

Homework-1 : Due 09/26/2021 at 11:59pm HKT

This is a set of homework questions to let you review some basic algebra and get familiar with the basic types of questions that WeBWorK can ask.

Give 4 or 5 significant digits for numerical answers. For most problems when entering numerical answers, you can if you wish enter elementary expressions such as 3^2 or $3*2$ instead of 9, $\sin(3 * \pi/2)$ instead of -1, $e^{\ln(3)}$ instead of 3, $(1 + \tan(3)) * (4 - \sin(5))^{1/6} - 15/8$ instead of 12748.8657, etc. In other words, WeBWorK can compute the value of the expression you enter.

1. (5 points) The expression

$$\left(\frac{5a^{-6}}{7b^{-1/5}} \right)^{-1}$$

equals na^r/b^t where

n, the coefficient, is: _____

r, the exponent of a, is: _____

t, the exponent of b, is: _____

(Hint: Take a look at the "Laws of Exponents" first if you are unsure how to proceed with this question.)

Correct Answers:

- 1.4
- 6
- 0.2

2. (5 points) Simplify the expression

$$\frac{y^2 + 4y}{y^2 - 16}$$

and give your answer in the form of

$$\frac{f(y)}{g(y)}.$$

Your answer for the function $f(y)$ is : _____

Your answer for the function $g(y)$ is : _____

Correct Answers:

- y
- y-4

3. (5 points) Simplify the expression

$$\frac{5x}{(x+1)^2} + \frac{1}{x+1}$$

and give your answer in the form of

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}.$$

Your answer for the function $f(x)$ is : _____

Your answer for the function $g(x)$ is : _____

Correct Answers:

- (5+1) * x+1*1
- (x+1) * (x+1)

4. (5 points) Consider the line graphs of the following two linear functions,

$$y = f(x) = -6x + 9 \quad y = g(x) = -5x + 1$$

a) Which line has a greater slope?

- A. $f(x)$ has greater slope.
- B. $g(x)$ has greater slope.
- C. Their slopes are equal.

b) Which line has a greater y -intercept?

- A. $f(x)$ has a greater y -intercept.
- B. $g(x)$ has a greater y -intercept.
- C. Their y -intercepts are equal.

Solution:

SOLUTION

a) The slope of $f(x)$ is -6, and the slope of $g(x)$ is -5 . Since $-5 > -6$, the slope of $g(x)$ is greater than the slope of $f(x)$ (it is less negative).

b) The y -intercept of $f(x)$ is 9, and the y -intercept of $g(x)$ is 1. Since $9 > 1$, the y -intercept of $f(x)$ is greater than the y -intercept of $g(x)$.

Correct Answers:

- B
- A

5. (5 points) You bought a new car for \$23,500 in 2005, and the value of the car depreciates by \$500 each year. Find a formula for V , the value of the car, in terms of t , the number of years since 2005.

$$V(t) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

(Be sure NOT TO USE ANY COMMAS when you enter your formula. For example enter two thousand as 2000 and not as 2,000.)

Solution:

SOLUTION

They y -intercept is 23500 since the initial value of the car when you purchased it (i.e. when $t = 0$) was 23,500. The slope is -500 since the value goes down by \$500 for every increase in t by 1. Plugging these values into the general formula for a line $y = mx + b$ yields the formula

$$V(t) = 23500 - 500t .$$

Correct Answers:

- $23500 - 500 * t$

6. (5 points) Solve the equation $x^2 - 3x - 28 = 0$ by factoring.

The solutions are $x_1 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ and $x_2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ with $x_1 \leq x_2$.

Correct Answers:

- -4
- 7

7. (5 points) By completing the square, the expression $x^2 - 12x + 138$ equals $(x + A)^2 + B$

where $A = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ and $B = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

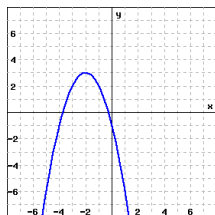
Correct Answers:

- -6
- 102

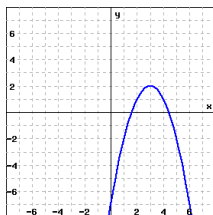
8. (5 points)

Match each graph with its corresponding equation.

