

MOCK UPCAT 9: ANSWER KEY WITH SOLUTIONS

1. B

$$16 \frac{2}{3}\% \text{ of } N \text{ is } 35$$

$$16 \frac{2}{3}\% = \frac{50}{3}\%$$

$$\frac{50}{3} \times N = 35$$

$$\frac{50}{3} \left[\frac{50}{3} \times N = 35 \right] \frac{3}{50}$$

$$N = \frac{21}{10}$$

What percent of N is 63?

$$A\% \times N = 63$$

$$A \times \frac{21}{10} = 63$$

$$\frac{10}{21} \left[A \times \frac{21}{10} = 63 \right] \frac{10}{21}$$

$$A = 30\%$$

2. C

Evaluate. Use formulas for Arithmetic Sequence.

- a. $n = -12$ (we cannot have a negative number of terms)

- b. $n = 9$

$$a_9 = 2 + (9-1)3 = 26$$

$$\text{Sum} = \frac{(2+26)}{2}(9) = 126$$

$$\text{sum} = 155 \neq 126$$

- c. **n = 10**

$$a_{10} = 2 + (10-1)3 \neq 29$$

$$\text{Sum} = \frac{(2+29)}{2}(10) = 155$$

$$\text{Sum} = 155 = 155$$

3. C

Use formulas for Geometric Sequence.

$$a_4 = 24 = a_1 r^{(4-1)}$$

$$a_7 = 192 = a_1 r^{(7-1)}$$

Since $a_1 = a_1$, then

$$\frac{24}{r^3} = \frac{192}{r^6}$$

$$r = 2$$

$$a_1 = \frac{24}{2^3} = 3$$

4. D

Use synthetic division especially when coefficients are involved.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} -3 & 1 & a & 3 & -9 \\ & \hline & -3 & 9-3a & -36+9a \\ 1 & -3+a & 12-3a & -45+9a \end{array}$$

$$-45+9a = 0$$

$$a = 5$$

5. B

Solve for remainder ($Q_1 + Q_2$).

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} -3 & 1 & a & 3 & -9 \\ & \hline & -3 & 9-3a & -36+9a \\ 1 & -3+a & 12-3a & \mathbf{-45+9a} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} 2 & 1 & k & -12 & 6 \\ & \hline & 2 & 4+2k & -16+4k \\ 1 & 2+k & -8+2k & \mathbf{-10+4k} \end{array}$$

$$Q_1 + Q_2 = 20$$

$$5k - 6 + 4k - 10 = 20$$

$$k = 4$$

6. C

Solve for the discriminant.

a. $(-7)^2 - 4(1)(4) = 33$

b. $(-7)^2 - 4(1)(-4) = 65$

c. $(-1)^2 - 4(7)(4) = -111$

d. $(-1)^2 - 4(7)(-4) = 113$

7. B

$$f(a) - f(a-1) =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= a^2 + 4a + 4 - [(a-1)^2 + 4(a-1) + 4] \\
&= a^2 + 4a + 4 - [a^2 - 2a + 1 + 4a - 4 + 4] \\
&= a^2 + 4a + 4 - a^2 - 2a - 1 \\
&= 2a + 3
\end{aligned}$$

8. E

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{g(m+n)-g(m)}{n} &= \\
&= \frac{(m+n)^2 - 5(m+n) + 6 - [m^2 - 5m + 6]}{n} \\
&= \frac{m^2 + 2mn + n^2 - 5m - 5n + 6 - m^2 + 5m - 6}{n} \\
&= 2m + n - 5
\end{aligned}$$

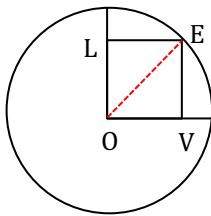
9. B

Evaluate.

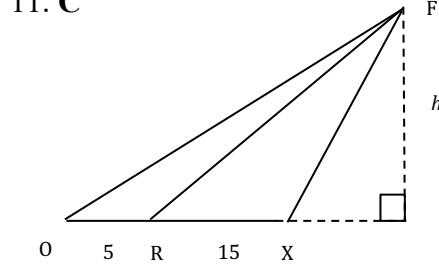
- a. $f(x) = x^2 - 16, 0 = (x+4)(x-4)$
Zeroes are 4 and -4.
- b. The x-intercepts are the value of x when $y=0$. Thus, $x = 4$ and $x = -4$.

