

Operations on Rational Numbers

Pre-Assessment Solutions

(1) Find the GCF of 32 & 48

$$\begin{array}{c}
 32 \\
 \wedge \\
 8 \cdot 4 \\
 \wedge \quad \wedge \\
 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \\
 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 48 \\
 \wedge \\
 2 \cdot 24 \\
 \wedge \\
 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 12 \\
 \wedge \\
 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 6 \\
 \wedge \\
 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 32 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \\
 48 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3
 \end{array}$$

$$GCF = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 16$$

$$\boxed{GCF(32, 48) = 16}$$

(2) Use a factor tree to find the prime factorization of 60.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 60 \\
 \wedge \\
 6 \cdot 10 \\
 \wedge \quad \wedge \\
 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 5
 \end{array}$$

$$2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 = 60$$

$$\boxed{2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 = 60}$$

~~3~~ Write $-27/8$ as a decimal

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3.375 \\
 8 \overline{) 27.000} \\
 \underline{-24} \downarrow \\
 30 \downarrow \\
 \underline{-24} \downarrow \\
 60 \downarrow \\
 \underline{-56} \downarrow \\
 40 \downarrow \\
 \underline{-40} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{-27}{8} = -3.375}$$

$$\frac{(-)}{(+)} = (-)$$

(3) Compare using $<$, $>$ or $=$.

a) $.40 \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \frac{3}{8}$

$$\boxed{.40 > \frac{3}{8}}$$

$$\frac{3}{8} = .375$$

division

b) $-\frac{9}{10} \underline{\hspace{1cm}} -.89$

$$\boxed{-\frac{9}{10} < -.89}$$

$$-\frac{9}{10} = -.9$$

(5) Write 0.64 as a fraction

0.64 = sixty four hundredths

$$= \frac{64}{100} \div 2 = \frac{32}{50} \div 2$$
$$= \frac{16}{25}$$

$$\boxed{0.64 = \frac{16}{25}}$$

(6) $\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right) \div \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)$

$$(-) \cdot (-) = (+)$$

$$\frac{-3}{5} \cdot \frac{-3}{1} = \frac{9}{5}$$

$$\boxed{\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right) \div \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{9}{5}}$$

(7) $2\frac{1}{5} - 3\frac{1}{3} = 2\frac{1}{5} + -3\frac{1}{3}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3\frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{5}{15} \\ - 2\frac{1}{5} \quad \frac{3}{15} \\ \hline 1 \quad \frac{2}{15} \end{array}$$

signs are different so subtract

GAV is $(-)$ so answer is $(-)$

$$\boxed{2\frac{1}{5} - 3\frac{1}{3} = -1\frac{2}{15}}$$
$$= -\frac{17}{15}$$

$$(8) .89 + \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\frac{2}{5} = 0.4$$

$$\begin{array}{r} .89 \\ + .40 \\ \hline 1.29 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{.89 + \frac{2}{5} = 1.29}$$

$$(9) 9.7 \div .5$$

$$\boxed{9.7 \div .5 = 19.4}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 19.4 \\ .5 \overline{) 9.700} \\ \underline{-5} \downarrow \\ 47 \downarrow \\ \underline{-45} \downarrow \\ 20 \\ \underline{-20} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$(10) .8 - (-7.3) = .8 + 7.3$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7.3 \\ + .8 \\ \hline 8.1 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{.8 - (-7.3) = 8.1}$$