

1. If  $y \neq 0$ , when  $\frac{x^2}{y} = 5$ ,  $25y^2 - x^4 = ?$ 
  - A. -25
  - B. -24
  - C. 0
  - D. 24
  - E. 25
2. If  $x, y$ , and  $z$  are nonzero real numbers and  $2xy - z = yz$ , which of the following equations for  $x$  must always be true?
  - A.  $x = zy + y + 2$
  - B.  $x = 2yz - y$
  - C.  $x = \sqrt{yz} - y$
  - D.  $x = \frac{yz - z}{2y}$
  - E.  $x = \frac{yz + z}{2y}$
3. For the equation  $4x - 3a = -b$ , which of the following expressions gives  $x$  in terms of  $a$  and  $b$ ?
  - A.  $\frac{3a - 4}{b}$
  - B.  $\frac{3a - b}{4}$
  - C.  $\frac{3a + 4}{4}$
  - D.  $\frac{-b - 3a}{4}$
  - E.  $3a - b - 4$
4. Which of the following is  $3(m + n)^2 = 13$  solved for  $n$ ?
  - A.  $\pm\sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} - m$
  - B.  $\pm\sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} + m$
  - C.  $\pm\sqrt{\frac{3}{13}} + m$
  - D.  $\pm\sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} - m$
  - E.  $\pm\sqrt{\frac{3}{13}} - m$
5. If  $x = 6z$  and  $y = 15z$ , which of the following is the relationship between  $x$  and  $y$  for each nonzero value of  $z$ ?
  - A.  $x = 2x - 1$
  - B.  $y = 5y$
  - C.  $x = y$
  - D.  $x = \frac{2}{5}y$
  - E.  $y = \frac{2}{5}x$
6. If  $\sqrt{(14 - \sqrt{x})} = 3 - \sqrt{5}$ , then  $x = ?$ 
  - A. 0
  - B. 20
  - C. 25
  - D. 30
  - E. 180
7. For all nonzero  $a, b$ , and  $c$  such that  $2a = \frac{b}{c}$ , which of the following *must* be equivalent to  $ab$ ?
  - A.  $\frac{c}{2a}$
  - B.  $2ac^2$
  - C.  $\frac{b^2}{2c}$
  - D.  $\frac{a^2}{2c}$
  - E.  $\frac{2c}{b}$
8. The relation between enthalpy and energy is  $H = E + 8.31nT$ , where  $H$  is the change in enthalpy,  $E$  is the change in energy,  $n$  is the change in moles, and  $T$  is the change in temperature. Which of the following expressions gives  $n$  in nonzero terms of  $H$ ,  $E$ , and  $T$ ?
  - A.  $\frac{H - E}{8.31}$
  - B.  $\frac{8.31T}{H - E}$
  - C.  $\frac{H - E}{8.31T}$
  - D.  $8.31E(H - T)$
  - E.  $8.31T(H - E)$

9. Which of the following is *not* true for all  $(m, n)$  that satisfy the equation  $\frac{n}{2} = \frac{m}{3}$  for  $n, m \neq 0$ ?
- A.  $\frac{m}{2} = \frac{n}{2}$   
B.  $3n = 2m$   
C.  $m = \frac{3}{2}n$   
D.  $n + m = \frac{5}{2}m$   
E.  $n \neq m$
10. If  $x - y \neq 0$  and  $\frac{3y + 5x}{x - y} = \frac{5}{7}$ , then  $\frac{y}{x} = ?$
- A.  $-\frac{15}{13}$   
B.  $\frac{15}{8}$   
C.  $\frac{5}{7}$   
D.  $\frac{12}{43}$   
E. 3
11. If  $\frac{2y - 3x}{4y - 5x} = \frac{3}{10}$ , then  $\frac{y}{x} = ?$
- A.  $\frac{15}{8}$   
B.  $\frac{16}{30}$   
C.  $\frac{3}{10}$   
D.  $\frac{3}{16}$   
E. 3
12. When  $y = -x^3$ , which of the following expressions is equal to  $\frac{1}{y}$ ?
- A.  $\frac{1}{-x^3}$   
B.  $x^{-3}$   
C.  $\frac{1}{-x^{-3}}$   
D.  $\frac{1}{-x}$   
E.  $-x^3$
13. Given that  $A, B, C$ , and  $D$  are all positive real numbers satisfying  $A^2 = \frac{1}{2}B^2$ ,  $C = D$ , and  $B = \sqrt{D}$ , which of the following equations is NOT necessarily true?
- A.  $B^2 = C$   
B.  $A = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}D}$   
C.  $A = \frac{1}{2}D$   
D.  $A^2 = \frac{1}{2}C$   
E.  $A = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}B$
14. For all real numbers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $x$  is the quotient of  $y$  divided by 5, which of the following represents the difference of  $y$  and 5 in terms of  $x$ ?
- A.  $x - 5$   
B.  $\frac{x}{5} - 5$   
C.  $5x - 5$   
D.  $5(x - 5)$   
E.  $\frac{x - 5}{5}$

