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## QUESTION 1

Rex is four times as old as Ted. If the sum of their ages is 30 , how old is Ted?
A. 5
B. 8
C. 10
D. 6
E. 12

Correct Answer: D
Explanation: The ratio of Rex $\backslash \backslash$ 's age to Ted $\backslash$ 's age is $4: 1$; the sum of their ages can be divided by the total number of units in this ratio, 5. This indicates that Rex is 24 and Ted is 6.

## QUESTION 2

If Isaac scored 16 points in the first half of a basketball game and half as many in the second half, how many did he score in the game in all?
A. 16
B. 20
C. 22
D. 24
E. 28

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Divide 16 by 2 and add 8 to the dividend.

## QUESTION 3

If Edgar eats $82 / 3$ doughnuts in a week and Ellen eats $41 / 2$ doughnuts in a week, how many more doughnuts will Edgar have eaten?
A. 3 1/5
B. $41 / 6$
C. $41 / 2$
D. 4
E. 4 3/4

Correct Answer: B
Explanation: Convert the fractions to the lowest common denominator, sixths, before you subtract.

## QUESTION 4

If the value of $x$ is between 0.00776 and 0.0506 , which of the following numbers could be $x$ ?
A. 0.008
B. 0.890
C. 0.0008
D. 0.8009
E. 0.809

Correct Answer: A
Explanation: When solving this sort of problem, it may help to write the two given numbers so that one is under the other and the decimal points are aligned.

## QUESTION 5

A T-shirt that was selling for $\$ 24$ has had its price reduced by $15 \%$. How much does it cost now?
A. $\$ 20.75$
B. $\$ 20.40$
C. $\$ 20$
D. $\$ 21$
E. $\$ 21.50$

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Multiply the original price by 0.15 , and then subtract this amount from the original price.
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