

## Category 7 Algebra Set 7-2

### <High Level Questions>

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5. A plane was originally flying at an altitude of  $x$  feet when it ascended 2,000 feet and then descended 5,000 feet. If the plane's altitude after these two changes was  $\frac{1}{3}$  its original altitude, then the solution of which of the following equations gives the plane's original altitude, in feet?

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6. There are how many hours between  $x$  minutes past 12 noon and 8:10 p.m. of the same day, where  $x < 60$ ?

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$$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{y}{z} \quad xz = y^2 \quad \cdot \quad 2x = z \quad \quad 2x^2 = y^2 \quad \cdot \quad x, y$$

$$y = \sqrt{2}x \quad \cdot$$

▶▶▶ (B) . ▶▶▶

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$$\frac{n}{d} = \frac{2}{5} \quad \cdot \quad \frac{n+4}{2d} = \frac{1}{3} \quad \cdot$$

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가  $n$  가 \$50 ,  $n - 1$  가  
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가  $\$ \frac{50(n - 1)}{n}$  .

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$x$  feet                      2,000 feet                      7(x feet + 2,000 feet) 5,000 feet                      (x feet +  
2,000 feet - 5,000 feet)                       $\frac{1}{3}$                        $(\frac{1}{3}x)$  .  
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12                      8                      8                      . 12                       $x$   
 $x$                       8                      10                      .  
▶▶▶▶ (A) . ▶▶▶▶

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15  $x$  16  $y$  가 .

1  $y$   $x$  .

▶▶▶ (A) . ▶▶▶

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100 가 \$10 가 \$2

5 . 가 \$10

\$1,360 .

가 \$2 가 5

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$$(10 + 2n)(100 - 5n) = 1,360$$

▶▶▶ (C) . ▶▶▶

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dealer's cost가 \$1 paperback book 가 dealer cost 3 paperback book  
 profit \$2 . Hardback book \$3 profit .  
 가 .

$$P + H = 120 \quad 2P + 3H = 300$$

▶▶▶ (B) ▶▶▶

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$$(m = 2f - 3) \quad (m - 1 = f + 1 ;$$

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) stock + bond + government security = \$ 100,000

) “stock & bond” 가 - \$2,500 = 가

) “government security” 가 - \$7,500 = 2( 가 )

▶▶▶ (A) . ▶▶▶

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\$2.65      5 cent, 25cent      10 cent      5 cent

2      .      1cent      가

5 cent      n

$$(\$0.01 \times x) + (\$0.05 \times n) + (\$0.10 \times 2n) + (\$0.25 \times n) = \$2.65$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.01x + 0.5n = 2.65$$

n 5 x 가 .

▶▶▶ (C) . ▶▶▶

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55 mile 1 4.5mile, 60 mile 1  
 3.5mile 가 500mile 55mile, 60mile 가 120gallon  
 . 55mile .  
 55mile d .

$$\frac{d}{4.5} + \frac{500-d}{3.5} = 120$$

▶▶▶ (E) . ▶▶▶

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\$50, \$22 100

$T$

$$\frac{T}{2} - 50$$

$$50T + 22 \times \left( \frac{T}{2} - 50 \right) = 92,600$$

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가 1

1

$$1, 2, \frac{1}{2} + 1, \frac{2}{3} + 1, \frac{3}{5} + 1$$

▶▶▶ (C) . ▶▶▶

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$$\begin{array}{l} X \quad 3 \quad Y \quad 2 \quad \$690 \\ 3X + 2Y = 690 \quad . \quad Y \quad \text{가} \quad X \quad \text{가} \quad 20\% \text{가} \\ Y = 0.8X \quad . \end{array}$$

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가 가

. 5 75

.

$$b \quad 5n - 10 = 75 \quad .$$

▶▶▶ (D) . ▶▶▶