Topic: Prime factorization and product of primes

Question: What is the prime factorization of 120?

Answer choices:

 $\mathbf{A} \quad 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5$

 $\mathsf{B} \qquad 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 5$

C $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$

 $\mathsf{D} \qquad 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$

Solution: C

We need to find the product of prime numbers that make up 120.

120

12 · 10

 $6 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 2$

 $3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 2$

Now we'll collect the factors in ascending order.

 $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$

We can also write it as

 $2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$



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Question: What is the prime factorization of 300?

Answer choices:

A 2 · 3 · 3 · 5

 $\mathsf{B} \qquad 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$

C $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$

D $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 5$

Solution: D

We need to find the product of prime numbers that make up 300.

300

30 · 10

 $6 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 2$

 $3 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 2$

Now we'll collect the factors in ascending order.

 $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 5$

We can also write it as

 $2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2$



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Question: Which factorization is complete?

Answer choices:

A
$$100 = 10^2$$

B
$$100 = 4 \cdot 25$$

C
$$100 = 10 \cdot 10$$

D
$$100 = 2^2 \cdot 5^2$$

Solution: D

If we want to completely factor 100, the factorization breaks down as

100

50 · 2

25 · 2 · 2

 $5 \cdot 5 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$

Now we'll collect the factors in ascending order.

 $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 5$

We can also write it as

 $2^2 \cdot 5^2$

