Basic Math Skills Test (Imperial)

This basic math skills test is design to help you test your basic math knowledge that you will be required to perform as a certified operator. This is also your chance to make sure that you are familiar with using a calculator. Complete this test before you move on to the next section. The answers to these basic math questions are found on the next page but try not to look until you have completed all the questions. Your PHTA instructor may ask to see your answers to these questions at the beginning of your CPOSM certification course. Simply circle your answer choice.

- 1. Add: 2.32 + 71.4 + 0.003 =
 - (a) 73.75
 - (b) 94.9
 - (c) 9.49
 - (d) 73.723
- 2. Add: 7.4 + 0.7 + 1.7 + 1.9 =
 - (a) 11.5
 - (b) 11.7
 - (c) 12.1
 - (d) 11.9
- 3. Subtract: 7,527 149 =
 - (a) 7,378
 - (b) 7,478
 - (c) 7,388
 - (d) 7,488
- 4. Subtract: 11. 7 12.1 =
 - (a) + 0.4
 - (b) +1.1
 - (c) 0.4
 - (d) + 0.4
- 5. Add and Subtract: 7.2 + 0.9 + 1.8 + 1.6 12.2 =
 - (a) + 0.7
 - (b) +23.7
 - (c) -1.7
 - (d) -0.7
- 6. Multiply: $300 \times 7.48 =$
 - (a) 2,144
 - (b) 2,244
 - (c) 40.106
 - (d) 292.52

- 7. Multiply: $25 \times 75 =$
 - (a) 1875
 - (b) 2875
 - (c) 18,750
 - (d) 187.5
- **8. Divide:** 200,000 ÷ 10,000 =
 - (a) 2000
 - (b) 200
 - (c) 20
 - (d) 40
- **9. Divide:** 75,000 ÷ 10,000 =
 - (a) 7.5
 - (b) 7.0
 - (c) 75
 - (d) 10
- 10. You have a pool that is 60 feet in length and 30 feet in width. How many square feet of surface area does this pool have:
 - (a) 2,800 square feet
 - (b) 3,600 square feet
 - (c) 6,000 square feet
 - (d) 1,800 square feet
- 11. The volume of your pool is 328,637 gallons. What is the volume rounded to the nearest thousand?
 - (a) 328
 - (b) 329
 - (c) 329,000
 - (d) 328,000

- **12.** The current chlorine reading in your pool is 1.5 ppm. You want to raise it to 3.0 ppm. How many more ppm of chlorine do you need to add?
 - (a) 4.5 ppm
 - (b) 3.0 ppm
 - (c) 1.5 ppm
 - (d) 2.0 ppm
- **13.** How many cubic yards of concrete are needed to make a cement floor of a spa that 9 feet x 12 feet and 6 inches thick?
 - (a) 2
 - (b) 4
 - (c) 18
 - (d) 54
- **14.** Your pool slopes from 3.5 feet to 6.5 feet. What is the average depth of this pool?
 - (a) 10 feet
 - (b) 5 feet
 - (c) 22.75 feet
 - (d) 3 feet

- 15. There is a leak in your pool and it loses 2.5 inches of water each day. It takes 1235 gallons for each inch of water in your 60 feet x 30 feet pool. How many gallons do you need to add to your pool each day?
 - (a) 494 gallons
 - (b) 37,050 gallons
 - (c) 4,500 gallons
 - (d) 3,087.5 gallons
- **16.** The diameter of a spa is 24 feet. What is the radius?
 - (a) 6 feet
 - (b) 18 feet
 - (c) 12 feet
 - (d) 24 feet

Calculation Formulas (Imperial)

