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**QUESTION 1**

Evaluate the following indefinite integral: A. Option A

$$\int t^2 \left( \frac{5}{t} - \frac{t}{5} \right) dt$$

A.  $\frac{5t^2}{2} + \frac{t^4}{20} + C$     B.  $\frac{5t^2}{2} + \frac{t^4}{20} - C$     C.  $-\frac{5t^2}{2} - \frac{t^4}{20} + C$     D.  $-\frac{5t^2}{2} + \frac{t^4}{20} + C$

B. Option B

C. Option C

D. Option D

Correct Answer: B

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**QUESTION 2**

Find the roots of the quadratic equation  $x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$ .

A.  $x = 1 \pm \sqrt{2}$     B.  $x = 1 \pm 2$     C.  $x = \sqrt{2} \pm 1$     D.  $x = 1 \pm \sqrt{3}$

A. Option A

B. Option B

C. Option C

D. Option D

Correct Answer: A

The equation is in the form of a quadratic equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ , where  $a = 1$ ,  $b = -2$ , and  $c = 1$ . To solve this

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(1)}}{2(1)} = \frac{2 \pm 2\sqrt{2}}{2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{2}.$$

problem, you use the quadratic formula or

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**QUESTION 3**

What is the solution of the following system of equations?  $x+y=4$  and  $2x+6y=3$  A. Option A

A.  $x = -\frac{27}{8}, y = \frac{5}{8}$  B.  $x = \frac{27}{8}, y = -\frac{5}{8}$  C.  $x = \frac{27}{8}, y = \frac{5}{8}$  D.  $x = \frac{8}{27}, y = \frac{8}{5}$

B. Option B

C. Option C

D. Option D

Correct Answer: C

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**QUESTION 4**

What is the slope of a line that passes through the points (5, 2) and (1, 3)?

A. 1/3

B. -1/3

C. 3

D. 5

Correct Answer: A

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

If the first point (5, 2) = (x<sub>1</sub>, y<sub>1</sub>) and the second point (8, 3) = (x<sub>2</sub>, y<sub>2</sub>), then substituting these coordinate values into the definition for the slope yields

$$m = \frac{3 - 2}{8 - 5} = \frac{1}{3}$$

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**QUESTION 5**

What is the average of the numbers 24, 53, 70, 89, 34, and 30?

A. 84

B. 39

C. 71

D. 50

Correct Answer: D

The average of a set of numbers is calculated by:

$$\text{Avg} = \frac{24 + 53 + 70 + 89 + 34 + 30}{6} = \frac{300}{6} = 50.$$

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### QUESTION 6

Solve for x:  $x^3 - 64x = 0$

A.  $x = \pm 8$

B.  $x = \pm 6$

C.  $x = \pm 4$

D.  $x = \pm 2$

Correct Answer: A

In order to solve the equation  $x^3 - 64x = 0$  for x, you can apply factor analysis and solve for x in each term:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^3}{x} - \frac{64x}{x} &= \frac{0}{x} \\ x^2 - 64 &= 0 \\ x &= \pm 8. \end{aligned}$$

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### QUESTION 7

Evaluate the following definite integral:

$$\int_1^9 3t^3 dt$$

A. 4920

B. 2560

C. 2179

D. 1659

Correct Answer: A

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### QUESTION 8

What is the slope of a line that passes through the points (0, 4) and (4, 0)?

A. 4

B. -1

C. 0

D. undefined

Correct Answer: B

The slope of a line that passes through the points (0, 4) and (4, 0) can be found by:

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{0 - 4}{4 - 0} = -\frac{4}{4} = -1.$$

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### QUESTION 9

Given the equation,

$$\frac{56}{4x + 8} = \frac{1}{8}.$$

What is the value of x?

A. 64

B. 110

C. 164

D. 215

Correct Answer: B

$$\frac{56}{4x+8} = \frac{1}{8}$$

, the goal is to isolate the unknown variable on one side of the equation with all other terms on the

$$(4x+8) \cdot \frac{56}{4x+8} = \frac{1}{8} \cdot (4x+8)$$

$$56 = \frac{1}{8} \cdot (4x+8)$$

other side. You begin by multiplying both sides of the equation by  $4x+8$ :

You then divide both sides by  $1/8$  which, in essence, means you multiply both sides of the equation

$$\frac{8}{1} \cdot 56 = \frac{1}{8} \cdot (4x+8) \cdot \frac{8}{1}$$

$$448 = (4x+8)$$

by  $8/1$  its reciprocal:

You then subtract 8 from both sides with the final step of dividing both sides by 4, giving you the desired result.

$$448 - 8 = 4x$$

$$\frac{440}{4} = x$$

$$x = 110.$$

#### QUESTION 10

Evaluate the following derivative:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(25 - 7x^3) \text{ at } x = -2$$

- A. 35
- B. 84
- C. -84

D. 120

Correct Answer: C

You first must calculate the derivative before you can evaluate the derivative at a given point.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(25 - 7x^3) = -21x^2.$$

The derivative can now be evaluated at  $x=2$  by plugging in the value of 2 for  $x$  in the derivative or

$$\left. \frac{d}{dx}(25 - 7x^3) \right|_{x=2} = -21 \cdot (-2)^2 = -21 \cdot 4 = -84.$$

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**QUESTION 11**

Evaluate the following derivative: A. Option A

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{15}{3x^8} \right)$$

A.  $-\frac{40}{x^9}$

B.  $\frac{40}{x^9}$

C.  $-\frac{40}{x^{-9}}$

D.  $\frac{40}{x^{-9}}$

B. Option B

C. Option C

D. Option D

Correct Answer: A

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**QUESTION 12**Which line is perpendicular to the line  $y + 3x = 8$ ?

A.  $y + \frac{1}{3}x = -5$

B.  $y + \frac{1}{3}x = +5$

C.  $y + 3x = -5$

D.  $y - 3x = -5$

A. Option A

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B. Option B

C. Option C

D. Option D

Correct Answer: B

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### QUESTION 13

Upon rolling a pair of dice, what is the probability that the sum of the two numbers on the dice is either 7 or 12?

A. 1/6

B. 1/36

C. 5/36

D. 7/36

Correct Answer: D

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### QUESTION 14

What are the roots of the quadratic equation  $3x^2 + 10x = 0$ ?

A.  $x = \sqrt{2}, -\frac{5}{3}$     B.  $x = 2, -\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}$     C.  $x = -2, \sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}$     D.  $x = 2, -\frac{5}{3}$

A. Option A

B. Option B

C. Option C

D. Option D

Correct Answer: D

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### QUESTION 15

A full-time employee works 40 hours during a five-day week. The percentage of a five-day week that the employee is at work is:



A. 20%

B. 33%

C. 40%

D. 50%

Correct Answer: B

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