

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

2006

1. How many perfect squares are there between 2 and 140?
2. When the band The Beatles first formed, they had 1 fan. This fan told 3 other people about The Beatles. Each of these 3 people told 3 other people about The Beatles. As a result, how many people in total knew about The Beatles?
3. Find the product of the even multiples of 5 that are greater than 1 and less than 49.
4. Donald has twice as many books as Kevin. Kevin has 4 times as many books as Watson. Watson has 6 books. How many books do Donald, Kevin, and Watson have in total?
5. Compute  $(1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + 98 + 99) \div (.01 + .02 + .03 + \cdots + .98 + .99)$ .
6. The sum of the ages of Sam and Cara is 30. Sam is 4 years younger than Cara. How old is Cara?
7. Farmer John wants to buy fencing for the perimeter of his rectangular field. The length of the field is 17 meters and the area of the field is 119 square meters. Given that fencing costs 10 cents per meter, how much money will Farmer John have to spend?
8. If a box of donuts is marked down 20% from its original price of \$5, then marked back up 20% from the sale price, how much does this box of donuts cost now?
9. Find the probability that a randomly chosen positive whole number less than or equal to 90 is a multiple of 17.
10. Vincent likes to mix different types of soda. He buys one liter of cola for \$2.00, one liter of lemon-lime soda for \$1.50, and 2 liters of orange soda for a total of \$3.50. If he mixes these all together, what is the price per liter of the mixture?
11. Connie took a test with 25 questions. For every question she got right, she earned 4 points, and for every question she got wrong, she lost 1 point. She answered every question, and got a score of 80. How many questions did she get right?
12. Christine can sing 120 notes every minute, while Rachel can sing 180 notes every minute. If Christine and Rachel begin singing at the same time, how long, *in seconds*, will it take for their combined note total to equal 1080 notes?
13. Sally has 7 coins, which together make 72 cents. Each coin is a penny, nickel, dime or quarter. How many dimes does Sally have?
14. What is the number halfway between  $\frac{1}{13}$  and  $\frac{1}{9}$ ?

15. On planet Penev, the symbol  $\left\{ - \right\}$  is defined as follows:  $\left\{ \frac{x}{y} \right\} = (-1)^{x+y}$ . Compute  $\left\{ \frac{2}{4} \right\}$ .
16. An ant begins at the origin (the point  $(0,0)$ ) of a Cartesian plane, facing in the positive  $x$ -direction. The ant takes two steps forward, turns  $90^\circ$  to its right, takes three steps, turns around ( $180^\circ$ ), takes five steps, and finally turns  $90^\circ$  to its left and takes nine steps. Assuming each of its steps is the same length, in which quadrant does the ant end up?
17. What is the positive difference between the sum of the first fifteen positive even numbers and the sum of the first fifteen positive odd numbers?
18. The point  $(10, 0)$  is 10 units from the origin. Give a point, as an ordered pair  $(x, y)$ , that is also 10 units from the origin such that both coordinates  $x$  and  $y$  are positive whole numbers and  $x < y$ .
19. Let  $N = 20 \cdot 30 \cdot 50 \cdot 70 \cdot 90 \cdot 110 \cdot 130$ . What is the smallest prime number that is not a factor of  $N$ ?
20. Compute  $\left( \sqrt{2^3} \right)^{\frac{4}{3}}$ .
21. If the length, width, and height of a box (rectangular prism) are all doubled, by how many times is the volume of the box increased?
22. In the game of Gaussball, there are two ways to score points: a regular goal, worth 3 points; and a Gauss goal, worth 4 points. What is the greatest whole number that cannot be earned as a score in a game of Gaussball?
23. Eddy scored 4 free throws out of the 13 free throws he has taken. How many consecutive shots must he now score in order to achieve a shooting percentage (free throws scored out of total free throws taken) of 50%?
24. Three ducks - Duck 1, Duck 2, and Duck 3 - are sitting in a row. Duck 1 quacks once every six minutes. Duck 2 quacks once every nine minutes. Duck 3 quacks once every fifteen minutes. Given that all three ducks quack at 1:00 PM, when is the next time they will all simultaneously quack? ("Simultaneously" means at the same time.)
25. How many lines of symmetry does a regular dodecagon (a polygon with 12 sides) have?
26. To complete his meal, James must select 3 different side dishes and one drink. There are 6 available different side dishes and 4 available drinks. The order in which James selects the side dishes and drinks does not matter. How many different meals can James select?
27. Compute  $1001^2 - 999^2$ .
28. The angle measures of *acute* triangle  $ABC$  are all positive whole numbers. If  $m\angle A = 50^\circ$ , what is the smallest possible measure, in degrees, of  $\angle B$ ?
29. What is the units digit of  $8^{22}$ ?
30. Dan runs at a speed of  $1.1\pi$  miles per hour. How long, in hours, does it take Dan to run 2.75 times around a circle with radius 1 mile?
31. Dr. Mayers raises chickens and rabbits in his classroom. He counts 450 total animals, and 1050 total legs on the animals. Each chicken has 2 legs, while each rabbit has 4 legs. How many rabbits does Dr. Mayers have?