	Amount Conversions
Ounces to Pounds	Ounces ÷ 16 = Pounds
Fluid Ounces to Gallons	Fluid Ounces ÷ 128 = Gallons
	Distance Conversions
Yards to Feet	Yards x 3 = Feet
Meters to Feet	Meters x 3.28 = Feet
	Surface Areas
	Radius = Diameter ÷ 2
Rectangle/Square	Length x Width = Square Feet
Circle	3.14 x Radius x Radius = Square Feet
	Pool Volume
	Average Depth = (shallow + deep) ÷ 2
Rectangle	Length x Width x Average Depth x 7.5 = Gallons
Circle	3.14 x Radius x Radius x Avg. Depth x 7.5 = Gallons
	Formulas
Turnover Rate	Pool Volume + Flow Rate + 60 = Hours
Flow Rate	Pool Volume ÷ Turnover Rate ÷ 60 = Gallons/Minute (gpm)
Filter Surface Area	Flow Rate ÷ Filtering Rate = Square Feet
Heater Sizing	Pool Volume x 8.33 x Temperature Adjustment = BTU

Water Chemistry Guidelines

These commonly accepted chemical parameters do not supersede product label directions, local and state regulations.

Parameter	Min	ldeal	Max	Pool Type
Free Chlorine (ppm or mg/L)	1.0	2.0-4.0	5.0	Pools, Water- parks
(ppin of high)	2.0	3.0-5.0	10.0	Spas
Combined Chlorine (ppm or mg/L)	0	0	0.4	Pools, Water- parks
(1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-	0	⁰	0.5	Spas
Total Bromine (ppm or mg/L)	2.0	4.0-6.0	10.0	All Types
PHMB (ppm or mg/L)	30	30–50	50	All Types
pH	7.2	7.4–7.6	7.8	All Types
Total Alkalinity as CaCO ₃ (ppm or mg/L)	60	80-100* 100–120**	180	All Types
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm or mg/L)	NA	NA	1,500 over startup	All Types
Calcium Hardness as CaCO ₃ (ppm or	150	200–400	1,000	Pools, Water- parks
mg/L)	100	150–250	800	Spas
Heavy Metals	None	None	None	All Types
Visible Algae	None	None	None	All Types
Bacteria	None	None	Local Code	All Types
Cyanuric Acid (ppm or mg/L)	***	30–50	***	All Types
	78°F (25.5°C)	80.5°F (26.9°C)	82°F (27.8°C)	Competition Pools
Temperature °F/°C	-	-	104°F (40°C)	Spas
	-	Personal Preference	104°F (40°C)	Other Pools
Ozone (ppm or mg/L)		-	0.1 over 8 hr time wtd. avg.	All Types

^{*} For calcium hypochlorite, lithium hypochlorite, or sodium hypochlorite

^{**} For sodium dichlor, trichlor, chlorine, gas, BCDMH

^{***} Start-up includes the TDS contribution of salt found in chlorine generating systems

^{****} Dictated by local codes. Typically 100 ppm (mg/L). Some codes are higher, some are lower

^{*****} Some local codes may dictate a minimum and maximum



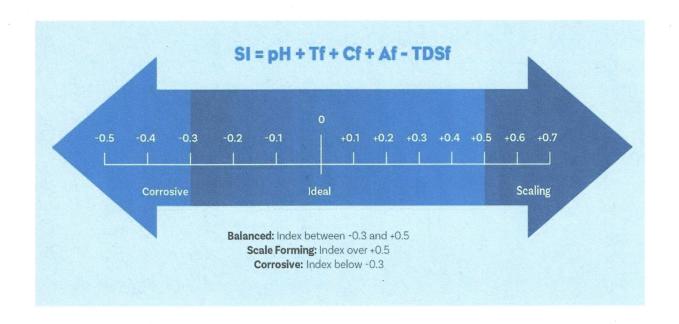
PHTA Saturation Index

Saturation Index Factors

Tempera		emperature		Calcium Hardness expressed as CaCO ₃		al onate inity
°F	°C	Tf	ppm (mg/L)	Cf	Ppm (mg/L)	Af
32	0.0	0.0	25	1.0	25	1.4
37	2.5	0.1	50	1.3	50	1.7
46	7.8	0.2	75	1.5	75	1.9
53	11.7	0.3	100	1.6	100	2.0
60	15.6	0.4	125	1.7	125	2.1
66	18.9	0.5	150	1.8	150	2.2
76	24.4	0.6	200	1.9	200	2.3
84	28.9	0.7	250 2.0		250	2.4
94	34.4	0.8	300 2.1		300	2.5
105	40.6	0.9	400	2.2	400	2.6
			800	2.5	800	2.9

