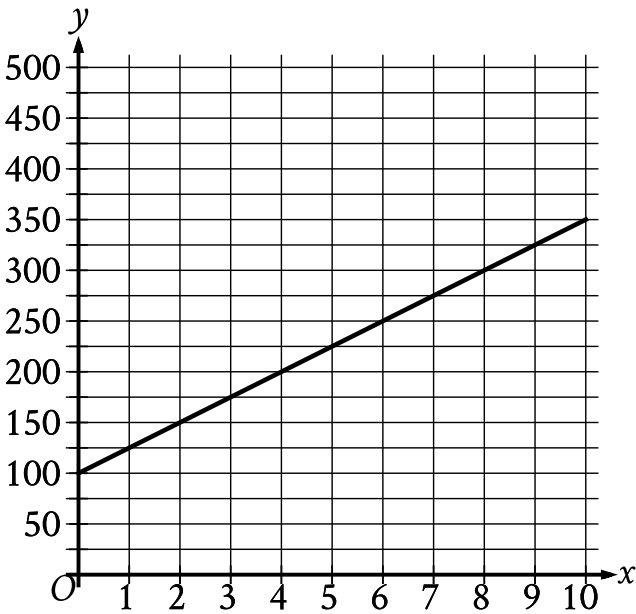
Choice D is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Question Difficulty: Medium

Question ID c05a6f72

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Math	Algebra	Linear functions	Medium

ID: c05a6f72



The graph of the function f , where $y = f(x)$, gives the total cost y , in dollars, for a certain video game system and x games. What is the best interpretation of the slope of the graph in this context?

- A. Each game costs \$25.
- B. The video game system costs \$100.
- C. The video game system costs \$25.
- D. Each game costs \$100.

ID: c05a6f72 Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is correct. The given graph is a line, and the slope of a line is defined as the change in the value of y for each increase in the value of x by 1. It's given that y represents the total cost, in dollars, and that x represents the number of games. Therefore, the change in the value of y for each increase in the value of x by 1 represents the change in total cost, in dollars, for each increase in the number of games by 1. In other words, the slope represents the cost, in dollars, per game. The graph shows that when the value of x increases from 0 to 1, the value of y increases from 100 to 125. It follows that the slope is 25, or the cost per game is \$ 25. Thus, the best interpretation of the slope of the graph is that each game costs \$ 25.

Choice B is incorrect. This is an interpretation of the y -intercept of the graph rather than the slope of the graph.

Choice C is incorrect. The slope of the graph is the cost per game, not the cost of the video game system.

Choice D is incorrect. Each game costs \$ 25, not \$ 100.

Question Difficulty: Medium

Question ID b3597518

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Math	Algebra	Linear functions	Medium

ID: b3597518

The function $f(x) = 55.20 - 0.16x$ gives the estimated surface water temperature $f(x)$, in degrees Celsius, of a body of water on the x th day of the year, where $220 \leq x \leq 360$. Based on the model, what is the estimated surface water temperature, in degrees Celsius, of this body of water on the **326th** day of the year?

- A. 55.20
- B. 3.04
- C. -0.16
- D. -52.16

ID: b3597518 Answer

Correct Answer: B

Rationale

Choice B is correct. It’s given that the function $f(x) = 55.20 - 0.16x$ gives the estimated surface water temperature, in degrees Celsius, of a body of water on the x th day of the year. Substituting 326 for x in the given function yields $f(326) = 55.20 - 0.16(326)$, which is equivalent to $f(326) = 55.20 - 52.16$, or $f(326) = 3.04$. Therefore, the estimated surface water temperature, in degrees Celsius, of this body of water on the 326th day of the year is 3.04.

Choice A is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice C is incorrect. This is the rate of change, in degrees Celsius per day, of the estimated surface water temperature.

Choice D is incorrect. This is the change, in degrees Celsius, in the estimated surface water temperature over 326 days.

