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**0041**

**BASIC MATHEMATICS**

**Time: 2:30 Hours**

**ANSWERS**

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**Instructions:**

1. this paper consists of section A and B
2. Answer all questions
3. Each question carries Four marks.

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1. (a) Arrange the following numbers from largest to smallest:  
 $\frac{2}{3}$ ,  $\frac{6}{12}$ ,  $\frac{3}{2}$ ,  $\frac{17}{20}$ , and  $\frac{3}{5}$ .

Solution:

First, express all fractions in decimal form:

$$\frac{2}{3} = 0.6667$$

$$\frac{6}{12} = 0.5000$$

$$\frac{3}{2} = 1.5000$$

$$\frac{17}{20} = 0.8500$$

$$\frac{3}{5} = 0.6000$$

Arranging them from largest to smallest:

$\frac{3}{2}$ ,  $\frac{17}{20}$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}$ ,  $\frac{3}{5}$ ,  $\frac{6}{12}$ .

Answer:  $\frac{3}{2}$ ,  $\frac{17}{20}$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}$ ,  $\frac{3}{5}$ ,  $\frac{6}{12}$ .

- (b) Given the number 0.00803, write the number of significant figures.

Solution:

The number 0.00803 has three significant figures: 8, 0, and 3.

Answer: 3 significant figures.

2. (a) If  $a * b = (a - b) / (a + 1)$ , find  $7 * 3$ .

Solution:

Substituting  $a = 7$  and  $b = 3$ :

$$7 * 3 = (7 - 3) / (7 + 1)$$

$$= 4 / 8$$

$$= 1/2.$$

Answer:  $1/2$ .

- (b) A clock loses 4 minutes every day. If the clock is set to start on Monday, on which day will it have lost 1 hour?

Solution:

1 hour = 60 minutes.

If the clock loses 4 minutes per day, the number of days to lose 60 minutes is:

$$60 / 4 = 15 \text{ days.}$$

Starting from Monday, after 15 days, it will be Tuesday of the third week.

Answer: Tuesday.

3. Simplify  $5 + (2 \frac{1}{2} \div \frac{1}{8}) \times \frac{3}{4}$ .

Solution:

Convert  $2 \frac{1}{2}$  to an improper fraction:

$$2 \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{2}.$$

Perform division:

$$(\frac{5}{2}) \div (\frac{1}{8}) = (\frac{5}{2}) \times (\frac{8}{1}) = \frac{40}{2} = 20.$$

Multiply by  $\frac{3}{4}$ :

$$20 \times (\frac{3}{4}) = \frac{60}{4} = 15.$$

Add 5:

$$5 + 15 = 20.$$

Answer: 20.

4. In the figure below, find the value of: (i) x (ii) y.

Solution:

Since the diagram is not visible, I need a description of the angles and relationships to solve for x and y.

5. A person borrows Tshs. 6,000 for a period of 6 years at 20% simple interest per annum. Calculate the total amount the person will pay back after 6 years.

Solution:

$$\text{Simple Interest} = P \times r \times t$$

Where  $P = 6000$ ,  $r = 20/100 = 0.2$ , and  $t = 6$ .

$$\text{Interest} = 6000 \times 0.2 \times 6 = 7200.$$

Total amount to be paid:

$$6000 + 7200 = 13,200.$$

Answer: Tshs. 13,200.

6. A straight line passes through two points A(-3,6) and B(-6,3). Find the equation of this line in the form  $y = mx + c$ .

Solution:

The slope (m) is given by:

$$m = (y_2 - y_1) / (x_2 - x_1) = (3 - 6) / (-6 + 3) = -3 / -3 = 1.$$

Using the equation  $y = mx + c$ , substitute one point (-3,6):

$$6 = (1)(-3) + c$$

$$c = 6 + 3 = 9.$$

Equation:  $y = x + 9$ .

7. A shopkeeper makes 40% profit by selling an article for Tshs. 63,000. What would be his percentage loss if he sold the article for Tshs. 40,000?