Total Dissolved Solid Factors

TDS	Factor
<u><</u> 800	12.1
801-1,500	12.2
1,501-2,900	12.3
2,901-5,500	12.4
>5,500	12.5



Saturation Index Worksheet

	Value	Factor	New Value	Factor
pH				
Temperature				
Calcium Hardness				
Carbonate Alkalinity				
Sub-Total				
Total Dissolved Solids				
Saturation Index				

	Value	Factor	New Value	Factor
pH				
Temperature				
Calcium Hardness				
Carbonate Alkalinity				
Sub-Total				
Total Dissolved Solids				
Saturation Index				4

	Value	Factor	New Value	Factor
рН				
Temperature				
Calcium Hardness		. ,		
Carbonate Alkalinity				
Sub-Total				
Total Dissolved Solids				
Saturation Index				



No Product Label Chemical Adjustment, Imperial

Given: Free Available Chlorine = 1.0 ppm (mg/L)

Unknown: How much sodium hypochlorite to add to raise the chlorine level to 3.0 ppm

(mg/L)

Your chemical choice in this example is sodium hypochlorite from Appendix B-2

Dosages to Treat	/10,000 Gallons				40,000 Litres	;
Chemical	Desired Change			D	esired Chanç	je
Increase Chlorine	1 ppm 5 ppm 10 ppm			1 mg/L	5 mg/L	10 mg/L
Chlorine Gas	1.3 oz	6.7 oz	13 oz	40 g	200 g	390 g
Calcium Hypochlorite (67%)	2 oz	10 oz	1.3 lb	63 g	315 g	630 g
Sodium Hypochlorite (12%)	10.7 fl.oz.	1.7 qts	3.3 qts	330 mL	1.36 L	3.3 L
Lithium Hypochlorite	3.8 oz	1.2 lbs	2.4 lbs	110 g	570 g	1.1 kg

Your actual pool volume. For example, 40,000 gallons.

Your desired chemical change. For example, your chlorine level is 1.0 ppm (mg/L) and you want to raise it to 3.0 ppm (mg/L). 3.0 - 1.0 = 2.0 ppm (mg/L)

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Amount of Chemical (fron Appendix B-2 or product label)	Actual Pool Volume	Desired Chemical Change	Total
	40,000 gal.	2.0	
	+ 10,000 gal. (from product label)*	♣ 1.0 ppm (from product label)*	
10.7 fl.o (from product label)	X 4	X 2	= 85.6 fl.oz.

Calculate the amount of chemical needed by first going down the columns and dividing the numbers.

$$40,000 \div 10,000 = 4$$

$$2.0 \div 1.0 = 2$$

Finally, go across the bottom row and multiply all the numbers.

$$10.7 \times 4 \times 2 = 85.6 \text{ fl.oz.}$$

$$85.6 \div 128 = 0.67$$
 gallons

Chemical Adjustment Worksheet (Imperial)

Amount of Chemical (from product label)	Actual Pool Volume	Desired Chemical Change	Total
	÷ 10,000 gal (from product label or Appendix B-2)	÷ ppm (from product label or Appendix B-2)	
+	×	×	=
Amount of Chemical (from product label)	Actual Pool Volume	Desired Chemical Change	Total
	÷ 10,000 gal (from product label or Appendix B-2)	÷ ppm (from product label or Appendix B-2)	
+	×	×	= '
Amount of Chemical (from product label)	Actual Pool Volume	Desired Chemical Change	Total
	÷ 10,000 gal (from product label or Appendix B-2)	÷ ppm (from product label or Appendix B-2)	
*	×	x	=

Water Chemistry Adjustment Guidelines

These commonly accepted chemical parameters do not supersede manufacturers' instructions.