10. A

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Area}_{\text{circle}} &= \pi r^2 = 64\pi \\
r = 8 &= \text{diagonal of square}(d) \\
\text{Area}_{\text{square}} &= \frac{d^2}{2} = \frac{8^2}{2} = 32
\end{aligned}$$

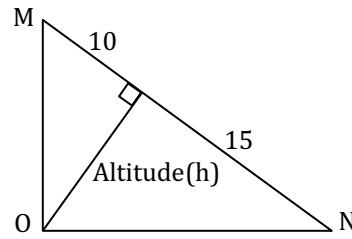


11. C



$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Area}_{\triangle FOX} &= 160 = \frac{bh}{2} \\
160 &= \frac{(20)h}{2} \\
h &= 16 \\
\text{Area}_{\triangle FOR} &= \frac{5(16)}{2} = 40
\end{aligned}$$

12. D



Using similar triangles.

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{h}{10} &= \frac{15}{h} \\
h^2 &= 150 \\
h &= \sqrt{150} \\
h &= 5\sqrt{6}
\end{aligned}$$

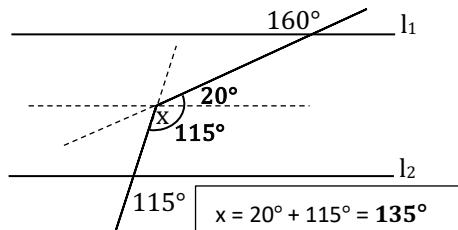
13. B

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^2+1}{4x^3-x} =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{\frac{3x^2}{x^3} + \frac{1}{x^3}}{\frac{4x^3}{x^3} - \frac{x}{x^3}} = \frac{\frac{3}{x} + \frac{1}{x^3}}{4 - \frac{1}{x^2}} \\
&= \frac{0+0}{4-0} = 0
\end{aligned}$$

14. E

Use properties of transversal.



15. D

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{x^2 - 2xy + y^2}{x^2 - y^2} &= \\
&= \frac{(x-y)(x-y)}{(x-y)(x+y)} = \frac{x-y}{x+y} = \frac{8}{4} = 2
\end{aligned}$$

16. C

$$a_n = a_1 r^{(n-1)}$$

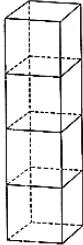
$$a_9 = \sqrt{3}(\sqrt{2})^8$$

$$a_9 = 16\sqrt{3}$$

17. C

$$SA = 6s^2 = 54m^2$$

$$s^2 = 9m^2$$

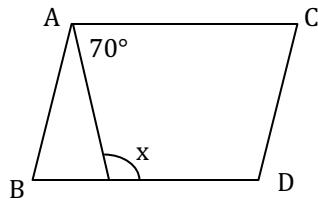


$$SA_{\text{rectangular prism}} = 18 \times s^2$$

$$SA = 18 \times 9m^2 = 162m^2$$

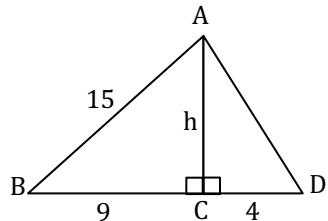
18. D

Given $AC \parallel BD$, then $x + 70^\circ = 180$ (property of transversal), $x = 110^\circ$



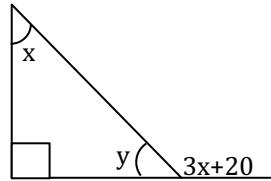
19. B

Use pythagorean triples.



a	b	c
3	4	5
5	12	13
7	24	25
9	h=12	15

20. B



(Sum of remote interior angles = exterior angle)

$$3x + 20 = 90 + x$$

$$2x = 70$$

$$x = 35$$

(Sum of interior angles of a triangle = 180)

