

Category 7 Algebra

<BASIC LEVEL QUESTIONS>

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(A) None of the above

3. If r and s are the two roots of the equation $x^2 + 8x + 15 = 0$, and $r < s$, what is the value of $s - r$?

- (A) -8
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4. If $(-2, k)$ is a point on the graph of $y = 2x^2 - 3x + 1$, then $k =$
- (A) -13
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5. The product of two positive integers m and n is twice their sum. If n is 6, what is the value of m ?
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12. If $r \circ s = rs + r + s$, then for what value of s is $r \circ s$ equal to r for all values of r ?

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23. The total price of $n(n > 1)$ equally priced copies of a certain book is \$50. In terms of n , which of the following gives the total price of $n - 1$ of these copies?
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24. The supply of a certain commodity is given by the formula $S = 9x + x^2$ and the demand for the commodity is given by the formula $D = 2,475 - x$, where x is the price of the commodity in dollars. At which of the following values of x will the supply of the commodity equal the demand for the commodity?
- (A) 9
 - (B) 45
 - (C) 55
 - (D) 275
 - (E) 2,475

$$d = \frac{3v^2}{20} \text{ and } t = \frac{2d}{v}, \text{ where}$$

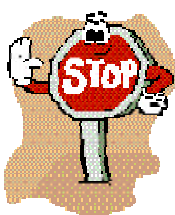
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(B) .

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$$x = 5 \quad y = -2 \quad (x-5)(y+2) = 0 \quad .$$

(E) .

3. If r and s are the two roots of the equation $x^2 + 8x + 15 = 0$, and $r < s$, what is the value of $s - r$?

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$$x^2 + 8x + 15 = 0 \quad (\text{two roots}) \quad r, s \quad s - r$$

$$x^2 + 8x + 15 = (x + 3)(x + 5) = 0, \quad r = -5, s = -3$$

(C) .

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$$m, n \quad (m + n) \quad n = 6 \quad m$$

(D) .

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$$(\overline{x})^2 - x^2 = (x+1)^2 - x^2 - 1 = 2x$$

(D)

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$$\frac{n}{4}(0.35) - \frac{n}{3}(0.20) = 2.50$$

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