Smart phone apps can help calculate associated pool volume and dosage. Chemical amounts have been rounded off for convenience. Always follow the instructions on the manufacturer's label for exact dosage

Dosages to Treat	10,000 Gallons		4	0,000 Liter	rs	
Chemical	De	sired Chan	ge	D	esired Chan	ge
Increase Chlorine	1 ppm	5 ppm	10 ppm	1 mg/L	5 mg/L	10 mg/L
Chlorine Gas	1.3 oz	6.7 oz.	13 oz	40 g	200 g	390 g
Calcium Hypochlorite (67%)*	2 oz	10 oz	1.25 lbs	63 g	315 g	630 g
Sodium Hypochlorite (12%)	10.7 fl.oz.	1.7 qts	3.3 qts	330 mL	1.36 L	3.3 L
Lithium Hypochlorite	3.8 oz	1.2 lbs	2.4 lbs	110 g	570 g	1.1 kg
Dichlor (62%)	2.1 oz	10.75 oz	1.3 lbs	65 g	320 g	650 g
Dichlor (56%)	2.4 oz	12 oz	1.4 lbs	72 g	360 g	720 g
Trichlor	1.5 oz	7.5 oz	14 oz	44 g	220 g	440 g
Increase Total Alkalinity	10 ppm	30 ppm	50 ppm	10 mg/L	30 mg/L	50 mg/L
Sodium Bicarbonate	1.4 lbs	4.2 lbs	7.0 lbs	670 g	2.0 kg	3.4 kg
Sodium Carbonate	14 oz	2.6 lbs	4.4 lbs	400 g	1.2 kg	2.0 kg
Sodium Sesquicarbonate	1.25 lbs	3.75 lbs	6.25 lbs	600 g	1.8 kg	3.0 kg
Decrease Total Alkalinity	10 ppm	30 ppm	50 ppm	10 mg/L	30 mg/L	50 mg/L
Muriatic Acid (31.4%)	26 fl.oz.	2.4 qts	1 gal	800 mL	2.4 L	4.0 L
Sodium Bisulfate	2.1 lbs	6.4 lbs	10.5 lbs	1.03 kg	3.1 kg	5.15 kg
Increase/Decrease pH					nts, see the pal Testing ch	
Increase Calcium Hardness	10 ppm	30 ppm	50 ppm	10 mg/L	30 mg/L	50 mg/L
Calcium Chloride (100%)	0.9 lbs	2.8 lbs	4.6 lbs	402 g	1.2 kg	2.0 kg
Calcium Chloride (77%)	1.2 lbs	3.6 lbs	6.0 lbs	575 g	1.7 kg	2.9 kg
Increase Stabilizer	10 ppm	30 ppm	50 ppm	10 mg/L	30 mg/L	50 mg/L
Cyanuric Acid	13 oz	2.5 lbs	4.1 lbs	400 g	1.2 kg	2.0 kg
Neutralize Chlorine	1 ppm	5 ppm	10 ppm	1 mg/L	5 mg/L	10 mg/L
Sodium Thiosulfate	2.6 oz	13 oz	26 oz	79 oz	395 g	790 g
Sodium Sulfite	2.4 oz	12 oz	1.5 lbs	71 g	356 g	711 g

 $^{^{\}star}$ Other calcium hypochlorite products are available from 47% to 78%. Follow the label directions for dosage amounts.



Breakpoint Chlorination, Imperial

Using Calcium Hypchloride, calculate the desired chemical change to achieve Breakpoint Chlorination in a 55,000-gallon pool with a FC of 1.5 ppm and a TC of 2.3 ppm:

Determine the amount of Combined Chlorine

Total Chlorine (TC) - Free Chlorine (FC) = Combined Chlorine (CC) = 2.3 ppm - 1.5 ppm = 0.8 ppm

Calculate the Breakpoint Chlorination (BPC) amount Breakpoint (BPC) = CC x 10 = **0.8 ppm x 10 = 8.0 ppm**

Determine the desired change amount
Desired Change = BPC - FC = 8.0 ppm - 1.5 ppm = 6.5 ppm

Amount of Chemical (from Appendix B-2 or product label)	Actual Pool Volume	Desired Chemical Change	Total
	55,000 gal.	6.5	
	÷ 10,000 gal. (from product label)*	÷ 1.0 ppm (from product label)*	
2.0 oz. (from product label)	X 5.5	X 6.5	= 71.5 oz.

Conversion: $71.5 \div 16 = 4.468$ lbs, rounded to 4.5 lbs.

