

## Quiz 2.8: Writing Proofs

**Multiple Choice:** Choose the letter that corresponds to the correct answer. Write the answer in your notebook.

1. The statement that is accepted without proof is called:  
A. Contradiction      B. Postulate      C. Proof      D. Theorem
2. A direct proof can be written in the following forms except:  
A. Flowchart form      B. One-column form      C. Paragraph form      D. Two-column form
3. The form of logical reasoning in which each statement is organized and backed up by the reasons is called:  
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4. The statement that is accepted after it is proved deductively is called:  
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5. Arrange the steps in writing an indirect proof:  
I. Conclude that the original statement is true.  
II. Show that the assumption leads to a contradiction.  
III. Assume that the opposite of the statement to be proven is true.  
A. I, III, II      B. II, I, III      C. III, II, I      D. II, III, I
6. When writing a two-column proof, which statements are usually stated in the beginning?  
A. Conclusion      B. Given      C. Reasons      D. Statement to prove
7. Arrange the steps in writing a direct proof:  
I. Assume that the hypothesis is true.  
II. Show that the conclusion is true.  
III. Take the original conditional statement.  
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8. Supply a valid conclusion for the hypothesis: "If  $\angle A$  and  $\angle B$  are complementary angles, then \_\_\_\_\_."  
A.  $m\angle A + m\angle B = 90^\circ$       C.  $\angle A$  and  $\angle B$  form a linear pair  
B.  $m\angle A + m\angle B = 180^\circ$       D.  $\angle A$  and  $\angle B$  are vertical angles
9. Supply the reason for the statement: "If  $B$  is the midpoint of  $\overline{AC}$ , then  $AB = BC$ ."  
A. Definition of Betweenness      C. Definition of Congruent Segments  
B. Definition of Congruent Angles      D. Definition of Midpoint
10. Supply the reason for the statement: "If  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$ , then  $AB = CD$ ."  
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12. Supply a valid conclusion for the hypothesis: "If  $\overline{AB} \perp \overline{AC}$ , then \_\_\_\_\_."  
A.  $\angle BAC$  is an acute angle      C.  $\angle BAC$  is a right angle  
B.  $\angle BAC$  is an obtuse angle      D.  $\angle BAC$  is a straight angle

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