

The Weekly Rigor

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

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SAT Math Test Problem Children: Randomized Problem Set 2

(Part 1)

1.

$$5x^2 + 7x - 6 = 0$$

If r and s are two solutions of the equation above and $r > s$, what is the value of $r - s$?

2.

$$\begin{aligned}y &= x + 5 \\3x - 4y &= 10\end{aligned}$$

The system of equations above consists of two equations, and the graph of each equation in the xy -plane is a line. Which of the following statements is true about these two lines?

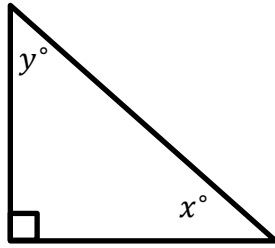
- A) The lines are parallel.
- B) The lines are the same.
- C) The lines are perpendicular.
- D) The lines intersect at $(-30, -25)$.

3.

$$\sqrt{x - a} = x - 4$$

If $a = 4$, what is the solution set of the equation above?

4.



In the triangle above, the cosine of x° is 0.6. What is the sine of y° ?

5.

$$\frac{5 - 2i}{4 - 3i}$$

If the expression above is rewritten in the form $a + bi$, where a and b are real numbers, what is the value of a ? (Note: $i = \sqrt{-1}$)

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

7.



Note: Figures not drawn to scale.

The angles shown above are acute and $\sin(a^\circ) = \cos(b^\circ)$. If $a = 6k - 18$ and $b = 4k - 19$, what is the value of k ?

- A) 12.7
- B) 21.7
- C) 3.5
- D) 4.5

“Only he who never plays, never loses.”