

BASIC ALGEBRA
Practice Exam

Name

Form 1

Directions: Choose the one best answer for each item.

1. Simplify: $8 - 4 \div 2 - 10 \div 2$

- a) 4 b) 1 c) -3 d) -4

2. Simplify: $12 - (-3)^2 \div (7 - 4)$

- a) 1 b) 7 c) 9 d) 15

3. $|-8| - |-5| =$

- a) -13 b) -3 c) 3 d) 13

4. Simplify: $-2[x + 9(x + 1)]$

- a) $20x + 18$ b) $20x + 2$ c) $-20x - 2$ d) $-20x - 18$

5. Evaluate the given expression when $a = -3$, $b = 2$, and $c = -1$.

$$2ab - c$$

- a) 13 b) 11 c) -11 d) -13

6. Solve for x : $2(3x + 5) = 5x - 11$

- a) $x = -21$ b) $x = -16$ c) $x = -\frac{21}{11}$ d) $x = -1$

7. Solve for x : $\frac{1}{2}x + 6 = 3 + 2x$
- a) $x = 3$ b) $x = 2$ c) $x = 0$ d) $x = -3$
8. Solve for y : $3x + 4y = 12$
- a) $y = 12 - 3x$ b) $y = \frac{3x - 12}{4}$ c) $y = 3 - 3x$ d) $y = \frac{12 - 3x}{4}$
9. Solve: $2x + 1 < 3x + 4$
- a) $x < 3$ b) $x > 3$ c) $x < -3$ d) $x > -3$
10. The sum of a number and 6 is 8 more than twice the number. Find the equation that could be used to find this number, x .
- a) $x + 6 = 2x + 8$ b) $x + 6 = x^2 + 8$ c) $x + 6 = 2(x + 8)$ d) $6x = 2x + 8$
11. The length of a rectangle is 2 feet more than the width. The perimeter of the rectangle is 20 feet. Find the length.
- a) 4 feet b) 6 feet c) 9 feet d) 11 feet
12. Identify the proportion listed below that solves this problem.
- A car can travel 189 miles on 9 gallons of gasoline. How far can the car travel on 13 gallons?
- a) $\frac{9}{189} = \frac{x}{13}$ b) $\frac{189}{9} = \frac{x}{13}$ c) $\frac{189}{13} = \frac{x}{9}$ d) $\frac{189}{x} = \frac{13}{9}$

13. Simplify: $\frac{5x^2y}{x^3}$

a) $5x^5y$

b) $\frac{5y}{x}$

c) $5xy$

d) $\frac{5x}{y}$

14. Simplify: $\frac{x^{-3}y^6}{x^{-4}y^4}$

a) xy^2

b) $\frac{y^2}{x}$

c) $\frac{y^2}{x^7}$

d) x^7y^2

15. Simplify: $\frac{a^{-2}b^{-1}c^2}{a^3b^0c}$

a) $\frac{c}{a^5b}$

b) $\frac{c}{a^5}$

c) $\frac{a^5c}{b}$

d) $\frac{bc}{a^5}$

16. Convert to standard form: 7.96×10^{-2}

a) 0.00796

b) 0.0796

c) 796

d) 7,960

17. Convert to scientific notation: 650,000

a) 65×10^4

b) 6.5×10^5

c) 6.5×10^{-5}

d) 0.65×10^6

18. Simplify: $(3x^2 - 4x + 8) + (2x^2 + 5x - 12)$

a) $5x^2 + x - 4$

b) $5x^4 - x^2 - 4$

c) $6x^4 + x^2 + 4$

d) $6x^2 - 20x + 96$

19. Simplify: $(x^2 + 2x - 5) - (4x^2 - 3x - 1)$

- a) $-3x^4 + 5x^2 - 4$ b) $-3x^2 + 5x - 4$ c) $-3x^2 + 5x - 6$ d) $-3x^2 - x - 6$

20. Simplify: $4x^3(2x^2 - 7)$

- a) $8x^5 - 28x^3$ b) $8x^6 - 7$ c) $6x^5 - 28x^3$ d) $8x^6 - 28x^3$

21. Simplify: $(2x + 5)(x + 9)$

- a) $3x^2 + 23x + 14$ b) $3x^2 + 23x + 45$ c) $2x^2 + 14x + 45$ d) $2x^2 + 23x + 45$

22. Simplify: $(2x - 7)(2x + 7)$

- a) $4x^2 - 49$ b) $2x^2 - 49$ c) $4x^2 + 49$ d) $4x^2 + 28x - 49$

23. Factor completely: $4x^4 - 8x^3 - 4x^2 + 16x$

- a) $4x(x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 4)$ b) $4x(x^4 - 2x^3 - x^2 + 4x)$
c) $4x(x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 4)$ d) $4x(x^4 - 2x^3 - x^2 + 4)$

24. Factor completely: $4x^2 - 9$

- a) $(2x^2 + 3)(2x^2 - 3)$ b) $(2x + 3)(2x - 3)$ c) $(2x + 1)(2x - 9)$ d) $(2x - 3)(2x - 3)$

25. Factor completely: $x^2 - 4x + 2xy - 8y$

- a) $(x + 4)(x + 2y)$ b) $(x + 4)(x - 2y)$ c) $(x - 4)(x + 2y)$ d) $(x - 4)(x - 2y)$