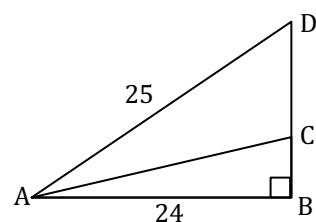
$$90 + x + y = 180$$

$$y = 180 - 90 - 35$$

$$y = 55$$

21. B

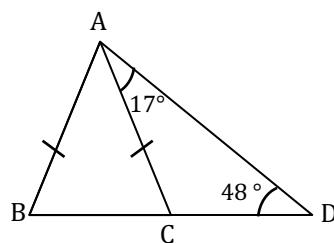
$\overline{DB} = 7$ (pythagorean triples)



$$Area_{ACD} = Area_{ABD} - Area_{ABC}$$

$$Area_{ACD} = \frac{24(7)}{2} - 25 = 59$$

22. A



$$m\angle ACB = m\angle CAD + m\angle ADC$$

$$m\angle ACB = 17^\circ + 48^\circ = 65^\circ$$

$$m\angle ACB \cong m\angle ABC$$

$$m\angle BAC = 180^\circ - (m\angle ACB + m\angle ABC)$$

$$m\angle BAC = 180^\circ - 130^\circ = 50^\circ$$

23. **B**

$$\frac{1\text{job}}{6\text{days}} + \frac{1\text{job}}{4\text{days}} = \frac{x}{2\text{days}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{10}{24} &= \frac{x}{2} \\ x &= \frac{5}{6}\end{aligned}$$

24. **D**

(in getting the first digit, we can choose from 3,4, or 5 to have a digit greater than 300)

Repeating: $\underline{3} \times \underline{5} \times \underline{5} = 75$

Order is important: 75

25. **C**

Ratio = Filipino:Foreigners

3:2 = **6:4**

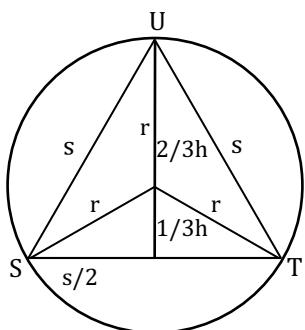
$$6 = \frac{1}{4} \text{ class}$$

class = 24

Boys = Class – Filipino – Foreigners

$$\text{Boys} = 24 - 6 - 4 = \mathbf{14}$$

26. **C**



Since triangle UST is equilateral, then

$$s = 2$$

$h = 6\sqrt{3}$ (using special right triangle)

radius = $(r) = \frac{2}{3}h$ (using median and perpendicular bisector)

$$r = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)(6\sqrt{3}) = 4\sqrt{3}$$

$\text{Area}_{\text{shaded}} = \text{Area}_{\text{circle}} - \text{Area}_{\text{triangle}}$

$$\text{Area}_{\text{shaded}} = \pi(4\sqrt{3})^2 - \frac{12(6\sqrt{3})}{2}$$

$$\text{Area}_{\text{shaded}} = 48\pi - 36\sqrt{3}$$

27. **C**

(Using Midpoint Theorem)

$$\overline{AK} = \overline{AT} = \overline{TK} = \frac{24}{3} = 8$$

$\overline{AK} \parallel \overline{ED}$ and $\overline{ED} = \frac{1}{2}\overline{AK}$ then $\overline{ED} = 4$

$\overline{AT} \parallel \overline{FD}$ and $\overline{FD} = \frac{1}{2}\overline{AT}$ then $\overline{FD} = 4$

$\overline{TK} \parallel \overline{EF}$ and $\overline{EF} = \frac{1}{2}\overline{TK}$ then $\overline{EF} = 4$

$$\text{Perimeter}_{\triangle DEF} = 4 + 4 + 4 = \mathbf{12}$$

28. **A**

Using corresponding sides of similar triangles are proportional then,

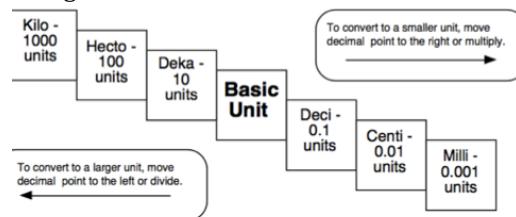
$$\frac{x+2}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$3x + 6 = 12$$

$$x = 2$$

29. **A**

Using Metric Conversion Ladder Method



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Using elimination of choices, D and E cannot be both correct since they have same unit, then
 $5\text{km} \neq 500\text{m}$.