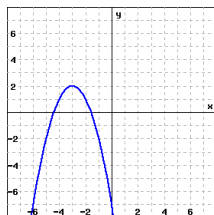
- ☐ 1. $-(x - 3)^2 + 2$
- ☐ 2. $(x - 3)^2 + 2$
- ☐ 3. $-(x + 2)^2 + 3$
- ☐ 4. $-(x + 3)^2 + 2$



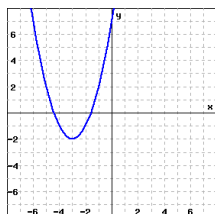
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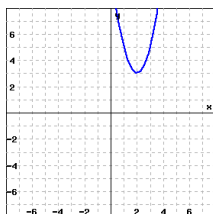
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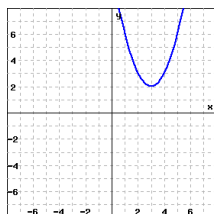
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E



F

(Click on a graph to enlarge it)

Correct Answers:

- B
- F
- A
- C

9. (5 points) Phyllis invested 37000 dollars, a portion earning a simple interest rate of 5 percent per year and the rest earning a rate of 6 percent per year. After one year the total interest earned on these investments was 1970 dollars. How much money did she invest at each rate?

At rate 5 percent :

At rate 6 percent :

Correct Answers:

- 25000
- 12000

10. (5 points) In this problem the two speeds are different and unknown.

You and your friend part at an intersection. You drive off north at a constant speed, and your friend drives east at a speed that is 10 mph higher. After 4 hours the distance between you and your friend is 334.95 miles. You have been driving at mph. (Round to the nearest mile).

Solution:

Solution: Let v be your speed. In 4 hours you travel a distance of $4v$ miles. During the same time, your friend travels a distance of $4(v + 10)$ miles. By the Pythagorean Theorem the distance between you and your friend after 4 hours equals

$$\sqrt{(4v)^2 + (4(v + 10))^2} = 334.95 \text{ miles.}$$

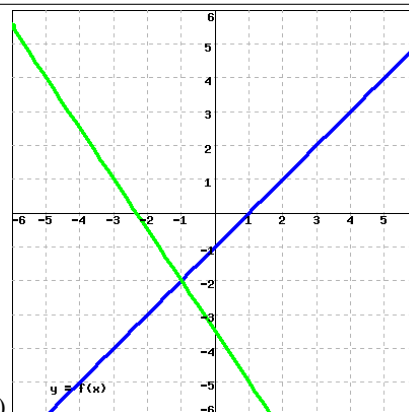
This quadratic equation can be solved by squaring on both sides, to get rid of the square root, and then simplifying and completing the square. The answer is

$$v = 54 \text{ miles.}$$

That's your speed.

Correct Answers:

- 54



11. (5 points)

The graphs of two linear equations are shown above. The graph of $y = f(x)$ is in blue and the graph of $y = g(x)$ is in green. Find the interval where $f(x) \geq g(x)$.

Answer: _____

Correct Answers:

- $x \geq -1$

12. (6 points) Solve:

$$\frac{(x-4)}{6} \geq \frac{(x-1)}{12} + \frac{5}{24}$$

Answer: _____

Correct Answers:

- $[19/2, \text{infinity})$

13. (7 points) For a certain county, the percentage, P , of voters who used electronic voting systems, such as optical scans, in national elections can be modeled by the formula

$$P = 2.9x + 13.4,$$

where x is the number of years after 2001. In which years will more than 45.3% of the county's voters use electronic systems? Note: Enter your answer as, *Voting years after yyyy* – do not put a period at the end of the phrase.

Answer: _____

Correct Answers:

- VOTING YEARS AFTER 2012

14. (5 points) Solve: $|2t - 4| + 1 = 1$

Answer: _____

Correct Answers:

- $t = 2$

15. (7 points) Solve: $\left| \frac{3x+3}{3} \right| \leq 3$

Answer: _____

Correct Answers:

- $-4 \leq x \leq 2$