Breakpoint Chlorination Worksheet (Imperial)

Step 1. Total Chlorine - Free Chlorine = Combined Chlorine

Step 2. Combined Chlorine x 10 - Existing FC = Adjustment

Step3. Use Chemical adjustment worksheet below

Amount of Chemical (from product label)		Actual Pool Volume	Desired Chemical Change	Total
		÷ 10,000 gal (from product label or Appendix B-2)	÷	
		x	x	=

Amount of Chemical (from product label)	Actual Pool Volume	Desired Chemical Change	Total
	÷ 10,000 gal (from product label or Appendix B-2)	÷ ppm (from product label or Appendix B-2)	
	x	×	=

Calculations Homework (Imperial)

- 1. What is the surface area of a circular spa with a 12 foot diameter?
- 2. What is the volume of a circular spa with a 12 foot diameter and a constant depth of 3.5 feet?
- 3. What is the surface area of a rectangular pool with a length of 105 feet and a width of 45 yards?
- 4. What is the volume of a rectangular pool with a length of 46 feet, a width of 24 feet, and a depth ranging from 4 feet in the shallow end to 8 feet in the deep end?
- 5. What is the surface area of a rectangular pool with a length of 75 yards and a width of 50 feet?
- 6. What is the volume of a rectangular pool with a length of 75 feet, a width of 50 feet, and a depth ranging from 3.5 feet in the shallow end to 12 feet in the deep end?
- 7. Calculate the Saturation Index for water that has a total alkalinity of 100 ppm, a pH of 7.3, a calcium hardness of 250 ppm, a temperature of 67°F, and a total dissolved solids of 1500 ppm. If it is not balanced, fix it.
- 8. Calculate the Saturation Index for water that has a total alkalinity of 100 ppm, a pH of 8.2, a calcium hardness of 200 ppm, a temperature of 78°F, and a total dissolved solids of 500 ppm. If it is not balanced, fix it.
- 9. Calculate the Saturation Index for water that has a total alkalinity of 70 ppm, a pH of 7.2, a calcium hardness of 200 ppm, a temperature of 77°F, and a total dissolved solids of 500 ppm. If it is not balanced, fix it.
- 10. Adjust the ALKALINITY from 70 ppm to 100 ppm in a 250,000 gallon pool using sodium bicarbonate.
- 11. An L-shaped pool is 175 feet long and 50 feet wide with a diving well 25 feet by 25 feet. How many gallons of water are lost each week if this pool loses ¼ inch per day due to evaporation and an additional 1 inch per week due to backwash and a leak?
- 12. Adjust the CALCIUM HARDNESS from 75 ppm to 150 ppm in a 150,000 gallon pool. Use Calcium Chloride 77%.
- 13. How much CYANURIC ACID is needed to raise the stabilizer level in a 75,000 gallon pool from 0 to 30 ppm?
- 14. How much CALCIUM HYPOCHLORITE is needed to breakpoint chlorinate a 125,000 gallon pool if the combined chlorine is 0.4 ppm, and free chlorine is 1.0 ppm?
- 15. An accidental fecal release occurs in a pool. The state health department requires raising the free chlorine level from 4 ppm to 20 ppm for 20 hours. How many gallons of sodium hypochlorite would be needed for an 80,000 gallon pool?
- 16. What is the turnover rate of a 3500 gallon commercial spa that has a flow rate of 150 gpm?
- 17. What is the flow rate of a 3500 gallon spa based on a 30 minute turnover rate?
- 18. A D.E. filter has eight elements each measuring 2.5 feet by 9 inches wide. What is the square footage of this filter?
- 19. A sand filter is 5 feet in diameter and 3 feet in depth. How much filter surface area does this filter have?
- 20. A 275,000 gallon pool needs to turn over the water every 8 hours. What flow rate is required for this turnover rate?
- 21. A pool with a sand filter system has a flow rate of 220 gpm and an optimal media flow rate of 12 gpm per square foot of filter medium. What is the required square feet of filter area to meet this need?

