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QUESTION 1

The five starters on a basketball team each scored at least 5 points and no more than 17 points in a basketball game. Which of the following values is a reasonable estimate of the average score of each player?

- A. 6
- B. 17
- C. 20
- D. 22
- E. 12

Correct Answer: E

Explanation: It is reasonable to assume that the average score will be close to the middle of the range.

QUESTION 2

$$\frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{8} =$$

- A. $\frac{5}{6}$
- B. $\frac{3}{4}$
- C. $\frac{1}{2}$
- D. $\frac{3}{5}$
- E. $\frac{2}{5}$

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Convert the fractions so that they have a common denominator of 24.

QUESTION 3

George buys 6 T-shirts for \$5 each and 4 pairs of jeans for \$8.50 each. He uses the following expression to calculate the total amount of money spent: $6(5) + 4(8.5)$. Which of the following expressions could George also have used?

- A. $2(5 + 8.5) + 4(8.5)$
- B. $4(5 + 8.5) + 2(5)$
- C. $(4 + 2) + (5 + 8.5)$
- D. $8.5(2 + 4) + 5(2 + 4)$
- E. $6(4) + 5(8.5)$

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: George bought four items at both \$5 and \$8.5, but he also bought two more items at \$5.

QUESTION 4

If a recipe for cookies calls for $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cup of sugar, and you want to quadruple the recipe, how many cups of sugar will you need?

- A. 3 cups
- B. 4 cups
- C. $2\frac{3}{4}$ cups
- D. $3\frac{1}{2}$ cups
- E. $3\frac{3}{4}$ cups

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The fraction $\frac{3}{4}$ is equivalent to the decimal 0.75. Multiply this decimal by 4.

QUESTION 5

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.

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