

# Pre-Algebra & Geometry

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## Part 1 — Pre-Algebra

### Q 01 · Variables & Expressions ■ Tricky

#### ■ MEMORY POINT

**SUBSTITUTE** → **SIMPLIFY** → **SOLVE**

Replace the variable first, then calculate step by step.

#### ■ EXAMPLE

If  $x = 4$ , find  $3x + 5 \rightarrow 3(4) + 5 = 12 + 5 = 17$

If  $n = -3$ , what is the value of  $2n^2 - n + 4$ ?

(A) 25

(B) 19

(C) 13

(D) 7

### Q 02 · Solving Equations

#### ■ MEMORY POINT

**INVERSE OPERATIONS**

Whatever is done to  $x$ , undo it — same on both sides.

#### ■ EXAMPLE

Solve:  $3x - 7 = 14 \rightarrow$  Add 7:  $3x = 21 \rightarrow$  Divide:  $x = 7$

Solve for  $x$ :  $5x - 3 = 2x + 12$

(A)  $x = 3$

(B)  $x = 5$

(C)  $x = 7$

(D)  $x = 9$

### Q 03 · Ratios & Proportions ■ Tricky

#### ■ MEMORY POINT

**CROSS-MULTIPLY** → **DIVIDE**

$a/b = c/d \rightarrow a \times d = b \times c$

#### ■ EXAMPLE

Solve  $\frac{3}{4} = \frac{x}{20} \rightarrow$  Cross-multiply:  $60 = 4x \rightarrow x = 15$

**A recipe uses 3 cups of flour for every 2 cups of sugar. If you use 9 cups of flour, how many cups of sugar do you need?**

- (A) 4 cups (B) 5 cups  
(C) 6 cups (D) 7 cups

#### Q 04 · Percentages

##### ■ MEMORY POINT

**IS / OF = % / 100**

"What % of 80 is 20?"  $\rightarrow 20/80 \times 100$

##### ■ EXAMPLE

What is 30% of 60?  $\rightarrow 0.30 \times 60 = 18$

**A jacket originally costs \$80. It is on sale for 25% off. What is the sale price?**

- (A) \$55 (B) \$60  
(C) \$65 (D) \$70

#### Q 05 · Order of Operations ■ Tricky

##### ■ MEMORY POINT

**PEMDAS**

Parentheses · Exponents · Multiply/Divide · Add/Subtract (left to right)

##### ■ EXAMPLE

$4 + 2 \times 3^2 \rightarrow$  Exponent: 9  $\rightarrow$  Multiply: 18  $\rightarrow$  Add: 22

**Evaluate:  $3 + 4 \times (8 - 5)^2 \div 6$**

- (A) 9 (B) 6  
(C) 5 (D) 11

#### Q 06 · Inequalities

##### ■ MEMORY POINT

**FLIP when DIVIDE/MULTIPLY by NEGATIVE**

$-2x < 6 \rightarrow x > -3$  (the inequality sign flips!)

##### ■ EXAMPLE

Solve:  $-3x < 9 \rightarrow$  Divide by  $-3$  and flip:  $x > -3$

Which value of  $x$  is a solution to  $-2x + 5 > 11$ ?

- (A)  $x = -4$  (B)  $x = 0$   
(C)  $x = 3$  (D)  $x = 6$

Q 07 · Fractions & Operations ■ Tricky

■ MEMORY POINT

LCD → SAME DENOMINATOR → ADD NUMERATORS

Never add denominators! Find LCD first, then add only numerators.

■ EXAMPLE

$1/3 + 1/4 \rightarrow \text{LCD} = 12 \rightarrow 4/12 + 3/12 = 7/12$

What is the value of  $2/3 + 3/4 - 1/2$ ?

- (A)  $5/12$  (B)  $11/12$   
(C)  $7/12$  (D)  $3/4$

Q 08 · Number Patterns

■ MEMORY POINT

FIND THE RULE: ADD? MULTIPLY? SQUARE?

Look at differences between terms first.

■ EXAMPLE

2, 5, 8, 11, \_\_\_ → Adding 3 each time → Next: 14

What is the next term in the pattern: 3, 6, 12, 24, \_\_\_?

- (A) 36 (B) 40  
(C) 48 (D) 42

Q 09 · Word → Equation ■ Tricky

■ MEMORY POINT

"MORE THAN" = ADD · "TIMES" = MULTIPLY · "IS" = EQUALS

Translate each word into a math symbol first.

■ EXAMPLE

"5 more than three times a number is 20" →  $3x + 5 = 20 \rightarrow x = 5$

Tom has twice as many stickers as Emma. Together they have 42 stickers. How many does Tom have?

