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Practice Questions**

*Set 2:  
Algebra*

**Directions:** Choose the letter that corresponds to the correct answer to each question below.

1) Solve for  $x$ :  $3(x - 1) + 2x = 5 + 4x$

- (a) 5
- (b) 6
- (c) 7
- (d) 8

2) The price of a pencil  $p$  is equal to  $\frac{1}{5}$  of the square of the price of an eraser  $e$ . Which of the following expressions correctly represents the price of a pencil in terms of the price of the eraser?

- (a)  $p = \frac{1}{5}e^2$
- (b)  $p = \frac{1}{5}e + 2$
- (c)  $p = \frac{1}{5}e$
- (d)  $p = 5e$

3) Which of the following numbers can satisfy the inequality  $3x - \frac{1}{2} < \frac{1}{4}$ ?

- (a)  $\frac{1}{3}$
- (b)  $\frac{1}{5}$
- (c) 1
- (d)  $\frac{3}{4}$

4) Calculate  $(3x - 2y)(5x + 4y)$

- (a)  $15x^2 - 4xy + 8y^2$
- (b)  $15x^2 + 2xy + 8y^2$
- (c)  $15x^2 - 2xy - 8y^2$
- (d)  $15x^2 + 2xy - 8y^2$



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5) Which of the following quadratic equations has a sum of roots equal to  $\frac{1}{4}$  and a product of roots equal to  $\frac{3}{4}$ ?

- (a)  $4x^2 - 2x + 3 = 0$
- (b)  $6x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0$
- (c)  $2x^2 - 3x + 2 = 0$
- (d)  $4x^2 - x + 3 = 0$

6) What are the roots of  $6x^2 + 7x = 5$ ?

- (a)  $-\frac{5}{3}$  and  $-\frac{1}{2}$
- (b)  $-\frac{5}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$
- (c)  $\frac{5}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$
- (d)  $-\frac{5}{3}$  and  $-\frac{1}{2}$

7) The sum of two numbers is 89 while their difference is 19. What is the smaller number?

- (a) 27
- (b) 35
- (c) 39
- (d) 42

8) Solve for the value of  $b$  if  $a = -1$ :  $3ab - 2a^2b - 5 = 0$

- (a) 1
- (b) -1
- (c)  $\frac{1}{5}$
- (d)  $-\frac{1}{5}$

9) Write  $\log_a x + 2 \log_a y + \log_a z$  as a single logarithm.

- (a)  $\log_a 2xyz$
- (b)  $2 \log_a xyz$
- (c)  $\log_a xy^2z$
- (d)  $2 \log_a xy^2z$

10) What is the domain of the function  $f(x) = x^2 + 6x - \pi$



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- (a) set of all nonnegative real numbers
- (b) set of all irrational real numbers
- (c) set of all real numbers except  $\pi$
- (d) set of all real numbers



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