30. **C**

Standard form for:

i. $\text{Ellipse}: \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 \text{ or } \frac{y^2}{a^2} + \frac{x^2}{b^2} = 1$

ii. $\text{Hyperbola}: \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 \text{ or } \frac{y^2}{a^2} - \frac{x^2}{b^2} = 1$

iii. $\text{Parabola}: y = ax^2 + bx + c$

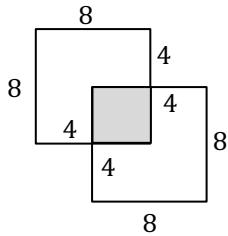
iv. Circle: $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$

Thus, $x^2 - 4y^2 = 4$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 4y^2 = 4 \\ \hline 4 \\ \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{y^2}{1} = 1 \end{array}$$

is a **hyperbola**.

31. C



Area $\text{square} = s^2 = 16 \text{ m}^2$

$s = 4 \text{ m}$

Perimeter $\text{whole figure} = 8(4) + 4(4) = 48 \text{ m}$

32. B

3 vacant : 2 occupied = 5 seats

36 vacant : **24 occupied** = 60 seats

33. C

simple interest: $I = Prt$

1st year: $I_1 = 1000 \left(\frac{10}{100} \right) (1) = 100$

2nd year: $I_2 = 2000 \left(\frac{10}{100} \right) (1) = 200$

After 2 years: Total money = $P + I_1 + I_2$

Total money = $2000 + 100 + 200 = 2300$

34. B

Ratio and Proportion

$$\frac{x}{8} = \frac{6}{9}$$

$$x = \frac{48}{9}$$

$$x = 5\frac{1}{3} \text{ or } 5'4"$$

35. B

Distance(D) = Speed(s) x Time(t)

$D_{Train\ A} = (30\text{kph})(t) = 30t$

$D_{Train\ B} = (40\text{kph})(t-2) = 40t - 80$

NOTE: time for Train B is less two hours since it will leave 2 hours earlier than Train A

Distance $Train\ A + Distance\ Train\ B = 200\text{ km}$

$30t + 40t - 80 = 200$

$70t - 80 = 200$

$t = 4$

Train A : 8A.M. + 4h = **12P.M.**

36. C

$$\log_2 x + \log_2(x-2) = 3$$

$$\log_2 x(x-2) = 3$$

$$\log_2(x^2 - 2x) = 3$$

$$x^2 - 2x = 2^3$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 8 = 0$$

$$(x-4)(x+2) = 0$$

$$x = 4$$

Note: When $x = 2$, the value is **UNDEFINED**

37. D

Use synthetic division.

2	p	$-1/2p$	$-7/2p$	2
	2p	3p	-p	
	p	$3/2p$	$-1/2p$	2-p

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remainder

To make the $x-2$ a factor, the remainder should be zero.

$$2 - p = 0$$

$$p = 2$$

38. A

Evaluate choices.

a. $y = \text{UNDEFINED}$, thus discontinuous

at $x = 0$

b. $y = 0$

c. $y = 0$

d. $y = 2$

39. C

(Rewrite the indeterminate form by factoring both the numerator and denominator.)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x+3}{x^2 - 9} = \frac{0}{0}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x+3}{(x+3)(x-3)}$$

(Divide out the factors $x - 3$, the factors which are causing the indeterminate form. The limit can now be computed.)

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{1}{(x-3)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(-3-3)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-6}$$

40. B

Power of $C!$

$$\frac{2}{3} \bullet \frac{3}{4} \bullet \frac{4}{5} \bullet \frac{5}{6} = \frac{2}{6} \text{ or } \frac{1}{3}$$

41. E

Evaluate choices.

- a. $|7| = 7$
- b. $|-7| = 7$
- c. $1 - |7| = 1 - 7 = -6$
- d. $|7 - 1| = 6$
- e. $|-7| + 1 = 7 + 1 = 8$

42. C

Use partitive proportion.