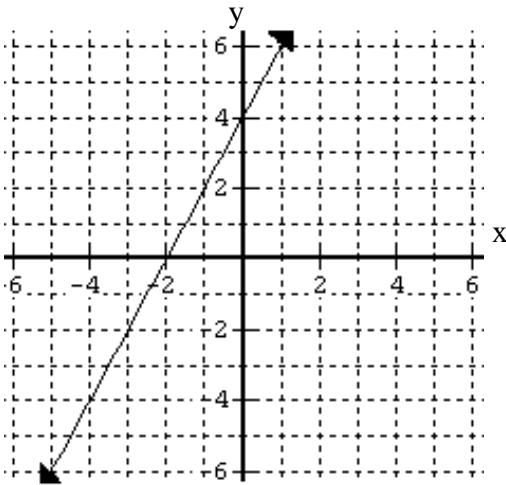
26. Identify a factor of the following trinomial: $x^2 - 9x + 20$
- a) $(x+5)$ b) $(x+4)$ c) $(x-5)$ d) $(x-10)$
27. Identify a factor of the following trinomial: $5x^2 - 9x - 2$
- a) $(5x+2)$ b) $(5x+1)$ c) $(x+2)$ d) $(x+1)$
28. Simplify: $\frac{x^2 - 4x + 3}{1 - x}$
- a) $-x+3$ b) $-x+1$ c) $x-3$ d) $x+3$
29. Solve: $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$
- a) $x=2, x=3$ b) $x=-2, x=-3$ c) $x=1, x=6$ d) $x=-1, x=6$
30. Solve: $3a^2 + 14a + 8 = 0$
- a) $a = -\frac{2}{3}, a = -4$ b) $a = \frac{2}{3}, a = 4$ c) $a = -\frac{3}{2}, a = -4$ d) $a = -\frac{4}{3}, a = -2$
31. Assuming the variable represents a non-negative number, simplify completely: $\sqrt{18x^3}$
- a) $3x\sqrt{2x}$ b) $6x\sqrt{3x^2}$ c) $9x\sqrt{2x}$ d) $3\sqrt{6x^3}$
32. Simplify: $\sqrt{50} + \sqrt{18}$
- a) 30 b) $8\sqrt{2}$ c) $15\sqrt{2}$ d) 16
33. Simplify: $\sqrt{3}(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{6})$
- a) $6\sqrt{2}$ b) 9 c) $3+3\sqrt{2}$ d) 21

34. Find the y-intercept for: $x + 3y = 7$

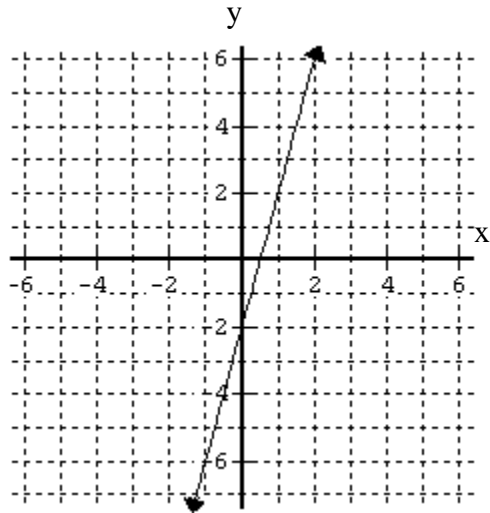
- a) $(0, \frac{7}{3})$ b) $(0, 7)$ c) $(7, \frac{7}{3})$ d) $(7, 0)$

35. Find the graph that best matches the given linear equation: $2x + y = 4$

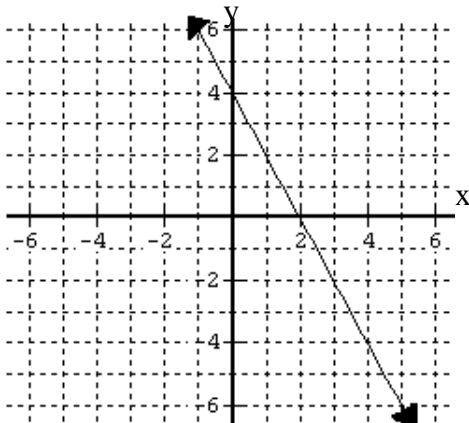
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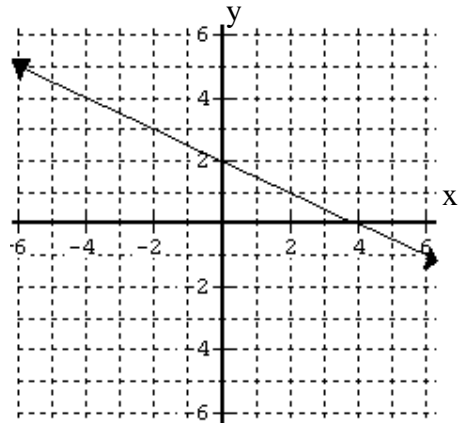
c)



b)



d)



ANSWER KEY

1. b	2. c	3. c	4. d	5. c	6. a	7. b	8. d	9. d	10. a
11. b	12. b	13. b	14. a	15. a	16. b	17. b	18. a	19. b	20. a
21. d	22. a	23. a	24. b	25. c	26. c	27. b	28. a	29. a	30. a
31. a	32. b	33. c	34. a	35. b					