Question Difficulty: Medium

Question ID 96e950f2

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Math	Algebra	Linear functions	Medium

ID: 96e950f2

In the xy -plane, line k has a slope of 5 and a y -intercept of $(0, -35)$. What is the x -coordinate of the x -intercept of line k ?

ID: 96e950f2 Answer

Correct Answer: 7

Rationale

The correct answer is 7. An equation of a line in the xy -plane can be written in the form $y = mx + b$, where m is the slope of the line and $(0, b)$ is the y -intercept of the line. It's given that line k has a slope of 5 and a y -intercept of $(0, -35)$. Therefore, $m = 5$ and $b = -35$. Substituting 5 for m and -35 for b in the equation $y = mx + b$ yields $y = 5x - 35$. The x -intercept of a line in the xy -plane is the point where the line intersects the x -axis, which is a point with a y -coordinate of 0 . Substituting 0 for y in the equation $y = 5x - 35$ yields $0 = 5x - 35$. Adding 35 to both sides of this equation yields $35 = 5x$. Dividing both sides of this equation by 5 yields $7 = x$. Therefore, the x -coordinate of the x -intercept of line k is 7 .

Question Difficulty: Medium

Question ID ad15efee

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Math	Algebra	Linear functions	Medium

ID: ad15efee

$$f(x) = 2x + 244$$

The given function f represents the perimeter, in **centimeters (cm)**, of a rectangle with a length of x **cm** and a fixed width. What is the width, in **cm**, of the rectangle?

- A. 2
- B. 122
- C. 244
- D. 488

ID: ad15efee Answer

Correct Answer: B

Rationale

Choice B is correct. It's given that $f(x) = 2x + 244$ represents the perimeter, in centimeters (cm), of a rectangle with a length of x cm and a fixed width. If w represents a fixed width, in cm, then the perimeter, in cm, of a rectangle with a length of x cm and a fixed width of w cm can be given by the function $f(x) = 2x + 2w$. Therefore, $2x + 2w = 2x + 244$. Subtracting $2x$ from both sides of this equation yields $2w = 244$. Dividing both sides of this equation by 2 yields $w = 122$. Therefore, the width, in cm, of the rectangle is 122.

Choice A is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice C is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice D is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Question Difficulty: Medium

Question ID efdc64ee

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Math	Algebra	Linear functions	Medium

ID: efdc64ee

Caleb used juice to make popsicles. The function $f(x) = -5x + 30$ approximates the volume, in fluid ounces, of juice Caleb had remaining after making x popsicles. Which statement is the best interpretation of the y -intercept of the graph of $y = f(x)$ in the xy -plane in this context?

- A. Caleb used approximately 5 fluid ounces of juice for each popsicle.
- B. Caleb had approximately 5 fluid ounces of juice when he began to make the popsicles.
- C. Caleb had approximately 30 fluid ounces of juice when he began to make the popsicles.
- D. Caleb used approximately 30 fluid ounces of juice for each popsicle.

ID: efdc64ee Answer

Correct Answer: C

Rationale

Choice C is correct. An equation that defines a linear function f can be written in the form $fx = mx + b$, where m represents the slope and b represents the y -intercept, 0, b , of the line of $y = fx$ in the xy -plane. The function $fx = -5x + 30$ is linear. Therefore, the graph of the given function $y = fx$ in the xy -plane has a y -intercept of 0, 30. It's given that fx gives the approximate volume, in fluid ounces, of juice Caleb had remaining after making x popsicles. It follows that the y -intercept of 0, 30 means that Caleb had approximately 30 fluid ounces of juice remaining after making 0 popsicles. In other words, Caleb had approximately 30 fluid ounces of juice when he began to make the popsicles.

Choice A is incorrect. This is an interpretation of the slope, rather than the y -intercept, of the graph of $y = fx$ in the xy -plane.

Choice B is incorrect and may result from conceptual errors.

Choice D is incorrect and may result from conceptual errors.

Question Difficulty: Medium

Question ID 4023b0c8

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Math	Algebra	Linear functions	Medium

ID: 4023b0c8

$$f(x) = 2x + 3$$

For the given function f , the graph of $y = f(x)$ in the xy -plane is parallel to line j . What is the slope of line j ?

