

MASSACHUSETTS MATHEMATICS LEAGUE
CONTEST 1 - OCTOBER 2015
ROUND 3 ALG 1: LINEAR EQUATIONS

ANSWERS

A) _____

B) _____

C) (_____ , _____)

A) The equation $2(Ax + 2) = 3 - (Bx - 1) + x$ is an identity, that is,
an equation true for all values of x . Compute the value of $2A + B + 3$.

B) $\frac{5}{8}$ of the students attending a school function are girls and $\frac{2}{5}$ of the students attending this
school function like to dance. After these students are joined by 20 more girls from another
school, all of whom like to dance, 75% of the students in attendance are girls. k percent of
the students now at this school function like to dance. Compute k .

C) The cost of a wedding banquet is the sum of a fixed cost F , which is the same regardless of
how many people attend, and a variable cost V , which depends on the number of people
attending. Assuming a charge of d dollars per person, the total cost of a banquet attended by
75 people is \$4400, while the total cost of a banquet attended by 400 people is \$18,050.
Compute the ordered pair (F, d) .