15. The area of a rectangle is  $A$  square units. The length is  $l$  units, and the width  $5n+3$  units longer than  $l$ . What is  $n$  in terms of  $A$  and  $l$ ?

A.  $n = \frac{A - l^2 - 3l}{5l}$

B.  $n = \frac{l^2 + 3l - A}{5l}$

C.  $n = \frac{A - 3l}{5l}$

D.  $n = \frac{A - l - 3}{5l}$

E.  $n = \frac{A - 3l}{5}$

**ANSWER KEY**

1. C    2. E    3. B    4. A    5. D    6. E    7. C    8. C    9. A    10. A    11. A    12. A    13. C    14. C  
15. A

**ANSWER EXPLANATIONS**

1. C. We wish to write one variable in the terms of the other. For this problem, it is easier to write  $y$  in terms of  $x$ . We are given  $\frac{x^2}{y} = 5$ , so multiplying by  $y$  on both sides and dividing by 5 on both sides gives us  $\frac{x^2}{5} = y$ . Now we can substitute in  $y = \frac{x^2}{5}$  into the equation  $25y^2 - x^4$ . This is equal to  $25\left(\frac{x^2}{5}\right)^2 - x^4 = 25\left(\frac{x^4}{25}\right) - x^4 \rightarrow x^4 - x^4 = 0$ .
2. E. We wish to write  $x$  in terms of  $y$  and  $z$ , so our goal is to move the equation around so that  $x$  is on a side by itself. We do this by first adding  $z$  to both sides of the equation, giving us  $2xy = yz + z$ . Then, we divide both sides by  $2y$ , giving us  $x = \frac{yz + z}{2y}$ .
3. B. We wish to write  $x$  in terms of  $a$  and  $b$ , so our goal is to move the equation around so that  $x$  is on a side by itself. We do this by first adding  $3a$  to both sides of the equation, giving us  $4x = 3a - b$ . Then, we divide both sides by 4, giving us  $x = \frac{3a - b}{4}$ .
4. A. We wish to write  $n$  in terms of  $m$ , so our goal is to move the equation around so that  $n$  is on a side by itself. We do this by first dividing both sides by 3, giving us  $(m + n)^2 = \frac{13}{3}$ . Then, taking the square root of both sides gives us  $m + n = \pm\sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}$ . Finally, subtracting  $m$  on both sides gives us  $n = \pm\sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} - m$ .
5. D. To solve this, we want to first write  $z$  in terms of  $y$  so we can plug in that expression into the variable  $z$  to evaluate  $x$  in terms of  $y$ . So, our first step is to write  $z$  in terms of  $y$  by dividing both sides of the second equation by 15. This gives us  $\frac{y}{15} = z$ . Now, we plug in  $\frac{y}{15}$  for the  $z$  value in  $x = 6z$  to get  $x = 6\left(\frac{y}{15}\right) \rightarrow \frac{2y}{5} \rightarrow \frac{2}{5}y$ .
6. E. We want to isolate  $x$ , so we first square both sides of the equation. This gives us  $14 - \sqrt{x} = (3 - \sqrt{5})^2$ . FOILing out the right side of the equation, we get  $14 - \sqrt{x} = 9 - 6\sqrt{5} + 5$ . Subtracting 14 on both sides, we get  $-\sqrt{x} = -6\sqrt{5}$ . Squaring both sides gives us  $x = 6^2 * 5 = 36 * 5 = 180$ .
7. C. Dividing  $2a = \frac{b}{c}$  by 2 on both sides, we get  $a = \frac{b}{2c}$ . To solve for the value of  $ab$ , we can plug in  $a = \frac{b}{2c}$  into  $ab$  to get  $ab = \frac{b}{2c}(b) = \frac{b^2}{2c}$ .
8. C. Subtracting  $E$  from both sides of the equation, we get  $H - E = 8.31nT$ . Dividing both sides of the equation by  $8.31T$ , we get  $\frac{H - E}{8.31T} = n$ .

