

Pre-Algebra Diagnostic Assessment



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This assessment covers all 8 modules of pre-algebra.

Total Questions: 32

Score 100% on a module's questions to skip that module.

Instructions: Complete all questions to determine your starting point. Show your work where helpful.

Module 1: Integers and Operations

1. What is the absolute value of -8 and what is its opposite?

Answer: ~~8 and -8~~ Absolute Value = 8, opposite = 8

$$|-8| = 8$$

2. Calculate: $(-7) + (-12)$

Answer: -19

$$(-7) + (-12) = -19$$

3. Calculate: $15 + (-23)$

Answer: -8

$$15 + (-23) \\ 15 + -23$$

$$15 + (-23) = 15 - 23 = -8$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 15 \\ -23 \\ \hline -8 \end{array}$$

4. Rewrite as addition and solve: $6 - (-9)$

Answer: 15

$$6 - (-9) = 6 + 9 = 15$$

Module 2: Fractions and Decimals

5. Simplify the fraction $24/36$ to lowest terms.

Answer: $\frac{2}{3}$

$$\frac{24}{36} = \frac{2}{3}$$

6. Find the LCD and add: $3/4 + 5/6$

Answer: $1\frac{7}{12}$

LCD = 12; $4 \times 3 = 12$; $6 \times 2 = 12$

$$\frac{9}{12} + \frac{10}{12} = \frac{19}{12} = 1\frac{7}{12}$$

7. Convert $2\frac{3}{5}$ to an improper fraction.

Answer: $\frac{13}{5}$

$$2\frac{3}{5} = \frac{13}{5}$$

8. Calculate: $2/3 \times 4/7$

Answer: $\frac{8}{21}$

$$\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{4}{7} = \frac{8}{21}$$

Module 3: Ratios, Proportions, and Percents

9. Write the ratio 15:20 in simplest form.

Answer: $3:4$

$$15:20 \div 5 = 3:4$$

10. If a car travels 240 miles in 4 hours, what is the unit rate in miles per hour?

Answer: 60 miles per hour

$$\frac{240\text{m}}{4\text{hrs}} = \frac{60\text{m}}{1\text{hr}}$$

$$4 \overline{) 240} \begin{array}{r} 60 \\ \underline{240} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

11. Solve the proportion: $x/12 = 5/8$

Answer: $x = 7.5$; $7.5/12 = 5/8$

$$\begin{array}{r} 21.5 \\ \cdot 5 \\ \hline 7.5 \end{array}$$

$$x/12 = 5/8$$

$$5/8 = 7.5/12$$

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$$x/12 = 7.5/12$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 40.5 \\ \cdot 8 \\ \hline 324.0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0.5 \\ 3 \overline{) 1.5} \end{array}$$

12. If 3 apples cost \$1.50, how much will 8 apples cost? Set up a proportion.

Answer: \$4

$$\frac{\$1.50}{3 \text{ apples}} = \frac{\$0.50}{1 \text{ apple}} = \frac{\$4}{8 \text{ apples}}$$

Module 4: Expressions and Equations

13. In the expression $5x - 3 + 2x$, identify the coefficient of x in the first term and the constant.

Answer: 5, 3

$$5x - 3 + 2x =$$

14. Evaluate $3x^2 - 4x + 1$ when $x = 2$.

Answer: 5

~~$$3x^2 - 4x + 1 = 3(2)^2 - 4(2) + 1$$~~

$$\begin{aligned} 3x^2 - 4x + 1 &= 3 \cdot 2^2 - 4 \cdot 2 + 1 \\ &= 3 \cdot 4 - 4 \cdot 2 + 1 \\ &= 12 - 8 + 1 \\ &= 4 + 1 \\ &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

