

# Compass Practice Form A

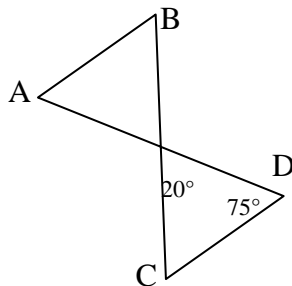
1. 
$$\frac{(4 \times 10^7)(3 \times 10^4)}{2 \times 10^9} =$$

- A. 12,000
- B. 2,400
- C. 1,400
- D. 600
- E. 50

2. If 6 pounds of apples cost \$4.20, what is the cost of 8 pounds?

- A. \$1.80
- B. \$5.00
- C. \$5.60
- D. \$6.50
- E. \$6.80

3. Find the measure of angle B, given that AB is parallel to CD.



- A. 20
- B. 55
- C. 70
- D. 75
- E. 85

4.  $15.7 - 2.06 =$

- A. 1.364
- B. 13.01
- C. 13.64
- D. -13.01
- E. -13.64

5. For all x,  $(x - 5)^2 =$

- A.  $x^2 + 25$
- B.  $x^2 - 25$
- C.  $x^2 + 10x + 25$
- D.  $x^2 - 10x + 25$
- E.  $x^2 - 10x - 25$

6.  $(-2)^5 =$

- A. -32
- B. -10
- C. 10
- D. 16
- E. 32

7. What is the greatest common divisor of 8, 12, 16?

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 6
- D. 8
- E. 16

8. For all x,  $(3x^2y)^3 =$

- A.  $9x^6y^3$
- B.  $27x^6y^3$
- C.  $9x^6y$
- D.  $27x^3y^3$
- E.  $27x^5y^3$

9. A liquid weighing 20 ounces contains 15% alcohol. How many ounces of alcohol does it contain?
- A. 3  
B. 5  
C. 15  
D. 30  
E. 45
10. The solution of the inequality  $2 - x \leq 3x - 7$  is
- A.  $x \geq 9$   
B.  $x \leq 9$   
C.  $x \geq \frac{9}{4}$   
D.  $x \leq \frac{9}{4}$   
E.  $x \geq 5$
11. For all  $x$  and  $y$ ,  $y(x + y) - x(x - y) =$
- A.  $y^2 - x^2$   
B.  $x^2 - y^2$   
C.  $xy - x^2$   
D.  $y^2 + 2xy - x^2$   
E.  $-x^2 + xy + 2y$
12.  $|-5| + |-1| - |2| =$
- A. -6  
B. -4  
C. 2  
D. 4  
E. 8
13. For  $c = 2$  and  $d = -4$ , the value of  $3cd + 2d - c$  is
- A. -34  
B. -18  
C. -3  
D. 14  
E. 34
14.  $\frac{1}{3} - \frac{4}{7} + \frac{5}{6} =$
- A.  $25/42$   
B.  $1/8$   
C.  $1/21$   
D.  $5/8$   
E. 2
15. One factor of  $2a^2 - ab - 3b^2$  is
- A.  $(2a - 3b)$   
B.  $(2a + 3b)$   
C.  $(a - 3b)$   
D.  $(a + 3b)$   
E.  $(2a - b)$
16. A collection of nickels and dimes is worth \$1.25. If there are 17 coins and  $n$  represents the number of nickels and  $d$  represents the number of dimes, then one equation is  $n + d = 17$ . The other equation is
- A.  $5n + 10d = 1.25$   
B.  $10n + 5d = 1.25$   
C.  $10n + 5d = 125$   
D.  $n + d = 125$   
E.  $5n + 10d = 125$

17. If  $x + 2 = 5 - 3(x - 1)$ , then  $x =$

- A. 0
- B.  $1/2$
- C.  $2/3$
- D.  $3/2$
- E. 4

18.  $60 \div 300 =$

- A. 5
- B. 2
- C. 0.2
- D. 0.5
- E. 2.5

19. If an engine requires 22 gallons of gasoline a week, how many gallons of gasoline are required in 10 days?

- A. 12
- B. 27.5
- C. 31.42
- D. 154
- E. 220

20. Given  $x = -3$  and  $y = 2$ , the expression below with the smallest value is

- A.  $3xy$
- B.  $x^2y$
- C.  $xy^2$
- D.  $x + 5y$
- E.  $7x + y$

21. The solution of  $5 - 3x = 17$  is  $x =$

- A.  $-22/3$
- B. -4
- C. 4
- D.  $22/3$
- E. 15

22. For all  $x$ ,  $2x^2 - 5x - 12 =$

- A.  $(2x - 3)(x - 4)$
- B.  $(2x - 6)(x + 2)$
- C.  $(2x + 3)(x - 4)$
- D.  $(2x - 4)(x + 3)$
- E.  $(2x - 3)(x + 4)$

23. The cost of renting a van is \$27 plus 30 cents per mile. If the cost of renting is  $C$  and  $m$  is the number of miles the van is driven, then