Solution:

Let the cost price (CP) be  $x$ . Since he makes a 40% profit, we have:

Selling Price (SP) = CP + 40% of CP

$$63,000 = 1.4 \times \text{CP}$$

$$\text{CP} = 63,000 / 1.4 = 45,000.$$

If the item is sold for 40,000:

$$\text{Loss} = \text{CP} - \text{SP} = 45,000 - 40,000 = 5,000.$$

$$\text{Percentage loss} = (5,000 / 45,000) \times 100 = 11.11\%.$$

Answer: 11.11%.

8. (a) Simplify  $(a^8 p^2 c^7) / (a^5 c^3)$ .

Solution:

Simplifying the expression:

$$a^8 / a^5 = a^3, p^2 \text{ remains, and } c^7 / c^3 = c^4.$$

Answer:  $a^3 c^4 p^2$ .

(b) Approximate 13.95 and 9.72 to the nearest tens, hence evaluate  $13.95 \times 9.72$  by using the approximated numbers.

Solution:

13.95 rounds to 10, and 9.72 rounds to 10.

Approximate product:  $10 \times 10 = 100$ .

Answer: 100.

9. The length of a rectangle is twice its width. If the perimeter of the rectangle is 18 cm, find its area.

Solution:

Let width be  $w$ , then length =  $2w$ .

Perimeter formula:  $2(l + w) = 18$ .

Substituting  $l = 2w$ :

$$2(2w + w) = 18$$

$$6w = 18$$

$$w = 3.$$

$$\text{Length} = 2 \times 3 = 6.$$

$$\text{Area} = \text{length} \times \text{width} = 6 \times 3 = 18 \text{ cm}^2.$$

Answer:  $18 \text{ cm}^2$ .

10. Solve the equation  $0.03x - 0.003 = 0.03$ .

Solution:

$$0.03x = 0.03 + 0.003$$

$$0.03x = 0.033$$

$$x = 0.033 / 0.03$$

$$x = 1.1.$$

Answer: 1.1.

11. Make  $p$  the subject of the formula, given that  $D = \sqrt{f - p}$ .

Solution:

Squaring both sides:

$$D^2 = f - p.$$

Rearranging for  $p$ :

$$p = f - D^2.$$

Answer:  $p = f - D^2$ .

12. If  $x^2 + bx + c = (x - 3)(x + 2)$ , determine the values of  $b$  and  $c$ .

Solution:

Expanding  $(x - 3)(x + 2)$ :

$$x^2 - 3x + 2x - 6$$

$$x^2 - x - 6.$$

Comparing coefficients:

$$b = -1, c = -6.$$

Answer:  $b = -1, c = -6$ .

13. (a) Simplify  $\log_{10}(0.001)$ .

Solution:

$$\log_{10}(0.001) = \log_{10}(10^{-3}) = -3.$$

Answer: -3.

(b) Given  $\log_{10} 2 = 0.3010$ ,  $\log_{10} 5 = 0.6990$ , evaluate  $\log_{10}(0.750)$ .

Solution:

$$\log_{10}(0.750) = \log_{10}(3/4) = \log_{10}(3) - \log_{10}(4).$$

$$\log_{10}(3) = \log_{10}(10) - \log_{10}(5) = 1 - 0.6990 = 0.3010.$$

$$\log_{10}(4) = \log_{10}(2^2) = 2 \times \log_{10}(2) = 2 \times 0.3010 = 0.6020.$$

$$\log_{10}(0.750) = 0.3010 - 0.6020 = -0.1249.$$

Answer: -0.1249.

14. Rationalize the denominator of  $(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2}) / (\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2})$ .

