

2022 Algebra I Regional Competition

Work the multiple-choice questions first, choosing the single best response from the choices available. Indicate your answer here and on your answer sheet. Then attempt the tie-breaker questions at the end starting with tie breaker #1, then #2, and then #3. Turn in your answer sheet, your tie-breaker pages, and your scratch work when you are finished. Figures are not necessarily drawn to scale.

1. Evaluate the expression below:

$$25 - [5 - (3 - 8)] + (1 - 3)^3$$

- A. 7
- B. 23
- C. -23
- D. 33
- E. None of the above

2. Evaluate the expression for when  $x = -4$ ,  $y = 3$ , and  $a = -2$ .

$$\frac{5a^3 - x}{2y - y^2}$$

- A.  $-\frac{317}{8}$
- B.  $-\frac{44}{3}$
- C.  $-\frac{34}{3}$
- D.  $\frac{26}{3}$
- E. None of the above

3. What are the  $x$  and  $y$  intercepts of the line  $-x - 7y = 42$ ?

- A.  $(-6, 0)$  and  $(0, -42)$
- B.  $(-42, 0)$  and  $(0, -6)$
- C.  $(6, 0)$  and  $(0, -42)$
- D.  $(-42, 0)$  and  $(0, 6)$
- E. None of the above

4. Simplify the expression

$$-5(2x - 7) - (4x + 10)$$

- A.  $-14x - 25$
- B.  $-14x + 20$
- C.  $6x + 45$
- D.  $-14x + 25$
- E. None of the above

5. Solve for  $x$ .

$$-5x - 5(3x - 7) = -21 - 6x$$

- A.  $x = 4$
- B.  $x = -1$
- C.  $x = 1$
- D.  $x = \frac{7}{13}$
- E. None of the above

6. Solve for  $r$ .

$$\frac{12}{7}r - \frac{1}{21}r = r - \frac{2}{3}$$

- A.  $r = \frac{2}{21}$   
B.  $r = 0$   
C.  $r = -1$   
D.  $r = -\frac{6}{7}$   
E. None of the above

7. Solve the equation for  $h$ .

$$V = \frac{1}{3}Ah$$

- A.  $h = \frac{3A}{V}$   
B.  $h = \frac{A}{3V}$   
C.  $h = \frac{V}{3A}$   
D.  $h = \frac{3V}{A}$   
E. None of the above

8. Simplify the expression with positive exponents only.

$$(3x^3)^2(2x)^{-2}$$

- A.  $\frac{27x^4}{4}$   
B.  $\frac{9x^4}{4}$   
C.  $\frac{9x^8}{4}$   
D.  $6x^4$   
E. None of the above

9. The formula for converting degrees Celsius ( $C$ ) to degrees Fahrenheit ( $F$ ) is  $F = \frac{9}{5}C + 32$ . Find the temperature in degrees Celsius ( $C$ ) when the temperature in degrees Fahrenheit ( $F$ ) is  $59^\circ$ .

- A.  $6^\circ\text{C}$   
B.  $48^\circ\text{C}$   
C.  $24^\circ\text{C}$   
D.  $27^\circ\text{C}$   
E. None of the above.

10. The amount of a person's paycheck,  $p$ , varies with the number of hours worked,  $t$ . For 15 hours of work, the paycheck is \$120.75. Write an equation to describe the relationship between hours of work and pay.

- A.  $p = t + 80.05$   
B.  $p = t + 8.05$   
C.  $p = 80.05t$   
D.  $p = 8.05t$   
E. None of the above.

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11. The distance a spring will stretch varies directly with how much weight is attached to the spring. If a spring stretches 6 inches with 85 pounds attached, how far will it stretch with 70 pounds attached? Round to the nearest tenth of an inch.
- A. 7.3 in.  
 B. 6.1 in.  
 C. 4.9 in.  
 D. 5.9 in.  
 E. None of the above.
12. What is the equation of the line in slope-intercept form that passes through  $(6, -11)$  and is perpendicular to the line  $y = -\frac{2}{3}x + 12$ .
- A.  $y = \frac{3}{2}x - 20$   
 B.  $y = -\frac{2}{3}x - 7$   
 C.  $y = -\frac{2}{3}x - 20$   
 D.  $y = \frac{3}{2}x + 7$   
 E. None of the above.
13. A beetle is walking at a constant rate. The table below records how far a beetle walks at 4, 6, 8, and 10 minutes. Find the rate of change and explain what the rate of change means in the context.