- A.  $C = 27m + 30$
- B.  $C = 30m + 27$
- C.  $C = 27 + .30m$
- D.  $C = 30 + .27m$
- E.  $C = (27 + .30)m$

24. The solution of  $4x - 5 = 2(x + 1)$  is between

- A. 0 and 1
- B. 1 and 2
- C. 3 and 4
- D. 5 and 6
- E. 7 and 8

25. For non-zero  $x$  and  $y$ ,  $\frac{x^4y^3}{x^6y^2} =$

- A.  $x^2y$
- B.  $\frac{x^2}{y}$
- C.  $x^{10}y^5$
- D.  $\frac{y}{x^2}$
- E.  $\frac{1}{x^{10}y^6}$

26. Given the domain is  $\{2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$   
the solution set of  $2x - 1 > 5$  is

A.  $\{3\}$   
B.  $\{3, 4\}$   
C.  $\{4, 5, 6\}$   
D.  $\{2, 3\}$   
E.  $\{4, 5\}$

27. Five less than twice a number is  $-1$ .  
What is the number?

A.  $-3$   
B.  $1/3$   
C.  $1/2$   
D.  $2$   
E.  $3$

28. A car travels 100 miles in 1 hour and  
40 minutes. The average speed is

A. 55 mph  
B. 60 mph  
C. 62 mph  
D. 65 mph  
E. 70 mph

29. If  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 1$ , then  $f(-3)$

A. 2  
B. 4  
C. 13  
D. 14  
E. 16

30. In the solution of the system of  
equations  $2x + y = 1$  and  $3x + y = 4$ ,  
the variable of  $y$  is

A.  $-5$   
B.  $-3$   
C. 1  
D. 3  
E. 5

31. For all positive  $x$ ,  $\sqrt{32x^5} =$

A.  $4x^2 \sqrt{2x}$   
B.  $2x^2 \sqrt{4x}$   
C.  $4x \sqrt{x}$   
D.  $2x^3 \sqrt{4x}$   
E.  $4x^3$

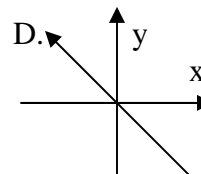
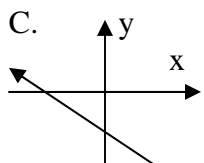
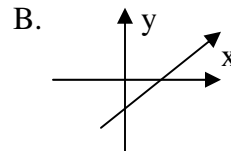
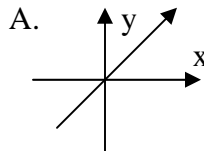
32. If  $x^2 = 3x$ , then  $x =$

A. 0 only  
B. 0 or 3  
C.  $-3$  only  
D. 0 or  $-3$   
E. 3 only

33. If  $\frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{6}$ , then  $x =$

A.  $10/3$   
B.  $4/3$   
C.  $-1$   
D. 1  
E. 0

34. Which is the graph of  $y = -x$ ?



35. For  $x \neq \pm 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x+1}$  is the same as

- A.  $\frac{2}{x^2 - 1}$
- B. 0
- C.  $1/x$
- D.  $\frac{2x+1}{x^2 - 1}$
- E.  $2/x$

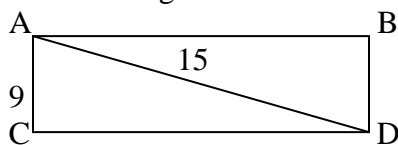
36. The slope of the graph of  $x - 2y = 6$  is

- A. -2
- B.  $-1/2$
- C. 1
- D.  $1/2$
- E. 6

37.  $(-8)^{2/3} =$

- A.  $16/3$
- B.  $-16/3$
- C. -4
- D. -2
- E. 4

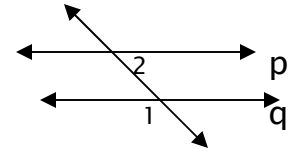
38. What is the perimeter of the rectangle ABCD?



- A. 42
- B. 24
- C. 12
- D. 35
- E. 432

39. In the figure below  $p$  and  $q$  are parallel. What is the sum of the measures of angle 1 and angle 2?

- A.  $90^\circ$
- B.  $100^\circ$
- C.  $180^\circ$
- D.  $270^\circ$
- E.  $360^\circ$



40. If the length,  $L$ , of a rectangle is tripled and the width,  $W$ , is decreased by 2, then the area is

- A.  $(2L)(W + 3)$
- B.  $(3L)(W - 2)$
- C.  $(3L)(W + 2)$
- D.  $(2L)(W - 3)$
- E.  $(3L) + (W - 2)$

#### ANSWERS:

1. D	21. B
2. C	22. C
3. E	23. C
4. C	24. C
5. D	25. D
6. A	26. C
7. B	27. D
8. B	28. B
9. A	29. E
10. C	30. A
11. D	31. A
12. D	32. B
13. A	33. D
14. A	34. D
15. A	35. A
16. E	36. D
17. D	37. E
18. C	38. A
19. C	39. C
20. E	40. B

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