32. A *palindrome* is a number that reads the same left-to-right as right-to-left. For example, 1234321 is a palindrome. How many palindromes between 1000 and 9999 are divisible by 9?
33. A cylindrical container of internal radius 2 inches and internal volume  $32\pi$  cubic inches is  $\frac{3}{4}$  filled with water. What is the maximum number of cylindrical disks of radius 2 inches and height  $\frac{3}{5}$  inch that can be added to the container without letting the water overflow?
34. If  $2^x \cdot 3^x + 6^x = 432$ , find  $x$ .
35. On a test, Jamie was asked to add 9 to a number  $x$ , and then divide the result by 2. However, Jamie accidentally *subtracted* 9 from  $x$  and then *multiplied* the result by 2. Luckily for her, she still got the correct answer! Find  $x$ .
36. Richard plays darts on a circular dartboard that is made up of two concentric circles (two circles with the same center but different sizes). Getting a bulls-eye means hitting anywhere in the inner circle, which has radius 2 inches. The outer circle has radius 3 inches. Richard always hits the dartboard, but does not always get a bulls-eye. If Richard has an equal chance of hitting each point on the dartboard, what is the probability that Richard gets a bulls-eye in his next shot?
37. Four different numbers  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  are chosen from the set

$$\left\{-4, -\frac{3}{2}, -1, 0, \frac{5}{8}, 1, 4, 7\right\}.$$

What is the smallest possible value of the sum  $\frac{A}{B} + \frac{C}{D}$ ?

38. Aaron and John have a 300-square-foot lawn. It takes Aaron 30 minutes to mow the lawn alone, and it takes John 20 minutes to mow the lawn alone. If Aaron and John work together to mow the lawn at the same time, how long, in minutes, will it take them to mow it?
39. If  $ax = bx$  and  $a \neq b$ , compute  $7(a + 6b)^x$ .
40. Dr. Crane gave her class five homework assignments. Arthur only did three of these assignments. Dr. Crane picks two assignments at random to check, out of the five she gave. What is the probability that Arthur has done both of the assignments that Dr. Crane checks?
41. Josh wonders who else participates in math team, physics team, and choir. There are 300 people who participate in at least one of the three activities, 150 who participate in choir, 200 who participate in math team, 32 who participate in physics team, 70 who participate in both choir and math team, 12 who participate in both choir and physics team, and 8 who participate in both math team and physics team. How many people participate in all three activities?
42. Kite  $MATH$  has right angles at  $A$  and  $H$ , and  $m\angle M = \theta$ . Extend lines  $MA$  and  $TH$  so they intersect at point  $K$ , and extend lines  $MH$  and  $AT$  so they intersect at point  $L$ . Finally, draw line  $KL$ . What is  $m\angle MLK$ , in terms of  $\theta$ ?
43. Jimbo, Jun, Jay, Jacob, Janine and Jenna are standing in a line with their backs to a wall. How many different orders could they be standing in so that Jenna and Jimbo are standing next to each other?
44. How many positive divisors does  $((2^0 \cdot 3^1)^2 \cdot 4)^3 \cdot 5^4$  have?

45. Each term in the Almost-Fibonacci sequence (except for the first two terms) is equal to the sum of the previous two terms. That is,  $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$  for all  $n \geq 3$ , where  $a_n$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term in the sequence. If the second term in the sequence is 4 and the ninth term is 110, what is the first term in the sequence?
46. Ben and Joe are playing a game. They flip coins one at a time until either the sequence heads-tails or tails-tails comes up. If the sequence is heads-tails, Ben wins. If the sequence is tails-tails, Joe wins. What is the probability that Ben wins?
47. What is the largest value of  $n$  such that  $n^2 - 6n - 55$  is prime?
48. A rectangle is divided into congruent squares. The sum of the perimeters of the squares is numerically equal to the area of the rectangle. What is the length of a side of one of the squares?
49. A mouse starts on the coordinate plane at the origin (the point  $(0,0)$ ). Each move, the mouse randomly chooses one of the following four directions and moves one unit in that direction: up (positive  $y$ -direction), down (negative  $y$ -direction), left (negative  $x$ -direction), or right (positive  $x$ -direction). In how many ways can the mouse end at the point  $(2,0)$  after 25 such moves?
50. Andrei challenges the math team to a math duel. For each question in the duel, Andrei must give exactly one answer. Each member of the math team may also give one answer, and if at least one math team member gives the correct answer, the math team gets the question right. Andrei has a  $\frac{31}{32}$  chance of answering any given question correctly, while each member of the rest of the math team has a  $\frac{1}{2}$  chance of getting any given question correct. Find the number of math team members that should answer a question so that the math team has exactly the same probability of answering the question correctly as Andrei does. (Note: Andrei is not considered a member of the math team.)