Time (minutes)	Distance (centimeters)
4	188
6	282
8	376
10	470

- A. Rate of change: 10 minutes  
 Explanation: The beetle walks for 10 minutes
- B. Rate of change:  $\frac{1}{47}$  centimeters per minute  
 Explanation: The beetle walks 47 centimeters every minute.
- C. Rate of change:  $\frac{47}{1}$  centimeters per minute  
 Explanation: The beetle walks 47 centimeters every minute.
- D. Rate of change: 470 centimeters per minute  
 Explanation: The beetle walks for 10 minutes
- E. None of the above.
14. List the first four terms in the geometric sequence.
- $$a_1 = 12, a_n = 12 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{n-1}$$
- A. 12, 8, 4, 0  
 B. 1, 12, 24, 36  
 C. 12, 3, -6, -15  
 D. 12, 3,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{16}$   
 E. None of the above.

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15. Write the equation of a line that passes through the points  $(-6, -7)$  and  $(5, 1)$  in standard form.

- A. Standard Form:  $8x - 11y = 29$
- B. Standard Form:  $-8x + 11y = 29$
- C. Standard Form:  $-8x + 11y = -10$
- D. Standard Form:  $8x + 11y = -29$
- E. None of the above.

16. Describe the relationship between the two lines:

$$y = -\frac{7}{2}x - 3$$
$$8x - 28y = 36$$

- A. Parallel
- B. Perpendicular
- C. Intersecting
- D. Perpendicular and Intersecting
- E. None of the above.

17. Which of the following is an extraneous solution of  $\sqrt{3x - 2} = x - 2$ ?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 6
- E. None of the above.

18. Determine the number of solutions to the following system of equations.

$$y = -3x + 5$$
$$y - 5 = 3x$$

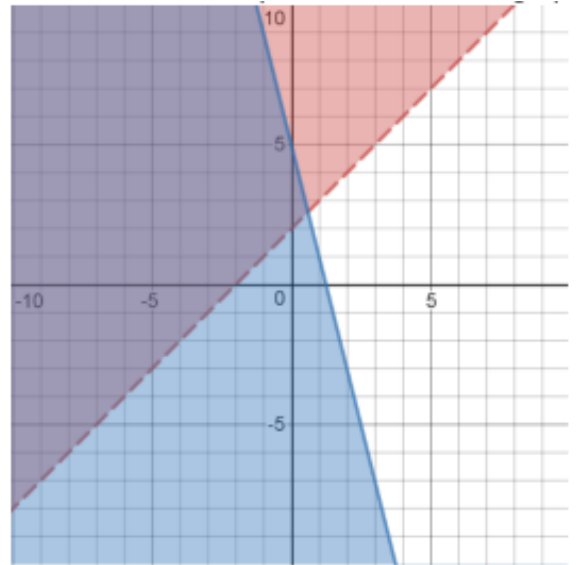
- A. No solutions
- B. One solution
- C. Two solutions
- D. Infinitely many solutions
- E. None of the above

19. Simplify. Assume all variables represent non-negative numbers.  $\sqrt{9x^4 - 81x^2}$ .

- A.  $9x\sqrt{x^2 - 9x}$
- B.  $9x^2\sqrt{1 - 9x}$
- C.  $3x\sqrt{x^2 - 9}$
- D.  $3x^2\sqrt{x^2 - 27}$
- E. None of the above.

20. What linear system of inequalities results in the beside graph?

- A.  $y < -x + 2$   
 $y \geq 4x + 5$
- B.  $y > x + 2$   
 $y \leq -4x + 5$
- C.  $y < -x + 2$   
 $y < 4x + 5$
- D.  $y > x - 2$   
 $y \leq -4x - 5$
- E. None of the above.



21. The function  $f(x) = 15(1.4)^x$  represents the area in square inches of a photograph after it has been enlarged  $x$  times by a factor of 140%. What is the area of the photograph after it has been enlarged 4 times?

- A. 5.6 square inches
- B. 41.16 square inches
- C. 560 square inches
- D. 56.624 square inches
- E. None of the above

22. For which of the following conditions does  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  have two real solutions?

- I.  $b^2 = 4ac$                       II.  $b^2 > 4ac$                       III.  $a = b, c = b$

- A. I only
- B. II only
- C. III only
- D. II and III
- E. None of the above

23. Which of the following is true when the graph of  $f(x) = x^2 + 4$  is transformed into the graph of  $g(x) = 2x^2 + 4$ ?