ID: 4023b0c8 Answer

Correct Answer: 2

Rationale

The correct answer is 2. It's given that function f is defined by $fx = 2x + 3$. Therefore, the equation representing the graph of $y = fx$ in the xy -plane is $y = 2x + 3$, and the graph is a line. For a linear equation in the form $y = mx + b$, m represents the slope of the line. Since the value of m in the equation $y = 2x + 3$ is 2, the slope of the line defined by function f is 2. It's given that line j is parallel to the line defined by function f . The slopes of parallel lines are equal. Therefore, the slope of line j is also 2.

Question Difficulty: Medium

Question ID a8b51d6b

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Math	Algebra	Linear functions	Medium

ID: a8b51d6b

In the xy -plane, the graph of the linear function f contains the points $(0, 3)$ and $(7, 31)$. Which equation defines f , where $y = f(x)$?

- A. $f(x) = 28x + 34$
- B. $f(x) = 3x + 38$
- C. $f(x) = 4x + 3$
- D. $f(x) = 7x + 3$

ID: a8b51d6b Answer

Correct Answer: C

Rationale

Choice C is correct. In the xy -plane, an equation of the graph of a linear function can be written in the form $fx = mx + b$, where m represents the slope and b represents the y -intercept of the graph of $y = fx$. It's given that the graph of the linear function f , where $y = fx$, in the xy -plane contains the point $0, 3$. Thus, $b = 3$. The slope of the graph of a line containing any two points x_1, y_1 and x_2, y_2 can be found using the slope formula, $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$. Since it's given that the graph of the linear function f contains the points $0, 3$ and $7, 31$, it follows that the slope of the graph of the line containing these points is $m = \frac{31 - 3}{7 - 0}$, or $m = 4$. Substituting 4 for m and 3 for b in $fx = mx + b$ yields $fx = 4x + 3$.

Choice A is incorrect. This function represents a graph with a slope of 28 and a y -intercept of 0, 34.

Choice B is incorrect. This function represents a graph with a slope of 3 and a y -intercept of 0, 38.

Choice D is incorrect. This function represents a graph with a slope of 7 and a y -intercept of 0, 3.

Question Difficulty: Medium

Question ID 71d6c6f2

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Math	Algebra	Linear functions	Medium

ID: 71d6c6f2

$$j(x) = mx + 144$$

For the linear function j , m is a constant and $j(12) = 18$. What is the value of $j(10)$?

ID: 71d6c6f2 Answer

Correct Answer: 39

Rationale

The correct answer is 39. It's given that for the linear function j , m is a constant and $j12 = 18$. Substituting 12 for x and 18 for jx in the given equation yields $18 = m12 + 144$. Subtracting 144 from both sides of this equation yields $-126 = m12$. Dividing both sides of this equation by 12 yields $-10.5 = m$. Substituting -10.5 for m in the given equation, $jx = mx + 144$, yields $jx = -10.5x + 144$. Substituting 10 for x in this equation yields $j10 = -10.510 + 144$, or $j10 = 39$. Therefore, the value of $j10$ is 39.

Question Difficulty: Medium

Question ID 25a1d328

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Math	Algebra	Linear functions	Medium

ID: 25a1d328

In the linear function h , $h(28) = 15$ and $h(26) = 22$. Which equation defines h ?

- A. $h(x) = -\frac{2}{7}x + 23$
- B. $h(x) = -\frac{2}{7}x + 113$
- C. $h(x) = -\frac{7}{2}x + 23$
- D. $h(x) = -\frac{7}{2}x + 113$

