

Equations and Inequalities



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1. The solution of $|2x - 3| < 5$ is
 [1] $(-\infty, -1) \cup (4, \infty)$ [2] $(-1, 4)$ [3] $(-1, \infty)$ [4] $(-\infty, 4)$
2. What is the solution set of the equation $\frac{x}{x-4} - \frac{1}{x+3} = \frac{28}{x^2 - x - 12}$?
 [1] $\{ \}$ [2] $\{4, 6\}$ [3] $\{-6\}$ [4] $\{4\}$
3. In the equation $x^2 - 7x + 2 = 0$, the sum of the roots exceeds the product of the roots by
 [1] 9 [2] [3] -9 [4] -5
4. The roots of the equation $3x^2 - 4x + 2 = 0$ are
 [1] $\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{2}}{3}$ [2] $\frac{2 \pm \sqrt{10}}{3}$ [3] $\frac{2 \pm i\sqrt{2}}{3}$ [4] $4 \pm \frac{i\sqrt{2}}{3}$
5. The roots of the equation $2x^2 + 3x + 2 = 0$ are
 [1] real, rational, and equal [3] real, irrational, and unequal
 [2] real, rational, and unequal [4] imaginary
6. When solved by the method of completing the square, the solutions to the equation $-8x = 4x^2 - 1$ are
 [1] $\frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$ [2] $\frac{2 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$ [3] $\frac{2 \pm \sqrt{2}}{2}$ [4] $\frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{2}}{2}$
7. What are the solution(s) to the system of equations $y = x^2 - 9$ and $y - 3 = x$?
 [1] $(-3, 0)$ and $(4, 7)$ [2] $(-3, 0)$ [3] $(4, 7)$ [4] no solutions
8. If $\log_5 x = 2$, what is the value of \sqrt{x} ?
 [1] $x^{\frac{2}{5}}$ [2] $\sqrt{5}$ [3] 5 [4] 25
9. The growth of bacteria in a dish is modeled by the function $f(t) = 2^{\frac{t}{3}}$. For which value of t is $f(t) = 32$?
 [1] 8 [2] 2 [3] 15 [4] 16
10. What is the value of b in the equation $4^{2b-3} = 8^{1-b}$?
 [1] $3/7$ [2] $7/9$ [3] $9/7$ [4] $10/7$
11. Which expression is equivalent to $\left(\sqrt{a^2 b^{\frac{1}{2}}}\right)^{-1}$?
 [1] $a^{-2} b^{\frac{1}{2}}$ [2] $-ab^{\frac{1}{4}}$ [3] $-ab^2$ [4] $\frac{1}{ab^{\frac{1}{4}}}$

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12. The volume of a soap bubble is represented by the equation $V = 0.094\sqrt{A^3}$, where A represents the surface of the bubble. Which expression is also equivalent to V ?

[1] $0.094A^{\frac{3}{2}}$ [2] $0.094A^{\frac{2}{3}}$ [3] $0.094A^6$ [4] $(0.094A^3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

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13. What is the sum of $5 - 3i$ and the conjugate of $3 + 2i$?

[1] $2 + 5i$ [2] $2 - 5i$ [3] $8 - i$ [4] $8 - 5i$

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14. Which equation is equivalent to $1 - \frac{6}{t^2} = \frac{1}{t}$?

[1] $(t - 3)(t + 2) = 0$ [3] $(2t + 1)(3t - 1) = 0$
 [2] $(t - 2)(t + 3) = 0$ [4] $(2t - 1)(3t + 1) = 0$

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15. If $\sqrt{2x-1} + 2 = 5$ then x is equal to

[1] 1 [2] 2 [3] 5 [4] 4

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16. What is the solution set of the inequality $x^2 + 3x - 10 > 8$?

[1] $\{x | -6 < x < 3\}$ [3] $\{x | -3 < x < 6\}$
 [2] $\{x | x < -6 \text{ or } x > 3\}$ [4] $\{x | x < -3 \text{ or } x > 6\}$

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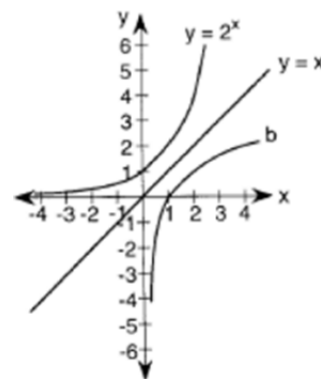
17. The flight paths of two Thunderbird jets are plotted on a Cartesian coordinate plane, and the equations of the jets' flight paths are represented by $y = 2^x + 3$ and $y = 0.5^x$. The best approximation of the intersection of the flight paths is

[1] (-1.50, 2.82) [2] (0,1) [3] (-1.72, 3.3) [4] (-2, -1)

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18. In the diagram, figure b is the reflection of $y = 2^x$ in the line $y = x$. Which is an expression for the equation of figure b ?

[1] $y = (-2)^x$ [3] $y = \log_2 x$
 [2] $y = 2^{-x}$ [4] $y = \log_x 2$



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19. A certain radioactive material decays according to the law $A = A_0e^{-0.021t}$, where A_0 is the initial amount present and A is the amount present in t years. What is the half-life of this material? Round the answer to two decimal places.

[1] 66.01 years [2] 95.24 years [3] 33.01 years
 [4] impossible to determine without knowing the value of A_0

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20. When solved using the quadratic formula, the solutions to the equation $3x^2 - 4x - 6 = 0$, rounded to the nearest hundredth, are

[1] 2.46, -3.79 [2] 2.23, -0.90 [3] 3.79, -2.46 [4] 0.90, -2.23

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