

The Weekly Rigor

No. 141

“A mathematician is a machine for turning coffee into theorems.”

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SAT Math Test Problem Children: Randomized Problem Set 1

(Part 1)

1. What is the sum of all values of m that satisfy $3m^2 - 12m + 3 = 0$?

2.



Note: Figures not drawn to scale.

The angles shown above are acute and $\sin(a^\circ) = \cos(b^\circ)$. If $a = 2k - 20$ and $b = 8k - 15$, what is the value of k ?

- A) 3.5
- B) 4.5
- C) 12.5
- D) 21.5

3.

$$(x + 4)^2 - 9 = 0$$

What is a value of x that satisfies the equation above?

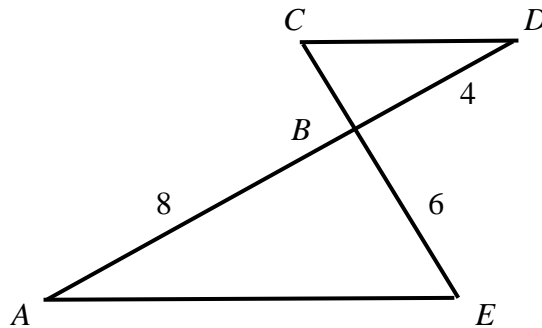
4.

$$\begin{aligned} kx - 2y &= 5 \\ 3x - 4y &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

In the system of equations above, k is a constant and x and y are variables. For what value of k will the system of equations have no solution?

5. If $f(x) = -3x + 6$, what is $f(-2x)$ equal to?

6.



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

7. If $a = 5\sqrt{2}$ and $3a = \sqrt{2x}$, what is the value of x ?

8.

$$\begin{aligned} ax + by &= 9 \\ 3x + 4y &= 54 \end{aligned}$$

In the system of equations above, a and b are constants. If the system has infinitely many solutions, what is the value of $\frac{a}{b}$?

“Only he who never plays, never loses.”