(A) 14

(B) 21

(C) 28

(D) 30

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**Q 10 · Integer Operations**

■ **MEMORY POINT**

**SAME SIGNS → ADD · DIFFERENT SIGNS → SUBTRACT**

Keep the sign of the bigger absolute value number.

■ **EXAMPLE**

$$(-5) \times (-3) = +15 \cdot (-4) \times (+2) = -8$$

**What is the value of  $(-4) + (-7) \times 2 - (-3)$ ?**

(A) -15

(B) -22

(C) -25

(D) -8

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## Part 2 — Geometry

### Q G01 · Angles

#### ■ MEMORY POINT

SUPPLEMENTARY =  $180^\circ$  · COMPLEMENTARY =  $90^\circ$

Sup → Straight line. Com → Corner (right angle).

#### ■ EXAMPLE

Supplementary: one angle is  $65^\circ$  → Other =  $180^\circ - 65^\circ = 115^\circ$

**Two angles are complementary. One angle measures  $37^\circ$ . What is the measure of the other angle?**

- (A)  $53^\circ$  (B)  $63^\circ$   
(C)  $143^\circ$  (D)  $73^\circ$

### Q G02 · Area of Triangle ■ Tricky

#### ■ MEMORY POINT

$A = 1/2 \times \text{BASE} \times \text{HEIGHT}$

HEIGHT must be perpendicular to the base — not the slanted side!

#### ■ EXAMPLE

Triangle: base = 10, height = 6 →  $A = 1/2 \times 10 \times 6 = 30$

**A triangle has a base of 14 cm and a height of 9 cm. What is its area?**

- (A)  $126 \text{ cm}^2$  (B)  $63 \text{ cm}^2$   
(C)  $46 \text{ cm}^2$  (D)  $72 \text{ cm}^2$

### Q G03 · Pythagorean Theorem

#### ■ MEMORY POINT

$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

c = HYPOTENUSE (longest side, opposite the right angle)

#### ■ EXAMPLE

$a = 3, b = 4 \rightarrow c^2 = 9 + 16 = 25 \rightarrow c = 5$

**A right triangle has legs of 6 cm and 8 cm. What is the length of the hypotenuse?**

- (A) 10 cm (B) 12 cm  
(C) 14 cm (D) 7 cm



■ MEMORY POINT

$$A = \pi r^2$$

Square the RADIUS, then multiply by  $\pi$ . (Not the diameter!)

■ EXAMPLE

$$r = 5 \rightarrow A = \pi \times 25 = 25\pi \approx 78.5$$

**A circular pond has a radius of 7 m. What is its area? (Use  $\pi \approx 3.14$ )**

- (A) 43.96 m<sup>2</sup> (B) 153.86 m<sup>2</sup>  
(C) 307.72 m<sup>2</sup> (D) 21.98 m<sup>2</sup>

**Q G08 - Volume of Rectangular Prism ■ Tricky**

■ MEMORY POINT

$$V = \text{LENGTH} \times \text{WIDTH} \times \text{HEIGHT}$$

Volume is 3D — multiply all THREE dimensions.

■ EXAMPLE

$$\text{Box } 4 \times 3 \times 5 = V = 60 \text{ cm}^3$$

**A fish tank is 50 cm long, 30 cm wide, and 40 cm tall. How many cm<sup>3</sup> of water can it hold?**

- (A) 60,000 cm<sup>3</sup> (B) 1,500 cm<sup>3</sup>  
(C) 6,000 cm<sup>3</sup> (D) 120 cm<sup>3</sup>

**Q G09 - Coordinate Geometry**

■ MEMORY POINT

$$\text{DISTANCE} = \text{sqrt}[(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2]$$

Think Pythagorean theorem on a grid!

■ EXAMPLE

$$\text{Points } (0,0) \text{ and } (3,4): d = \text{sqrt}(9+16) = \text{sqrt}(25) = 5$$

**What is the distance between points A(1, 2) and B(5, 5)?**

- (A) 5 (B) 6  
(C) 7 (D) 4

**Q G10 - Similar Figures ■ Tricky**

■ MEMORY POINT

**SIMILAR = SAME SHAPE, DIFFERENT SIZE → RATIOS ARE EQUAL**

Set up a proportion:  $\text{side1}/\text{side2} = \text{other side1}/\text{other side2}$

■ **EXAMPLE**

Similar triangles: sides 3 & 4 match to 6 & ? →  $3/6 = 4/x \rightarrow x = 8$

**Two similar rectangles: first has sides 4 cm and 6 cm. The second has a longer side of 9 cm. What is its shorter side?**

(A) 5 cm

(B) 6 cm

(C) 7 cm

(D) 8 cm

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# Answer Key

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## Part 2 — Geometry

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