9. **A.** Multiplying the equation, we get  $3n = 2m$ , which eliminates answer choice (B). Dividing both sides of  $3n = 2m$  by 2 gives us  $\frac{3n}{2} = m$ , which eliminates answer choice (C). Dividing both sides of  $3n = 2m$  by 3 gives us  $\frac{2m}{3} = n$ , and adding  $m$  to both sides to this equation gives us  $\frac{2m}{3} + m = n + m \rightarrow \frac{2m}{3} + \frac{3m}{3} = n + m \rightarrow \frac{5m}{3} = n + m$ , which eliminates answer choice D. For all values of  $n$  and  $m$  not equal to zero, answer choice E is true. Lastly, Answer choice A is false for all values of  $n$  and  $m$  except when  $n$  and  $m$  both equal 0, but the problem states that  $n, m \neq 0$ . So, the only answer that is false is A.
10. **A.** Cross-multiplying the equation, we get  $(3y + 5x)7 = (x - y)5$ . Distributing the 7 and 5, we get  $21y + 35x = 5x - 5y$ . Now, we subtract  $5x$  from both sides to get  $21y + 30x = -5y$ . Then, we subtract  $21y$  from both sides to get  $30x = -26y$ . To find the value of  $x$  we can divide both sides by  $x$  to get  $30 = \frac{-26y}{x}$ . Then divide both sides by  $-26$ , which is  $-\frac{30}{26} = \frac{y}{x}$ .  $-\frac{30}{26}$  simplifies to  $-\frac{15}{13}$ .
11. **A.** Cross-multiplying the equation, we get  $10(2y - 3x) = 3(4y - 5x)$ . Distributing out the  $x$  and 3, we get  $20y - 30x = 12y - 15x$ . Combining like terms, we get  $8y = 15x$ . Dividing both sides by 8, we get  $y = \frac{15x}{8}$ . Then finally, to find the value of  $\frac{y}{x}$ , we divide both sides of the equation by  $x$  to get  $\frac{y}{x} = \frac{15}{8}$ .
12. **A.** Since  $y = -x^3$ ,  $\frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{-x^3}$  by plugging in  $y = -x^3$  in the denominator.
13. **C.** Since  $B = \sqrt{D}$  and  $C = D$ , then by substitution,  $B = \sqrt{C} \rightarrow B^2 = C$  so answer choice (A) is true. Since  $A^2 = \frac{1}{2}B^2$  and  $B = \sqrt{D}$ , by substitution,  $A^2 = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{D}^2 \rightarrow A^2 = \frac{1}{2}D \rightarrow A = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}D}$  so answer choice (B) is true. Since answer choice (B) is always true, answer choice (C) is not always true unless  $A = 1$  so the correct answer is (C). Verifying that the rest of the answer choices are always true, we see that from answer choice (B) we know that  $A = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}D}$  and  $D = C$ , so  $A = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}C} \rightarrow A^2 = \frac{1}{2}C$  and answer choice (D) is true. Lastly, since  $A^2 = \frac{1}{2}B^2$ , taking the square root on both sides, answer choice (E) is true:  $A = \frac{B}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}B$ .
14. **C.**  $x$  is the quotient of  $y$  divided by 5, which means  $x = \frac{y}{5} \rightarrow 5x = y$ . The difference between  $y$  and 5, using our new expression for  $y$ , is  $5x - 5$ .
15. **A.** The width of the rectangle is  $l + 5n + 3$ . The area of the rectangle,  $A$ , is  $l(l + 5n + 3)$ . Distributing gives us  $l^2 + 5nl + 3l = A$ . We isolate the term containing  $n$ :  $5nl = A - l^2 - 3l$ . Finally, isolate  $n$ :  $n = \frac{A - l^2 - 3l}{5l}$ .