

**MASSACHUSETTS MATHEMATICS LEAGUE**  
**CONTEST 3 - DECEMBER 2015**  
**ROUND 5 ALG 1: RATIO, PROPORTION OR VARIATION**

**ANSWERS**

A) \_\_\_\_\_

B) ( \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ )

C) ( \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ )

A) Given:  $x + 2 = y + 1 = a$  and  $\frac{x}{y} = \frac{a}{b}$ .

If  $x + y = 6$ , compute the numerical value of  $b$ .

B)  $\frac{2n^2 + 13n - 24}{2n^3 - 8n}$  is a nonzero defined ratio.

There are  $K$  values that cause the ratio to be zero or undefined and the smallest value is  $J$ .  
Compute the ordered pair  $(K, J)$ .

C) For positive integers  $a, b$  and  $k$ ,  $\frac{3a+7}{b+2} = \frac{5}{6}$ , when  $b = ka$  and  $a > 1$ .

Compute the ordered pair  $(a, b)$ .