15. Combine like terms: $7x - 3x + 5 - 2x + 8$

Answer: 15

$$7x - 3x + 5$$

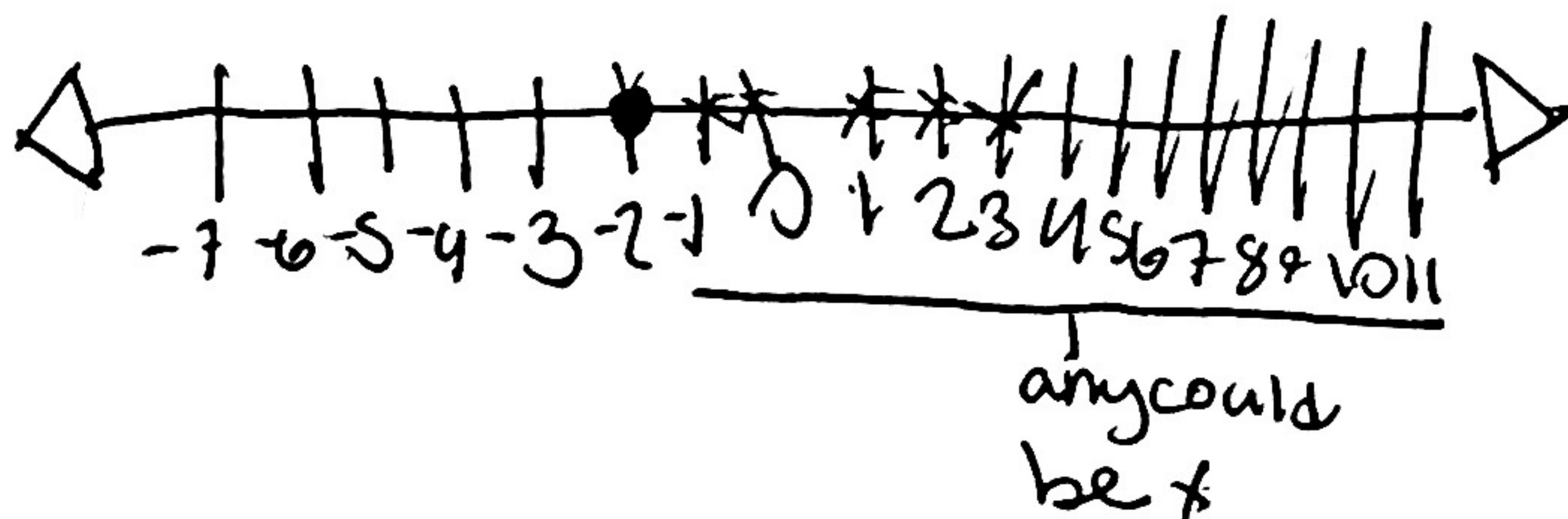
16. Use the distributive property to expand: $-3(2x - 4)$

Answer: .

Module 5: Inequalities and Functions

17. Graph the inequality $x \geq -2$ on a number line. Describe your graph.

Answer: The variable x is greater than or equal to the integer -2.



18. Solve: $-2x + 5 > 11$

Answer: _____

$$x = -5$$

$$-2x + 5 > 11$$

$$-2 + 5 = 3 < 11$$

$$-2 - 5 + 5 = -2 + 5 = 3 < 11$$

19. If $f(x) = 2x - 3$, find $f(4)$.

Answer: _____

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20. Complete the function table for the rule $y = 3x + 1$: when $x = 0, 1, 2$, find y .

Answer: _____

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Module 6: Geometry Basics

21. Find the perimeter of a rectangle with length 8 cm and width 5 cm.

Answer: _____

$$26 \text{ cm}$$

$$8 \cdot 2 = 16$$

$$5 \cdot 2 = 10$$

$$16 + 10 = 26$$

22. What is the perimeter of a regular hexagon with side length 4 inches?

Answer: _____

$$24 \text{ cm}$$

$$4 \cdot 6 = 24 \text{ cm}$$

23. Find the area of a rectangle that is 6 feet long and 4 feet wide. Include units.

Answer: _____

$$24 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$6 \cdot 4 = 24$$

24. Find the area of a triangle with base 10 cm and height 6 cm.

Answer: _____

$$30 \text{ cm}$$

$$10 \cdot 6 = 60 \text{ cm}$$

$$60 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 30 \text{ cm}$$

Module 7: Data and Statistics

25. Find the mean (average) of these test scores: 82, 90, 76, 88, 84.

Answer: 84

$$5 \overline{) 420} \begin{array}{r} 084 \\ 400 \\ \hline 20 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 82 \\ 90 \\ 76 \\ 88 \\ + 84 \\ \hline 420 \end{array}$$

26. Find the median of this data set: 15, 23, 18, 30, 25, 19, 21.

Answer: ?

27. In the data set {3, 5, 5, 7, 5, 9, 5, 2}, what is the mode?

Answer: I don't know what a mode is.

Please help

28. Find the range of this data set: 45, 52, 38, 61, 47, 39.

Answer: 38-61

Module 8: Introduction to Algebra

29. Find the next two terms in the arithmetic sequence: 7, 12, 17, 22, __, __

Answer: 27, 32

30. Find the next term in the geometric sequence: 2, 6, 18, 54, __

Answer: 162

$$\begin{array}{r} 54 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 162 \end{array}$$

31. Write a variable expression for 'five more than three times a number n'.

Answer: $3n+5$

32. Identify the slope and y-intercept of the line $y = -2x + 7$.

Answer: I don't know how to

find slope or y-intercept.

Please help