APPENDIX Q

Calculations Homework Answers

- 1. Surface area = $6 \times 6 \times 3.14 = 113$ square feet
- 2. Volume = $6 \times 6 \times 3.14 \times 3.5 \times 7.5 = ~2,967$ gallons
- 3. Surface area = $105 \times (45 \text{ yards } \times 3 = 135 \text{ feet}) = 14,175 \text{ square feet}$
- 4. Volume = $46 \times 24 \times 6 \times 7.5 = 49,680$ gallons
- 5. Surface area = (75 yards x 3 = 225 feet) x 50 feet = 11,250
- 6. Volume = $75 \times 50 \times 7.75$ (average depth) $\times 7.5 = ~217,969$ gallons
- 7. Within ideal range

рН	7.3	7.3
Temperature	67	0.6
Alkalinity	100	2.0
Calcium Hardness	250	2.0
TDS	1500	-12.2
Saturation Index		-0.03

8. Scale forming: add acid a little at a time frequently to not drop total alkalinity too drastically

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рН	8.2	8.2
Temperature	78	0.7
Alkalinity	100	2.0
Calcium Hardness	200	1.9
TDS	500	-12.1
Saturation Index		0.7

9. Corrosive: balance by raising alkalinity as well as calcium

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рН	7.2	7.2			
Temperature	77	0.7			
Alkalinity	70	1.9			
Calcium Hardness	200	1.9			
TDS	500	-12.1			
Saturation Index		-0.4			

- 10. 1.4 pounds x 3 x 25 = 105 pounds of alkalinity needed to raise from 70 ppm to 100 ppm in a 250,000 gallon pool
- 11. $175 \times 50 = 8,750 + (25 \times 25 = 625) = 9,375$ square feet x 2.75 x 0.0833 x 7.5 = ~16,107 gallons



APPÉNDIX Q

Calculations Homework Answers (cont'd)

- 12. 1.2 pounds x 7.5 x 15 = 135 pounds
- 13. 13 ounces x 3 x 7.5 = 292.5 ounces \div 16 = 18 or 19 pounds
- 14. 0.4 combined chlorine x 10 = 4 ppm 1 ppm (FC) = 3 ppm x 2 ounces x 12.5 = 75 ounces $\div 16 = 4.7$ pounds
- 15. 10.7 ounces x 16 x $8 = 1369.6 \div 128 = 10.7$ grids
- 16. $3,500 \div 150 \text{ gpm} \div 60 = 0.388 \text{ hours}$
- 17. FR = 3,500 ÷ 30 minutes = 116.6 gpm
- 18. To find D.E square footage: 8 (elements) x 2.5 feet x 0.75 (9 inches) x 2 (sides) = 30 square feet
- 19. To find the sand filter surface area: $2.5 \times 2.5 \times 3.14 = 19.63$ square feet
- 20. Flow rate = $275,000 \div (8 \times 60 = 480) = 573 \text{ gpm}$
- 21. $FA = FR \div FMR$ $FA = 220 \text{ gpm} \div 12 \text{ gpm}$ per square foot FA = 18.33 square feet





Daily Pool/Spa Chemical Log

Pool			
Date	,		
Initialed by			
Notes			

Item	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Standard (Min Max Ideal)
Time				=	
FAC					1 5 2–4 ppm (mg/L)
CAC					0 0.2 pools (0.5 spas) 0
рН					7.2 7.8 7.4–7.6
ORP					650 or code compliance
Total Alkalinity					60 180 80–120
Cyanuric Acid					30–50 150 ppm (mg/L)
Calcium Hardness					150 1000 ppm (mg/L) 200– 400
Water Temperature °F	enzy enwish webs to some dynesia dende getteres see				NA 104°F 78–82°F
Water Temperature °C					NA 40°C 25.5–27.8°C
TDS	nyezikembendeke zipontanipe di menokin ese				1,500 ppm (mg/L) over starting
Saturation Index	auro di contropolita un perale de la control de control				-0.3 to +0.5
Water Clarity	maken na atau kun kun maken ja dan kata panan na kata kun				Main drain clearly visible



Water Level		1/8–1/4" (3–6mm) above gutter
Bather Load		
Flow Rate		
Turnover		
Influent Pressure		
Effluent Pressure		
Pressure Differential		
Air Temperature		
Certified Operator ID(s)		

Chemicals Added (Check local codes to see which tests must be conducted and testing frequency.) Opening						
Closing						