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## QUESTION 1

On a real number line, $x=-4$ and $y=7$. What is the length of the line $X Y$ ?
A. 11
B. 3
C. -11
D. 7
E. 10

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Measure the length of the line by adding the respective distances of each value from zero.

## 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

Don gets paid $\$ 9$ an hour, but if he works more than 30 hours in a week his rate of pay is increased by $1 / 2$. How much would Don get paid for a 38 -hour work week?
A. $\$ 342$
B. $\$ 390$
C. $\$ 367$
D. $\$ 378$
E. $\$ 365$

## Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The problem can be solved with the following expression: $30(9)+8(9 \times 1.5)$

## QUESTION 4

$3 / 8+1 / 3+1 / 8=$
A. $5 / 6$
B. $3 / 4$
C. $1 / 2$
D. $3 / 5$
E. 2/5

Correct Answer: A

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

## QUESTION 5

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. $31 / 5$
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.
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