ID: 25a1d328 Answer

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is correct. An equation defining h can be written in the form $y = mx + b$, where $y = hx$, m represents the slope of the graph of $y = hx$ in the xy -plane, and b represents the y -coordinate of the y -intercept of the graph. It's given that $h28 = 15$ and $h26 = 22$. It follows that the points 28, 15 and 26, 22 are on the graph of $y = hx$ in the xy -plane. The slope can be found by using any two points, x_1, y_1 and x_2, y_2 , and the formula $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$. Substituting 28, 15 and 26, 22 for x_1, y_1 and x_2, y_2 , respectively, in the slope formula yields $m = \frac{22 - 15}{26 - 28}$, or $m = -\frac{7}{2}$. Substituting $-\frac{7}{2}$ for m and 28, 15 for x, y in the equation $y = mx + b$ yields $15 = -\frac{7}{2}28 + b$, or $15 = -98 + b$. Adding 98 to both sides of this equation yields $113 = b$. Substituting $-\frac{7}{2}$ for m and 113 for b in the equation $y = mx + b$ yields $y = -\frac{7}{2}x + 113$. Since $y = hx$, it follows that the equation that defines h is $hx = -\frac{7}{2}x + 113$.

Choice A is incorrect. For this function, $h26 = \frac{109}{7}$, not $h26 = 22$.

Choice B is incorrect. For this function, $h28 = 105$, not $h28 = 15$, and $h26 = \frac{739}{7}$, not $h26 = 22$.

Choice C is incorrect. For this function, $h28 = -75$, not $h28 = 15$, and $h26 = -68$, not $h26 = 22$.

Question Difficulty: Medium

Question ID 1e7acd85

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
SAT	Math	Algebra	Linear functions	Medium

ID: 1e7acd85

x	$g(x)$
1	54
2	51
3	48
4	45

For the linear function g , the table shows four values of x and their corresponding values of $g(x)$. The function can be written as $g(x) = mx + b$, where m and b are constants. What is the value of b ?

- A. 3
- B. 27
- C. 54
- D. 57

ID: 1e7acd85 Answer

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is correct. It's given that for the linear function g , the table shows four values of x and their corresponding values of $g(x)$. It's also given that the function can be written as $g(x) = mx + b$, where m and b are constants. The table shows that when the value of x is 1, the corresponding value of $g(x)$ is 54. Substituting 1 for x and 54 for $g(x)$ in $g(x) = mx + b$ yields $54 = m(1) + b$ or, $54 = m + b$. Subtracting b from both sides of this equation yields $54 - b = m$. The table also shows that when the value of x is 2, the corresponding value of $g(x)$ is 51. Substituting 2 for x and 51 for $g(x)$ in $g(x) = mx + b$ yields $51 = m(2) + b$, or $51 = 2m + b$. Substituting $54 - b$ for m in this equation yields $51 = 2(54 - b) + b$. Applying the distributive property to the right-hand side of this equation yields $51 = 108 - 2b + b$, or $51 = 108 - b$. Subtracting 108 from both sides of this equation yields $-57 = -b$. Dividing both sides of this equation by -1 yields $57 = b$.

Choice A is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice B is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice C is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

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The pressure exerted on a scuba diver at sea level is **14.70 pounds per square inch (psi)**. For each foot the scuba diver descends below sea level, the pressure exerted on the scuba diver increases by **0.44 psi**. What is the total pressure, in **psi**, exerted on the scuba diver at **105** feet below sea level?

- A. **60.90**
- B. **31.50**
- C. **14.70**
- D. **0.44**

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Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is correct. It's given that the pressure exerted on a scuba diver at sea level is 14.70 pounds per square inch psi. It's also given that for each foot the scuba diver descends below sea level, the pressure exerted on the scuba diver increases by 0.44 psi. The total pressure, in psi, exerted on the scuba diver at x feet below sea level can be represented by the expression $0.44x + 14.70$. Substituting 105 for x in this expression yields $0.44(105) + 14.70$, or 60.90. Therefore, the total pressure exerted on the scuba diver at 105 feet below sea level is 60.90 psi.

Choice B is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice C is incorrect. This is the pressure, in psi, exerted on the scuba diver at sea level, not at 105 feet below sea level.

Choice D is incorrect. This is the rate by which the pressure, in psi, exerted on the scuba diver increases for each foot the scuba diver descends below sea level.

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