

# Which one?! - Common Math Mistakes

|    | Choose "Answer A" or "Answer B"   | ANSWER A             | ANSWER B          | Comments |
|----|---|----------------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1  | What's the next step to simplify? $8(-3)^2$                             | Multiply 8 and $-3$  | Square the $-3$   |          |
| 2  | What operation do you do between the exponents? $(x^3)^4$               | Add                  | Multiply          |          |
| 3  | Which expression is equivalent to $(3x^3)^2$                            | $9x^6$               | $3x^6$            |          |
| 4  | To combine, will you add or multiply the exponents? $x^{5/6} * x^{3/4}$ | Add                  | Multiply          |          |
| 5  | To combine, will you add or multiply the exponents? $(y^{2/3})^{3/4}$   | Add                  | Multiply          |          |
| 6  | Multiply : $(2x + 3y)^2$  | $4x^2 + 12xy + 9y^2$ | $4x^2 + 9y^2$     |          |
| 7  | What is $\frac{0}{7}$ ?   | 0                    | Undefined         |          |
| 8  | What is $\frac{7}{0}$ ?   | 0                    | Undefined         |          |
| 9  | Which one is equal to $-\frac{32}{4}$ ?                                 | $-\frac{32}{4}$      | $-\frac{32}{-4}$  |          |
| 10 | Which is equivalent to $(-3)^2$ ?                                       | $-(3) \cdot (3)$     | $(-3)(-3)$        |          |
| 11 | Is $\frac{3x}{4}$ equivalent to $\frac{3}{4}x$ ?                        | Yes                  | No                |          |
| 12 | Simplify : $8x^{-3}$  | $\frac{1}{8x^3}$     | $\frac{8}{x^3}$   |          |
| 13 | Simplify : $(6x)^{-2}$  | $\frac{36}{x^2}$     | $\frac{1}{36x^2}$ |          |

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| 14 | Divide : $\frac{x-3x^3}{x}$  | $1 - 3x^3$            | $1 - 3x^2$              |  |
| 15 | Simplify : $\sqrt{-16}$  | -4                    | Not a real number       |  |
| 16 | Simplify : $\sqrt{x^4y^{16}}$  | $x^2y^8$              | $x^2y^4$                |  |
| 17 | Simplify : $\sqrt{(x+5)^2}$  | $ x+5 $               | Cannot be simplified    |  |
| 18 | Simplify : $\sqrt{x^2 + 25}$   | $ x+5 $               | Cannot be simplified    |  |
| 19 | Multiply : $3\sqrt{2} * 5\sqrt{3}$   | $15\sqrt{6}$          | $8\sqrt{5}$             |  |
| 20 | In which case can the two radicands be combined?   | $\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{6}$ | $\sqrt{a} * \sqrt{6}$   |  |
| 21 | Convert to fractional exponents: $\sqrt{7x}$   | $7x^{1/2}$            | $7^{1/2} \cdot x^{1/2}$ |  |
| 22 | The equation $x^2 = 3x$ has only one solution: $x = 3$   | Yes                   | No                      |  |
| 23 | Is the following allowed? $\frac{7}{3+4} = \frac{7}{3} + \frac{7}{4}$  | Yes                   | No                      |  |
| 24 | Is the following allowed?<br>$\cos\left(\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \cos(\pi) + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ | Yes                   | No                      |  |
| 25 | Is the following allowed? $\sin(2\theta) = 2\sin\theta$  | Yes                   | No                      |  |
| 26 | Which is equivalent? $\cos^3 x$  | $(\cos x)^3$          | $\cos x^3$              |  |
| 27 | Is the following true or false?<br>$\cos^{-1} x = \frac{1}{\cos x}$  | True                  | False                   |  |