Let x be the original piece

$$3 : 4 : 5 = 12$$

$$\underline{\quad} : \underline{\quad} : 2.5m = x$$

$$\frac{2.5}{5} : \frac{x}{12}$$

$$x = 6$$

43. E

Let P = original price = 100%

$$(80\%) P = 600$$

$$P = 750$$

44. D

Use "is of" technique.

$$\frac{\text{vinegar}}{\text{mixture}} = \frac{2}{2+3} = \frac{2}{5}$$

45. C

Ratio and Proportion

$$\frac{x\text{file}}{1\text{min}} = \frac{1\text{file}}{1\frac{3}{4}}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{\frac{7}{4}}$$

$$x = \frac{4}{7}$$

46. C

Evaluate

$$\frac{2^{-2} - 2^{-3}}{2^{-2}} =$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8}}{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$= \frac{4}{8} \text{ or } \frac{1}{2}$$

47. A

Use special products

$$\frac{x^2 - 1}{x + 1} =$$

$$= \frac{(x+1)(x-1)}{(x+1)}$$

$$= x - 1$$

48. C

$$\frac{1\text{job}}{2\text{days}} + \frac{1\text{job}}{3\text{days}} = \frac{1\text{job}}{x\text{days}}$$

$$\frac{3+2}{6} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$x = \frac{6}{5} \text{ days}$$

49. D

Evaluate

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{a \bullet a \bullet a}{a + a + a} &= \\ &= \frac{a \bullet a \bullet a}{3a} \\ &= \frac{a^2}{3}\end{aligned}$$

50. B

Evaluate

$$\begin{aligned}\log_b(x+y) &= z \\ b^z &= x+y\end{aligned}$$

51. C

Change to exponential form.

$$\log_6(4x - 4) = 2$$

$$6^2 = 4x - 4$$

$$36 = 4x - 4$$

$$40 = 4x$$

$$10 = x$$

52. D

Evaluate

$$f(x) = y = \frac{7x - 5}{4}$$

To solve for the inverse function, interchange x and y
then solve for y.

$$x = \frac{7y - 5}{4}$$

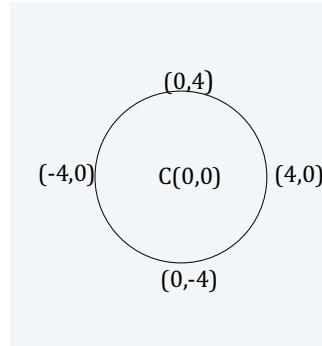
$$4x + 5 = 7y$$

$$y = \frac{4x + 5}{7}$$

53. A

$$\text{Area}_{\text{circle}} = \pi r^2 = 16\pi$$

$$r = 4$$



54. B

$$\text{Indigo} + \text{Aqua} = 8\text{blue} + 2\text{violet} + 2\text{green}$$

$$\text{Indigo} + \text{Aqua} = 12\text{parts}$$

$$\text{Blue} = \frac{8}{12} \text{ or } \frac{2}{3}$$

55. D

	Number	Amount(pesos)
25 centavos	x	.25x
one peso	2x	2x
five peso	2x-9	10x - 45
TOTAL		12.5x - 45

$$12.5x - 45 = 28.5$$

$$12.5x = 73.5$$

$$x = 6$$

$$\text{Number of five-peso} = 2(6) - 9 = 3$$

56. E

Solve for the value of a:

$$a - 3 = 5$$

$$a = 5 + 3$$

$$a = 8$$

Substitute the value of a:

$$2a - 3$$

$$2(8) - 3 = 16 - 3 = 13$$

57. E

Solve for the value of x - y

$$x = y - 5$$

$$x - y = -5$$

Substitute the value of x - y

$$(x - y)^3$$

$$(-5)^3 = -125$$

58. B

Apply Power of C

$$\begin{array}{r} 9a^4 - 3a^3 + 6a \\ \hline 3a \\ = 3a^3 - a^2 + 2 \end{array}$$

59. B

$$\begin{array}{l} 2(x^{12} - 16) \\ 2(x + 4)(x - 4) \end{array}$$

60. E

Substitution

a) If we substitute 0 as value of t,

$$1 - t = \frac{t-1}{t}$$

b) $1 - t = \frac{t-1}{t}$

$$1 - 1 = \frac{1 - 1}{1} = 0$$

c) $1 - (-1) = \frac{(-1)-1}{-1} = 2$

-1 and 1 are values of t .