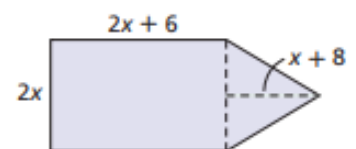
- A. Both functions have the same vertex.
- B. The new function has more zeroes than the old function.
- C. The function is translated up.
- D. The axis of symmetry changes.
- E. None of the above.

24. Which binomial is a factor of  $24x^2 - 49x + 2$ ?

- A.  $x - 2$
- B.  $x - 1$
- C.  $x + 1$
- D.  $x + 2$
- E. None of the above

25. What is the area of the beside figure? Write in factored form if possible.

- A.  $4x^2 + 12.5x + 4$
- B.  $(x + 3)(x + 4)$
- C.  $5x^2 + 8x + 12$
- D.  $4x(x + 3)$
- E. None of the above



2022 Algebra I Regional Competition**TIE BREAKER #1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

The area of a rectangular fountain is  $(x^2 + 12x + 20) ft^2$ . The width is  $(x + 2) ft$ .

- A. Find the length of the fountain.
- B. A 2-foot walkway is built around the fountain. Find the dimensions of the outside border of the walkway.
- C. It costs \$ 4.62 per  $ft^2$  to build the walkway. How much will it cost to build the walkway?
- D. What is the total area covered by the fountain and the walkway combined?

**TIE BREAKER #2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Sophia has 72 feet of fencing to enclose a rectangular region on her farm for her pig.

- A. Make a sketch of three possible regions that Sophia could enclose and give the corresponding areas.
- B. If the length of the region is  $x$ , find an expression for the width.
- C. Write an equation for the area of the enclosure using the expression written in part (B). The length of the region is  $x$ .
- D. Sophia wants her fenced region to have the largest area possible with 72 feet of fencing. What dimensions of an enclosure will give her the largest area?

**TIE BREAKER #3**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Anna has a balance of \$200 that she owes on her credit card. She plans to make a \$30 payment each month. There is also a 1.5% finance charge (interest) on the remaining balance each month.

A. Complete the below table. You may add more rows to the table as needed.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Monthly Payment</b>	<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>1.5% Finance Charge</b>	<b>Remaining Balance</b>
1	\$200	\$30	\$170	\$2.55	\$172.55
2		\$30			
3		\$30			
4		\$30			

B. How many months will it take Anna to pay the entire balance?

C. By the time that Anna pays the entire balance, how much total interest will she have paid?



**ANSWER KEY**

# 1	A	# 6	C	# 11	C	# 16	D	# 21	E (corrected)
# 2	E	# 7	D	# 12	A	# 17	A	# 22	B
# 3	B	# 8	B	# 13	C	# 18	B	# 23	A
# 4	D	# 9	E	# 14	D	# 19	C	# 24	A
# 5	A	# 10	D	# 15	A	# 20	B	# 25	E

**TIE BREAKER #1**

- A. The length is  $(x + 10)$
- B.  $(x + 14)$  by  $(x + 6)$
- C.  $\$(36.96x + 295.68)$
- D.  $x^2 + 20x + 84$

**TIE BREAKER #2**

A. Answers may vary, but the  $l + w = 36$  for each enclosure. Some possible answers:

Dimensions	Area
1 ft × 35 ft	35 ft <sup>2</sup>
6 ft × 30 ft	180 ft <sup>2</sup>
10 ft × 26 ft	260 ft <sup>2</sup>
12 ft × 24 ft	288 ft <sup>2</sup>
14 ft × 22 ft	308 ft <sup>2</sup>
16 ft × 20 ft	320 ft <sup>2</sup>
17 ft × 19 ft	323 ft <sup>2</sup>
18 ft × 18 ft	324 ft <sup>2</sup>

- B.  $y = 36 - x$
- C.  $A = 36x - x^2$
- D. 18 ft × 18 ft

**TIE BREAKER #3**

A. Table showing the expected values.

Month	Balance	Monthly Payment	Remaining Balance	1.5% Finance Charge	Remaining Balance
1	\$200	\$30	\$170	\$2.55	\$172.55
2	\$172.55	\$30	\$142.55	\$2.14	\$144.69
3	\$144.69	\$30	\$114.69	\$1.72	\$116.41
4	\$116.41	\$30	\$86.41	\$1.30	\$87.70
5	\$87.70	\$30	\$57.70	\$0.87	\$58.57
6	\$58.57	\$30	\$28.57	\$0.43	\$29.00
7	\$29.00	\$30	\$0		

- B. 7 months
- C. \$9.01