Solution:

Multiply numerator and denominator by the conjugate of the denominator:

$$((\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2}) \times (\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2})) / ((\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}) \times (\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2})).$$

Simplifying:

$$\text{Numerator: } (\sqrt{5}\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5}\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}) = (\sqrt{30} + \sqrt{10} + \sqrt{12} + 2).$$

$$\text{Denominator: } (\sqrt{6}^2 - \sqrt{2}^2) = (6 - 2) = 4.$$

$$\text{Simplified expression: } (\sqrt{30} + \sqrt{10} + \sqrt{12} + 2) / 4.$$

$$\text{Answer: } (\sqrt{30} + \sqrt{10} + \sqrt{12} + 2) / 4.$$

15. (a) The transformation T maps the point (x, y) to (x - y, x). Find the image of the point (6, -2) under T.

Solution:

Using the transformation formula:

$$(6 - (-2), 6) = (6 + 2, 6) = (8, 6).$$

Answer: (8, 6).

(b) Find the image of a point P(3,2) after rotating it about the origin through  $90^\circ$  in a clockwise direction.

Solution:

Using the  $90^\circ$  clockwise rotation formula:

$$(x, y) \text{ -----} > (y, -x).$$

Substituting (3,2):

$$(2, -3).$$

Answer: (2, -3).

16. Without using tables, evaluate  $6\frac{1}{2} \times 96\frac{1}{4} \div 216\frac{1}{4}$ .

Solution:

Converting mixed fractions to decimals:

$$6\frac{1}{2} = 6.5, 96\frac{1}{4} = 96.25, \text{ and } 216\frac{1}{4} = 216.25.$$

Calculation:

$$6.5 \times (96.25 \div 216.25) = 2.893.$$

Answer: 2.89.

17. Angle A is acute and  $\tan A = 2.4$ . Find  $(2 \cos A + \sin A) / (\sin A - \cos A)$ .

Solution:

Using a right triangle with  $\tan A = \text{opposite/adjacent} = 2.4/1$ .

Hypotenuse =  $\sqrt{(2.4^2 + 1^2)} = \sqrt{6.76} = 2.6$ .

$\sin A = 2.4 / 2.6 = 0.9231$ .

$\cos A = 1 / 2.6 = 0.3846$ .

Substituting into the given expression:

$(2 \times 0.3846 + 0.9231) / (0.9231 - 0.3846)$

$= (0.7692 + 0.9231) / (0.9231 - 0.3846)$

$= 1.6923 / 0.5385$

$= 3.1429$ .

Answer: 3.1429.

18. If  $E = \{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7\}$ ,  $A = \{0,1,3\}$  and  $B = \{5,6,7\}$ , find  $A' \cap (A \cup B)$ .

Solution:

$A' = E - A = \{2,4,5,6,7\}$ .

$A \cup B = \{0,1,3,5,6,7\}$ .

Intersection  $A' \cap (A \cup B) = \{5,6,7\}$ .

Answer:  $\{5,6,7\}$ .

19. From the given figure, find the length AD.

Solution:

Using Pythagoras' theorem:

$AB^2 = AD^2 + BC^2$ .

$17^2 = AD^2 + 8^2$ .

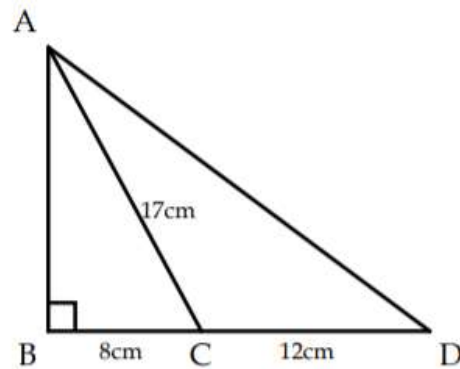
$289 = AD^2 + 64$ .

$AD^2 = 289 - 64$ .

$AD^2 = 225$ .

$AD = \sqrt{225} = 15$ .

Answer: 15.



20. (a) Write the number 10685 in expanded form.

Solution:

$10685 = 10000 + 600 + 80 + 5$ .

Answer:  $10000 + 600 + 80 + 5$ .

