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"A mathematician is a machine for turning coffee into theorems."

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SAT Math Test Problem Children: Geometry

(Part 3)

PROBLEMS

1. In triangle *ABC*, the measure of $\angle B$ is 90°, *BC* = 9, and *AC* = 15. Triangle *DEF* is similar to triangle *ABC*, where vertices *D*, *E*, and *F* correspond to vertices *A*, *B*, and *C*, respectively, and each side of triangle *DEF* is $\frac{1}{3}$ the length of the corresponding side of triangle *ABC*. What is the value of sin *F* ?

2. In triangle *ABC*, the measure of $\angle B$ is 90°, *BC* = 15, and *AC* = 25. Triangle *DEF* is similar to triangle *ABC*, where vertices *D*, *E*, and *F* correspond to vertices *A*, *B*, and *C*, respectively, and each side of triangle *DEF* is $\frac{1}{5}$ the length of the corresponding side of triangle *ABC*. What is the value of sin *F* ?

3. In triangle *ABC*, the measure of $\angle B$ is 90°, *BC* = 16, and *AC* = 20. Triangle *DEF* is similar to triangle *ABC*, where vertices *D*, *E*, and *F* correspond to vertices *A*, *B*, and *C*, respectively, and each side of triangle *DEF* is $\frac{1}{4}$ the length of the corresponding side of triangle *ABC*. What is the value of sin *F* ?

4.



In the figure above, $\overline{AE} \parallel \overline{CD}$ and segment AD intersects segment CE at B. What is the length of segment CE ?



In the figure above, $\overline{AE} \parallel \overline{CD}$ and segment *AD* intersects segment *CE* at *B*. What is the length of segment *CE* ?

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In the figure above, $\overline{AE} \parallel \overline{CD}$ and segment *AD* intersects segment *CE* at *B*. What is the length of segment *CE* ?

"Only he who never plays, never loses."

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