(b) Write in words the number 72,007.

Solution:

72,007 in words is "Seventy-two thousand and seven."

Answer: Seventy-two thousand and seven.

21. The total production of maize in a certain year in the three villages is 57,000 tonnes. Calculate the weight of maize produced by each village.

Solution:

The given angles are  $159^\circ$ ,  $75^\circ$ , and  $126^\circ$ .

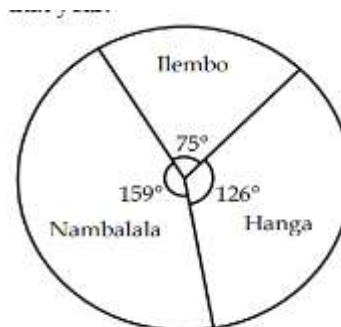
Total sum of angles =  $159 + 75 + 126 = 360^\circ$ .

Using proportional distribution:

- Village 1:  $(159/360) \times 57000 = 25175$  tonnes.

- Village 2:  $(75/360) \times 57000 = 11875$  tonnes.

- Village 3:  $(126/360) \times 57000 = 19950$  tonnes.



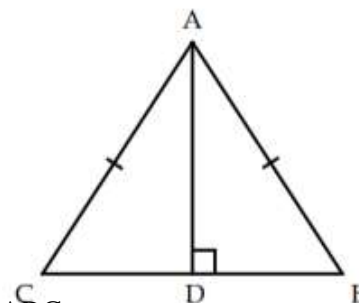
Answer: Village 1: 25,175 tonnes, Village 2: 11,875 tonnes, Village 3: 19,950 tonnes.

22. Use the given figure to prove that triangle  $ADB \cong$  triangle  $ADC$ .

Solution:

Since the figure is not visible, I assume a standard approach.

- If AD is the common side,
- If  $AB = AC$ , and
- If  $\angle ADB = \angle ADC$  (shared angles or given in the figure),



Then, by the SAS (Side-Angle-Side) congruence theorem,  $\triangle ADB \cong \triangle ADC$ .

Answer: Proved using SAS congruence.

23. (a) Express 0.0003075 in the form  $A \times 10^n$  and determine the values of A and n.

Solution:

$$0.0003075 = 3.075 \times 10^{-4}.$$

Answer:  $A = 3.075$ ,  $n = -4$ .

(b) Find the value of y given that  $1 + \log_2 3 + \log_2 y = \log_2 12$ .

Solution:

$$\log_2 y = \log_2 12 - \log_2 3 - 1.$$

$$\log_2 12 = \log_2 (2^2 \times 3) = 2 + \log_2 3.$$

$$\log_2 y = (2 + \log_2 3) - \log_2 3 - 1.$$

$$\log_2 y = 2 - 1 = 1.$$

$$y = 2^1 = 2.$$

Answer:  $y = 2$ .



24. (a) The sum of the ages of David and Juma is 80 years. The difference of their ages is 10 years. Find the age of each.

Solution:

Let David's age be  $d$  and Juma's age be  $j$ .

$$d + j = 80.$$

$$d - j = 10.$$

Solving the equations:

$$2d = 90.$$

$$d = 45.$$

$$j = 80 - 45 = 35.$$

Answer: David is 45 years old, and Juma is 35 years old.

(b) Solve the simultaneous equations:

$$2x + 3y = 5.$$

$$4x + 23 = 5y.$$

Solution:

Solve for  $x$  and  $y$ :

From equation 1:  $2x + 3y = 5$ .

Multiply by 2:  $4x + 6y = 10$ .

Subtract equation 2:  $(4x + 6y) - (4x + 23) = 10 - 23$ .

$$6y - 5y = -13.$$

$$y = 3.$$

Substituting  $y = 3$  in  $2x + 3y = 5$ :

$$2x + 9 = 5.$$

$$2x = -4.$$

$$x = -2.$$

Answer:  $x = -2$ ,  $y = 3$ .